

Meeting in EUPHA Section on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

Copenhagen

November 10, 2011

Section presidency present:

Johan Lund, University of Oslo, Norway, president

Lucie Laflamme, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, vice-president

Mathilde Sengoelge, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, vice-president and rapporteur

Welcome

J. Lund welcomed the participants to the section meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves.

J. Lauritsen – injury registration in Denmark

Emanuela Marton, Diana Rus – Romania, involved in IDB, TACTICS and JAMIE projects

Ruby Kolland– Norway, health statistics

Erwin van Kerschaver– Belgium, preventive health care for young children

Anita Villerusa – Latvia, responsible for bachelor and master, Riga Stradiņš University

Birute Strukcinskiene - Latvia

Carolyn McAndrews – USA

J. Lund states we have currently 280 members but most passive. He stated one of the main aims of the Section was to inform public health professionals across Europe to be aware of and work on injury prevention.

2010-2011 Activity report

J. Lund gave an overview of the past year activities, including PHIRE collaboration, Copenhagen preconference Nov. 2011, promoting injury prevention in European schools of public health, newsletters and website.

2012 Future Activities

J. Lund provided a short summary of the activities planned for next year:

- Participation in the next EUPHA conference 2012 in Malta with a pre-conference in collaboration with another EUPHA Section, as well as posters and one workshop
- Complete our participation in the EUPHA PHIRE project and report on this at the Section meeting
- Undertake a pilot cooperation with 2 Public Health Schools in Europe regarding incorporation of the WHO TEACH-VIP injury prevention curriculum
- Write and send out two electronic newsletters per year to our Section members to inform them of Section activities and upcoming conferences, etc.

Next EUPHA conference – Malta

L. Laflamme stated we would like to discuss how to best show our research work at EUPHA conferences and to profile injury prevention and safety promotion within EUPHA. She stated we would be instrumental in supporting a half-day preconference or workshop in Malta. The group agreed to focus on a session during the conference.

Topic suggestions were:

- Injury registration across Europe
- Injury and migrant health
- Injury policy
- Involvement of civil societies, e.g. NGOs in injury prevention
- TEACH VIP exhibition stand

General suggestions from participants for profiling injury prevention in EUPHA included:

- Focus on education in schools of public health as well as medical schools-public health module or track
- Try to get a plenary keynote speaker
- Increase abstract submissions to Malta
- Disseminate injury project results at EUPHA conferences

J. Lund closed the meeting asking for further ideas to be communicated per email to the Section so that we prepare for the conference next year.