



## The EUPHA Section of Social Security, Work and Health Annual report for year 2017

President: Gunnel Hensing

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Steering committee: Ute Bültmann, George Delclos, Gunnel Hensing, Angelique de Rijk, Simon Överland.

The number of section members is around 1 000 persons.

### The EPH conference in Stockholm, Sweden

A pre-conference will be arranged the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. The topic of the pre-conference is **“Challenges when designing SSWH intervention studies”**. Speakers invited are professors Simon Gilbody, UK, and Cecilia Björkelund, Sweden. An annual meeting will be held during the EPH conference, Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November at 12.00-13.15. Several **sessions and poster sessions** will be arranged during the EPH conference in Stockholm. A workshop with the title: **Ageing society: implications for the workforce – an international perspective on worker health** will be held as part of the Section’s agenda during the conference.

### Other activities in 2017 up to date 4<sup>th</sup> of September:

There was a change of president last year when professor Kristina Alexanderson finished her very long and appreciated period as president. She was one of the initiators of the section and has made important contributions to its development. She was thanked for her long service at last year conference in Vienna. A new member has been selected to the steering committee replacing dr Sören Brage who wanted to leave the committee after long service. The new member, professor Simon Överland, is also from Norway and represents a strong research tradition in the field of SSWH at the University of Bergen. He is further employed as manager at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. The section has developed a new group called the Junior Collaborative Group consisting of young and coming researchers in the field of SSWH. The group will contribute with taking care of social networking between and at the pre-conferences and also serve as a sounding board for the steering committee. A senior advisory board is in planning with a role as sounding board as well but also contribute to research networking in projects and activities at the Section’s pre- and conference program.

Communication with members through e-mails has been done twice. The goal is to reach members at least once every quarter of the year. Updates of the Section website has been made.

The Section president Hensing scored abstracts submitted for presentations and workshops for the EPH conference.

Several international research collaborations are ongoing within the section. Activities have also included participation in the network to promote research on cancer and work, CANWON, and in other networks to promote research on sickness absence and work. The Nordic network for researchers using twin data to gain knowledge on the importance of genetics and shared family environment in sickness absence and disability pension is another example.

Future activities for the coming three years will be planned at the Steering committee meeting in Stockholm 31<sup>st</sup> of October.