

EUPHA Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health section meeting 21 June 2012, Milan.

Minutes

Agenda

1. Information about the EUPHA section council meeting in Malta 9.-10. June 2012.
2. Decision regarding the place and timing of the 5th Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe in 2014. A proposal from The Andalusian School of Public Health will be presented.
3. Discussion of present and future activities of the section.
4. Any other business

Ad 1. EUPHA section council meeting in Malta 9.-10. June 2012

Allan Krasnik informed about the EUPHA section council meeting in Malta in June. Nearly all sections were represented.

At the meeting the visibility and role of the sections at *the annual conferences* was discussed. A small working group was established for discussing the future structure of the conferences. All inputs for the working group are welcome and should be send to Allan Krasnik alk@sund.ku.dk. It was pointed out that the structure as it is now doesn't leave enough space for the sections. To change this it was suggested to organize more joint meetings and workshops with other sections. It was also suggested that EUPHA should give more priority to specific section workshops and sessions.

At the section council meeting the Migrant section brought up the idea of *a new expert database*. The idea was well received but the section council doubted that there would be time and resources for development and updating of such a database. The question of how many people would use such a database was also raised. The section meeting was of the same opinion. LinkedIn was suggested as an alternative option where the members themselves were responsible for updating their profile.

It was also suggested to establish *a steering committee* for each of the sections. The purpose would be to get more people from the sections involved in the development and management of the sections and to gain more knowledge and experiences in these processes. The steering committee should be able to take actions and start discussions. There was a widespread support for the idea at the section meeting. It was suggested that the members of the steering committee should be strategically selected to ensure the broad composition of the group. It was decided that a short description of the plan and a call for nominations should be distributed among the section members for final decision at the section meeting in Malta in November.

The EUPHA journal has a fast review process and receives many contributions. The journal therefore is now rejecting a lot of articles. The journal needs contributions from the sections in the form of comments and editorials. Allan Krasnik will aim at submitting section contributions once or twice a year for the EUPHA journal. Input regarding this from members is welcome.

Ad 2. The 5th Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe in 2014

Sina Wibel presented on behalf of María Luisa Vázquez the Andalusian School of Public Healths proposal for the next Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health Conference in 2014. The presentation was well received and it was decided to accept the proposal. The next Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health Conference will be held in Granada, Spain in 2014.

The organizers of the Milan conference will send the evaluation of the 2012 conference to the organizers in Spain and provide their experiences and advices. It was pointed out that the topic has to appeal to all researchers in the section. It was also suggested that since the location for the 2014 conference is so close to Africa, it might be relevant to invite researchers from African nations. A close interaction between the conference organizers and the section presidency was also called for as well as a wish for a lower participation fee.

Ad 3. Present and future activities

Members of the EUPHA Migrant and Ethnic Minority health section can distribute information via Allan Krasnik and Charles Agyemang who have access to *the mailman system* reaching all section members.

The question of *a section newsletter* was also raised. Some sections have one and Allan Krasnik proposed that The Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health section should distribute a regular newsletter. It would be a great tool for the new steering committee members who could take responsibility for the newsletter.

It was decided that the section should try to organize *a pre-conference seminar for the 2013 EUPHA conference in Brussels*. Allan Krasnik will contact possible local organizers.

Ad 4. Any other business

A conference organized by University of Pécs, Hungary will be focusing on making migrant health a more integrated topic in higher educations. It takes place 5-7 September 2013. Contact: info@mighealth-unipecs.eu.

Next section meeting takes place during the EUPHA conference in Malta – Friday 9 November 17.45 – 18.45.

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