

## **Annual report 2020**

### **EUPHA section on Sexual and Gender Minority Health (EUPHA-SGMH)**

This report shortly summarizes the section's previous and current aims and activities, and the planned activities for 2021.

#### **Previous activities by the section, 2016-2019**

The EUPHA section on Sexual and Gender Minority Health was formally established in November 2016 after decisions by the EUPHA Section Council and the EUPHA Governing Board. In 2016, the section worked on further developing and clarifying the section's aim and vision. From 2017 to 2019, the section focused on establishing the necessary logistical and communication channels and expanding the network of affiliated researchers and students.

#### **Activities in 2020**

Among other activities, the section has focused on:

- *Expanding the network:*

The network membership grew by 54.1% over the past 12 months (473 members in September 2019 and 729 in September 2020).

- *Collaborating with other EUPHA sections*

After appointing several informal liaison persons with several other EUPHA sections in 2018, different collaborations have been realized, including a joint workshop proposal with EUPHA-PMH at the World Congress on Public Health.

- *Increasing visibility and awareness at the annual conference and beyond*

Seminar during the European Public Health Week

During the European Public Health Week, Dr. Richard Bränström (Karolinska Institute, Sweden, and section president) presented current research concerning the mental health of young lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals. The seminar was organized by EUPHA section on Urban Public Health and the University of Manchester. The full recording of the session with the title 'Mental health among young LGBT individuals' can be accessed here: <https://t.co/eN56DgF8GJ>

Besides these activities, the section organized three different workshops during the virtual World Congress on Public Health, titled: 'Sexual minorities' mental health and their experiences of stigma and minority stress across settings' in collaboration with EUPHA-PMH, 'Ecosystems of HIV risk among key populations in Europe: empirical findings and solutions' and 'Institutional barriers and support influencing the health and well-being of LGBT individuals.' Furthermore, the section was represented in several other sessions, e.g., panel

discussions and poster presentations. The section also organized a section meeting or so-called Join-The-Network meeting.

### **Activities in 2021**

The section is planning on the following activities in 2021:

- *Section pamphlet*: A document outlining the section's aim in several languages is being drafted and will be published and shared with the network.
- *Country representatives*: The section is planning to pursue the idea to appoint country representatives to facilitate networking and collaboration within and between countries. A call for country representatives will be circulated during fall 2020/early 2021.
- *EPH Dublin*: Several topics were suggested for the upcoming EPH conference in Dublin next year, such as "LGBTQ populations and the COVID pandemic" and "LGBT health and increasingly hostile political climates" (possibly in collaboration with EUPHA PHPP and ILGA).
- *Digital forum*: The section is looking for a solution that would provide a more forum-based environment where members can share thoughts, ideas, and requests. Options as Twitter, Facebook Groups, and LinkedIn were discussed. Other suggestions are welcomed.
- *Section election*: EUPHA requires periodical elections for the section leadership. An election may be organized in 2021 or at a later date. Members will be able to nominate themselves or others for the positions of president and/or vice president.

## **Minutes Join-the-Network Meeting 2020**

### **Date**

October 13th, 2020 between 11.00am-12.00pm

### **Place**

World Congress on Public Health

### **Attendees**

About 10 persons joined for a virtual meeting on Zoom.

### **Agenda**

1. Introductions by the steering committee and attendees
2. Brief introduction to the section
3. Update on current activities
4. 2020 Early-award career
5. Future activities and planning for EPH 2021 in Dublin
6. Discussion

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### **3. Update on current activities**

The EUPHA SGMH section has organized three different workshops during the 2020 World Congress on Public Health. For details, please refer to the general program or the SGM-related activity overview document shared via email or on Twitter.

A document outlining the section's aim in several languages is being drafted and will be published and shared with the network soon.

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The working group on SGM health monitoring will share an update at a later stage.

### **4. 2020 Early-career award**

The 2020 Early-career award of the EUPH SGMH section was won this year by Lovro Markovic for his contribution entitled "Associations between Workplace Characteristics and Outness in LGBTIQ Workers in Austria" as part of the "Institutional barriers and support influencing the health and well-being of LGBT individuals" workshop. Congratulations, Lovro!

### **5. Future activities and planning for EPH 2021 in Dublin**

Several topics were suggested for the upcoming EPH conference in Dublin next year, such as "LGBTQ populations and the COVID pandemic" and "LGBT health and increasingly hostile political climates" (possibly in collaboration with EUPHA PHPP and ILGA).

### **6. Discussion**

Different options were discussed regarding possible networking platforms for the section. The section is looking for a solution that would provide a more forum-based environment



where members can share thoughts, ideas, and requests. Options as Twitter, Facebook Groups, and LinkedIn were discussed. Other suggestions are welcomed.

It was suggested to more actively use the section website by sharing more resources, news, etc.

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