

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SECTION ACTIVITIES IN 2017

Main activities of the PMH section:

- 1) Activities not associated with the EUPHA conference**
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Public Mental Health conference

The first International Public Mental Health conference was organized together with EUPHA, the University of Vinius and the University of Applied Sciences Emden. Almost 200 individuals attended the conference. Speakers came from a variety of European countries and the United States. The International Public Mental Health conferences will be organized every second year – mostly in countries with lack of infrastructure in Public Mental Health.

Summer School

In July 2017, already for the fourth time the PMH Section, in collaboration with the Institute of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University (Lithuania) and together with the University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer (Germany) has organized an international training course on *Research in public mental health* in Vilnius, Lithuania. The course aimed at strengthening research capacity, networking and collaboration in public mental health field. The main target group was doctoral students, public health researchers and practitioners.

Prof. Dr. Jutta Lindert, president of the Public Mental Health section delivered a course on research methods in public mental health, mental health epidemiology and resilience. The latest research and theory was followed by practical development of resilience questionnaires. The course was organized by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marija Veniute Jakubauskiene (Vilnius University), the vice president of the Public Mental Health Section.

The training course on Research in public mental health was very positively evaluated and reflected a major demand within public health community in the region. The course also contributed to capacity building in public mental health research and professional expertise. The public mental health section intends to continue international public mental health training and education activities further.

Furthermore, the PMH section together with EUHA, Vilnius University and the University of Applied Sciences Emden organized the 1 st International Public Mental Health Conference with speakers from several European countries and the United States (Professor Sandro Galea, Boston University).

Cooperations with Frontiers in Psychiatry

Cooperations with Frontiers in Psychiatry were established and Prof. Lindert was appointed as one of the editors of Frontiers in Psychiatry.

Presenting EUPHA at the conference on architecture and health

Jutta participated in the conference on architecture and health in Vienna, representing the PMH section. This was a great opportunity to deepen contacts and further establish the links between PMH and architecture.

2. Activities associated with the EUPHA conference

At the EUPHA 2017 conference we organized:

Preconferences:

- together with a group of architects from Milan, University the very well attended pre-conference: **Mental health and architecture**. Likewise we organized the preconference on **Child maltreatment: a public health perspective together** with the section on child and adolescent health.

Workshops:

Mental health and climate change; Psychological resilience - concepts, data and challenges for further research; Terrorist attacks and mental healthcare; Building resilience and promoting well-being; Terrorist attacks: perceived threat and societal approach

Join the network meeting.

Jutta Lindert, Los Angeles 02/05/2017