

Summary of activities of the EUPHA Public Mental Health Section (PMHS) and call for activities in the next months

Preconference together with the Section on Urban Health and the Public Health Monitoring and Reporting Section

We organized a preconference for the first time ever in the history of EUPHA sections together with two other EUPHA sections. The preconference focused on research and monitoring of wellbeing.

Eight sessions on Mental Health

Main topics were: suicide, risk factors and incidence of mental disorders, wellbeing – concepts and measurement; family mental health, comorbidity of neurodevelopmental disorders and mental disorders, sleep and mental disorders, family mental health, adolescent mental disorders, living conditions and mental health and men`s mental health.

Annual meeting

The annual meeting was well attended. Participants agreed on planning workshops together for the Glasgow 2014 conference.

Plans for 2014

The following workshops were proposed:

- Mental Health promotion (together with the section on Health Promotion)
- Risk factors for Public Mental Health (together with the section on epidemiology)
- Childrens mental health (together with the section on child health)
- Child – parents, and partner relationships and mental health
- Environment and neuropsychiatric disorders

Preconference

During the conference there was an increasing collaboration with the section on environmental health. We propose a preconference on “Environment, neurotoxicity and mental health” which can be organized together with the sections on environment and health and the section on urban health.

I invite you to participate actively in the activities of the Public Mental Health Section as regards organization of the annual EUPHA conferences, drafting and submission of PMH paper, joint research proposals and activities for capacity building. Please send me an email in case of interest of any of these activities.

Additionally, I propose a quarterly newsletter of the activities of the section. Who might help us in writing and sending out this newsletter?

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you in Glasgow!

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Looking forward to your comments and suggestions!