

First Annual Meeting of the EUPHA Section on HTA, November 21st 2014

Carlo Favaretti welcomed participants and illustrated the Agenda of the meeting announcing that the proposed Section on HTA has been approved as formal Section on November 20th.

He briefly reported the results of the workshop “Health Technology Assessment and Health Impact Assessment – Two key examples of health assessment” which has been prepared together with the HIA Section and has been held on November 20th.

He gives then the floor to Chiara de Waure who addressed the role of the EUPHA Section on HTA in the international landscape and shared the strategic plan of the Section with participants. In particular, she introduced societies (HTA international and ISPOR) and networks (INAHTA and EUnetHTA) working in the field of HTA and highlighted that Public Health represents a topic which is still not extensively covered in the HTA landscape. Afterwards she showed the strategic plan of the HTA Section with respect to the four EUPHA pillars - research, practice, policy and training and education -.

From the discussion between participants the following suggestions and actions arose:

- the strategic plan should encompass some specific Public Health topics, such as promotion/preventive interventions as well as integrated healthcare;
- some initiatives in the field of HTA methods applied to Public Health should be launched and promoted together with other EUPHA Sections, in particular HIA and Health Services Research. The idea could be to organize a new workshop for the EPH Conference in Milan and a pre-conference activity for the EPH Conference in Vienna;
- in order to spread the news of the approval of the EUPHA Section on HTA and increase the membership some initiatives should be endorsed, such as an editorial on the EJPH;
- a quick survey across HTA institutions could help in describing the state of the art of HTA in Public Health;
- involvement of citizens organizations in the next future could be strategic for the Section;
- the Section could cover some topics which are currently not overseen by other Sections and institutions, such as the use and the impact of mobile apps.

Carlo Favaretti calls the attention to some formal procedures of the newborn HTA Section asking the participants for the approval of the strategic plan and the elections of statutory bodies.

The participants elect Carlo Favaretti president of the Section, Chiara de Waure and Iñaki Gutiérrez-Ibarluzea, from the Interest Subgroups on Nutrition of the HTAi, as vice-presidents, and Flavia Kheiraoui as secretary.

Carlo Favaretti and Chiara de Waure thank participants for their suggestions and contribution and ask them for signing up the Section in order to be included into the mailing list.

Next actions:

Carlo Favaretti and Chiara de Waure will prepare the minutes of the annual meeting and will send it alongside to all the materials discussed through mailman system.