



NEWSLETTER Social Security, Work and Health (SSWH)

Dear SSWH section members,

The preparations for the annual EPH conference 2018 in Ljubljana, Slovenia and the activities from our section have been started. Before I will provide more information on this year's EPH conference and the planned activities of our section, first some Words from our President Gunnel Hensing:

### **Words from the president**

The EUPHA section for Social Security, Work and Health is nothing without its members. As section members, we are a network of researchers that shares interest in our research field of SSWH but our main strength is that we have and use different approaches to our research field. The pre-conference in Stockholm highlighted the challenges of intervention studies in primary health care and the opportunity of performing natural experiments. Fifty persons, which was the maximum allowed due to room restrictions, participated in a highly appreciated pre-conference. The annual meeting and our workshops were also very well visited.

Please send information about our section to colleagues that might be interested. It is easy to become a member and it is free of charge. Go to the EUPHA website: <https://eupha.org/social-security-work-and-health> and click "You can join us here". If you have a EUPHA account log in and if not, you can easily create one. And if you are a member remember to log in at least once a year to secure future membership.

The need for research in our field is high. Good luck with your applications and studies. Always interesting to read your articles!

Best regards,

Gunnel Hensing

Section president

### **Looking ahead towards the 11<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference 2018**

This year's EPH conference will take place in Cankarjev Dom, Ljubljana, Slovenia from 28 November - 1 December 2018. The theme of the conference is "*Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe*".

### **Preconference 2018**

Inspired by the conference theme and our lively discussions in Stockholm, several topics for the pre-conference in Ljubljana were discussed during the annual section meeting. We agreed to prepare a focused pre-conference on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 around the theme "Fair social security

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assessments and sustainable social security systems". The preparation group consists of members of the steering committee and the Future Collaborative Group.

### **EPH conference – 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).

As for the abstracts for oral and poster presentations as well as for the workshops, we do know that the rejection rate increased during the past years. We are very happy that our former section president, prof. Kristina Alexanderson, has volunteered to provide feedback on the abstracts. That is great and we encourage those who would like to use this fantastic service to contact Kristina ([Kristina.alexanderson@ki.se](mailto:Kristina.alexanderson@ki.se)) as soon as possible to plan the timeline.

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### **Please mark your calendar: Deadline for EPH abstract and workshop submission May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

Another conference of interest might be the Nordic Conference in Work & Rehabilitation in Oslo, Norway, October 1-3, 2018. The deadline for abstract submission is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. For more detailed information see: <https://arbeidoghelse.no/arrangement/nordic-conference-in-work-rehabilitation-2018/>

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

Looking forward to meeting you all again in Ljubljana or earlier!

Kind regards, on behalf of the SSWH steering committee,

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Vice president