

Report 2015 of the EUPHA Section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health

1. The European Public Health Conference 2015 in Milan

A half day preconference meeting was organized by the EUPHA section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in partnership with TF-MFCCH (Antonio Chiarenza) and the COST ADAPT program coordinated by David Ingleby in the light of the increased number of refugees and other migrants entering Europe. The meeting theme was: "Public health and human rights: ensuring access to health care for refugees crossing the Mediterranean Sea". The objective of the preconference was to discuss how research, policy and solidarity should define a more structured response to the health needs of refugees and asylum seekers in Europe. More than 75 people attended and a lively discussion followed the six presentations of different key issues. As an outcome of the meeting a joint viewpoint by the Section and WHO Europe is published in the European Journal of Public Health *on Europe's migration challenges: mounting an effective health system response*. During the main conference migrant and ethnic minority research was presented in many parallel sessions, including a well-attended joint workshop with the Section of Mental Health focusing on challenges related to mental health and discrimination among migrants and ethnic minorities.

2. The 6th European Conference in Migration and Ethnic Minority Health 2016 in Oslo

During 2015 a detailed conference planning has taken place through a close collaboration between the Section and NAKMI (The Norwegian Competence Center on Migrant Health). The international scientific committee and the local organizing committee have started to develop a detailed program with a series of international speakers. In total 347 abstracts have been received and assessment has been initiated for presentations in workshops, oral sessions and poster sessions on research, policy and practice, and education.

3. The First World Conference in Migration, Ethnicity and Health 2018 in Edinburgh

For the first time a world conference on migration, ethnicity and health will take place in 2018 as a collaborative action between the EUPHA section and other international associations like the American Public Health Association (APHA) as suggested by professor Raj Bhopal who has accepted to take the lead in the planning process. During 2016 the organizing and scientific committees will be established and the process of detailed planning will start.

4. Section meeting

A section meeting took place during the general EUPHA conference in Milan. The agenda mainly included the planning of conferences in 2016 and 2018. The meeting also discussed other ongoing initiatives like the new MSc in Migrant Health coordinated by Pecs University.

5. General communications

Frequent communications to the members of the section (978 members 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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