

## Minutes Annual meeting HSR Section of EUPHA

### Glasgow, November 2014

President: Judith de Jong  
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#### 1 Welcome

The meeting starts with a welcome and opening of the meeting by Judith de Jong.

#### 2 Update

Judith gives an update showing that the section on HSR now has more than 1600 members. More than 100 abstracts on HSR were submitted: 63 with HSR as a first choice and 56 with HSR as a second choice. This resulted in a track on HSR during the conference. Judith announces that the new incoming president elect is Natasha Azzopardi Muscat. She was also involved in EUPHA as the president of the section on Public Health Policy and Practice.

#### 3 Activities section since November 2013

Since our last annual section meeting (November 2013, Brussels), we have undertaken the following activities:

- Newsletters have been sent out to the members of the EUPHA section;
- A first Spring Meeting was organised at NIVEL, in May 2014

At the EPH conference in Glasgow the HSR related activities were:

- The Section HSR (co-)organized two preconferences: "Building sustainable and resilient health systems" and "Patient participation and involvement in health care"
- The Section HSR (co-)organized workshops on "Patient choices in health care in the context of the health care system" and "Integrated care: a roadmap for Europe to innovate patient centred chronic disease care" (in collaboration with the section on Chronic diseases)

*About the workshops:*

Both were very well attended and included lively discussions with the audience.

*Short wrap up both preconferences:*

Jany Rademakers, co-organisator of the preconference "Patient choices in health care in the context of the health care system", shortly explained the contents of the meeting. It focused on 3 topics and involved 35 participants, of whom 20 provided a presentation. It was also decided to organise a biannual meeting in order to get the patient perspective in. The 2016 meeting will focus on health care for vulnerable groups.

Johan Hansen, co-organisator of the preconference on 'Building sustainable and resilient health systems' also provided a wrap-up. This preconference was organised together with HSR Europe and with the support of the European Health Management Association (EHMA) and the European Observatory. The preconference was 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, including links to presentations by e.g. representatives of DG Research, DG SANCO, is available at <http://tinyurl.com/pb74h9t>

### **3 Initiative on an ERA-NET**

The preconference on sustainable and resilient health systems was an important stepping stone for establishing a ERANET in Horizon 2020 on health services and systems research. The lessons learned from the preconference will be used in the next year. Lead research funding institutes are both the Istituto Superiore di Santità in Italy in collaboration with ZonMw in the Netherlands. It focuses on two meta-questions 1) under what conditions can health care innovations be effectively transferred to other countries and 2) how can this enhance health systems performance? In terms of substantive topic areas, ERA-NET will focus on the organisation of services throughout the entire chain of care, ranging from public health and prevention to hospital and long-term care. If you would like to learn more about the initiative, you can contact Johan Hansen ([j.hansen@nivel.nl](mailto:j.hansen@nivel.nl)), secretary of the working group assisting in the preparations.

### **4 Working group initiatives**

Three working group initiatives were proposed: one on the utilization of medicine, one on medical management and one on the work force.

### **5 Upcoming activities**

- Spring meeting 2015, will be held in Utrecht. More information will be send soon.
- Milan 2015 (see below)
- Vienna 2016
- Stockholm 2017

#### *Milan 2015*

The theme of the EPH conference of Milan 2015 is: Health in Europe – from global to local policies, methods and practices. The audience is asked to provide suggestions for HSR related key note speakers. One of the suggestions is a keynote on the patient perspective on HSR. Other suggestions can be e-mailed directly to Judith de Jong, [j.dejong@nivel.nl](mailto:j.dejong@nivel.nl). Prior to this conference another HSR pre-conference will be organised, this time as biannual training day for PhD students and other starting researchers, similar to a meeting held in Brussels 2013.

### **5 Other business**

#### *Research Pillar*

Peter Groenewegen, lead of the research pillar of EUPHA briefly presents his ideas for the next years. It will involve around a number of activities, namely:

- The establishment of an ERANET on health systems research
- Support for PhD's, among others with PhD training sessions
- Strengthening the linkage between research, training, policy and practice, by collaboration between the four pillar leads
- Strengthening EUPHA's position within Horizon 2020.

*Other*

Jeffrey Lazarus of Health Systems Global points to the existence of their network, including a biannual global health systems conference, to be organised in Vancouver, autumn 2016 (see <http://www.healthsystemsglobal.org/Home.aspx>). We will explore opportunities for collaboration and mutual exchange of information.