

EUPHA Public Health Economics section (EUPHA-ECO)

Join the Network meeting (JtN) minutes – 14th European Public Health Conference (2021)

Setting

Date: 11th November 2021

Time: 16:20 – 17:20 (CET)

Place: Zoom meeting

Participants

João Vasco Santos – EUPHA-ECO Vice-President and elected President

Shehzad Ali – Western University (Canada)

Vanda Craveiro – ISPUP (Portugal)

Claudio Belis – Joint Research Centre (European Commission)

Boubacar Traore – Faculté de Medecine et de Pharmacie de Casablanca (Morocco)

A. Welcome and introductions

On behalf of the EUPHA-ECO section, João Vasco Santos welcomed all the participants, thanking them for participating in the meeting and being interested in the section, and also sharing that, unfortunately, Diana Sonntag (EUPHA-ECO President) would not be able to attend. A summary of the main mission of the section was provided, as well as the number of members (N=2313). Two recent members on the EUPHA-ECO board during 2021 were presented, namely, João Vasco Santos as Vice-President, and Kevin Balanda as Steering Committee member. Participants were also asked to introduce themselves.

B. Activities of the section in 2021

On behalf of the EUPHA-ECO President (Diana Sonntag), João Vasco Santos presented the activities performed by the EUPHA-ECO section in 2021, namely:

- Activities prepared for the 14th European Public Health Conference
 - o Pre-conference “Panel data econometrics using R”

- Workshop "Cross country COVID-19 policy learning: politics arrangements and conditions for legitimate policy"
- Workshop "The role of HTA for COVID-19 vaccines: present and future perspectives"
- Workshop "Injury epidemiology, treatment, costs and legislation during the COVID-19 pandemic"
- European Public Health Journal e-collection "Health, Public Health, and Health Economics" (available at <https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/pages/health-economics>)
- Webinar "Economic burden of diseases: methodological pearls and pitfalls" (22nd September 2021), co-organized with the Czech Society of Social Medicine and Health Care Management, with great panellists
 - Aliénor Lerouge (OECD)
 - Marian Craig (Falcon Craig / HEDIC)
 - Markus Schneider (BASYS / HEDIC)
 - Martin Dlouhý (Prague University of Economics and Business)
 - Filipa Landeiro (University of Oxford)
 - Judit Simon (Medical University of Vienna / PECUNIA)
- Joining the Collaboration in health economic modelling of overweight and obesity (COBWEB) and co-preparation of statement on the economic simulation modelling on obesity.

C. 2021 President elections

During 2021, the elections for the Presidency of the EUPHA-ECO section were held and the results presented. From the two candidates Doroteya Stilyanova Velikova and João Vasco Santos, with the latter being elected as the new President of the EUPHA-ECO section.

D. Expectations, activities and ideas for 2022

João Vasco Santos asked all the participants to share their expectations about the EUPHA-ECO section, as well as possible activities for capacity building and sharing expertise/experiences (e.g. through webinars). Participants showed interest in costing estimates, aligned with the previous webinar, inequalities, economic modelling, pharma reimbursement and decision making and resource allocation. Participants also mentioned that the section could be a starting point for collaborating on articles and projects, including potential consortiums. João Vasco Santos shared that a survey to section members will be distributed in 2022.

João Vasco Santos

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