

European level. There are plans to contribute to a joint research proposal about Sexual health with participation from the EUPHA sections on: Mental Health, IDC, Chronic Diseases and Health Services Research.

Webpage IDC-section and LinkedIn group:

The EUPHA-section-IDC also has its own webpage:

www.eupha.org/site/section_page.php?section_ref=S_IDC.

You can also find the workshops that the section IDC has given in past congresses.

A LinkedIn group is recently lounged to share news updates and to keep updated about contact information of colleagues interested in the EUPHA IDC section:

www.linkedin.com/groups/EUPHA-Section-Infectious-diseases-control-4715098

Representation of the behalf of the EUPHA

In September 2013, Aura Timen became a member of the advisory forum of the ECDC on behalf of the EUPHA. She will attend the meetings regularly and provide feedback on major developments.

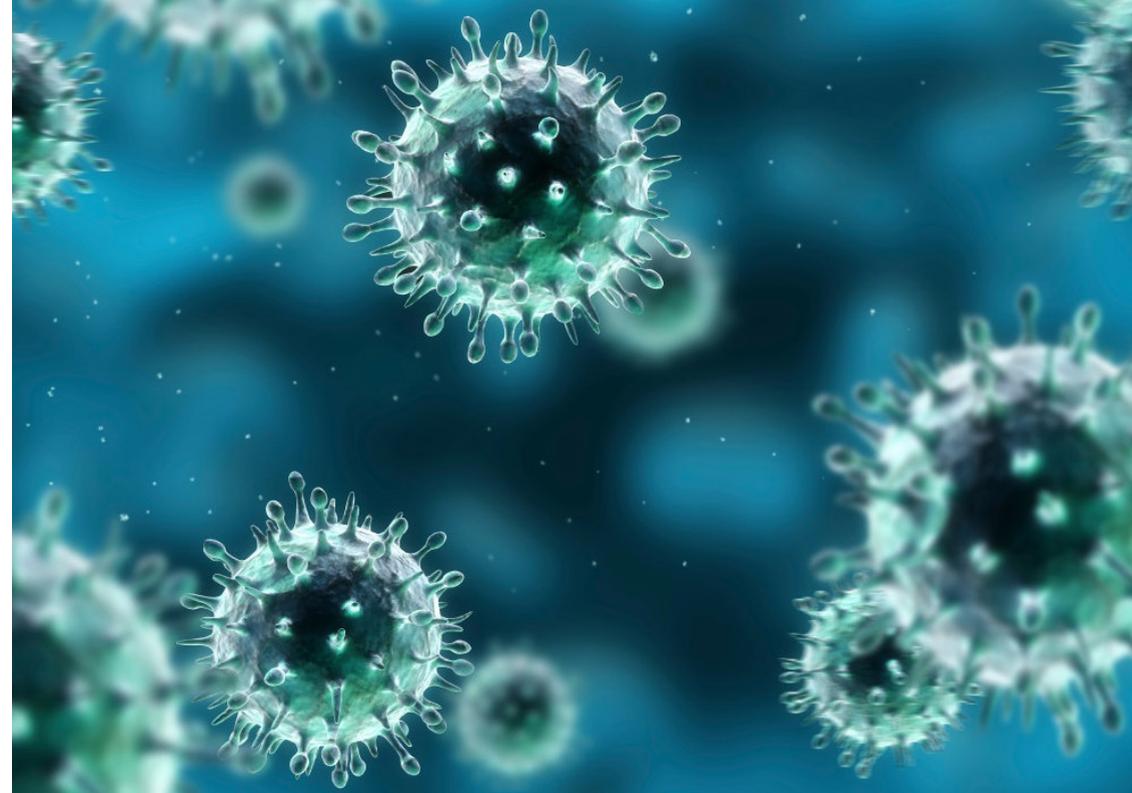
On the 20th of October, EUPHA organised in Rome a master class on 'Rotavirus vaccination' with the aim to provide the key Italian stakeholders with information on relevant aspects of rotavirus gastroenteritis and the broader European context with respect to rotavirus vaccination. In the Master class chaired by Prof. Ricciardi (President of the European Public Health Association) and co-chaired by Dr. Aura Timen (President of the Section of Infectious Diseases of EUPHA), national and international speakers with a high scientific profile discussed the benefits of vaccination with Italian experts.

Secretariat EUPHA-IDC

We have created an e-mail account for the secretariat of the EUPHA-IDC section: secretariat_EUPHAIDC@rivm.nl.

Glasgow, November 21, 2014

Aura Timen, Karlijn Kampman and Klazien Groeneveld on behalf of the core group.



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EUPHA-Infectious Disease Control

The section Infectious Disease Control (IDC) of the EUPHA was founded in 2002 in Italy and has by now more than 790 members throughout Europe. The unique selling point of the EUPHA section IDC is that it offers a platform for research, policy and practice, bringing together people from various domains of expertise in order to frame the public health relevance of IDC.

EUPHA-IDC core group

At the beginning of 2013 we have founded a core group for the section Infectious Disease Control. The group consists of members from various professional backgrounds and countries in Europe. We are very fortunate to add two new active members to our core group this year. The names of all the core group members are: Nicholas Leigh-Hunt (UK), Michael Edelstein (Sweden), Karlijn Kampman (Netherlands), Jeannette de Boer (Netherlands), Caroline Rumble (UK), Anja Schreijer (Netherlands), Jussi Sane (Finland), Babette Rump (Netherlands), Ides Boone (Belgium), Günter Pfaff (Germany, Vice-president section IDC), Ewout Fanoy (Netherlands), Valentina di Gregori (Italy), Maria Ganczak (Poland, since 2014), Erik Ruland (Netherlands, since 2014) and Aura Timen (Netherlands, President section IDC).

Meetings of the EUPHA-IDC core group

The core group has kept in touch via skype, email and conference calls. In March 2014 we had the first conference call of the year, well attended by core group members from five different countries. The core group discussed the proposals for the scientific programme of the EPH 2014 and of the pre conference in Glasgow. We also discussed capacity building and future plans. The second conference call took place in July 2014 and was dedicated to the preparation of the final programme of the EPH in 2014 and to drafting the annual report.

Goals

During the section meeting in Malta in 2012, we agreed on several goals for the section Infectious Disease Control. We aim to build up a strong organisation in which as many as possible members are actively involved. Furthermore we aim to reach out to other sections, preferably by organising workshops with them during the next European Public Health Conferences. Also, we want to strengthen the communication within our organisation through creating a LinkedIn page and sending out a newsletter once every three months to our members. The section web page has been up dated at the beginning of 2014 and will be permanently monitored.

Member survey

One of the core group members (Michael Edelstein) drafted a member survey to capture past experiences and future needs of the members. This survey was administered through the mailman system and is available to be completed on line. The preliminary results will be presented during the annual meeting.

European Public Health Conference 2014

The 2014 European Public Health (EPH) Conference is themed: 'Mind the gap: Reducing inequalities in health and health care' and will be held between 19-22 November 2014, in Glasgow. The EUPHA-IDC group organises workshops and oral presentations. There is a full track on infectious diseases and all time slots are fully booked with either workshops and oral sessions or pitch presentations. We organise a workshop on antimicrobial resistance together with WHO Euro and ECDC. Furthermore, oral presentations will be given by several members during the conference. The section IDC is visible in the plenary meeting after the official opening. This plenary session is dedicated to bridging the gap between communicable and non-communicable diseases. In the preparation of the plenary discussion, we worked together with the EUPHA section on chronic diseases. There will be a joint preconference on childhood immunization together with the Child and Adolescent Health Section and the Ethics section.

Preconference meeting

On the 20th of November, a preconference meeting will be held by the EUPHA section Infectious Disease Control together with the ECDC and the RIVM. The title of the preconference meeting is 'The added value of Health Promotion and Health Education methods and concepts in the prevention of communicable diseases'. The aim of this session is to debate on the extension of knowledge on health promotion, behavioural change and health communication between the areas of communicable diseases. The session will be exploring gaps and opportunities on how health promotion and communication can be transferred from NCDs to CDs via a two-way process, so that both types of diseases benefit of most effective and impactful measure for prevention and control.

Networking

The core group of the section Infectious Disease Control wants to collaborate and network on three different levels. First, the core group will send out a survey among the members of the Section Infectious Disease Control, to explore our member's needs and to make sure we are visible enough to them. Second, we've written a public relation plan. We want to be visible for other sections and we want to work together. Third, we want to promote ourselves to medical associations in all European countries, to make people aware of the opportunity to address certain infectious diseases and raise them to a