

EUPHA Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Section

Section Meeting Notes

Nov. 9, 2012

St. Julians, Malta

Welcome and 2011-2012 review of activities:

J. Lund welcomed the group and thanked them for participating in the meeting. He then provided an overview of the agenda for the meeting and asked if there were comments on the meeting notes from last meeting in Copenhagen. No comments were made. He provided a brief overview of the Section activities. M. Sengoelge provided a statement on the completion of work in the project PHIRE and the ongoing work trying to elicit information about injury prevention information in public health schools and departments. A number of meeting participants agreed to assist in dissemination of the questionnaire. D. Ruus who participated in the meeting suggested having an online course available so that we did not rely on schools or departments not having the staff experience to teach or present the course. The group agreed this was an excellent idea and A. Staines who attended the meeting stated he has expertise in online courses which he would be happy to share.

J. Lund highlighted his work in the WHO Focal point meeting in Istanbul, Turkey in October 2012 as well as the EUPHA snapshot on alcohol and the collaboration with the TACTICS project on child safety. He also asked for endorsement of the statement he has prepared in collaboration with the JAMIE project on the surveillance of injury prevention data in Europe. The Section agreed to endorse this statement in support of work being done throughout Europe on the topic.

To Do:

- M. Sengoelge to continue to contact schools and departments of public health to complete the questionnaire written in collaboration with WHO VIP in Geneva and contact A. Staines regarding an online format option.
- J. Lund to inquire in EUPHA about further steps regarding the injury surveillance statement, such as publishing it in the European Journal of Public Health, or endorsement by EUPHA.

Steering group established for Injury Section:

J. Lund announced that there was a EUPHA initiative to establish a steering group for each Section. He was pleased to inform the participants of the steering group members for the Injury Section, namely:

Anita Villerusa, Latvia, Anne Lounamaa, Finland, Diana Rus, Romania, Erwin Van Kerschaver, Belgium, Joanne Vincenten, European Child Safety Alliance, Josep M. Suelves, Spain, Rachid Salmi, France.

The aim of this steering group is to assist the presidency in their main task that are to:

- increase activity in the Section,
- increase contacts with several countries of Europe,
- enhance recruitment for leadership roles,
- gain ideas for workshops and pre-conferences,
- active participation from February to May prior to abstract submission for the annual conference.

2013 EUPHA Conference in Brussels:

J. Lund stated that currently we plan to have a workshop and/or pre-conference on the TACTICS project by the European Child Safety Alliance. A. Staines who was present at the meeting and works on the project gave a brief overview of the TACTICS project and invited the participants to attend the European Child Health Conference May 30-31, 2013 in Dublin, Ireland. He offered to inform the other members about the conference through the Injury section mailing list. The Section agreed. One Section member suggested per email to submit a session on occupational injury. J. Lund asked the participants to contact him with suggestions for abstract submissions, reminding them that May 1st is the deadline.

He stated that at the Malta conference there were over 20 injury-related abstracts but these were spread out throughout the programme and therefore there was low visibility for the topic. J. Lund plans to discuss this at the EUPHA Council meeting. The group agreed.

To Do:

- M. Sengoelge to email meeting participants with the questionnaire for public health schools and departments in order to increase responses.
- J. Lund to discuss the issue of visibility in the programme for Brussels at the Council meeting.
- M. Sengoelge and J. Lund to send a short overview of the European Child Health conference to the Injury Section mailing list.

Closing:

J. Lund thanked the participants for their contributions and stated he looked forward to their participation in Brussels.