

## **Annual Meeting of the EUPHA Section Infectious Disease control**

Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> Brussels, Belgium

### 1. Opening:

Aura welcomes everybody and thanks the core group for the hard work regarding the programme of EUPHA 2013. The section was very successful with a lot of workshops, lunch meetings and sessions with interesting oral presentations.

### 2. Messages:

- request to all members of the EUPHA-IDC to join the LinkedIn group <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/EUPHA-Section-Infectious-diseases-control-4715098>
- Aura Timen became a member of the Advisory Forum (AF) of the ECDC on behalf of the EUPHA.

### 3. Annual report:

Aura takes us through the annual report and future action points (see annual report)

### 4. Future actions:

Request to think about action point two: to build working groups divided in different areas concerned with the promotion and implementation of our goals (PR, communication, therapies and intervention advances, guidelines edition, research advocate).

### 5. Members:

We want to get a better understanding of the needs of our members and their ideas about future activities of the section. An online survey will be developed early 2014. A pilot survey will be tested be among the core group.

### 6. ESCMID/ESCAIDE

We want to cooperate more with other professional association in the field of infectious disease control, like ESCMID. This could strengthen our work. Regarding to the ESCAIDE, this annual conference is organized by ECDC and has a different scope than the EUPHA. We don't want to compete with them but rather to cooperate in terms of organizing sessions in each other's conference and possibly, planning the conferences back to back in the future.

### 7. Next meeting core group

Next meeting of the core group will be held in January- February 2014. Aura will invite us by email. We can use some more help, so please feel free to join the core group by sending an email to: [secretariat\\_euphaIDC@rivm.nl](mailto:secretariat_euphaIDC@rivm.nl)

### 8. Costs: Costs of the EUPHA are quite high. Aura will try to open the discussion about lowering the costs.

9. Vice president: there was a perfect candidate for the vice-president: Dr. Gunther Pfaff, from the Landesgesundheitsamt Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart (Germany). He has been an active member of the EUPHA-IDC section since 2003 (he was with EUPHA even before our section was created). He is very experienced in infectious diseases control as a frontline physician and holds a PHD in medicine. The annual meeting voted him unanimously as vice-president.
  
10. Gunther adds that we should all promote the advantages of EUPHA. Also we should think about more combined sessions next year :chronic diseases and impact of infectious diseases (and vice versa), Environmental health, Child health/ethics, cross-over with economics and/or policy making.
  
11. EUPHA 2014 Glasgow: Quick brainstorm about next year: sessions on Risk communication, session with ECDC, session on AMR (Joint programme initiative on AMR with WHO-europe) . Discussion about session with Astrazeneca on Influenza vaccins for younger children. There is a suggestion to invite a representative from EMEA to have a better discussion.
  
12. Closing of the meeting