



Infectious Diseases at the 11th European Public Health Conference

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EUPHA-Infectious Disease Control

The section Infectious Disease Control (IDC) of the EUPHA was founded in 2002 in Italy and has by now 1280 members throughout Europe and the world. The unique selling point of the EUPHA section IDC is that it offers a platform for research, policy and practice, bringing together people from various domains of expertise in order to frame the public health relevance of IDC.

Goals

We aim to build up a strong organization in which as many as possible members are actively involved. Furthermore, we aim to reach out to other sections within EUPHA, and European organizations (such as the ECDC and WHO-Euro) preferably by organising joint workshops/pre-conferences during the future European Public Health Conferences. We aim to disseminate the knowledge generated by these joint sessions to a larger public health audience by regular publications in international journals. We want to strengthen the communication within our organisation through the LinkedIn page and through our regular newsletter. The section web page is being permanently monitored.

EUPHA-IDC core group in 2018

The core group of the section Infectious Disease Control was created in January 2013 and consists of members from various professional backgrounds and countries in Europe. The names of the core group members as of 2018 are: Michael Edelstein (UK), Jeannette de Boer (Netherlands), Karlijn Kampman (Netherlands), Caroline Rumble (UK), Anja Schreijer (Netherlands), Günter Pfaff (Germany, Vice-president section IDC), Valentina di Gregori (Italy), Maria Ganczak (Poland), Erik Ruland (Netherlands, since 2014), Elisabeth Aichinger (Germany), Silvio Brusaferrò (Italy), Gini Rijckevorsel (Netherlands), Fabio Castaldo (Italy) and Aura Timen (Netherlands, President section IDC). The core group meets regularly to discuss topical issues regarding the section.

Meetings of the EUPHA-IDC core group

The core group has kept in touch through conference calls. The conference calls are well attended by core group members of the 6 participating countries. The core group discussed the proposals for the scientific programme of the EPH 2018 in Ljubljana in these conference calls, as well as the evaluation of the EPH 2017 in Stockholm.

Activities 2018

Contribution to the EUPHA Statement regarding the Roadmap to strengthen cooperation against vaccine preventable diseases of The European Commission. Available at: https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/EUPHA_DG_Sante_Roadmap_to_strengthen_cooperation_against_vaccine_preventable_diseases.pdf

Publication of the E-collection: 'Facing the facts: challenges in vaccinating Europe' in the European Journal of Public Health by A. Timen, M. Edelstein, M, Ganczak, G. Pfaff.

Available at: https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/pages/vaccination_issues

Contribution to the "Written statement on 'Vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization: realizing the full potential of the European Vaccine Action Plan' - agenda point of the 68th session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee for Europe". Available at: http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/381234/5i-EUPHA.pdf

Participation in the seminar: Vaccine Confidence in Europe: time for action, 7 Nov 2018 in Brussels (M Edelstein and M Ganczak)

Through a series of country case studies, we examine challenges and solutions related to vaccine confidence. This seminar is part of the EUPHA operating grant activities and falls under EUPHA's main objectives 'Providing actively and accurately the evidence to make informed practice and policy decisions in the field of public health' and 'Advocating for public health on the European agenda'.

Preview EUPHA-IDC at the European Public Health Conference 2018, Ljubljana

The 2018 European Public Health (EPH) Conference is themed: 'Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe' and will be held between 28 November and 1 December in Ljubljana, Slovenia. There will be again a full track on infectious disease control /preparedness and vaccination. Among others, there will be workshops, oral sessions, pitch presentation sessions and posters walks on 'Vaccination service, delivery and response', 'Vaccine compliance and hesitation', 'Sexually Transmitted Infections Among Men Who Have Sex with Men Across Europe', 'Vaccination in school children in Europe: when and how?' 'Infectious diseases: outbreak, prevention and vaccination', 'Infectious diseases: screening and impacts', 'Linking outbreak preparedness and response: bridging the gap'. A representative of the section will take place in the EUPHA webinar on AMR. Noteworthy, this year we have been successful

in linking to other EUPHA sections and organize joint activities (such as with the sections on Child and Adolescent Public Health and Sexual and Gender Minority Health).

Representation on behalf of the EUPHA

In September 2013, Aura Timen became a member of the Advisory Forum of the ECDC on behalf of the EUPHA and thus participated in all meetings of the AF. After completing a mandate in April 2018, she has been nominated again for a new mandate by the European Commission in June 2018.

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Web page IDC-section

<http://www.eupha.org/infectious-diseases-control>

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