

Pr. Iveta Nagyova - President EUPHA
Pr. Alastair Leyland - President EUPHA Section Council,

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Subject: Candidacy for the Presidency of the EUPHA Health Promotion Section

Dear Professor Nagyova,
Dear Professor Leyland,

I would like to present my candidacy for the Presidency of the EUPHA Health Promotion Section.

I am an active researcher and teacher of health promotion at the EHESP School of Public Health in France. Over the years, I have held health promotion research positions in 4 different countries, giving me a rich experience of health promotion practice and policy and an international network of colleagues.

At EHESP, much of my research and teaching develops around: 1) local capacity building strategies to improve action on social determinants of health and equity, 2) the evaluation of complex interventions, particularly in the area of addictive behaviour prevention, and 3) the policy advocacy strategies underpinning health promoting legislation (in tobacco control and nutrition). I teach university students as well as public health professionals. I regularly sit on national expert committees, which has further deepened my vision of the challenges facing public health organisations and practitioners.

My commitment to the development of health promotion practice and policy is well known. I have co-organised the 3 editions of the Unesco Chair [Global Community Health Annual Workshop](#), and was part of the organising team of the European Training Consortium in Public Health and Health Promotion (ETC PHHP) Summer School for 6 years.

My vision of the HP Section is that it should provide opportunities for its members to network and stimulate collaboration. And it should do this throughout the year. As President of the Section, I would seek to strengthen its governance so that it can better harness the energy and creativity of its members. I would also work to make it a place where members feel welcome to get involved and see it as a resource they can always turn to for expertise and advice.

I can say from experience that members of the HP Section are keen to contribute. Last spring, I wrote a proposal for a workshop on community health and put out a call for speakers on the HP Section mailing list. More than 30 members wrote to me to suggest a topic or to express their support for this initiative. We successfully submitted the proposal featuring 5 colleagues (men and women) from 5 countries (it will be 7 with me and the current President of the HP Section). I am also planning a side event in Dublin with all those who have expressed an interest so that we can identify opportunities for collaboration.

I hope that these few words and my CV will convince you of my ability to fulfil the role of President of the HP Section. In these extremely challenging times for public health, I trust that EUPHA's role in advocating for the health of Europeans can only grow. As an EUPHA member who has attended 12 annual meetings, I believe I can bring something useful to both the Section and the Section Council.

Yours sincerely



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