

## **Minutes of the Join the Network meeting of the PMH section in 2015**

**The topics (top) of the annual meeting of the PMH in 2016 were:**

- 1. Overview of the PMH activities in 2015**
- 2. Research possibilities in the area of PMH.**
- 3. PMH activities for the EUPHA conference in 2016.**
- 4. Needs of support for section members**
- 5. Miscelanneous**

### **Top 1**

The president Prof. Jutta Lindert gave an overview of the PMH activities in 2015 (including a workshop in Vilnius, Lithuania, research and conference activities of the section in 2015).

### **Top 2**

Research needs in Europe are high in the field of PMH. However, funding possibilities are difficult. Participants shared their experiences with grant writing proposals in the field of PMH. Participants were wondering whether reviewers always are experienced in the field of PMH.

### **Top 3**

To continue working and to depend knowledge participants were interested to plan a pre-conference again with the section of Environmental Health and the Section on Urban Health. The participants of the annual meeting proposed the following title for next year's pre-conference: Mental health for all. The section president and the vice-president will plan the 2016 pre-conference as a full-day event.

The participants suggested as topics for workshops of the PMH section the following:

- Child and adolescent mental health health
- Violence, abuse, neglect and its impact on health over the life course
- Research methods in PMH
- Suicides – methods of collecting robust data, overview of preventive interventions of suicides.
- Social cohesion, macro-level determinants of mental health and.
- Stigma and care for individuals with mental disorders across Europe.
- Discrimination and mental health of migrants and refugees.
- Burden of informal care of people with mental health problems.
- Impact of health policies on mental health.

#### **Top 4**

Participants expressed a clear will to work together on research proposals for the European Commission and on viewpoints in the European Journal of Public Health.

Participants wanted a further meeting in March or April 2016 to continue working together, Jutta Lindert and Marija Veniute Jakubauskiene will try to find funding possibilities for a “mid-term meeting” of the section. Furthermore, they will identify possibilities to organize a summer school on public mental health in cooperation with section members.