

## URBAN HEALTH SECTION MEETING AT EUPHA – 9.11.12

**Venue: Verdala, Hilton Conference Centre**

**Time: 17:45 – 18:45**

### **Attendees:**

AV – Arpana Verma - Chair & President of the EUPHA Urban Health Section

CR - Claire Rogers (minutes)

LvB - Laurens van Buren

HL - Heidi Lyshol

RF – Rainer Fehr

MB – Martina Behanova

JvD - Jitse van Dijk

RdG – Rianne de Gelder

EK - Emmy Koster

ZK - Zuzana Katreniakova

### **1) Welcome and introductions**

AV welcomed all to the meeting and asked attendees to give a brief introduction.

### **2) Review of previous minutes and 2011 action log and annual report**

The previous minutes & 2011 action log had been disseminated by email and were agreed as correct.

AV informed the attendees that all actions attributed to her had been completed and actioned.

AV encouraged attendees to sign up to Mailman. She acknowledged she has already promoted its use but there is still low uptake. She again highlighted the benefits of Mailman.

**ACTION: AV to send another email re Mailman to advise section members that they can send updates etc via [urbanhealth@eupha.org](mailto:urbanhealth@eupha.org).**

**ACTION: AV to send mailman email again to encourage membership to national bodies.**

### **3) What's new for urban health?**

#### **EURO-URHIS 2**

AV informed the group that EURO-URHIS 2 is in its finishing stages. A successful conference was held in Amsterdam earlier this year. Key points arising from the conference were the Health Profiles (available at [www.urhis.eu](http://www.urhis.eu)), results website and project website. AV stipulated next steps included EU level adoption of URHIS. This was

difficult after the dissolution of the Health Indicators Working Group. HL informed the group that she is a member of the EU expert group of health indicators. HL stated that at their next meeting she has been asked to deliver a presentation around health profiles in municipalities. Heidi explained in more detail about what the Norwegian health dept. is now interested in urban health indicators. Intends to interconnect URHIS with what she has been doing with Municipal Health. HL requested AV to send her something for her presentation. AV referenced the Inequities (DG SANCO [www.ucl.ac.uk/ineqcities/](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ineqcities/)) project and their useful maps & data and that the project was dependent on the local partners disseminating the outputs and products within their own countries.

**ACTION – HL will present URHIS to the EGI in Luxembourg re Neighbourhood data for Health profiles.**

**ACTION - AV to send information to HL for inclusion within her presentation.**

AV informed attendees of the collaboration with Shanghai & India. URHIS will expand into 3 cities in China. US Aid may fund possible extension into India. AV discussed health database (<http://results.urhis.eu>) and website and how to request data from EURO-URHIS 2 ([www.urhis.eu](http://www.urhis.eu)). AV explained that the process to analyse the policy maker interviews is under way. Early analysis illustrates that some policy makers do not feel equipped to make the decisions. There is a definite shift in the policy makers interviewed in 2008 to 2012 wanting increased support and advice.

AV informed the group that all who had submitted had been accepted by the EUPHA conference with abstracts, workshops & poster.

AV informed group that work will be taken forward following Urban Health/WHO Health 2020 workshop with Claudia Stein. This includes further work with EU for Horizon 2020. HL explained that she promotes URHIS at every available opportunity. MB fed back on workshop she attended yesterday re data collection. Referenced her EUPHA 2012 presentation and how she had promoted urban health.

## **PHIRE**

The PHIRE project - 8 indicator projects are fairly visible so there is need to promote the Urban Health agenda more vehemently.

## **Health Impact Assessment**

RF - Explained his work could be seen as Urban Health and about what his work covers. Offered to contribute with submissions in newsletters etc. AV asked RF to disseminate the results of his work through her.

## **New Slovakian Public Health Conference**

ZK – asked the delegates to attend a conference she is organising in May 2013. Hopes urban health in Slovakia and across EU will be promoted. Invite made to the group. Partners that cover Eastern Europe also asked to attend the conference.

## **EUPHA Urban Public Health Annual Report**

AV referred group to the EUPHA Urban Public Health Annual Report. Urban health membership expanding and now has 637 members. Span 82 countries and expanding more in non-European countries. Promoted URHIS website, monthly literature reviews.

AV - Encouraged people to submit items for the URHIS website whilst the EUPHA Urban Health section website was being updated.



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**ACTION: ALL agreed to submitting of the annual report.**

### **4) Proposals for workshops at EPH 2013**

RF/AV- Joint UH and Health Impact Assessment workshop. RF explained in more detail on HIAs. EUPHA will be in favour of joint proposals of workshops in future. RF explained how the 2 topics are close and therefore if support, 1 proposal could be done. AV explained about Jutta wanting MH workshop alongside UH & HIAs.

AV concur with RF's suggestions- need to work together to ensure we get workshops into the conference.

All attendees supported the idea so AV to action.

ZF suggested using 3 URHIS age groups data and its benefits but need to keep mental health and HIA workshops separate.

**Action – AV - 2 workshop proposals**

### **5) ICUH 2014 – 1<sup>st</sup> week of March 2014**

AV informed the group of ICUH 2014. Expressions of Interests to be submitted to the organising committee (await 1<sup>st</sup> call). AV wishes to also present URHIS and other related data. As soon as ICUH confirmed, announcements will be made. AV explained in more detail about attendance of ICUH make up. 1000 attendees expected. European delegates have played a small role in the ICUH and ICUH has not been hosted in Europe since Amsterdam conference. Opportunity to make connections, new work & bid for new global funding for Urban Health and Research.

AV asked group for possible sponsors, ideas, events, tracks, abstracts etc.

**ACTION: Attendees to promote ICUH and submit ideas, events, tracks & abstracts to AV**

RF asked about relationship with WHO Healthy Cities. AV explained work with WHO and Eurocities.

**6) Any other business**

No items

**7) Date of next meeting**

November 2013, Brussels.

All encouraged to attend and submit urban health abstracts.

Meeting closed. Best wishes and good luck sent to all those leaving URHIS and thanked them for all their hard work.

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