



Annual report 2021

EUPHA Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion section (EUPHA-INJ)

Goals for 2021

The section aims to: a) increase awareness of injury and violence prevention and safety promotion in the broader public health community, b) increase the visibility of issues related to injury and violence c) support the dissemination of research results and their implementation into practice, d) increase capacity building and professional development through offering courses, seminars, workshops and other training opportunities to advance the members' knowledge and skills, e) advance networking opportunities, through joining forces with interested stakeholders, organising joint conference workshops, running joint training events, developing joint research proposals etc.

Priority 1: Improving health systems' response.

Priority 2: Strengthening the evidence base and research

Priority 3: Promoting evidence-based policy

Priority 4: Raising public awareness

FOCUS ON:

- Occupational Safety
 - Road Traffic Accidents
 - Home and Leisure time accidents
 - Domestic violence
 - Child injuries
 - Falls
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Collaboration with section members

Steering Committee Meeting Dates: 25.11.2020; 15.12.2020; 25.01.2021; 20.01.2021; 24.02.2021; 22.04.2021; 26.05.2021; 16.06.2021; 19.07.2021; 01.10.2021; 17.12.2021

Members were invited to:

- **express their interest in taking part in seminars and other events relevant to:** a) injury prevention strategies, b) epidemiology of injuries, c) cultural competency, d) risk factors/hazard recognition, e) incident investigation, f) regulations and enforcement, g) safe environments, h) personal protective equipment, i) emergency planning, j) health care treatment, k) interdisciplinary care, l) injury cost analysis.
- **express their interest in:** a) running a survey, b) reviewing local/national literature, c) offering country statistics, d) delivering an educational course, e) organizing a local event, f) promoting Section activities locally or nationally, g) translating Section material to local language, h) organizing workshop for the section meeting at EUPHA conference, i) engaging in other ways.

Activities at the EPH 2021 conference

Pre-conference

Title: Safety challenges and altered injury patterns in Europe during COVID-19 and beyond
Wednesday 10 November 2021, Time: 09:00 - 12:40 CET, Room: P12

Organiser: EUPHA Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion section (EUPHA INJ)

The aim of the workshop is to discuss intentional and unintentional injury risks and safety promotion issues during the global COVID-19 pandemic. It starts with the discussion of perceived risk and risk communication and their relationship with the adoption of proper preventive behaviours in the times of pandemic. Safety at home and during leisure time, violence and suicide prevention, occupational safety, injuries in vulnerable target groups (children and elderly) remain in the focus of this workshop, as well as prevention and safety strategies.

Speakers:

- Tatiana Alves, School of Health, Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal, Portugal & National Institute of Health Dr Ricardo Jorge, Portugal
- Robert Bauer, Department of Sports and Leisure Safety, KfV/Austrian Road Safety Board, Austria
- Christos Lionis, School of Medicine, University of Crete, Greece
- Anne Lounamaa, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland
- Maria Papadakaki, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece
- Lodewijk Pas, University of Leuven, Belgium, and European Family Justice Centers Association
- Birute Strukcinskiene, Klaipeda University, Lithuania

More info: <https://ephconference.eu/pre-conference-321>



The screenshot shows the interface for the 'INJU - Safety challenges and altered injury patterns in Europe during COVID-19 and beyond' virtual event. The top bar includes a back arrow, the event title, time (09:00 - 12:40), a 'Report a problem' button, and a user profile for Maria Papadakaki. The main content area is divided into three sections: a promotional banner for the 'Virtual Event' (10-12 November 2021) with the theme 'Public health futures in a changing world'; a grid of four video feeds showing participants Claudia Latorre, Maria Papadakaki, Birute Strukcinskiene, and Christos Lionis; and a 'Live speakers' panel on the right. The panel lists Birute Strukcinskiene as the current speaker (Faculty of Health Sciences, Klaipeda University) and Tatiana Alves as the next speaker (OFFLINE).

Workshops

Workshop title: Injury epidemiology, treatment, costs and legislation during the COVID-19 pandemic
Friday 12 November 2021, Time: 11:30-12:30 CET, Room L

Organisers:

- EUPHA Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion
- EUPHA Public Health Monitoring & Reporting
- EUPHA Public Health Epidemiology
- EUPHA Public Health Economics

The workshop aims to discuss the effect of COVID-19 lockdown on the epidemiology and clinical characteristics of injuries, as well as the barriers of maintaining (or even improving) data quality during the different phases of the pandemic. The workshop will further discuss hospital demand and will identify the challenges for the health systems in handling the complex needs of vulnerable patients under serious restrictions. The workshop will also highlight the legal and regulatory measures taken and their level of efficacy in promoting free movement of workers within EU but also the right to work guaranteed under ECHR and ILO Conventions and Declaration. The high human and societal costs as well as inequalities of injury mortality and burden will be highlighted based on comparisons with long-term trends. The workshop will contribute to the identification of evidence-informed strategies and will promote effective planning and optimization of health services response for future pandemics.

Speakers:

- Tatiana Alves, National Institute of Health Doutor Ricardo Jorge, Portugal
- Johan Lund, National Institute of Public Health, Norway
- Maria Papadakaki, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece
- Birgitte Blatter and Inge M. Krul, European Association for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (EUROSAFE), Netherlands
- Mathilde Sengoele & Lucie Laflamme, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
- Juanita Haagsma, Department of Public Health, University Medical Center Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Dimitra Lingri, European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN), Belgium; Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- Elena Petelos, University of Crete, Greece



Workshop title: New working environments, occupational risks and socioeconomic inequalities during covid-19 pandemic

Wednesday 10 November 2021, Time: 16:10-17:10 CET, Room: K

Organisers:

- EUPHA Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion
- EUPHA Social Security, Work and Health

The workshop will attempt to map the work patterns that emerged during the covid-19 pandemic and to highlight the opportunities, challenges and risks arising from the new working environments. Health, economic and social impacts of new employment arrangements will be discussed with emphasis on systemic and structural factors increasing inequalities. Social protection gaps will be highlighted in line with human rights and international labour standards. The workshop will further discuss how to take advantage of the extensive potential of innovative tools and forms of work with regard to employee health and safety. Public policies, legislative initiatives and innovative ways of responding to the challenges will be presented. The workshop will conclude with policy recommendations taking into account the future of work that will be shaped due to COVID-19.

Speakers:

- Barbara Gerstenberger, Unit Working Life, Eurofound
- Nico Dragano, University Hospital Düsseldorf, Germany
- Elke Schneider, Prevention and Research Unit, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)



Round tables

Round table: Biological, socioeconomic, legal and environmental health determinants in the COVID-19 pandemic

EUPHA-IDC, EUPHA-LAW, EUPHA-INJ, WHO Venice Ofce

Wednesday 10th 2021, Time: 16:10-17:10, Room B7.A.

Round table: Multilateral Partnerships to achieve the SDG5: Gender Equality, and to combat COVID-19

SDG5 WG EUPHA, EUPHA-HWR, EUPHA-INJ, WHO/Europe

Thursday 11th 2021, Time: 17:30-18:30, Room A



Other activities

Public Health Week 2021

WEBINAR SERIES: Students' Safety Talks

1st webinar: Monday 17 May 2021, Time: 17.00-19.00 CET, virtual

The first webinar was co-organized by EUPHA Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion section and Schools of Health Sciences of three European universities (Greece, Lithuania, Portugal), in the framework of the European Public Health Week of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA).

2nd webinar: mid October 2021 (scheduled)

The webinars target students of health sciences (Public Health, Medicine, Nursing, Social Work) and focus on issues of accident prevention and trauma management (eg family violence, traffic injuries, falls, home accidents, occupational injuries, etc.). They aim to bring students into a dialogue and offer them a place for exchange of thoughts and concerns regarding the practice of their profession in the midst of a pandemic and their readiness to cope with the new conditions. The events are coordinated by representatives of universities with experience in accident prevention and trauma care.



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Students' Safety Talks



MONDAY 17 MAY 2021
17.00 - 19.00 Central European Time
check your local timezone

Join zoom meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/95643322513>
Meeting ID: 956 4332 2513



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Panel discussion among university students in the health professions regarding **intentional and unintentional injuries** during the pandemic.
Seeking an interdisciplinary understanding of injuries.

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School of Health Sciences, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Laboratory of Health and Road Safety (LaHeRS)



Faculty of Health Sciences, Klaipeda University, Lithuania

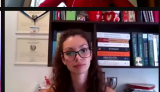


School of Health, Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal, Portugal
National Institute of Health Dr Ricardo Jorge



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Working group formation

WORKING GROUP ON GENDER EQUALITY

EUPHA Working group on gender equality and Women Empowerment (<https://eupha.org/working-group-on-gender-equality-and-women-empowerment>)

On International Women's Day 2021, EUPHA announced the formation of a new Working Group (WG) on Gender Equality and on Women's Empowerment. The WG will focus on capturing the perspectives of all EUPHA Sections to comprehensively map the needs, the priorities and key actioning areas in European and global public health in order to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls and meet Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG5) of the United Nations.

The members of the working group are:

- Monica Brînzac, Cluj School of Public Health, Romania
- Prof Kasia Czabanowska, Maastricht University, Netherlands
- Dr Lorena Dini, Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
- Marie Guichardon, EUPHA, Sweden
- Dr Ellen Kuhlmann, Medizinische Hochschule Hannover, Germany
- Dr Maria Papadakaki, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece
- Dr Elena Petelos, CSFM & HSR-PH Lab, Faculty of Medicine, University of Crete, Greece
- Ms Isabel Yordi Aguirre, Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Denmark
- Dr Dineke Zeegers Paget, EUPHA, Netherlands

Information: <https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/document.pdf>

Annual meeting

Join the Network meeting 2021

Friday 12 November 2021, Time: 12.40 - 13.40 CET

(see the minutes of the JTN meeting 2021)

General communications with section members

Newsletters:

- December 2020 /January 2021 (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AGWwHMQ6SHZWQ18LDphNIW8qHCZR0nDI/view>)
- August 2021 (https://eupha.org/section_newsletter.php?s=S_IPSP&issue=151)
- December 2021/January 2022 (to be delivered)

Twitter posts:

- Section news are posted at monthly basis (@EuphaInjury)

Webpage updates:

- Section's webpage was re-structured to offer new options to the members: "resources", "useful links", "RSS feed"

International participation in events on behalf of EUPHA

04 October 2021

- *Provided feedback to the European Commission's consultation on the General Product Safety Directive.*

Call for an "Pan-European Injury Database" in relation to the GPSR, to support information exchange across member states comprehensively covering all types of injuries, under the Coordination of the European Commission. More information: <https://eupha.org/repository/Feedback%20General%20Safety%20Directive%20EUPHA%20INJ.pdf>

29 October 2021

- *Submitted a proposal on "gender equality in health" under a call of the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST Action) as a coordinator of an 18-country consortium.*
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Surveys

January 2021 - Member survey

EUPHA Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Section invited members' input on how the section can better serve their professional and educational needs, ensure the most value for their membership and work more systematically to advance their engagement in safety promotion. The questionnaire can be found here: <https://forms.gle/7ZNXoaVzBbGLZwJ29>.
