

# ANNUAL REPORT 2014

## HTA EUPHA SECTION

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#### **1. Section approval and members**

The EUPHA section on HTA was formally established at the 7th EPH Conference held in Glasgow from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014. In particular, the section was approved by the Governing Council on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The section has currently 214 members.

The aim of the section is to bring together academicians, researchers, health care professionals and decision makers in order to share knowledge and developing new ideas and projects in the field of HTA applied to Public Health

#### **2. Annual meeting 2014**

The 2014 annual meeting was held on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2014.

In the meeting the role of the section in the international HTA landscape was discussed. Furthermore, participants were updated on the formal approval of the section and on the strategic plan.

During the annual meeting Carlo Favaretti (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome) was elected as president of the section, Chiara de Waure (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome) and Iñaki Gutiérrez-Ibarluzea (Interest Subgroups on Nutrition of the HTAi) as vice-presidents and Flavia Kheiraoui (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome) as secretary.

#### **3. Participation in the EPH conference 2014 in Glasgow**

The section on HTA, together with the section on HIA, submitted and organized a workshop titled “Health Technology Assessment and Health Impact Assessment – Two key examples of health assessment”.

The workshop was held on November 20<sup>th</sup> and dealt with similarities and differences of HTA and HIA and focused on examples of evaluations and challenges for the future.

There was not a formal head count but around 50 people attended the workshop.

#### **4. Other projects**

The section gave own contribution to the survey launched by EUPHA on the concept of “Health assessments”. In particular the section provided its reaction and position with respect to the three following statements:

- The role of health assessments for building bridges between scientific research and “real world” governance is under-rated.
- Part of the diversity across health assessments is functional, reflecting different tasks and contexts. Another part is accidental, reflecting a lack of communication and integration.
- A more “unified” perspective would cross-fertilize the individual types of health assessment and benefit their co-evolution.

The results of the survey were presented during the workshop “Health Technology Assessment and Health Impact Assessment – Two key examples of health assessment”.

## **5. Planning and communication**

The section developed and shared with members its strategic plan with respect to the four pillars research, policy, practice, training and education.

Carlo Favaretti attended the EPH Conference preparation meeting which was held in Glasgow on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The section website was updated and is going to be further implemented. Currently, it is possible to look at rationale, aim and strategies of the section as well as to the minutes of the first annual meeting, held on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 in Brussels (when the section was just an initiative) and of the second annual meeting, held on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 in Glasgow.

The section has used the EUPHA mailman system (available from July 2014) for distributing information about workshops, initiatives and strategic documents among its members. In particular mailman system was used as follows:

- August 2014: members were informed about the decision of the Section Council to make the initiative on HTA a proposed section. In this light a proposal of strategic plan was shared. Furthermore, members were provided with information about the acceptance of the workshop “Health Technology Assessment and Health Impact Assessment – Two key examples of health assessment”
- October 2014: members were provided with information about the annual meeting and were invited to join it.
- December 2014: members were informed about the approval of the section on HTA and were provided with the minutes of the annual meeting held in Glasgow.

## **6. Outlook for 2015**

The section has started working for the formation of a section Steering Committee and for the developing of a workshop proposal for the next EPH Conference.

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