

**European Public Health Association (EUPHA)
Section on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion**

Outline of Section Activities 2013

Background and history

The section was established in Montreux in 2006. The number of members has increased year by year and is currently close to 400. The main activities are related to the annual conferences, however also special projects, statements and fact sheets have been carried out and produced. You will find more about our previous activities on the section's web-site (www.eupha.org).

Presidency and Steering group

The presidency consists of Johan Lund, PhD, University of Oslo, Lucie Laflamme, professor, Karolinska Institute, Sweden and Mathilde Sengoelge, PhD, Karolinska Institute, Sweden.

Since last year, a steering group has been established to assist the presidency in the activities of the section, and also to increase the contacts with several countries of Europe. Since March of this year the steering group consists of: Erwin van Kerschaver-Belgium, Anne Lounamaa-Finland, Rachid Salmi-France, Anita Villerusa-Latvia, Diana Rus-Romania, Joseph M. Suelves-Spain and Joanne Vincenten-UK.

A facts sheet on injury data

was produced: Euphacts 2013:1: Injury prevention needs data! This was based on the Malta Declaration 2012 regarding injury surveillance in Europe and was endorsed by the Injury Section at the Malta conference in November 2012.

EPH conference 2013 Brussels

In preparation for the Brussels conference J. Lund attended the preparatory Council meeting in June 2013 in Brussels. He also reviewed about 60 workshop abstracts and 80 single abstracts for the Scientific Committee. He was involved in designing the conference program in order to avoid injury themes to be presented at the same time in different tracks. He was involved a bit too late, however, and the program was not possible to alter. Because our section does not have its own track, we have to focus on this issue for future conferences.

A pre-conference on use of injury data was arranged together with Eurosafe one day before the main conference starts. A workshop on child injury prevention and one on road traffic injuries were arranged. We also participated in a cross-sectional workshop on various aspects on public health and elderly with a presentation on elderly safety. There were also some single presentations on injury themes, both orally and as posters.

We held our annual Section meeting to discuss and received input on activities planned for 2014.

Promoting injury prevention in the European schools of Public Health

The Injury Section has collaborated with ASPHER, Schools of Public Health and the WHO Violence and Injury Prevention (VIP) to elicit feedback from schools of public health in

Europe regarding their interest in incorporating injury prevention and safety promotion into the existing curriculum. To date we have one University interested in this, namely the School of Public Health at the University Libre de Bruxelles.

EUPHA PHIRE project

The Injury Section participated as a partner in the EUPHA PHIRE project and this has now finished. The PHIRE Summary Report is now available. The concise report describes the research methodology and summarizes the main findings of the project. The report contains recommendations for European countries and the European Commission to support national public health research and to strengthen coordination of research and innovation:

http://www.eupha.org/site/projects.php?project_page=28

Collaborations

Section president J. Lund represents the Section in the European project on child injury prevention, title "TACTICS", a large scale multi-year initiative working to provide better information, practical tools and resources to support adaption and implementation of evidence-based good practises for the prevention of injury to children and youth in Europe. This project is led by the European Child Safety Alliance (www.childsafetyeurope.org).

He is also active in another European project on injury registration: Joint Action for monitoring of Injuries in Europe "JAMIE". The project has led to an updated methodology and format for collecting basic injury information in a large number of emergency departments at hospitals at almost no additional investment. This project is led by Eurosafe (www.eurosafe.eu.com).

Newsletters and Website

We send out two electronic newsletters per year to our Section members to inform them of Section activities and upcoming conferences, etc. We also update the Website regularly.