



## **Section of Public Health Economics (PHE)**

### **Minutes of the Annual meeting 2011**

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#### **Agenda**

1. Presentation of the new president
2. The aims of the section, redefined
3. Brainstorming: how to dinamize the section; how to increase the section's participation in EUPHApedia and EJPH; campaign to get new members
4. Plans and projects for Nov.2011-Nov.2012: newsletter and others

## 1. Presentation of the new president

In March 2011, professor Beatriz González López-Valcárcel volunteered to assume the presidency of the section. After completion of the ratification process by EUPHA, she is taking over the presidency. Her CV and link to some of her publications is available at

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[http://www.ulpgc.es/hege/almacen/download/7088/7088940/curri\\_ingles\\_bea\\_mayo\\_2011.pdf](http://www.ulpgc.es/hege/almacen/download/7088/7088940/curri_ingles_bea_mayo_2011.pdf)

## 2. The aims of the section, redefined

After discussing the contributions of several participants to the draft of the section's aims and scope (see annual report 2011), the final text of the **Aims and Scope** is as follows:

*The section scope goes beyond pharmaconomics. The section deals with Health Economics as a scientific discipline and as a policy-oriented source of knowledge, with particular focus in the economic analysis of public health and the economic evaluation of public health interventions and policies, from both methodological and the practical perspectives.*

Some **specific issues** (non exhaustive list) are about:

- *Economic impact assessments of public health interventions*
- *Methodology of economic evaluation of public health programs*
- *To collaborate with other sections of EUPHA in the analysis of equity considerations in evaluating public health policies, and prioritization criteria*
- *Health in all policies: how to instrument it from the economic analysis point of view*
- *The economics of cross-country policies and cross border mobility of patients/professionals*
- *Economic justifications for health-related public interventions, and economic models of individual health-related behaviour*
- *The economics of prevention at individual and population level*
- *Taxation and public health*
- *Economics of medical insurance*
- *Financing health and health promotion*
- *To collaborate with other sections to assess the impact of socioeconomic and other factors on health, particularly economic factors like youth unemployment, or economic crisis*
- *Specific topics of Economics, as the Economics of mental health, the Economics of aging among others*

### **Aims**

- *To facilitate communication and debate between academics, public health professionals, providers of services, researchers, with the industry and policy-decisors in regards to public health economics*
- *To facilitate decision making at meso and macro levels*
- *To disseminate information among the section members: new research studies on the subject, publications (jointly with the EUPHApedia), conferences and meetings, and courses*
- *To impulse the publication of articles on health economics in the European Journal of Public Health*
- *To promote network collaboration between the members of the section*
- *To promote links and collaboration between the section and other sections of EUPHA, as well as collaboration with other related scientific and professional associations*
- *To do public advocacy and to elaborate and disseminate position papers on some specific policy issues related to public health economics and policies*
- *To detect new and emergent issues in public health economics and policy*

### **3. Brainstorming: how to dinamize the section; how to increase the section's participation in EUPHApedia and EJPH; campaign to get new members**

The section is in a dynamic process of new member recruitment. The participants suggested some ideas to improve the network strength and the "network economies" inside the section and in collaboration with the other EUPHA sections.

The monthly newsletter of the section will continue to be issued, and feedback from the members is needed in order to know what information is useful. Suggestions about the newsletter content should be sent to [bvalcarcel@dmc.ulpgc.es](mailto:bvalcarcel@dmc.ulpgc.es)

There will be created a repository with publications of the section members to facilitate mutual knowledge and to eventually promote collaboration in research, in teaching and in other activities. A specific short-term aim of the section is to increase the number of articles on Health Economics published in the EJPH. Hopefully the repository could indirectly contribute to it by generating new ideas and facilitating knowledge of the other's research work and networking.

The participants also proposed some suggestions about contacting with other scientific societies and associations of Health Economics in order to sound the possibilities of collaboration in seminars and joint projects. Specifically, the section will plan a workshop in the IHEA-Europe Conference in Zurich and eventually participate in other international events.

Other proposal was to make a survey on health economics as a discipline in medical schools and in medical CV. It has to be detailed.

### **4. Plans and projects for Nov.2011-Nov.2012: newsletter and others**

The newsletter of PHE will continue in a monthly basis.

The section will organize two workshops, one in the Malta Conference of EUPHA and other in the IHEA European conference in Zurich. Topics and participants in both workshops have to be defined.