

The 11th Pre-conference arranged by the **EUPHA Section of Social Security and Health** at the **EPH-conference Brussels, 13 November 2013**

How to gain knowledge on consequences of being sickness absent or on disability pension?

Research on consequences of being sickness absent or on disability pension has received increasing interest in recent years. This pre-conference will cover information on latest research in this field with a focus on approaches to meet methodological challenges.

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Venue: The Square, Rue Ravenstein 2, Brussels, Belgium

Registration: www.eupha.org

PROGRAM

- 08:15 ■ **Registration**
- 08:50 ■ **Welcome and introduction: What are possible consequences of being sickness absent or on disability pensioned?** Kristina Alexanderson, Professor, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, and president of the Section of Social Security & Health
- 09:20 ■ **What studies have so far been conducted on consequences of being sickness absent or on disability pensioned? A literature review** Ellenor Mittendorfer Rutz, Ass prof, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
- 09:50 ■ **Methodological challenges in research on consequences of sickness absence and disability pension?** Jari Haukka, Ass prof, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 10:20 ■ **Group work 1, with coffee**
Which methods are available and can be developed with respect to research on consequences of sickness absence and disability pension?
- 11:10 **Reports from groups** moderated by Ellenor Mittendorfer Rutz & Kristina Alexanderson
- 11:30 ■ **How can we study consequences of being granted a disability pension?** Hugo Westerlund, Prof, Stockholm University, Sweden
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 13:00 ■ **How can we study transitions between sickness absence, work, unemployment, and disability pension?** Jakob Pedersen, PhD, National Research Centre for the Working Environment, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 13:30 ■ **Applying the propensity score approach in studies on consequences of sickness absence.** Theis Lange, Ass Prof, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 14:00 ■ **Methodological aspects of prevention studies related to recurrent sickness absence.** Iris Arends, PhD, University of Groningen, the Netherlands
- 14:30 ■ **Group work 2** **Which methods are available and can be developed with respect to intervention research related to consequences of sickness absence/disability pension?**
- 15:20 **Reports from groups** moderated by Ute Bültmann and Kristina Alexanderson
- 15:40 ■ **Panel discussion: What have we learned and how do we move forward**
Ellenor Mittendorfer Rutz, Ute Bültmann, Kristina Alexanderson
- 16.40 ■ **Summing up of the day & agreements on how to proceed**
- 17:00 Kristina Alexanderson
- 18.00 ■ **Dinner, for all participants, where the discussions continue** (food included in the registration fee, alcoholic beverages are not included).
- 21.00

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