



Annual Report 2004



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PREFACE

The European Public Health Association, or EUPHA in short, is an umbrella organisation for public health associations in Europe. EUPHA was founded in 1992. EUPHA is an international, multidisciplinary, scientific organisation, bringing together around 10'000 public health experts for professional exchange and collaboration throughout Europe. We encourage a multidisciplinary approach to public health. Our mission is to be the proactive platform for public health professionals in research and practice and be a bridge between these professionals and policymakers. At the end of 2004, we have 45 members and three associate members from 38 European countries.

This document summarizes the activities of the European Public Health Association in 2004, an important year for the future of EUPHA. We hope that this annual report provides you with more insight on our activities. Should you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact our EUPHA office.

Walter Ricciardi, EUPHA president 2004

EUPHA 2004: ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 12th Annual Conference of EUPHA was organised in Oslo from 7 to 9 October. The main theme of the conference is Urbanisation and Health: new challenges in health promotion and prevention. This conference focused not only on factors causing diseases, but also on factors promoting health and encouraging a change in lifestyle. It managed to bring together researchers, practitioners and policymakers to discuss health problems related to urbanisation. Experiences and research results were exchanged and common solutions and preventive strategies dealing with urbanisation and health were formulated.

Except for presentations given by invited keynote speakers, the presentations had been selected by the International Scientific Committee of EUPHA, chaired by professor Dag Bruusgaard, University of Oslo. This committee received a total of 474 abstracts from 38 countries: 378 for oral and poster presentations and 86 abstracts referring to 24 workshops. The International Scientific Committee, consisting of 36 public health experts from 29 countries, reviewed the

submitted abstracts. This work resulted in the selection of 134 oral and 152 poster presentations, as well as 22 workshops.

In 2003, EUPHA started with the possibility of organising pre-conference meetings, either for our sections or for research groups or partners. In 2004, a number of pre-conference meetings were organised, including:

- Theoretical approaches and models in sickness absence studies (EUPHA Section on Social Security and Health)
- Meeting of the Nordic Network on Equity and Health Research
- Injury Prevention: Meeting on Drowning Prevention in Europe

The World Health Organisation organised a series of three workshops during the conference (Wednesday and Thursday) on WHO's Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health: challenges for follow-up in Europe.

Plenary sessions

The conference was focused on sub-themes presented in six plenary sessions:

- Challenges in Health Promotion and Prevention: A Norwegian Perspective. Dr Ansgar Gabrielsen, Minister of Health and Care Services, Norway.
- Public Health Challenges in a Globalising World. Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland, Former Director-General WHO, Norway.
- Social Inequalities in Health in Europe – from Explanation to Prevention. Prof. Johannes Siegrist, University of Düsseldorf, Germany.
- How Important is Daily Physical Activity for Health? Prof. Han Kemper, Free University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- Predisposed for Illness? The Human Genome, Environmental Exposure and Public Health. Dr Camilla Stoltenberg, Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Norway.
- Strengthening Public Health Human Resources in Europe: Meeting the Training Challenges. Prof. Charles Normand, Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region, UK.
- International Health Promotion in the Baltic States: The Case for the Northern Dimension (Ferenc Bojan

Memorial Lecture). Dr Harald Siem, Ministry of Health, Norway.

Nine of our existing sections organised workshops at the Oslo conference, all sections organised their annual meetings. For more information, see the activities of our sections.

Like in previous years, EUPHA is very pleased that the Open Society Institute of the SOROS foundation funded participants from central and Eastern Europe. The local organisers of the Oslo conference used part of their grant from the European Commission to co-fund this initiative, allowing for 66 central and Eastern Europeans to actively attend the conference. This is a new record.

The best poster prize was voted by the participants and was awarded to: Thomas Clausen, Department of General Practice and Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo, Norway for his poster: "Health inequalities in older persons in Botswana, a sub-Saharan African country in health transition." The best abstract prize went to Ebba Holme Hansen and her colleagues, Danish University of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Copenhagen, Denmark, for their abstract "Adolescents' use of medicine for nervousness and socio-economic position at individual and country levels: international cross-sectional survey" (average score 4.636). Both prizes consist of a waiver of conference fees for the year after.

For the first time, the EUPHA conference managed to obtain accreditation by the Norwegian specialist committees in Labour Medicine (6 hours) and Public Health Medicine (16 points).

EUPHA 2004: THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

We have good news concerning the European Journal of Public Health (EJPH) in the year 2004. The impact factor, which decreased in 2002 (to 0.624), increased again to 1.281 in 2003. We also managed to decrease the backlog in documents by increasing the number of pages per issue to 112, without increasing the budget.

In 2003, a total number of 262 manuscripts were received. 31% of these were accepted for publication, 64% rejected. In 2004, 328 manuscripts were received, a significant

increase from 2003. Of these, 232 were rejected (70%) and 50 were accepted (15%).

For the third consecutive year, the accepted abstracts of the EUPHA conference were published as a supplement to the EJPH, thereby widely distributing the public health experiences throughout Europe.

The number of institutional subscribers decreased slightly to 296 (307 in 2003). The number of personal subscribers remained stable at nine.

In 2004, a small working group consisting of a past president, former editor-in-chief, editor-in-chief, editorial officer and EUPHA manager, negotiated a new proposal for the European Journal of Public Health. The Governing Council accepted this proposal. The proposal includes a new lay-out for the EJPH and an increase to six issues per year. This will make the journal more competitive with other journals of public health in the world. For our members, the EJPH will be provided in an electronic format, with a possibility to have a hard copy subscription as well.

EUPHA 2004: ACTIVITIES OF THE EUPHA SECTIONS

In March 2004, the presidents of all EUPHA sections had a meeting with representatives from the EUPHA Executive council in Rome, Italy. The objective of the meeting was two-fold:

1. To set up rules for the EUPHA sections. These rules were finalised and accepted by the EUPHA Executive Council at the October meeting 2004. The rules organise an ongoing evaluation of the sections and also set up clear guidelines on representation on behalf of EUPHA.
2. To discuss the draft financial strategy and discuss in detail the input of EUPHA sections.

In June, the section presidents attended the meeting of the International Scientific Committee where they actively assisted in the setting up of the detailed scientific programme of the Oslo conference. A second meeting with the Executive Council also took place at that time.

The information below is a summary of the activities of our sections. More detailed

information can be found on the EUPHA website: www.eupha.org.

Section on health promotion

Presidents: Prof. Heiko Waller, Center of Applied Health Sciences, University and Polytechnic of Lüneburg and Prof. Alf Trojan, Institute of Medical Sociology, University of Hamburg, Germany.

In 2004 the health promotion section has 159 members. The section has been very active this year. Activities included:

- Organising a workshop at the Oslo conference on urbanisation and health promotion with 4 contributions from 4 countries
- Assisting the Turkish Association of public health in finding a prominent speaker for their health promotion conference in Ankara
- Co-operating with the SPHERE project (Strengthening public health research in Europe).
- Co-operating with the IUHPE in planning their conference "Best practice for better health" in Stockholm in 2005.

During the annual meeting in Oslo, the 2005 workshop in Graz was discussed. The main theme will be "Getting evidence into practice" relating to the SPHERE project to be financed by the European Commission.

Section on public health practice and policy

Presidents: Prof. Mark McCarthy, University College London, UK.

In 2004, this section has 38 members. This section is the initiator and organiser of the SPHERE project, which was accepted by the European Commission DG-Research. The SPHERE project aims at strengthening public health research in Europe, a theme that has been left out of the research programmes of the EU until recently. In Oslo, this SPHERE project was presented and the planning started. At a pre-conference meeting, all partners of the SPHERE project came together to discuss the programme. The section's workshop presented the layout and programme of the EU funded project to assess current public health research in Europe and advise how it can be developed at EU and national level.

The president of the section continues to attend the European Commission's Health Policy Forum twice yearly in Brussels. This

Forum brings together NGO and professional European health organisations, provides advice to the Commission's public health unit and has encouraged joint working.

Section on public health epidemiology

Outgoing president: Prof. Klim McPherson, Nuffield Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Research Institute, Oxford, UK.

In 2004, this section has 37 members. Prof. Klim McPherson was the President of the EUPHA Section on Public Health Epidemiology for many years and has indicated his intention to leave the Presidency of the Section. During the annual meeting organised at the Oslo conference, the future of this section was discussed. All agreed that the EUPHA Section on Public Health Epidemiology needs to be strengthened. The future role of this section is to provide a platform for the exchange of information, experience and research in the field of public health epidemiology and encourage and promote European joint and multicentric research activities. A group of three experts have taken up the role to reorganise the section:

- Prof. Paolo Villari, University "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy
- Dr Giuseppe La Torre, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome, Italy
- Dr Alastair Leyland, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK.

Section on health services research

President: Dr Diana Delnoij, Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research, Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Vice-president: Dr Tit Albreht, Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia

In 2004, this section has 38 members. In 2004, the activities of the section health services research have consisted of organising an annual meeting and organising a workshop at the Oslo conference. The title of the workshop was "The development of integrated care under different financing and payment systems". The annual meeting took place directly after the workshop. In the meeting, Tit Albreht was chosen as vice-president of the section. It was decided that Tit Albreht will take over the presidency of the section at the Graz conference in 2005. The topic for section workshop at the Graz conference: What are the outcomes of the accession process in the

10 acceding EU countries and to what extent can these outcomes be attributed to EU-policy?

Section on social security and health

President: Prof. Kristina Alexanderson, Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden.

In 2004, this section has 65 members, a significant increase from last year. The section has given out information about the existing network at the Behavioural Medicine conference in Mainz, Germany and at the EUMASS conference in France.

The section organised its second pre-conference meeting for October 6th, a whole day activity. Furthermore, a workshop has been organised for the conference with the title: A systematic review of studies on sickness absence and disability pension. An annual meeting was also organised. Two parallel sessions and several posters related to social security and health were arranged as well.

Section youth

President: Dr Auke Wieggersma, Department of Social Medicine, University of Groningen, the Netherlands.

In 2004, this section has 53 members. At the Oslo conference, the section Youth organised a workshop on preventive child health care in Europe – changes and challenges. An annual meeting to discuss “European Youth – developing appropriate Pan-European adolescent information services on the Internet, followed this.

Section food and nutrition

President: Enni Mertanen, MSc, School of Tourism and Services Management, Jyväskylä, Finland.

In 2004, this section has 32 members. This section saw a change in president this year. Dr Sirpa Sarlio-Lähteenkorva, who started this section one year ago, stepped down as president due to new responsibilities within her job. The successor was quickly found – Dr Enni Mertanen – also from Finland.

At the Oslo conference, a workshop on the responsibility and ethical issues connected with children’s diet – roles of different actors was organised followed by an annual meeting to plan for the years to come.

Section on Migrant Health

President: Dr Marc Bruijnzeels, Department of Health Policy and Management, Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

In 2004, this section has around 40 members. The section on migrant health has actively participated in the June meeting on Migrant Health, which was organised by the Erasmus University, Rotterdam, by the section president. During this conference, which is organised on a 2-3 yearly basis, plans to collaborate with EUPHA were discussed.

At the Oslo conference, the section has organised a workshop on diabetes in ethnic minorities, followed by the annual meeting. During the conference, two parallel sessions on migrant health were also organised, showing the importance of this subject.

Section on Infectious Diseases Control

President: Dr Viviane van Casteren, Scientific Institute of Public Health, Brussels, Belgium. Vice-president: Prof. Roberto Gasparini, University of Genova, Department of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, Genova, Italy. Secretariat: Netherlands Association for Community Health Services

In 2004, this section had 38 members.

Activities in 2004:

1. IDC section meeting, Utrecht, the Netherlands, 30 January

The aim of this meeting was to further elaborate the section, to reflect on possible workshops for the EUPHA meeting in Oslo, to plan future activities and to establish a network. Eleven persons were present, section members and external experts in the field of infectious diseases.

2. EUPHA sections meeting, Rome, Italy, 12-13 March

The aim of this meeting was to discuss with all the EUPHA sections a draft of rules for the sections and to learn about the planned activities of the various sections. Viviane van Casteren and Marielle Jambroes (section secretariat) were present.

3. EUPHA sections meeting, Oslo, 4-6 June

The aim of this meeting was to discuss the outcome of the abstract and workshop proposals by the international scientific committee of EUPHA in order to set up the

scientific programme for Oslo. Marielle Jambroes was present.

4. IDC section meeting, Utrecht, the Netherlands, 30 June

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the future of the section in relation with other European initiatives, the EU and the European CDC. Seven persons were present, several section members together with the EUPHA manager, the director of the GGD Nederland and a delegate from the European Commission, DG Sanco, Unit C3 on Health Threats.

5. IDC section activities, EUPHA conference, Oslo, Norway, 7-9 October

Thursday, October 7th:

- Breakfast meeting about the relation between the European CDC, the surveillance networks and the EUPHA section
- Workshop 1: Surveillance and prevention of viral hepatitis A and B in Europe
- Workshop 2: Higher education in infectious disease epidemiology and public health in Europe

Friday, October 8th:

- Workshop 3: Elimination and eradication of measles: where do we stand now?
- Annual meeting of the IDC section
- Workshop 4: Pharmaco-economics of infectious disease control
- Workshop 5: Management of large scale infectious disease outbreaks in an urbanised Europe, think European, act local

Saturday, October 9th:

- Workshop 6: Information and communication technology (ICT) in prevention and control of infectious disease – from surveillance to action.

Section on the Utilisation of Medicines

President: Dr Pietro Folino-Gallo, Institute of Research on Population and Social Policies, Rome, Italy.

In 2004, this section has 76 members. The section on the utilisation of medicines organised a workshop at the Oslo conference 2004 on Criteria for assessing the effect of statins on population health. This section was organised in collaboration with WHO/Europe. The workshop was followed by the annual meeting.

EUPHA 2004: OTHER ACTIVITIES

EUPHA is very pleased to welcome our new members in 2004: the Estonian Health Promotion Union and the Kazakhstan Association of Public Health Specialists.

2004 was a very active year mainly focussing on a reorganisation of EUPHA itself. Two important reorganisations were developed in 2004 to be implemented as of 2005. The first one concerned the European Journal of Public Health. In 2005, the EJPH will be published as a bi-monthly journal and a new lay-out will be developed as well.

The second activity was organising the financial sustainability of EUPHA after 2004. Our main sponsor, the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports, has decided to no longer finance the EUPHA office structurally. The Dutch Ministry has financed EUPHA office from the beginning of EUPHA. They are still very positive towards EUPHA but can no longer give structural support. This meant that a new financial strategy had to be developed, increasing our own income and decreasing our expenses.

Another activity was the further development of the EUPHA website. The abstract handling was organised via the website. Both submission and scoring was organised electronically. For the Governing Council and Executive council, a specific section was created with the agenda and background documentation for the upcoming meetings. In 2005, further developments of the website are planned.

The EUPHA website is doing well. The average number of hits per month in the past 12 months is just over 70'000. There are clear peaks to be observed in April/May (81050 during abstract submission time) and just before the EUPHA conferences when the scientific programme of the conference is available online (105250 hits).

EUPHA projects:

EUPHA has also been active in a number of projects, such as:

The project on the future of public health in Europe

This project was set up as a series of 5 workshops, starting in Dresden and ending in Rome. The results of these workshops were published as 10 statements on the future of public health in Europe. These statements were first presented at the closing ceremony of the Oslo conference. A wider dissemination of the statements is planned for 2005.

EUPHA/OSI project to support public health associations in central and Eastern Europe

Together with the Open Society Institute (OSI) of the SOROS foundation, EUPHA started the first implementation phase of a project for the support of public health associations as key links between government, the scientific community and the population in central and Eastern Europe (CEE) in 2003. The four countries included in this first phase finished the project in 2004. The results of these four projects were presented in the OSI/EUPHA workshop at the Oslo conference. Country reports on the projects will be published on the EUPHA website.

After the Rome conference, three more national associations were accepted in the programme:

- Kazakhstan Association of Public Health Specialists with twinning partner Danish Society of Public Health
- Romanian Public Health and Health Management Association with twinning partner Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health
- Serbian Association of Public Health with twinning partner French Society of Public Health

These new projects presented their starting up phase in the OSI/EUPHA workshop at the Oslo conference.

ASPHER/EUPHA accreditation project

EUPHA has continued its collaboration with the ASPHER initiated project to further the setting up of an independent accreditation agency for public health training programmes in Europe. Following intensive discussions in 2003, the project will now be submitted to the EU-Leonardo programme for funding.

SPHERE project

“SPHERE” for Strengthening Public Health Research in Europe. The project was initiated at the conference in Dresden by the president of the EUPHA Section on Public Health Practice and Policy, Prof. Mark McCarthy. It was submitted to DG Research. The project

includes three dimensions of public health research, knowledge and practice. It includes mapping and analysis of the area of research into knowledge (framework); how national and international agencies use public health research and how it is put into practice. The project officially started in Oslo, will have an intermediate point in Graz and a concluding point in Montreux. After that the report will be written. The proposal includes contributions by our members and already 25 participants from 18 countries are included in the project. EUPHA is a significant partner in this project. A part of the funding will go to support workshops and EUPHA office through the three main conferences. The UK Faculty of Public Health Medicine will ensure the secretariat and administrative support.

EUPHA 2004: COLLABORATIONS

APHA:

The American Public Health Association has kindly invited EUPHA again to attend their annual meeting. The contacts between APHA and EUPHA are good though limited as we usually only meet at the annual meeting of the World Federation of Public Health Associations.

ASPHER:

Association of schools of public health in the European region. As already stated above, ASPHER and EUPHA are collaboration on the accreditation project.

EHMA:

European Health Management Association. Official links are established. The contacts are limited to an exchange of information between the executive directors.

IUHPE:

International Union of Health Promotion and Education. Contacts are organised through our section on health promotion.

WFPHA:

World Federation of Public Health Associations. For the tri-annual congress of the WFPHA in Brighton, UK (dates 19-22 April), EUPHA was an active partner. Two members of our executive council – Wilhelm Kirch and Jouke van der Zee – were included in their scientific committee to review the abstracts. Our president, Walter Ricciardi, and our president-elect, Gunnar Tellnes, attended the

meeting and gave presentations in the plenary sessions.

European Union:

EUPHA has had extensive contacts with the Directorate General of Public Health and with the Directorate General of Research of the European Commission. This DG has already attended and sponsored a number of EUPHA conferences and we are happy that the Oslo conference received support again. In order to ensure that the contacts with the EU run smoothly, the Executive Council has decided to install a small “contact group” EUPHA-EU. This contact group will consist mainly of past presidents.

WHO/EURO:

World Health Organisation/ Regional Office for Europe. The collaboration with WHO/EURO has been intensified since the visit in October 2002. The collaboration includes a regular WHO column in the EJPH, an initiative that has been well received on both sides and will continue until further notice.

WHO/Headquarter:

WHO Headquarters was an active partner at the Oslo conference, where the global strategy on diet and physical activity was presented in three workshops.

Council of Europe:

EUPHA has the NGO consultative status with the Council of Europe. Exchange is limited to official activities.

EUPHA 2004: FINANCES

The financial situation of EUPHA has remained stable for 2004. EUPHA is still very dependent on sponsorship and outside income. EUPHA is self-sufficient for 67% of the overall budget, keeping into account that the expenses still slightly exceed the income. Solutions need to be found urgently and they should be sought mainly on the income side, as it is difficult to decrease the expenses.

EUPHA 2004: SPONSORS

- Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport in the Netherlands (EUPHA office)
- SOROS foundation/Open Society Institute (projects and CEE participation at the Rome conference)

- Merck, Sharpe and Dome (website and general sponsor)
- Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (NIVEL) (EUPHA office)
- Karlstad University (EJPH editorial office)
- Swedish Research Council (EJPH editorial office)
- European Commission (conference)
- Research Council of Norway (conference)
- Norwegian Ministry of Health (conference)
- Norwegian Ministry of Social Affairs (conference)
- Directorate for Health and Social Affairs, Norway (conference)
- Norwegian Institute of Public Health (conference)
- Oslo Municipality (conference)
- University of Oslo (conference)
- Akershus University of Norway (conference)
- Agricultural University of Norway (conference)
- Norwegian Association of Public Health Medicine (conference)
- National Centre Nature-Culture-Health (conference)
- Norwegian Society of Public Health (conference)

EUPHA 2005 ONWARDS: CONFERENCES

The 13th EUPHA annual conference will be held in Graz, Austria from 10-12 November 2005. The main theme of the conference is “Promoting the Public’s Health: reorienting health policies, linking health promotion and health care”. The conference is organised by the Austrian Public Health Association in co-operation with the Slovenian Preventive Medicine Society and the Croatian Public Health Association. The specific aims of this conference are:

- To identify and discuss current developments and challenges in the fields of health promotion and prevention as well as chronic and infectious diseases care
- To explore and discuss potential strategies and means to develop sustainable systems of quality management
- To explore and discuss potential strategies and means to link, co-

- ordinate and integrate health policies, health sectors and health services
- To outline a common strategy for a European research and training programme in public health.

The first announcement for the 2005 conference was distributed at the Oslo conference to all participants.

The 2006 annual conference will be held in Montreux, Switzerland, 16-18 November. The theme for the conference is "Politics and (or) the public's health: between politics and service". Planned sub-themes are:

- Adolescent health
- Health promotion
- Chronic disease epidemiology and prevention
- General practice
- Substance abuse
- Quality of health care and
- Public health training

The 2007 EUPHA conference will be organised by the Society for Social Medicine in Finland. The proposed theme is "Future of Public Health in an Unified Europe".

Information on the upcoming EUPHA conferences is regularly updated on the EUPHA website: www.eupha.org.

The EUPHA conferences are based on a rotation schedule (South, North, East, West) and EUPHA plans to follow the schedule listed below:

- 2008 Southern Europe
- 2009 Eastern Europe
- 2010 Western Europe – will be organised by the Netherlands Public Health Federation
- 2011 Southern Europe
- 2012 Northern Europe

For EUPHA members interested in organising an annual EUPHA conference, the EUPHA office has set up a conference manual, containing planning, finances and other organisational information on how to apply for and organise a EUPHA conference. This conference manual is regularly updated and can be found on the "Governing Council only" part of our website.

EUPHA 2005 ONWARDS: PLANNED ACTIVITIES

For 2005, EUPHA is planning the following activities:

- Development of projects, preferably in co-ordination with the existing EUPHA sections
- Implementation of the SPHERE project under leadership of the EUPHA section on public health practice and policy
- Continuation of the second phase of the OSI/EUPHA project to support public health association in central and Eastern Europe. Publication of the first phase country reports
- Further negotiations on the project initiated by Merck, Sharp and Dome on training of public health professionals linked to the EUPHA conferences
- Short statements on public health
- Renewal of EUPHA database and the information contained therein
- Re-organisation of EUPHA internally, following the decision of the Governing Council
- Implementation of the financial sustainability plan
- Search for partners for EUPHA's activities
- Implementation of changes to the EJPH

EUPHA 2005 ONWARDS: FINANCES

The EUPHA treasurer elaborated a financial sustainability strategy for the years 2005-2009. This strategy was set up following the decision of our main sponsor, the Dutch Ministry of Health, to no longer finance EUPHA as such. The financial strategy is based on an increase of own income:

- Membership fees
- Membership sponsors (new source of income)
- EJPH profit share
- Institutional support (new source of income)
- Industry support
- Conferences
- Projects

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