

EUPHA Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health section meeting October 16th, 2015, Milan.

Minutes – by Janne Sørensen and Allan Krasnik.

Agenda

1. Presentation of the 6th Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Oslo by Bernadette Kumar, Director of the Norwegian Centre for Minority Health Research
2. Presentation of the Global Migrant Health conference 2018 – How far are we? by Professor Raj Bhopal (Laurence Gruer)
3. New Master in Migrant Health by Dr. Istvan Szilard
4. Pre-conference in Vienna 2016?
5. Any other business

Ad 1.

Bernadette Kumar presented the plans for the 6th Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Oslo. Given the present situation with many refugees entering Europe she suggested that the section should seize the opportunity to put more focus on Migrant Health and the forthcoming conference. Pre-conference meetings will be organized including meetings organized by the Red Cross Norway and Doctors Without Borders and there will be more focus on cohesive workshops. There are several ideas for keynotes for the plenary session but the program is not final so it is still possible to suggest speakers.

Call for abstracts are open until the late December. There is focus on quick feedback on abstracts. The venue is University College of Oslo and the organising committee is working on getting additional funding to keep the cost low for participants.

Bernadette Kumar encouraged the section members to give her and the organising committee feedback on the website <http://eupha-migranthealthconference.com/euphas-6th-european-conference/>

Ad 2.

Laurence Gruer presented the preliminary plans for the 1st Global Conference on Migrant Health on behalf of the organising committee. The conference will take place in Edinburg, April 23 – 25, 2018 (later changed to May 17-19). The working title is: Migration, race and ethnicity - health and social consequences.

The topic and themes for the conference is still under development. The organisers would like to attract health professionals and researchers as well as community workers and activists from all over the world. An executive committee is established with Raj Bhopal (chair), Allan Krasnik, Laurence Gruer as well as representatives of local and international stakeholders.

Comments, suggestions or ideas are welcome and should be sent to:

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It was suggested to find a more positive focus of the theme. Laurence Gruer argued that consequences can be both good and bad. Some section members asked if the organisers had a strategy on how to attract people from other parts of world. Others found it very ambitious with a global conference. Laurence Gruer replied that the organisers were working on offering financial support to participants from low income countries and to create possibilities of participating virtually. It was suggested to ensure strong involvement of international members in the planning and to use global health networks for recruiting international participants from all parts of the world.

Ad 3.

Istvan Szilard gave a short introduction to the new MSc in Migrant Health also known as CHANCE. There are 6 universities behind the MSc which is coordinated by the University of Pecs. The MSc will start in the spring semester. The Master programme consist of 6 modules and responds to the need for special training of health professionals in relation to the changing demands on health systems which result from the increasing migration to Europe.

You can get more information about CHANCE at <http://www.migranthealthmsc.eu/>

Ad 4.

Ursula Trummer from the Center for Health and Migration in Vienna has offered to take the lead in planning a pre-conference in connection with the next EUPHA conference in Vienna 2016. Allan Krasnik asked if this might lead to an overload of meetings. It was suggested that it might be organized as a skill building seminar or a workshop. It was also suggested to focus on how section members can improve their research by involving stakeholders and politicians. A joint meeting with other EUPHA sections was also proposed such as the section of Child and Adolescent public health. Maybe a meeting about children's rights?

Allan Krasnik will discuss the possibilities with Ursula Trummer.

Ad 5.

Allan Krasnik informed the section about the COST ADAPT meeting that was held Thursday morning and had focus on how to shape migrant friendly policies in Europe. The organizers will summarise the conclusions from the meeting and write an editorial/viewpoint.

Allan Krasnik also urges the section members to look at the MIPEX index that have been updated with very interesting health policy information.

Allan Krasnik offered to spread information to the section through EUPHAs mailman system about relevant activities for the section members eg. conferences, calls, courses.