

Dear member of the EUPHA section on Health Services Research,

With this newsletter we would like to update you on the activities of the EUPHA section on HSR.

Call for abstracts and registration HSR Spring meeting, Utrecht (the Netherlands) We would like to remind you that the call for abstracts for the HSR spring meeting (23-24 April 2015) ends on February 16th (extended deadline).

Central theme of this small-scale lunch-to-lunch meeting (with a max of 40 participants) is 'Improving the organisation of health care at European, national or local level'. It will have room for in-depth discussion of about 10-12 research presentations within the broad area of health services and systems research.

Abstract submission

You are invited to submit an abstract for a presentation at this meeting using this abstract submission form<http://www.nivel.nl/sites/default/files/Abstract_form_HSR_Conf_Utrecht_23_24_April_2015.doc>. It can involve presenting empirical results, but there is also room for a few presentations regarding the start of a study (such as the development of a proposal or research design). Abstracts will be selected for oral presentation based on the quality of the work and on the scientific and/or policy relevance for participants from other (European) countries.

Extra interactive sessions: we welcome your proposals On Thursday we will organise a speeddating / research matchmaking session in order for participants to find others with similar interests or ideas. On Friday there will be a 60 minute slot available for a second interactive session. If you would like to organise that slot, then please send a description of your idea to hsr_europe@nivel.nl, also until 16 February (max 300 words). Examples can be letting people provide intelligence for a current policy problem in your country or region, letting them brainstorm about future research funding calls, EU strategic initiatives, etc.

Registration is now open

It is now possible to register by filling in the online registration form<<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Rtbb6O2MxZ0WUjHpmVjlzMwp5IR6AJUTX7cqzs8zyFo/viewform#start=openform>>. After registering, you will receive the details on payment. The costs of participation are €95, which includes conference materials, lunch and a social dinner on Thursday evening. The meeting will take place at the offices of NIVEL, in Utrecht, the Netherlands. Suggestions about travel and suitable hotel accommodation can be found here<http://www.nivel.nl/sites/default/files/bestanden/Travel_and_accommodation_HSR_Conference_15_16_May_2014_NIVEL.pdf?utm_source=HSR+Europe&utm_campaign=b96b156d31-HSR_Europe_Newsletter_January_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6774991292-b96b156d31>. The meeting is of course open to all interested parties, including to participants who would prefer to join without submitting an abstract.

Key dates HSR Spring meeting:

- Call for abstracts<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/42e1641bba69a38f014d14ce4/files/Abstract_form_HSR_Conf_Utrecht_23_24_April_2015.doc>: open until Monday 16 February 2015 (extended deadline).
- Notification of successful abstracts: Monday 23 February 2015.
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- Meeting: from Thursday 23 April 2015 12.30 hrs – Friday 24 April 2015 13.30 hrs.

Minutes Annual meeting HSR section 2014

The minutes of our annual meeting, which took place in Glasgow in November 2014 will be available on the EUPHA HSR website. Feedback related to the minutes can be sent to: healthservicesresearch@eupha.org<<mailto:healthservicesresearch@eupha.org>>

Wrap-up preconf 'Building sustainable and resilient health systems', 19 Nov 2014 At the EPH Conference in Glasgow we also organised a preconference meeting, dedicated to identifying building blocks for a joint research programme between national funding bodies in the area of health services

and systems research (a so-called ERA-NET in Horizon 2020). A summary of the day is provided here<http://www.nivel.nl/sites/default/files/Wrap_up_HSR_Preconf_Building_Sustainable_and_Resilient_Health_Systems_19_Nov_2014.pdf>. It also includes links to presentations by e.g. representatives of DG Research, DG SANCO, the European Observatory and others.

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