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Motivation letter for the position of the president of the EUPHA section on PHMR

The Public Health Monitoring and Reporting (PHMR) section of the EUPHA is working on an important domain. Need for timely and representative public health monitoring information has increased substantially over the past couple years as lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic. We need a holistic approach to understand population health and public health monitoring plays a key role on this.

I have served since 2019 as a member of PHMR section steering group and past three years (since 2021) as a vice-president. These positions have been interesting possibilities to enhance public health research and influence public health policies. As a president of the section, I would be interested to increase collaboration with other sections to promote holistic public health approach and trying to break silos often seen in national actions.

I'm currently working as a RDI programme director at the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland. I'm responsible on programme called Population health and wellbeing: monitoring and foresight which covers many issues of the activities of the PHMR section. I have worked in the field of public health monitoring since mid 1990's, mainly focusing on health surveys and methods related to them. I have also been involved in several international projects over the years with relatively wide international networks.

Please, find attached my CV.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Tolonen', written in a cursive style.

Hanna Tolonen