

## EUPHA MIG section “Migrant and ethnic minority health” –

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 12:45-13:45 pm

### Minutes of the Join the Network (JTN) meeting at the EPHC in Berlin

#### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction to the JTN
2. Short update of Activities 2021-2022 including collaborations
3. Working Groups update
4. Plans for 2022/2023 – 2024
5. Discussion

#### 1. Updates

##### Main activities of the section 2022

- Review abstracts EPH
- Planning and Implementation of the Pre-conference to the EPHC in collaboration with Kayvan Bozomeyer University of Bielefeld: 120 people attended this year on 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2022
- Webinars
- Collaborations; WHO Europe, WHO HQ, GSMERH, EU
- Vice President of EUPHA MIG has been elected as Secretary to the Governing Board of EUPHA.
- Health Policy Network: Antidiscrimination and health equity got EU funding section will participate and there will be a joint declaration
- Regarding the organization of the section and its activities there will be some changes from 2023 some have been initiated in 2022.
- Please remember: The section has no financial resources (all voluntary) so there some constraints as to what we can achieve vis a vis our strategy. Active participation of all members is both desirable and encouraged.

#### 2. Section working groups

- At EPH (2019) in Marseille several groups were proposed but have been inactive, partly due to the pandemic except the WG on economic arguments.
- Economic Arguments WG: Nora Gottlieb (University Bielefeld): research agenda: webinar (mapping who is who is who what does what) health economics migrant health > special issue Contact Nora if you want to participate in the webinars. WG Group contributed to the 2022 pre-conference (got feedback at preconference re further directions).
- Launch a new group: Rosemary James (coordinator Lancet migration European HUB) - a long with Lisa Hitch from CUNY) – working group of young professionals – please join, is research focused, share booked etc in WhatsApp group, publish something – not just researchers, also civil society, meeting the need on how to include other people – further info will be sent by mail.
- Rejuvenate a working group on data and research: Istvan Szilard (Hungary) to take the initiative to reach out to the WHO collaborating centres.

### 3. Plans for 2023-2024

- **2023: EPHC Dublin (Ireland):** Plans for a MIG section preconference. EUPHA MIG will reach out to the research unit at the University of Limerick also a designated WHO collaborating centre.
- **2024: EPHC Helsinki (Finland):** Hanne Marie from Public Health Institute: They are happy to organise a pre-conference.
- **2024: GSMERH World Conference:** 1<sup>st</sup> world congress was held 2018 in Edinburgh (Scotland). Next World Congress on migrant, ethnicity, race and health (MERH) planned for late spring/ early summer 2024. Possible locations for the next MERH: i) Singapore: Further away from Europe travel may be expensive; but no travel restrictions; inclusive for colleagues from the global south ii) Turkey: More people expressed to attend; very important with local collaborators. There will be a survey to all members of the EUPHA Section and GSMERH to determine location of next conference. EUPHA MIG section closely involved with planning: Nadav Davidovitch is Vice Chair GSMERH, Charles Agyemang and Sally Hargreaves are trustees and members of the International Advisory Council. Allan Krasnik and Raj Bhopal are members International Advisory Council.

#### Discussion with input from members

- **Frequency & location of conferences/ preconference's EUPHA**
- Last European congress was 2016 in Oslo (Norway). The congress is usually held every 2<sup>nd</sup> year, but interrupted due to the pandemic
- The EPHC are huge (too expensive) Many can't attend because of the huge expenses especially colleagues from NGOs and civil society. Might be better if at the same time as EPH but at a different location because so expensive if at same venue as EPHC. Difficult to handle but might be best to arrange EUPHA MIG, facilitated by local collaborators Most of the people who work with migrant health are not involved in academia/research (example Turkey). **Important: participation in the conference of migrant communities and those who work with migrants; involving experts by experience. Therefore need to strengthen participation at pre-conference with local organisers.**
- How can we translate research finding for policy making? We have message which are clear but not being heard by politicians Invite policy makers and civil society is missing
- "Migrant health "MH is not that visible anymore. Good with small conference with focus on migrant health.
- Dilemma: we have to make migrant health visible within EPH. Finland: mainstreaming aspect is very important at the EPHC. Positive: Seven years ago, migrant health got only a tiny slot within the EPHC, now not very present in all the time slots. More PH oriented than migrant specific. It would be a step backward only focusing on small migrant health congresses. Important to mainstream, go out of the "migrant health research community"
- To future organisers of conferences and preconferences: good example was the world aids conference = best practice (NGOs, patients, research, activists)
- Childcare at the conferences would facilitate participation
- Natalia (Finland): Finland has had good experience in transferring research into practice – can share experience. We include policy making from the beginning of research
- Leonora (Italy): monitoring which is going to be point on national and in level > entry pint to MH strategies.

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