

The EUPHA section on Infectious Diseases

Draft Work Plan 2013

Aim of the section

Our aim is to promote and strengthen the quality of infectious disease prevention and control in the European Region, at both local and national level, by increasing evidence and sharing experience. We hope all members will contribute to our website so that it becomes a lively forum for the exchange of information and experience in the field of infectious diseases. We aim to bring together public health practitioners, researcher and policymakers to stimulate exchange of ideas and visions and we plan to use the website to encourage all our members to contribute to the section's work programme which currently includes joint training and joint research projects, to increase evidence and quality of control activities.

Ambition 2013-2016

By 2016 we have succeeded in framing topical issue of infectious disease at the EUPHA conferences and other major events involving IDC and public health. Our members are actively involved, we use traditional (newsletter) and modern communication tools to stimulate discussion. There is a functional steering group which supports the president at both, organisational and strategic level.

Concrete steps in 2013

- Strengthening our organisation
 1. The members' database is up-to-date. The section webpage is up-to-date
 2. The LinkedIn page is created and invitations are sent to the current and potential members
 3. Discussion groups are active on LinkedIn
 4. A steering group has been established and is active
 5. Section newsletter at least 2 x per year

- 1. Infectious disease control at the EPH Conference in 2013
- 2. We shall investigate the feasibility of a pre-conference seminar in Brussels on a current topic in infectious diseases and public health
WHO: to be discussed at the steering group meeting end of January; Aura will contact other section presidents to get timely support.
- 3. Our section workshop (or symposium) in Brussels covers a topical subject in IDC from the perspective of various sections. We shall pay attention to the scientific content of the programme, as this is now the major criterion in accepting abstracts.
WHO: we shall ask suggestions from all members; prioritization at the steering group meeting
- 4. We shall stimulate our members to submit abstracts of their work and encourage them to participate at the conference.
WHO: all, thorough LinkedIn, newsletter, section webpage
- 5. We shall investigate whether there is support for a joint plenary session like "The year in public health research/policy or practice" in which topics can be presented by various sections

6. We shall organize a plenary section meeting at the EUPHA in Brussels and encourage suggestions from our members for the agenda. Our work plan for 2014 will be presented as well as a report of the activities in 2013.

First things first:

1. Message from current president to our members (according to EUPHA database) and to our potential new members (lists gathered at the conference, enthusiastic messages from registrars and other participants) to announce our plans.
2. Contact the Eupha office to announce changes and request current members' database
3. Finalize database potential new members
4. Meeting with EUPHA Manager
5. Meeting with section presidents
6. Organization of the steering group meeting: end of January, in the Netherlands (at the airport or elsewhere in Amsterdam)