



NEWSLETTER Social Security, Work and Health (SSWH)

Dear members of the EUPHA section SSWH,

Before I will provide more information on this year's EPH conference in Ljubljana and the planned activities of our section, first some Words from our President Gunnel Hensing:

Words from the president

We had a very good pre-conference and conference in Ljubljana. I want to thank you all who contributed to the different SSWH activities. They had throughout a very high standard both from a content and presentation perspective. Your contributions are so important and I hope to see you all in Marseille next year. Ute will tell more from this year's conference below. As always I want to remind you to visit our webpage at least once a year and remember that you need to log in. This is how you stay a member in the section. And please share the possibility to become a member with your colleagues and co-workers. The SSWH steering group will improve the efforts to extend the participation in our section to other parts of Europe. Issues concerning social security, work and health are more important than since long and Europe face challenges in our field. We need as researchers contribute to knowledge that can promote a good work environment and to an understanding of the importance of access to relevant and well-functioning social insurances for the public health.

Best regards,

Gunnel Hensing

President of the SSWH section

Looking back: the 11th European Public Health Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia

The 2018 EPH conference took place in Cankarjev Dom, Ljubljana, Slovenia from 28 November - 1 December 2018. The theme of the conference was "*Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe*" Our section organized a preconference (see below), several excellent topical and methodological workshops, partly in collaboration with other EPH sections, and many of us participated in oral and poster sessions.

Preconference 2018: "*Fair social security assessments and sustainable social security systems*"

The theme of the preconference was "*Fair social security assessments and sustainable social security systems*" with four excellent speakers, representing four countries; i.e. Ben Barr from the United Kingdom, Mikko Laaksonen from Finland, Sandra Brouwer from the Netherlands, and Christian Stahl from Sweden. We alternated lectures with group work and plenary discussions, which was appreciated; and provided ample opportunities both for networking and new ideas. The

presentations of the presenters will be uploaded soon. Thanks a lot to the Future collaborative group for helping with the organization of the day and evening, i.e. the dinner! The presentations will be uploaded on the Section's website together with some pictures of the presenters.

News from the Annual SSWH section meeting 2018 (Minutes enclosed)

Gunnel Hensing reported from ongoing work in EUPHA regarding the future directions and focus for the association.

Emilie Friberg presented news from the Future collaborative group, including the name of the new facebook group: **SocialSecurityWorkandHealth**. The aim of the facebook group is to host an informal platform where it is possible e.g. to find new collaborators for a conference workshop.

Communication: the current forms of newsletters and the website were discussed, as well as ideas for new forms of communication to reach new groups. Several ideas were mentioned e.g. having an external person retell the message, show a film (with a social security work and health theme), increasing the local participation and inclusion, i.e. inviting local "champions" for the topic.

Looking ahead: the 12th European Public Health Conference in Marseille, France

EPH preconference 2019

A decision is not yet made, but given the theme of next years EPH conference in Marseille "Building bridges for solidarity and public health" several topics such as for example migration, young workers and mental health, precarious work, transitions into the labour market, future of sickness insurance systems/assessments, and manager roles in sickness absence and work disability were discussed. We agreed upon reaching out to our French colleagues and to involve them in the (pre-)conference.

EPH conference 2019 – please submit abstracts for workshops and oral and poster presentations

We would like to encourage you all to submit workshop abstracts. Workshops increase the visibility of our section and will guide the forming of the tracks at the next conference. So, please submit a workshop abstract. For example, you may do so in collaboration with section members from other disciplines or countries or with another section (for an overview see the website).

Please mark your calendar: Deadline for EPH abstract and workshop submission May 1st, 2019

If you have other conferences / symposia etc. you would like to share with your colleagues, feel free to contact us.

Happy holidays and a happy and healthy 2019!

Kind regards, on behalf of the SSWH steering committee,

Ute Bültmann

Vice president

Minutes annual meeting of the European Public Health Association section for Social Security Work and Health.

29/11-2018 Ljubljana

21 participants.

Chair: Gunnel Hensing section president

- All are welcomed by Gunnel Hensing, who also shortly presented the section.
- Evaluation of the pre-conference: Fair social security assessments and sustainable social security systems. In general, very good opinions! The different group works were well appreciated, and gave opportunities both for networking and new ideas. Maybe try to have a more focused theme in future, the sustainable aspects were not as well captured, and maybe should be brought up again. Good that so many different perspectives were highlighted, and the open and friendly atmosphere. Then a discussion followed on whether there were few attendants, the price of the conference, the possibilities for sponsors etc.
- Ideas for future pre-conference themes, speakers etc were presented and invited. Next year will be in Marseille i.e. should be possible to reach by the more environmentally friendly train for many of us. Katherine Lippel was suggested as a possible key note speaker. Different pre-conference themes such as for example migration, young workers and mental health, precarious work, transitions into the labour market, future of sickness insurance systems/assessments, and manager roles etc were discussed. There were also clear suggestions for reaching out to French colleagues and getting them involved and interested in the conference.
- Emilie Friberg presented news from the Future collaborative group, including the name of the new facebook group: SocialSecurityWorkandHealth. The aim of the facebook group is to host an informal platform where it is perhaps possible to find new collaborators to conference workshops for example.
- Gunnel Hensing reported on news from EUPHA. Our section is somewhere in the middle if you look at the number of members, i.e. with room for expansion, so spread the word. Remember to log in to the section every year to make sure you are still listed. Further, there is a discussion paper coming out on: Why EUPHA.
- Communication. We discussed the current forms of newsletters which all appreciated and the website, as well as ideas for new forms of communication to reach new groups. Examples of ideas were: having an external person retell the message, show a film (with a social security work and health theme), increase of local participation and inclusion – local “champions” for the topic.
- Closure, enjoy the conference, and hope to see you all in Marseille.

Summarized by Emilie Friberg