

Minutes Join-the-Network Meeting 2019

Date

November 21st, 2019 between 12.30-1.30pm

Place

12th European Public Health Conference Marseille

Attendees

About 20 persons coming from Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the UK, and the US.

Agenda

1. Introductions by the steering committee and attendees
2. Brief introduction to the section
3. Update on current activities
4. Future activities and planning for WCPH 2020 in Rome
5. Discussion

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3. Update on current activities

The EUPHA section on Sexual and Gender Minority Health is organizing two workshops during this year's conference and will be actively participating a total of 4 sessions. The section has over 500 members now. Over the past year, *Michal Pitoňák* from the Czech Republic has been working on creating a pamphlet that summarizes the section's aims, which were then translated into 10 different languages. More languages will be added later. The issues on finding sources for additional funding and the early-career award were raised as points for the discussion toward the end of the meeting.

5. Discussion

As suggestions for topics for workshops during Rome 2020, the discussion resulted in the following list of ideas and themes:

- Follow-up on earlier workshop on health monitoring and national representative surveys; shifting the focus more toward how to measure, facilitate young people's experiences, discuss the need for update recommendations etc.,
- Collaboration with other sections regarding the intersection of sexuality, sexual orientation, and health;
- Workshop: From treatment and prevention, to health promotion and resilience;
- Health law & cross-border care for sexual and gender minorities;

- Health economic perspectives on interventions targeted at sexual and gender minorities;
- Widening differences in acceptance across Europe; seeking collaborations with sociologists.

Other topics:

- Can the section create a list/overview of the key stakeholders and contact persons in each country regarding their population-based surveys? Do we know who to target? Can we enter recommended questions into the online database for recommended representative survey questions?
- *Igor Grabovac* will reinitiate the project on measures and measurement issues for population-based surveys. When interested get in contact via: igor.grabovac@meduniwien.ac.at
- There is still a need for an early-career award. It should be promoted among a wider audience; engage with EuroHealthNet, EUPHANxt, IFMSA etc.
- Deadline for abstracts for the World Congress is March 1st – let's aim to include many other continents.
- Members can only get in touch with each other by posing calls for collaboration in the section's newsletter, because of privacy legislation.
- The section could aim to appoint representatives for each country, who would know better who is working on SGMH in their own countries. In this way, it would be easier to connect people within our own member base.