

Annual report 2023

EUPHA Public Mental Health section (EUPHA-PMH)

Goals for 2024

- To strengthen the research and dissemination collaborations and involvement of section members into public mental health activities, organization of EPH workshops, webinars and other relevant events developed by the EUPHA-PMH Section.
- To strengthen further networking and communication activities within EUPHA-PMH section members and support their active participation in the EUPHA - PMH section activities, especially with junior researchers (e.g. via EUPHANxt).
- To develop collaborations with other EUPHA sections in organizing joint activities - pre-conference in 2024, workshops, international thematic conferences, webinars and other activities.

Collaboration with section members

Collaboration with PMH section members has been ensured through communication and dissemination activities (newsletters, emails), involvement of section members in defining the priorities for next year EPH conference (Join the network meeting), preparing joined research applications in collaboration with section members. This initiative has been led by prof. Jutta Lindert (vice-president of the section).

In 2023 the elections of the Public Mental Health Section president have been held. The members of the EUPHA-PMH section have participated in the 2023 election process and prof. Marija Jakubauskiene has been re-elected as the president of the section for the second term. Prof. Jutta Lindert and prof. Johan Bilzen were elected as the vice presidents of the PMH section.

Activities at the EPH conference

In 2023 EPH Conference the EUPHA-PMH section has co-organized the pre-conference event in collaboration with Environment and Health and Urban Public Health sections – pre-Conference AHRT-WALK “Art, architecture, atmosphere and (mental) health. A multi-disciplinary walking experience in Dublin” on the 8th of November, 2023.

Workshops at the EPH conference in Dublin have been followed by moderated sessions and poster presentations conducted by prof. Jutta Lindert (vice-president), prof. Johan Bilzen (vice-president) and prof. Marija Jakubauskiene (president).

Members of the EUPHA PMH section, including president and vice-presidents are involved in the peer review process of the EPH conference abstracts as well as mentoring of young researchers in writing the abstracts.

Other activities

- In collaboration with EUPHA-PMH section members the 5th International Public Mental Health Summer school “Facing the global crisis: preparing the next lessons from the pandemic and the war” has been organized in May 22-26, 2023 in Porto University, Portugal.

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Join the network meeting in the EPH conference has taken place (November 11, 2023) and has been a successful event since around 30 attendees have participated in the event. Several topics have been highlighted such as environment and mental health, climate change and mental health, stigma, domestic violence, substance abuse, suicide prevention, barriers to mental health services, mental health care for migrants, mental health surveillance, burden of informal care - altogether demonstrating the continuous interest of EUPHA-PMH Section members in the respective topics.

General communications with section members

General communication with the PMH section members is ensured via section newsletter disseminated via emailing system throughout the year. In case of individual requests, the cases are dealt by individual communication by the section president and vice presidents.

International participation in events on behalf of EUPHA

Throughout the year PMH Section has been actively involved in strengthening representation and visibility of the PMH Section and EUPHA on an international stage.

Prof. Jutta Lindert has represented EUPHA-PMH Section in Moldova in the governmental conference on public mental health in October, 2023.

PMH Section under the leadership of prof. J. Lindert continues networking and international collaborative research network to investigate the mental health impacts during and after the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in the COPER (COVID-19 Pandemic and its impact on mental health of men and women in the European Region) and COCARE (COVID-19 Pandemic and mental health of care workers) studies.

Prof. Marija Jakubauskiene (president of the PMH section)

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