Dear members,

On behalf of the Public Health Genomics (PHG) Section, we bring you our latest Newsletter. Here you can find some interesting information from the Public Health Genomics field, space for networking, sharing ideas, and much more!

**News From Our Section**

We are proud to announce that the workshop “*Personalised Healthcare: How is this relevant for advancing health in Europe?*” organized by our Section will be held during the 11th EUPHA conference in Ljubljana on Friday 30th November from 16.20 to 17.50 h. You will hear excellent presentations from international key-speakers. The workshop will be chaired by Dr. Natasha Azzopardi Muscat (President of EUPHA) and Prof. Paolo Villari (Sapienza University). We look forward to seeing you in Ljubljana and hope to generate some creative and dynamic discussions.

We are constantly striving to increase our visibility, enforce networking activities between our members and welcome new members to our PHG section. Therefore, you are very welcome to join us at the **Join the Network meeting** during the 11th EUPHA conference in Ljubljana. Details regarding our Join the Network meeting will be available soon.
EUPHA Conference 2018 “Winds Of Change: Towards New Ways Of Improving Public Health In Europe”
Cankarjev Dom, Ljubljana, Slovenia from 28 November - 1 December 2018

EUPHA 2018 Conference Programme is now available!

The Ljubljana conference programme (parallel sessions, workshops and poster walks) is made available on the EUPHA website (https://ephconference.eu/dynamic-programme-127)

Final conference of the PRECeDI project entitled “Recommendations for Personalized Medicine: the contribution of PRECeDI in the field of prevention” will be held in November 2018 in Brussels, Belgium. The contribution of the PRECeDI project in the field of personalised prevention as well as recommendations for personalized medicine will be one of the key topics on the agenda.

The conference will promote discussions among the speakers and the members of the audience regarding implementation processes, the impacts on health systems, collaboration between academic and industrial organisations, and perspectives of EU citizens and patients.

The event will feature lots of interesting speakers, including:
Stefania Boccia, UCSC, PRECeDI Coordinator
Cornelia Van Dujin, Erasmus MC, Netherlands
Paolo Villari, Sapienza University, Italy
Martina Cornel, VUMC, Netherlands
M’an Zawati, McGill
Ron Zimmern, PHG foundation
Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA President
The European Alliance for Personalised Medicine (EAPM) is organizing the 2nd annual Congress entitled ‘Forward as one: Integrating innovation into Europe’s healthcare systems’ in Milan, Italy (26-28 November).

The Congress is dedicated to the fast-moving field of personalised medicine, with an emphasis on supporting Member States and regions in integrating innovation into healthcare systems. It will precede the 2019 EU parliamentary elections and the appointment of a new European Commission, acting as a bridge for national and regional priorities across policy areas such as clinical trials, data protection, genomics and the ongoing development and training of healthcare professionals.

Complimentary bonus! The first 350 Public Health Professionals can benefit from complimentary passes to the event in the Lombardy capital!

More info available here: http://eapmmilan2018.com/
The “Personalized pREvention of Chronic Diseases consortium (PRECeDI)” project updates:

The project “Personalized pREvention of Chronic Diseases consortium (PRECeDI)” is funded by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie EU programme, with the aim to provide high-quality, multidisciplinary knowledge through training and research in Personalized Medicine, with specific reference to prevention of chronic diseases. The project consortium consists of 11 partners, including EUPHA, and is coordinated by the Section of Hygiene-Institute of Public Health of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Rome (Italy).

We are very pleased to report on a very interesting PRECeDI Open Seminar “Policy development in Personalized Medicine” which took place at the VU University, Amsterdam during March 2018. The seminar addressed some important issues, such as the promise of omics techniques in personalised medicine, prioritization and strategies for integrating personalized medicine in health care systems.

The audience was able to hear some state-of-the-art presentations from our key-speakers: Cornelia Van Duijn (Erasmus MC), Vera Codazzi (Assobiomedica), Martina Cornel (VUMC), Ron Zimmern (PHG Foundation), Paola Villari (Sapienza University), Walter Ricciardi (ISS).

The Round table provoked some meaningful discussions and covered the topic of fostering innovation in Personalised Medicine and the impact for the health systems. The international discussants were led by Anant Jani (BVHC) and are further listed: Natasha Azzopardi Muscat (EUPHA), Dick Willems (AMC), Martine de Bruijne (VUMC), Tessel Rigter (VUMC), Stefania Boccia (UCSC), Ma’n H. Zawati (McGill), Jim Roldan (LinkCare), Denis Horgan (EAPM) and Maurizio Genuardi (UCSC- Italian Society of Human Genetics). Several photos from the event are outlined below and the event information will be soon available at the PRECeDI website (http://www.precedi.eu/site/):
iPAAC is funded under the Third Health Programme 2014–2020 and aims to build upon the outcomes of previous EPAAC and CANCON Joint Actions. iPAAC includes around 40 partners from 24 European countries and is coordinated by the National Institute of Public Health Slovenia (NIJZ).

The general aim of the iPAAC Joint Action is to develop innovative approaches to advance cancer control, including further development of cancer prevention, comprehensive approaches to the use of genomics in cancer control, cancer information and registries, improvements and challenges in cancer care, mapping of innovative cancer treatments and governance of integrated cancer control etc. The key focus of the Joint Action is on implementation, and the primary target group are EU-level policymakers and decision makers at national, regional and local levels.

More information, updates and news about the iPAAC Joint Action can be obtained by visiting the official website: https://www.ipaac.eu/


This interesting workshop, held on Tuesday 19 June in Brussels, Belgium, aimed to analyse the implications of digitalisation and Big Data for the health sector. It consisted of different presentations by experts in the field and an exchange of views with EP Members and established external experts in the area, on some of the following topics:
- Digitalisation in healthcare and the sources of Big Data;
- EU healthcare systems and the potential for Big Data;
- Clinical and cultural challenges ahead for efficient use of Big Data in healthcare;
- Technical challenges related to the management of electronic health records;
- Legal and regulatory aspects, including privacy protection and data sharing policies;
- Training and education.

Some information on this workshop can be found on the EP website: http://www.europarl.europa.eu_committees/en/envi/events-workshops.html?id=20180621WKS01781


Please contact our Section, if you have some further information and think that it might be interesting for other members to know (upcoming international courses, lectures and conferences from the field, international projects to participate – call for application, networking opportunities, possible job application within your institution interesting for our members, scientific publications, etc.).

Warm greetings and see you in Ljubljana!

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