

**Annual report,
European Public Health Association, Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Section**

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ACTIVITIES 2015

Presidency and Steering group

The section had its annual meeting in Glasgow at the EPH conference in November 2014. At that meeting Dr. Anne Lounamaa was elected as the new Section president, replacing Dr. Johan Lund who had been the president of the section since its formation in 2006. The section is most grateful to Dr. Johan Lund for his effort and success in developing the section and initiating several collaborations with other EUPHA sections. He is now supporting the Section as a member of the Steering Group. Prof. Lucie Laflamme and Dr. Mathilde Sengölge continue as the co-vice presidents.

The steering group did not meet in 2015.

Anne Lounamaa represented the section in the EUPHA section council meeting in March 2015 in Utrecht.

Meeting of the Section presidents at Karolinska Institutet January 14, 2015

Persons present: President Anne Lounamaa, co-vice presidents Lucie Laflamme and Mathilde Sengölge; Johan Lund as a previous President.

The group agreed to ask the Steering Committee if they still are interested in continuing their participation in the Committee and all members agreed except for Dr. van Kerschaver who has retired. The Section agreed to nominate and accept J. Lund as Steering Committee member.

ASPHER collaboration and section activities in 2015 were discussed. The group discussed the idea to apply for a Marie Curie grant to obtain funding to teach on injuries in Europe with schools of public health or social medicine and decided to try to proceed. It was also decided that M. Sengölge would keep track of the next Call for this.

Johan Lund made a proposal to organize a European Injury Prevention Meeting every second year in between the EPH conferences. There is a need for this kind of meeting since at the moment there is no European Injury Prevention Conferences. Activities of this kind will be explored further in the future and will be discussed with the section members.

A decision was made to have a EUPHA section meeting at the next World Conference on Injury Prevention, Safety 2016, in Finland in September 18-21, 2016. Anne Lounamaa will organize this as the president of the Safety 2016 National Organizing Committee.

Ideas for the Milan conference workshops were discussed. Proposals for two themes were agreed: Youth and Traffic Safety (by Johan Lund) and Elderly Safety and Technology (by Mathilde Sengölge).

Survey to section members

An online survey with Webropol was conducted in June 2015. The survey was sent to 485 section members and 122 answered. The results are as an attachment to this document.

Some of the section members have changed jobs and we do not have access to their new contact information, and some have moved to work in other fields. But we also do not have some of the people who are active promoters of injury prevention and safety promotion in Europe.

Section webpages

The section webpages were reviewed and updated in fall 2015.

EUPHAnxt programme

The injury prevention and safety promotion section have had a global health student, Emma Honkala, work on the section's tasks. Emma was employed by the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland and she is also an active member of the EUPHAnxt network. Emma's work has been instrumental in conducting the survey and the revision of the section's webpage. Emma Honkala has a Bachelor's Graduate in geography with concentration on health geography from the Edinburgh University. She is currently obtaining her MSc degree in Global health at the University of Copenhagen.

Milan Conference 2015

In preparation for the Milan Conference 2015 President Anne Lounamaa reviewed 130 submitted abstracts.

The section organized together with the EuroSafe Association and the European Child Safety Alliance a full day preconference with the title Child Injury Prevention – a European Challenge. Almost 70 experts/researchers participated in the preconference. This year we invited experts in the field to submit abstracts for posters and short 5-minute presentations. The full programme is as attachment 2 in this document.

Workshop Traffic injuries in Adolescents: epidemiology, contributing factors and brain development processes was organised by the section in collaboration with the EUPHA sections on Child and adolescent public health, and Public health epidemiology.

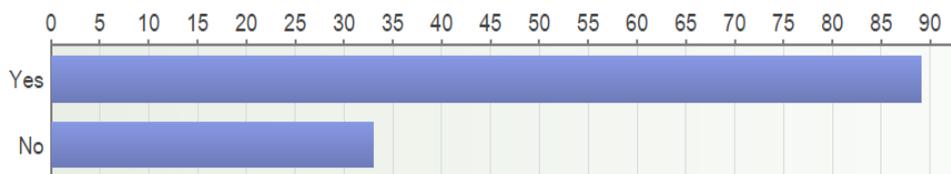
Attachment 1

Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Section Survey

Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion section conducted a small survey to its section members. The aim of the questionnaire was to gather some additional information of our section members and find a way to develop the section further so that it could better meet the common targets. 122 out of 485 section members answered the questionnaire. The survey included questions about the current job of the sections members, their affiliation and field of expertise.

Below some of the main findings will be introduced.

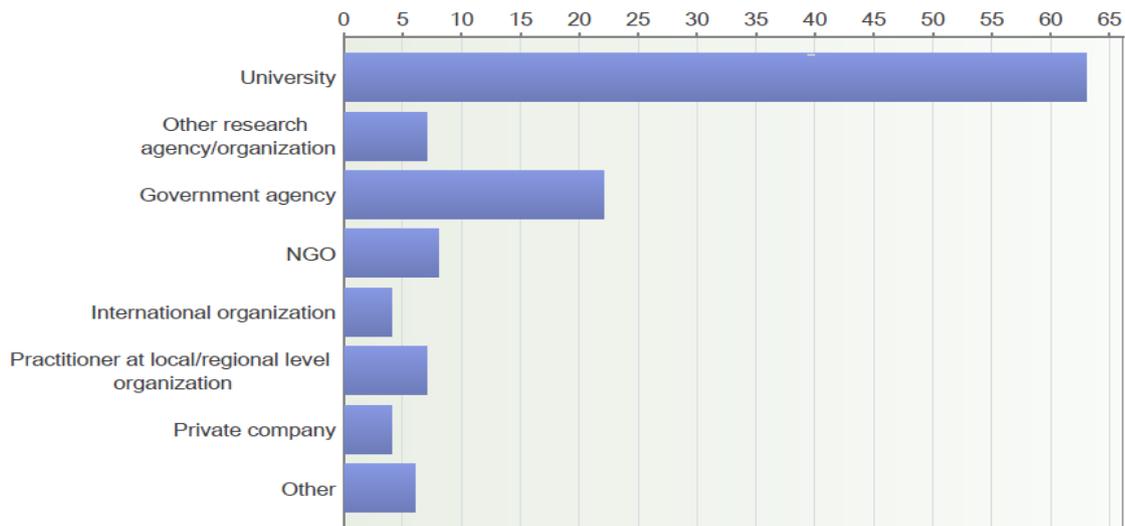
1. Is your current job related to injury prevention or safety promotion?



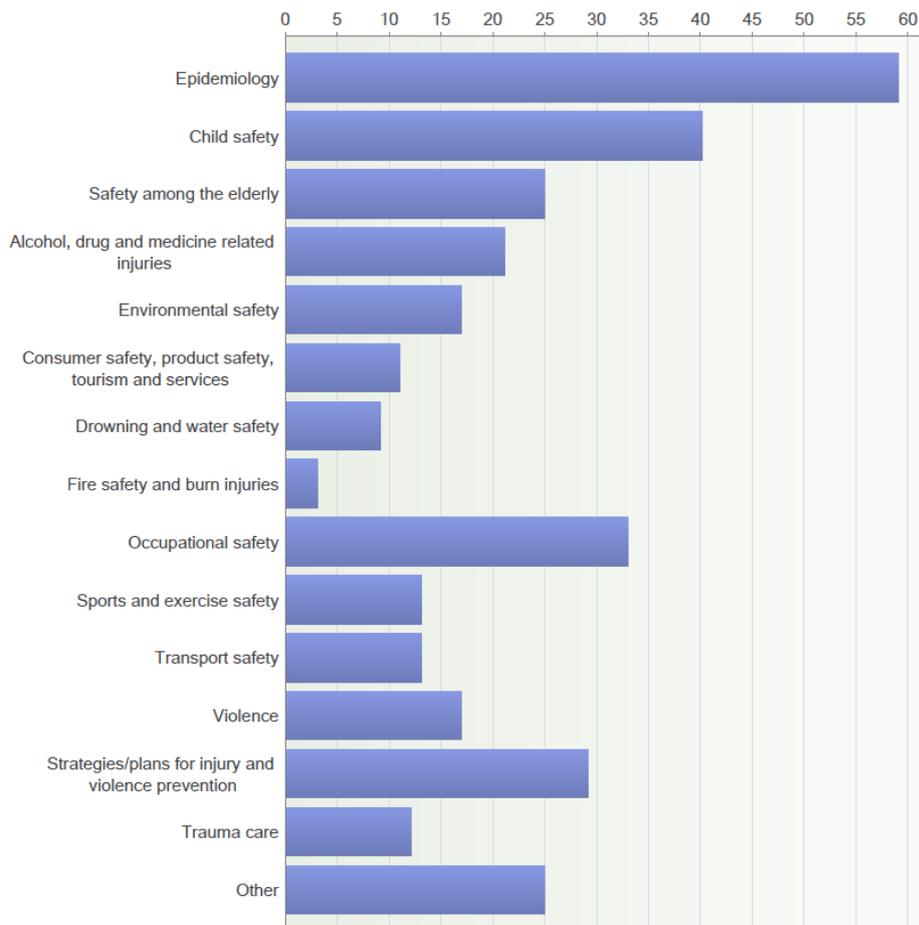
In addition to people working directly with injury prevention and safety promotion, there were also a lot of experts whose current job was only indirectly related to these fields. Our members are also involved in the following fields:

Public health nursing	Health inequalities	Education
Mental health promotion	Nursing education	Health communication
Urban planning and transportation	Alcohol policy	Epidemiology
Public health	Blood safety	Human resources for health
Screening	Child and Adolescent health	Occupational medicine
Health sector management and financing	Realization of Medical devices	Health policy
Health services	Environmental health	Medical diagnostic imaging

2. What type of organization do you belong to?



3. What is your field of expertise?



In addition to these fields we also had members focusing on inequalities, injury surveillance systems and statistics, blood safety, nursing and midwifery planning and public health.

We were also interested in hearing about concrete ways in which we could improve and develop our section. To our pleasure we received a lot of interesting comments. Here is a list of some of these comments.

- Take up patient safety, safety in the hospitals
- I would suggest forming of sub-sections in order to highlight specific injury issues with the aim of creating successful collaboration between sub-section members.
- I suggest taking into account surveillance of hazardous exposures and related poisonings as a basis to evaluate pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical products/agents safety and support post-marketing surveillance.
- We would build a master plan to cure the injuries prevention among several parts of the community by community orientation and safety promotion.
- Sharing our studies as summaries or only the topics.
- It could be useful building the session through a balance between, on one side, on an overview on official data sources and epidemiological researches or population based surveys, on the other side. It is the case of road accidents and their specific features (such as young people involved, alcohol and drug related accidents, seriously injured) to study in depth, using the results in prevention actions.
- We would like to promote the development of national injury prevention strategy and action plan.
- I would like to see injury prevention better woven into other fields of public health to increase its profile. For example child injury prevention as an important strategy to address health inequalities, greater links between injury prevention and addiction (alcohol/drugs etc.)
- Develop some works improving prevention interventions with different activities
- It might be interesting to include some articles on innovative strategies from countries outside of Europe. I really think it would help to encourage people to take lessons in how to fall (judo) or how to move (tai shi) or do daily yoga to learn how to relax and to say no when your agenda is full.
- The vast field of violence prevention (suicide, partner violence, child abuse, elderly abuse, youth violence, group violence, community violence, armed conflict) should be made more visible. Link up to WHO-VIP and the Violence Prevention Alliance.
- The School of Fallings is such a logically structured method, which easily can be learned by everyone - like for children in kindergarten and in school, for athletes, for disabled people, and for elderly people as well.
- To continue, at least, one time per year meet at EPH conference, to raise priority rank of injury/violence prevention in EUPHA agenda, might be through capacity building and collecting of good practice.
- Certain inspirational and meaningful videos, spread on the internet would be very helpful.

Attachment 2

Programme of the preconference

Setting the scene (9.00-10.30)

Chair: Anne Lounamaa, president EUPHA/ Injury Section

Generating evidence for action: data collection and analysis

Mag. Dr. Peter Spitzer, Grosse schützen Kleine – Safe Kids

Balancing the benefits and emerging risk associated with consumer products and user behaviour

Errol Taylor, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

A social marketing approach in safety promotion- Creating supporting environments for child safety practices

Julie Huibregtsen, Huibregtsen Training & Advies Sociale marketing

Panel discussion

Coffee break (10.30-11.00)

Short five minute presentations (11.00-12.30):

Progress made in countries and at local level

Moderator: Wim Rogmans, EuroSafe

Czech National Paediatric trauma registry – a Necessity in Children's Injury Prevention,

Ladislav Plánka, Faculty Hospital Brno, Czech Republic

Preventing small children burns in Italy: the PRIUS project

Alessio Pitidis, Italian National Institute of Health, Rome, Italy

Injuries by animals among children and adolescents – data for a nationwide campaign,

Gabriele Ellsaesser, Health Department, Federal State of Brandenburg

Developing national and local programmes

Jennifer Henderson, RoSPA-Scotland

Products in a child's sleep environment: Baby nests and sleep positioners

Tania Vandenberghe, European Association for the Co-ordination of Consumer Representation in Standardisation, Brussels

Mandatory Bicycle Helmets for Children in Austria – Initial Trends and Effects

Monica Steiner, KfV-Kuratorium für Verkehrssicherheit, Vienna

Safe Children Community - An effective example in fulfilling the International Safe Children Indicators

Sabine Distl, GROSSE SCHÜTZEN KLEINE/ SAFE KIDS Austria

Examples how to address disadvantaged families: The German Programme “Beware: Poisonous!” - Avoid poisoning in immigrant families

Martina Abel, Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Mehr Sicherheit für Kinder e.V., Safe Kids Germany

Scotland's Home Safety Equipment Scheme - What work has been undertaken to reach high risk families, including new parents and the disadvantaged?

Christie Burnett, RoSPA-Scotland

Activities to reduce child injuries through primary health care in Croatia

Aida Mujkic, Croatian National Institute of Public Health

Injury prevention in Finland among people under 25 in 2009–2014

Ulla Korpilahti, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland.

Lunch break (12.30-13.30)

Safety communication challenges (13.30-15.00)

Chair: Brigitte Buhmann, Swiss Council for Accident Prevention

Electrical safety: best practices in awareness raising

Phil Buckle, Electrical Safety First

Safe transportation: addressing improper use of safety equipment

Remco Schouten, Dorel Juvenile Europe

Reaching out to new parents: new communication tools and social media

Ine Buuron, Dutch Consumer Safety Institute

Safety culture and safety education in schools

Brita Somerkoski, National Institute for Health and Welfare

Discussion

Tea break (15.00-15.30)

The way forward (15.30-17.00)

Chair: Eva Vaagland, EuroSafe Executive Board member

Intersectoral action for child injury prevention: which sectors to involve?

Beatrice Scholtes, University Maastricht

Secrets to successful partnerships and national leadership

Morag Mackay, European Child Safety Alliance (tbc)

Panel discussion on the way ahead

All seminar participants

Close (17.00)