

Minutes of the health promotion section meeting in Glasgow

Friday Nov 21.11.2014, 17.00-18.00

Activities of the section at the Glasgow conference

The section was a co-organiser of the pre-conference “Adaptation of health promotion and disease prevention interventions for migrant & ethnic minority populations: policy, practice and research” held Wednesday 19 November 2014 and Thursday 20 November 2014. The pre-conference was organised by EUPHA’s Migrant and Ethnic Health Section in partnership with EUPHA 's Chronic Diseases and Health Promotion Sections and in collaboration with Scottish Health Migration and Ethnicity Research Strategy Steering Group, West of Scotland Health and Ethnicity Network, and Edinburgh Ethnicity and Health Research Group. The pre-conference was very well attended with about 70 participants and the presentations and discussions were of high quality. From the health promotion section Celia Watt gave a presentation on “Targeting ethnic minority populations for oral health improvement” and Liliana Gomes presented her research on “Developing healthy eating habits among ethnic minorities in Portugal”. Christiane Stock contributed to the round table discussion at the end of the pre-conference “The way forward for policy, practice and research.”

The section workshop “Interactive technologies and health promotion” was just borderline not accepted this year by the Scientific Committee, but all abstracts were presented in different sessions.

Discussion of EUPHA strategy: What does it mean for the health promotion section?

The section discussed as a main issue from the EUPHA strategy and action plan how to involve the next generation best into the section work and processes. It was suggested to use EUPHAnxt to approach young people. The aim should be to open the floor for young people to present their work and research and to create networking opportunities to them. Creating networks and getting into relationship with more experienced people in the field would be a natural interest among young people and should be encouraged and enabled. Potential channels for this could be discussions via the internet. It was also suggested that providing roles in the section to young people would foster their participation. Another suggestion was to use the database of members and to conduct a mapping exercise on the work areas and competences of the members in order to enable better networking between the members.

Section workshops and cooperation with other sections

The theme for the next section workshop should follow the successful line from previous years to strengthen health promotion theory. A potential theme suggested was to center the workshop theme around “Social participation – Participatory research”.

The section presidents were also approached from the mental health section to organise a common workshop for the Milano conference.

Other matters and main goals for 2015

Section members raised a concern that there was no track entitled “health promotion” in the programme as it was in all previous years. Although many health promotion presentations could be found in the programme the visibility of the health promotion area would be strengthened by a distinct health promotion track.

It was suggested to develop more cooperation with IUHPE and to invite a keynote on the topic of “Evaluating effectiveness in health promotion” based on the expertise in the field.