

Report 2013 of the Presidency of the EUPHA Section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health

1. The European Public Health Conference 2013 in Bruxelles

A successful preconference meeting was organized in collaboration with University of Louvain (Vincent Lorant and Marie Duvain) and the COST ADAPT program coordinated by David Ingleby. The meeting theme was: "*Promoting equitable health care for migrants and ethnic minorities: Experiences and lessons in Europe*" and more than 50 people attended. A publication on how to enhance evidence based policy decisions on migrant and ethnic minority health based on the presentations and discussions is in the process of writing. The meeting demonstrated the potential of joining forces with other European projects and program initiatives when developing new activities in the sections of EUPHA.

During the main conference migrant and ethnic minority research was presented in many parallel sessions, both in sessions with a special focus on migrant health and in sessions on more cross-cutting issues.

2. The 5th European Conference in Migration and Ethnic Minority Health 2014 in Granada, 10-12 April 2014

During 2013 an intensive conference planning has taken place through a close collaboration between the Section, the Andalusian School of Public Health and the Consorci de Salut I Social de Catalunya. International funding support has been obtained and the international scientific committee and the local organizing committee has developed a detailed program with a series of international speakers. More than 300 abstracts have been received and assessed for presentations in workshops, oral sessions and poster sessions.

3. Section meeting

A well attended section meeting took place during the general EUPHA conference in Bruxelles. The agenda included the planning of conferences in 2014 and first call for offers to host the 2016 conference. The meeting also discussed collaboration regarding a new WHO initiative on a European newsletter regarding migrant health and other ongoing initiatives.

4. General communications

Frequent communications to the members of the section (715 by the end of the year) has been distributed by the presidency regarding new publications, relevant international meetings and other subjects of general interest related to the section theme.

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