

EUPHA Section “Ethics in Public Health”

Annual Report for 2014

Activities in 2014

During the European Public Health Conference in Glasgow, the EUPHA section on “Ethics in Public Health” co-organised together with the sections “Child and adolescent public health” and “Infectious disease control” a **pre-conference**. The topic of this pre-conference was “Childhood vaccination - tackling the societal burden of disease of seasonal influenza”. This preconference took place in the morning of 20.11.2014. It was supported with an unrestricted grant of AstraZeneca to EUPHA. Prof Alistair McGuire, London School of Economics, United Kingdom gave an introductory paper. Dr Ole Wichmann, Department for Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Robert Koch Institute, Berlin, Germany, spoke from the perspective of infectious disease control. Dr. Peter Schröder-Bäck (EUPHA section “Ethics in Public Health” & Maastricht University) gave the ethical paper in this conference entitled “Views from ethics in public health“. Günter Pfaff, Baden-Württemberg State Health Office, Stuttgart, Germany, moderated the programme including an in-depth discussion of the topic. The pre-conference was visited by around 40 people.

A **roundtable on “health promotion”** was co-organised by the section at the Glasgow conference as well. One of the ethical questions discussed there was if one had the “right to lead an unhealthy life”.

Prof. Miguel Ángel Royo Bordonada (ASPHER working group on ethics), Dr. Els Maeckelberghe and Dr. Peter Schröder-Bäck (both EUPHA section “Ethics in Public Health”) co-wrote an **editorial** about the integration of ethics into public health.¹

Annual meeting 21.11.2014

Since the last annual meeting, Els Maeckelberghe (Groningen University, The Netherlands) is vice president of the section after having chaired the section since the beginning of its

¹ Schröder-Bäck, Peter; Maeckelberghe, Els; Royo-Bordonada, Miguel Ángel: The Ethics effect (editorial). *South Eastern European Journal of Public Health* 2014, DOI 10.12908/SEEJPH-2014-31 <http://www.seejph.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/SEEJPH-second-volume-2.pdf>

existence. Former Vice-President Peter Schröder-Bäck (Maastricht University, The Netherlands) became president of the section.

Several ideas for workshops for the coming year were developed and are further pursued for workshop proposals for the Milan 2015 conference:

- “Integrity in public health (practice)”,
- “What do public health practitioners need from ethics?”,
- “Research Ethics”,
- “Public Health Ethics in Case of Political Conflicts”.

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