

EUPHA Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health section meeting November 9, 2012, Malta.

Agenda

1. Designation of the section Steering Committee
2. Status of the 2014 Migrant and Minority Health conference in Granada
3. Migrant Health Pre-conference in 2013
4. Use of the mailman facility
5. Section based publications
6. Section based applications for funding
7. Any other business

Ad 1.

Allan Krasnik presented the background for the establishment of the Steering Committee. There has been a wish for making the Sections more active and involved in EUPHA. Therefore it was decided at the EUPHA Section Council meeting in June 2012 to start establishing Steering Committees in the sections in order to support the presidents and vice-presidents in this endeavour. During the summer the terms of references have been developed based on a discussion between the section presidents. Allan Krasnik has distributed a call for nominations among the section members and has received suggestions and nominations.

The Section presidency suggested the following to be members of the Steering Committee:

- Associate professor Marie-Louise Essink-Bot ,Academic Medical Centre, Amsterdam
- Assistant professor Oliver Razum, Bielefeldt University
- Director Sónia Dias, Instituto de Higiene e Medicina Tropical, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- Research Director Marie Louise Nørredam, the Danish Research Centre for Migration, Ethnicity and Health, University of Copenhagen
- Professor Raj Bhopal, University of Edinburg
- Associate professor Elena Ronda-Pérez, University of Alicante

The Section meeting decided to accept the suggestion but to add a Swedish member who during the meeting offered to participate (associate professor Tahereh Moradi, Karolinska Institute) and a person from the Roma Health network (the person will be appointed later based on a proposal from the network). Allan Krasnik emphasized that the Steering Committee is a strategic and advisory group and all other members of the section are of course still invited to take part in the development of the section. The duration of the membership of the committee is not defined by EUPHA, but it was suggested that a new appointment should take place simultaneously with the election for the next term of the presidency (2014). It was argued that we need a gradual replacement of members “ to keep the brains and the memory”. The procedures for this will be discussed in the steering committee for final decision next year.

A full list of the members of the Section of Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health Steering Committee is enclosed.

Ad 2.

Carlos Artundo Purroy from the Andalusian School of Public Health and Luisa Maria Vásquez gave a short status update about the 5th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Granada 10-12 April 2014.

They asked if they should work towards getting other international migrant organizations involved in the conference and which organizations would be relevant. This idea was supported by the participants, but unfortunately there was no time to comment directly at the meeting. Carlos Purroy and Luisa Vásquez encouraged the section members to contact them with comments and ideas regarding this and other suggestions for the conference (e-mail: carlos.artundo.easp@juntadeandalucia.es and mlvazquez@consorci.org). Allan Krasnik expressed his warm thanks for the impressive, enthusiastic and qualified work that has already been carried out in the planning of the conference by the Spanish hosts.

Ad 3.

The EUPHA conference 2013 will be held in Bruxelles and the section therefore encouraged Vincent Lorant from the Catholic University Leuven and his colleagues to host the section pre-conference. Vincent Lorant agreed to take responsibility for organizing the pre-conference – either as a half-day or a full day event. In the latter case the day could include two themes – one focusing on experiences and issues in Belgium and one based on international input – possibly by bridging with the COST Action ADAPT coordinated by David Ingleby. It was also suggested that the topic should reach out to other research communities and EUPHA sections for example by focusing on discrimination (the mental health section) or economics (the health services research section).

Ad 4.

The EUPHA mailman facility for distributing information among section members is used by the presidency – sometimes on their own initiative and sometimes based on input from members.

Allan Krasnik raised the question whether the section is satisfied with the amount of information received by e-mail? Should it be expanded or is it already too much? The meeting participants expressed that they find the present level of information satisfying.

The sections members are encouraged to distribute relevant information through the mailman facility by sending an e-mail to Allan Krasnik alk@sund.ku.dk or Charles Agyemang c.o.agyemang@amc.uva.nl.

Ad 5 and 6.

The question was raised by the presidency whether the section could be used as a framework for funding, joint research initiatives and joint publications based on collaboration between several section members. This might strengthen such initiatives as well as the general development of the section and the profile of migrant and ethnic minority health in Europe. Due to the limited time available at the section meeting it was suggested to encourage a mail discussion on the potentials for such activities. Allan Krasnik asked the members to consider new ways of collaboration within the section and how the section can support and facilitate collaboration.

Ad 7

It was proposed that the section should work on strengthening our position in EUPHA by increasing the number of abstracts on migrant health and work towards getting a complete track through-out the EUPHA conference. In general the section should work on strengthening the visibility at the conference in different ways, but it could be argued that another way of increasing visibility of the theme could be to aim for presentations of individual migrant and ethnic minority papers as part of as many cross-cutting sections and workshops as possible.

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