EUPHA Section Public health policy and practice

1) Representation

Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat represented the EUPHA Section PHPP in a conference on European Reference Networks organised on 23 June 2014 by DG SANCO. A report from this conference was forwarded to EUPHA office.

2) Preconference

EUPHA PHPP co-organised with CHAFEA a preconference on Knowledge Transfer in the field of integrated care on the 19 November. The EUPHA Sections on HSR and Chronic Diseases were also involved in the preparation of the conference programme. The preconference was well attended and the presentations were interesting. This is a topic which EUPHA may wish to follow up through some specific activity with the Practice pillar.

3) Workshops

EUPHA PHPP was involved in the organisation of three workshops during the European Public Health Conference in Glasgow.

a) Overcoming Health Inequalities through the use of EU Structural and Investment Funds

This workshop included a representative from DG SANCO and also from Eurohealthnet.

b) Is the "European Semester" becoming the major driver for health systems policy development in Europe?

This workshop included the participation of DG SANCO and WHO Observatory. EUPHA HSR also participated on the panel.

c) Small states, health systems and European health policy: Quo Vadis?

This workshop included participation from the WHO office in Venice.

4) Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on Friday 21 November just before the Conference Dinner. Around ten persons participated.

Topics discussed included:
• Focus on innovative methods for public health policy analysis
• Working with regions on the processes for development of regional health plans and health information gaps at regional level
• Linking with implementation and the needs for evidence based tools

Health in all Policies, Health Monitoring and Health Services research were identified as particularly relevant sections to work closely with.

A training session for working with policy makers was proposed for the forthcoming conference.

5) Changes in leadership

Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat stepped down as Section President due to her election as EUPHA President Elect after 8 years. The leadership of the section was passed over to Dr Kai Michelsen and Dr Marleen Bekker.

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