

MINUTES OF:
JOIN THE NETWORK MEETING - PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGY
Nov 30th (12:30-13:15)

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Election of the new president
3. Reflections on the 2018 workshop
4. Reflections on activities regarding future pre-conferences and workshops

1. WELCOME

The meeting took place on Friday, 30 November 2018, 12:30-13:30, Room: Lily Novi Club. A total of 50 people were attending the meeting. The audience was heterogeneous, public health professionals, researchers, professors, WHO representatives.

Professor Stefania Boccia, president of the section, and Professor Giuseppe La Torre, former president of the section, welcomed all people attending the "Join the Network" meeting of the EUPHA section of Public Health Epidemiology.

At the beginning of the meeting, the former president gave a short presentation delineating the numerous members of the section (who are more than 3 thousand), the mission of the section, its roles and activities with a special focus on the emerging activities that were carried out during the past years. A short summary was proposed, starting from 2005, when a focus on systematic reviews and meta-analysis and their role in public health was analyzed, to 2006, when themes regarding contextual and compositional determinants of inequalities were examined, and 2007 when a the role of public health epidemiology in health technology assessment was addressed.

2. ELECTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

Giuseppe reminded that the procedures for the election of a new President of the Section of Public Health Epidemiology was already closed. The three candidates were Stefania Boccia, Lindsay Gray, Hamid Yahya Hussain. Stefania Boccia was elected as new President of the section.

Stefania thanked both the former president Giuseppe La Torre, for his introduction and for his valuable work during the past years, and Lindsay Gray, from the University of Glasgow, for her support and for being willing to support her for future guidance as vice-president.

3. REFLECTIONS ON THE 2018 WORKSHOP

One of the main section's activity, that was highlighted during this Join the Network meeting, was the workshop entitled "How can we reduce inequalities in child health? Perspectives from across Europe". This workshop co-organized by the Public Health Epidemiology section has also involved the EUPHA Sections on Child and Adolescent Public Health, and Environment and Health collaboration. The discussions during the workshop was very fruitful and a lot of positive feedback were received.

For more information see the 2018 Workshop/Conference section

https://eupha.org/repository/sections/erd/Flyer_workshop_inequalities_child_health.pdf

4. REFLECTIONS ON ACTIVITIES REGARDING FUTURE PRE-CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

The second half of the Join the Network Meeting went on with a very vivid discussion among participants. Important suggestions for future activities and workshops for the 2019 EPH conference, that will be called "Building bridges for solidarity and public health, were proposed, such as: a Join the workshop with HTA section on Assessing Statistical Methods in Drug Therapy

and Policies as an instrumental issues -legal epidemiology and Methods of evidence-based public health.

A survey was proposed by the president to address ideas regarding future pre-conferences and conferences, willingness to participate in the activities of the section, suggestion on collaboration with other sections.

The participants of the Join the Network swapped their e-mail addresses for further communication and organization of joint activities and were invited to join the section if they were not members yet.

31 January 2019
Professor Stefania Boccia, Section President