

## **Report 2016 of the EUPHA Section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health**

### **The 6<sup>th</sup> European Conference in Migration and Ethnic Minority Health 2016 in Oslo**

The conference took place in June 23-25 2016 as a very successful event jointly organized by the EUPHA Section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health and NAKMI (The Norwegian Competence Center on Migrant Health). More than 400 researchers, doctors, managers and policy makers from 30 different countries around the world, as well as representatives from WHO, UNICEF, Red Cross, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Medecins du Monde and others, gathered together to discuss the evidence and future direction of migrant and minority health research. In total 347 abstracts on research, policy and practice and education were received and 150 were accepted as oral presentations and 106 as poster presentations. Eight workshops were also included in the program. The plenary sessions presented and discussed key themes like multi-morbidity and health in immigrants: the need for person-centered research, measurement of policies on migrant health, the MIPEX Health strand, migration and health in a life course perspective and crisis of migration management. A large preconference meeting also took place as a full day meeting organized in collaboration with the Norwegian Red Cross with a special focus on vulnerable migrant groups.

### **The European Public Health Conference 2016 in Vienna**

A half day preconference has been organized by the EUPHA section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in partnership with Ursula Trummer from the Center for Health and Migration (C-HM) with the meeting theme: "Migrant health - Economics, Human rights, and Quality of Care". The meeting presents evidence on the economic argument as one of the elements in the debate on health care reception and quality of care for migrants. The workshop brings together experts who have been investigating such economic considerations in recent projects as well as interested experts from public health, health sciences, policy and practice development to discuss the findings from such studies, their implications for research and practice and their relevance for policy development. The discussions at the workshop is expected to lead to a food for thought paper jointly developed and published by workshop participants and the constitution of a working group/task force on economic arguments on migrant health that can continue and take lead in developing a discourse on the topic with relevance both for research and practice. During the main conference migrant and ethnic minority topics are presented in many parallel sessions, as well as in a plenary session on global health challenges.

### **The 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health (MERH 2018)**

The planning of the first world conference on migration, ethnicity, race and health is proceeding as a collaborative action between the EUPHA section and the University of Edinburgh (professor Raj Bhopal) and involving associations from other parts of the world such as the American Public Health Association (APHA). The Organizing Committee has been established as well as an Advisory International Committee and an international Scientific Committee. The conference takes place in Edinburgh May 17-19, 2018 with academic, organisational and social aims. One overarching aim is to provide an opportunity to bring together people from diverse organisations and disciplinary backgrounds to focus on a common interest. In particular, the conference is expected to promote convergence of policy, social science, clinical, social service and public health perspectives. Ultimately, the goal of this congress is to share and transfer learning within and across countries on all kinds of health issues related to migration, ethnicity and race. More detailed information is under way, including a preliminary program and call for abstracts.

### **Section meeting 2016**

A section meeting is taking place during the European public health conference in Vienna. The agenda mainly includes the planning of the conference in 2018 and possible other new section initiatives in the light of the policy and practice challenges and potentials related to the current migrant health situation in Europe.

**General communications**

Frequent communications to the still growing members of the section has been distributed by the Presidency regarding new publications, relevant international meetings on migrant and ethnic minority health and other subjects of general interest related to the section theme. Allan Krasnik represented the EUPHA Migrant Health Section at the WHO High-level meeting on refugee and migrant health in Rome in November 2015, and the Presidency of the Section is often invited to present issues of migrant and ethnic minority health at international and national meetings.

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