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Building bridges for solidarity and public health

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SUMMARY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Marseille welcomed Europe and beyond to the 12th European Public Health Conference between 20 and 23 November 2019. A total of 2,429 delegates from 84 countries registered for the Conference in Marseille to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices. The conference included 7 plenary sessions, 19 pre-conferences, 100 workshops, 20 oral and 40 pitch sessions and 20 E-poster walks.

The 12th EPH Conference was held at the Marseille Chanot, Palais des Congrès et des Expositions in Marseille, France.

During the four conference days, delegates had the opportunity to share findings from research and experiences with innovation in all fields of public health and health services.

The theme of the 12th European Public Health Conference is **Building bridges for solidarity and public health**. Marseille has for centuries been one of the pillars of the cultural and economic bridge across the Mediterranean. For millenniums, people have been crossing the Mediterranean but, in recent years, that journey has been characterized by tragedies among those fleeing oppression and poverty.

The Marseille conference offers an opportunity to build new bridges: of working together between the public health communities in Europe and Africa and of seeking solutions to our shared challenges as inhabitants of a small planet now facing global threats, from climate change, emerging infections, and the global epidemic of non-communicable diseases. As a consequence, the focus will be on answering the following questions:

- What can we do to reduce the need for people to move and how can we protect and support those who are forced to move?
- What can we do to provide health promoting and protecting environments for migrants in Europe?
- How can we build bridges between different professions and communities as a means to implement the Sustainable Development Goals?
- What will be the future of public health in Europe? Where should we go from here? How do we ensure health-in-all EU policies?

Through our Marseille Statement, the public health community gathered in Marseille, calls upon national and international decision makers to intensify efforts to build bridges for solidarity in public health.

Leaving no one behind

The 'health for all' principle, undersigned by all countries in the European region, identifies access to healthcare as a basic human right for everyone. Governments must be held accountable for providing healthcare to asylum seekers and undocumented migrants. More concretely, no one seeking asylum or without appropriate documentation should die or be put in danger by limited or no access to healthcare.

Translating knowledge

On a policy level, the emergence of the anti-science movement and anti-immigration sentiment risk is undermining our health policies. Science is increasingly criticised and ignored by parts of society, and achievements made in health are negatively impacted. This undermining of science needs to be halted. At the same time, societies are exposed to anti-immigration sentiments. Both developments could lead to politically coloured health policies that increase health inequities for migrants. In translating health research and knowledge to policy and advocacy, we need to create a narrative that supports our vision for more health equity.

With the help of our partners, presenters, we offer you an exciting programme of workshops, oral and pitch presentations and poster walks. Our exhibitors are there to show you their latest projects, products and services. This is taking place in the multicultural setting of Marseille, giving you the possibility to

share information, knowledge and innovative ideas with your colleagues from Europe and across the globe.

Marseille 2019 was organised in collaboration with a vast number of national and international partners.

Researchers, educators, policy makers, community representatives and health managers from Europe and beyond shared new information and insights from their experiences with this issue.

1. Marseille 2019: PROGRAMME

The European Public Health Conference is an annual scientific conference on public health topics organised throughout Europe. The EPH Conference is initiated by the European Public Health Association - EUPHA. The main purpose of the EPH Conference is to strengthen the capacity of public health professionals, researchers and policymakers by enhancing the exchange of knowledge, policy and best practice across Europe.

1.1. Plenary programme

The plenary programme of the 12th EPH Conference consisted of seven plenary sessions including an opening and a closing session.

Opening Ceremony

Thursday 21 November 2019, 11:40 – 12:25

Moderator: Yves Charpak, Chair of the 12th European Public Health Conference

Speakers:

- Jérôme Salomon, General Director for Health, French Ministry of Health
- Hans Kluge, Regional Director Nominee WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Sophie Beau, Co-founder and General Director of the European Civil Rescue Association SOS Méditerranée, France

Plenary 1 - Bridging for an interdisciplinary approach to public health to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Thursday 21 November, 13:40 – 14:40

Organisers: WHO Regional Office for Europe, EUPHA

Moderators: Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, President EUPHA, and Anna Cichowska Myrup, Programme Manager Public Health Services, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Speakers/Panellists:

- Hans Kluge, Regional Director Nominee WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Otto Scharmer, Senior Lecturer, MIT Management Sloan School, Cambridge, United States
- Miklós Szócska, Director Health Services Management Training Center, Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary
- Paula Vassallo, President European Dental Public Health Association (EADPH)
- Ricardo Baptista Leite, Member of Parliament, Head of Public Health at Católica University of Portugal, and former Deputy Mayor of Cascais, Portugal

Plenary 2 – Building bridges for migration in a planetary context

Thursday 21 November, 16:50 – 17:50

Organisers: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), EUPHA Section Infectious diseases control (IDC)

Moderators: Karl Ekdahl, ECDC, and Michael Edelstein, EUPHA IDC

Speakers:

- Sally Hargreaves, Lecturer in Global Health, St George's University of London, United Kingdom
- Panellists:
- Nada Ghosn, Head of Epidemiological Surveillance Unit, Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon
 - Neha Pathak, UCL Institute of Health Informatics, United Kingdom
 - Isabel de la Mata, Principal Adviser for Health and Crisis Management, DG SANTE, European Commission

Plenary 3 - Bridging towards the future of public health in Europe (I). Where can and should we go from here?

Friday 22 November, 09:40 – 10:40

Organisers: European Commission, EUPHA

Moderators: Isabel de la Mata, Principal Adviser for Health and Crisis Management, DG SANTE, European Commission, and Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, President EUPHA

Speakers/Panellists:

- Anne Bucher, Director-General, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), European Commission
- Liisa-Maria Voipio-Pulkki, Director General Strategic Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
- Dineke Zeegers Paget, Executive Director EUPHA
- Sara McQuinn, Co-ordinator EUPHANxt

Plenary 4 – Bridging towards the future of public health in Europe (II). Can we and how do we ensure Health in All EU Policies?

Friday 22 November, 13:40 – 14:40

Organisers: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, ASPHER

Moderator: Josep Figueras, Director European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Speakers/Panellists:

- Anne Bucher, Director-General, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), European Commission
- Scott L Greer, Professor Health Management and Policy, University of Michigan, United States
- John Middleton, President Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER)
- Marian Harkin, Chair of All Policies for a Healthy Europe, Former Member of the European Parliament

Andrija Stampar medal ceremony:

- Gaetano Maria Fara, Professor Emeritus of Public Health, Sapienza University of Rome

Newsroom:

- Dorli Kahr-Gottlieb, Secretary General of the European Health Forum Gastein
- Naomi Nathan, ASPHER Fellow

Plenary 5 - Migrant inequalities in urban settings and changing public health practice

Saturday 23 November, 09:40 – 10:40

Organiser: EuroHealthNet

Moderator: Caroline Costongs, Director EuroHealthNet

Speakers/Panellists:

- Santino Severoni, Coordinator Health and Migration, Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Jean-Paul Moatti, Director Institut de Recherche pour le Developpement (IRD), France
- Lucinda Hiam, Honorary Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom
- Bernadette Nirmal Kumar, President EUPHA Section Migrant and ethnic minority health, Professor Empower School of Public Health, Haryana, India
- Maryam Gardisi, Deputy Director International psychosocial organisation (Ipsos), Germany

Closing Ceremony of the 12th European Public Health Conference

Saturday 23 November, 15:15 – 16:00

Moderator: Yves Charpak, Chair of the 12th European Public Health Conference

Speakers:

- Laurence Auer, Director of Culture, Education and Research, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France
- Charlotte Marchandise, Elected member of the City Council of Rennes, France

Awards ceremony: Best Poster Prize, Best Abstract Prize, Ferenc Bojan Award

Welcome to the 13th EPH Conference/16th World Congress on Public Health, 12 -17 October 2020, Rome, Italy

- Walter Ricciardi, Co-chair of the 16th World Congress on Public Health, SItI
- Carlo Signorelli, Co-chair of the 16th World Congress on Public Health, SItI

1.2. Parallel programme

The parallel programme reflected on a wide array of public health issues and ways of solving these issues at global, European, national, regional and local level. The parallel programme offered sessions of 90 minutes and 60 minutes.

The parallel programme of workshops and oral presentation sessions was structured in 16 thematic tracks, making it easier for delegates to follow a specific subject during the conference. The division in tracks was based on priorities in the field of public health and selected topics of the accepted abstracts (see table 1).

Workshops, round tables, skills building seminars

73 workshops were held, 14 round tables and 13 skills building seminars.

Parallel sessions with oral presentations

These 60-minutes sessions consisted of 8-minute oral presentations with few minutes of discussion around a common theme. Most sessions were co-chaired by two persons. In total, 100 oral presentations were held in 20 sessions.

Pitch sessions

Pitch presentations (5-minutes) consisted of 40 sessions with in total 320 presentations.

E-poster walks

The E-poster walks, moderated by an experienced chair person, were held concurrently with the parallel programme: twenty 60-minute walks with 15 posters. In total, there were 300 E-poster presentations at Marseille 2019.

E-poster displays

In total, 962 E-posters without presentation were displayed. All E-posters were available for delegates to view at all times during the conference.

Table 1: Overview of the 16 thematic tracks and type of session

Track	Theme	Workshop	RT	SBS	Oral	Pitch
A	Solidarity in health	3	1		2	4
B	Migration and health	7			1	2
C	Digital applications in health	5	2		1	2
D	European and global health	3	3	2	1	1
E	Public health policy and politics	7		1		2
F	Maternal, child and adolescent health	3	1		1	5
G	Chronic diseases	3		1	1	5
H	Health services research, systems and economics	6		1	1	2
I	Infectious diseases control	4	1	1	2	2
K	Mental health / LGBTI and minorities	5	2	1	1	1
L	Health assessments / Elderly care / Cancer	4	1		2	3
M	Healthy living, food and nutrition	4			3	3
N	Health information and health literacy	4	2	2		2
O	Global health and environmental change	7	1	1		1
P	Data, evidence and practice	5			3	2
Q	Health workforce / Health at work	3		3	1	3

1.3. Abstract and presentation prizes

Each year, the conference organisers award abstract prizes in three different categories:

The prize for the highest scoring abstract was awarded to:

Mélanie Deschasaux; Inserm U1153, Inra U1125, Cnam, Paris 13 University (CRESS-EREN), France

Nutritional quality of food consumed (graded by the FSA_m-NPS / Nutri-Score) and mortality in Europe

Co-authors: I Huybrechts, N Murphy, C Julia, S Hercberg, B Srour, P Ferrari, E Riboli, M Gunter, M Touvier

The Ferenc Bojan Young Investigator Award, which is awarded to the best presentation by a young public health professional, was awarded to:

Mélanie Deschasaux; Inserm U1153, Inra U1125, Cnam, Paris 13 University (CRESS-EREN), France

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The prize for the best poster presentation was awarded to:

Alessio Corradi; University of Turin, Italy

Influenza vaccine among future health care workers: a cohort study on Italian medical students

1.4. Pre-conference programme

The preconference programme (19) was held on Wednesday 20 November. Organisers of preconferences included EUPHA, EUPHA sections, European Commission, Region Sud, ESWI, RESPIRE France, SFSP, Observatory, ASPHER, Digital Public Health Conference, IRD, Coalition Plus, CNRS.

See table 2 for the full programme and numbers of delegates.

1.5. Lunch symposiums

Lunch symposiums were held on Thursday and Friday, 21-22 November 2019, during the extended lunch hours.

HOW CAN WE JOIN FORCES TO ENGAGE IN MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ACTIONS TO REACH OPTIMAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION COVERAGE RATES IN EUROPE?

Organised by: EUPHA with support from Sanofi

Chair: Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, President EUPHA

Keynote speaker: Martin McKee, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, presents the recent Report on Organisation and Delivery of Vaccination Services, prepared for the European Commission.

Panellists:

- George Kassianos, National Immunization Lead, Royal College of General Practitioners, United Kingdom
- Litjen Tan, Chief Strategy Officer, Immunization Action Coalition, United States
- Anne-Sophie Joly, Présidente du collectif national des associations d'obèses (projet vaccination grippe), France
- Stephane Pichon - Representative of the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU) on behalf of 'EU Fighting Flu Coalition', France
- Florence Baron Papillon, Sanofi Pasteur

WORKING TOGETHER - THE EU 3RD HEALTH PROGRAMME AS THE ENABLER TOWARDS SUCCESS

Organised by: DG SANTE and CHAFAEA, European Commission

Moderator: Dineke Zeegers Paget, Executive Director, EUPHA

Speakers:

- Donata Meroni - Chafea EU Health Programme
- Tit Albreht - Joint Actions on Cancer
- Christos Hadjichristodoulou - EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS Joint Action
- Andrea Pavlickova - Scirocco Exchange Integrated care and health systems reforms
- Anne Sophie Lapointe - European Reference Networks

Table 2: Pre-conference programme and number of delegates at Marseille 2019

Pre-conference	Organised by	Delegates
Contagion! A table-top outbreak management simulation	EUPHA (IDC)	20
Digital health solutions: building bridges for access to health services in islands and remote communities	EUPHA	48
An introduction to Public Health Foresight Studies	EUPHA (PHMR)	20
Road to Framework Convention on Food Systems: tackling global syndemic with food policy	EUPHA (FN)	16
Public health: how to deal with climate change?	Région Sud	187
Towards influenza vaccination programmes for health care professionals	ESWI	102
Healthy Places: Research, Strategies and Policies, towards Healthy Places and healthy people	EUPHA (ENV), (PMH), (URB)	31
Health Impact Assessment (HIA) institutionalization and multisectoral collaboration in Europe	EUPHA (HIA)	46
Health Promotion principles as foundations for solidarity and public health	EUPHA (HP)	77
Demystifying causal inference and mediation methods for public health researchers	EUPHA Research Pillar, EUPHA (EPI)	42
How to build bridges between public health and primary care? A skills co-building pre-conference	RESPIRE France, EUPHA (HSR)	54
Quatre images de la santé publique en France [Four images of public health in France]	SFSP	176
Skill-mix challenges in the current and future health workforce	EUPHA (HWR), Observatory	15
Forced migration in Europe – aspects of work, social security and health	EUPHA (SSWH)	29
Young Researchers' Forum	DPH, ASPHER, EUPHA	75

Community-based Action Research: What can we learn from the HIV field experiences from the North and the South?	IRD, Coalition Plus	90
Showcasing innovative cases in health reporting	EUPHA (PHMR)	27
EU cooperation to strengthen preparedness and management of cross-border health threats	CHAFEA	85
Health behaviours among migrants in Europe – what do we know?	CNRS, EUPHA (MIG)	69



1.6. Press meeting

With the Société Française de Santé Publique (SFSP), a press conference was organised on Thursday. Attendance was disappointing with a few international journalists, mainly e-news magazines. French media was present at the conference for interviews with EU representatives.

1.7. Exhibition

The following exhibitors were present at Marseille 2019 conference:

PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANISATIONS

- EPH Conference
- EUPHA
- Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency
- EuroHealthNet
- Observatory
- Société Française de Santé Publique/French Society for Public Health
- World Congress Public Health 2020

PUBLISHERS

- CABI
- Cairn.info
- Enterprise Europe Network
- Frontiers
- MDPI
- Oxford University Press
- Springer Nature
- Taylor & Francis
- Thomson Screening

SCHOOLS

- ASPHER
- DPH Digital Health Village

MAISON FRANCE

- ASN - French Nuclear Safety Authority
- CNAM-TS - National Social Health Insurance Fund
- EHESP - French School of Public Health
- HAS - French National Authority for Health
- HCSP - High Council for Public Health
- Inserm - Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale
- IReSP - Institut de Recherche en Santé Publique
- IRD - French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development
- Santé publique France

The Participants' Evaluation showed that 75% of respondents had visited the exhibition area at least once. Around 61% of the respondents sought the exhibition stands as very relevant and relevant to their work.

1.8. Accreditation

The 12th European Public Health Conference, Marseille, France has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 16 European CME credits (ECMEC®s). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

Through an agreement between the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes and the American Medical Association, physicians may convert EACCME® credits to an equivalent number of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Information on the process to convert EACCME® credit to AMA credit can be found at www.ama-assn.org/education/earn-credit-participation-international-activities.

Live educational activities, occurring outside of Canada, recognised by the UEMS-EACCME® for ECMEC®s are deemed to be Accredited Group Learning Activities (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

1.9. Social programme

The Welcome Reception was held at Les Halles de la Major, under the vaults of the Cathedral de la Major and in front of the sea. This food market is located inside the newly renovated vaults of the Cathedral de la Major in front of the sea.

The Conference Dinner and Dance was held at the Palais de la Bourse near the Vieux Port in Marseille's historic city centre. In the mid-19th century the Marseilles Chamber of Commerce, established in 1599 and being the oldest in the world, was at the height of its power. In order to make this clear, they ordered the construction of this imposing building in 1860. It was inaugurated in the presence of Napoléon III and Empress Eugénie.



2. Marseille 2019: DELEGATES

The conference was attended by public health professionals, researchers, education specialists, training professionals, students, policy makers and representatives from international and European organisations, like the European Commission, WHO, ECDC and the European Observatory. European (public) health networks and organisations actively participated in the conference programme.

2.1. Number and origin of delegates

The EPH Conference registered 2,429 delegates, including pre-conference only registrations. In the past five years the number of delegates has increased steadily from 1,200 in Malta to 2,002 delegates in Stockholm 2017 and 1,675 in Ljubljana 2018. 390 delegates registered as students.

The figure below shows the gradual increase in the number of registrations in the past decade. Also the number of submitted abstracts has grown significantly to 2,176 in 2019 (2,026 single abstracts and 150 workshop abstracts).

Figure 1: Overview of conference registrations and abstract submissions 2004 – 2019

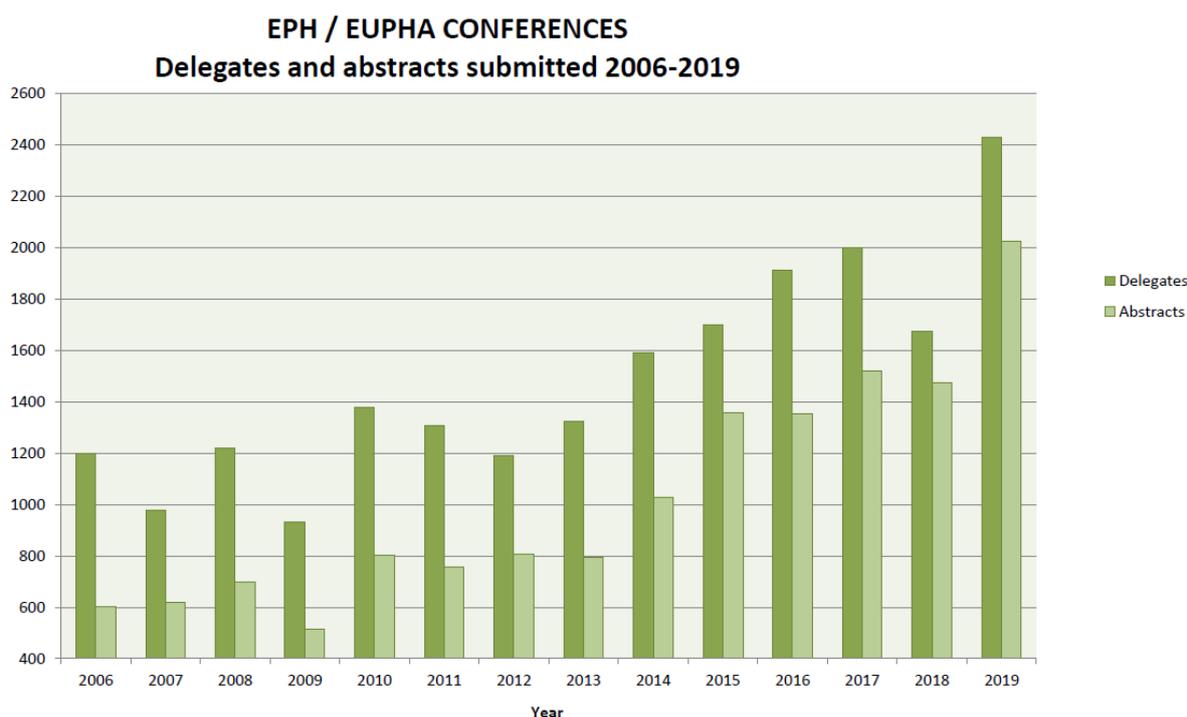


Table 3: The number of abstract submissions per country, Marseille 2019

Country	No.
France	310
Italy	232
United Kingdom	146
Germany	105
Netherlands	85
Sweden	74
Portugal	64

Finland, Turkey	58
Norway	57
Denmark	50
Tunisia	45
Brazil	43
Austria	38
Belgium	37
Serbia	35

Kazakhstan	33	Armenia, Cote d'Ivoire, Malta	8
Bulgaria	31	India	7
Japan, Spain	30	Egypt, Georgia, Pakistan	6
South Korea, Poland	26	Lebanon, Macedonia, Senegal	5
United States	23	Benin, Czech Republic, Kuwait, Slovenia	4
Lithuania, Switzerland	22	Algeria, Cameroon, Iceland, Latvia, Singapore, Sri Lanka	3
Israel, Romania	21	Estonia, Iran, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nigeria, Thailand	2
Croatia	19	Albania, Bangladesh, Chile, Congo (Brazzaville), Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, La Réunion, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, New Zealand, Qatar, Saudi Arabia	1
Canada, Russia	17		
Ireland, Taiwan	15		
Cyprus, Greece	14		
China	13		
Australia, Slovakia	12		
Colombia	11		
Hungary, Ukraine	9		

Table 4: Overview of registrations Marseille 2019

Type of registration	No.
Full conference registrations	1581
Day registrations	146
Students, full conference	390
Pre-conference only	264
Exhibitors	48
	2429

Most registrations were received from France (582), followed by Italy (194), United Kingdom (167) and Germany (152).

Table 5: Number of registrations per country, Marseille 2019

Country	No.
France	582
Italy	194
United Kingdom	167
Germany	152
Netherlands	151
Sweden	96
Belgium	88
Finland	83
Denmark	72
Norway	71
Portugal	54
Switzerland	53
United States	47
Korea, South	38
Austria	36
Japan	35
Lithuania	32
Spain	30
Canada	26
Turkey	24
Hungary, Poland	21
Brazil	20
Bulgaria	19
Croatia, Ireland	18
Ukraine	16
Russia	14
Australia, Slovakia	13
Greece, Luxembourg	12
Israel, Tunisia	11
Romania	10

Cyprus, Malta	9
New Zealand, Serbia	8
India, Kazakhstan, Slovenia	7
Czechia, Georgia, Singapore, Taiwan	6
China, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Estonia, Nepal	5
Armenia, Nigeria, Qatar, Senegal	4
Cameroon, Congo (Brazzaville), Egypt, Iceland, Iran, Republic of North Macedonia	3

Algeria, Belarus, Latvia, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Thailand	2
Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Benin, République Démocratique du Congo, Kuwait, Mauritius, State of Palestine, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, United Arab Emirates	1

2.2. Participation from students

As for previous EPH Conferences, Marseille 2019 paid special attention to the participation of students. A special registration fee for this category (€ 420) was set up. In total, 390 students registered for the conference (218 for Ljubljana 2018).

As part of the main conference programme, the Ferenc Bojan Young Investigators Award session was held for the five highest scoring abstracts submitted by young public health professionals. In the closing ceremony of the conference, the Ferenc Bojan memorial prize, which is awarded to the best presentation by a young public health professional, was presented to Mélanie Deschasaux from Inserm U1153, Inra U1125, Cnam, Paris 13 University (CRESS-EREN) in France with a presentation *Nutritional quality of food consumed (graded by the FSA-m-NPS / Nutri-Score) and mortality in Europe* (Co-authors: I Huybrechts, N Murphy, C Julia, S Hercberg, B Srour, P Ferrari, E Riboli, M Gunter, M Touvier)

2.3. Participation from North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East countries

Special attention was paid also to public health experts from low-income countries, particularly from North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East (including Turkey). Financial support to participants from these countries and presenting experts was granted by EUPHA and EPH Conference Foundation. Support consisted of granting the registration fee waiver. Participants themselves had to co-fund part of their travel and accommodation expenses. In total, 59 public health professionals from North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East countries could be supported by these grants (41 in 2018).

3. Marseille 2019: ORGANISATION

3.1. Organisation of the conference

The 12th European Public Health Conference took place in Marseille, France from 20-23 November 2019. The conference was held at the Marseille Chanot, Palais des Congrès et des Expositions in Marseille, France. For Marseille 2019, one large auditorium and sixteen session rooms were available. The breakout rooms varied in size. Wireless access was provided free of charge to participants throughout the conference venue.

Co-organisers of Marseille 2019 were:

- EPH Conference Foundation
- EUPHA – European Public Health Association
- SFSP - Société Française de Santé Publique

International Partners:

- European Commission
- ECDC
- European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
- EuroHealthNet
- ASPHER
- EHMA
- WHO
- DPH2019

Partners for specific activities:

- Office de tourisme et des congrès de Marseille
- Ville de Marseille
- Région Sud - Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
- EHESP
- Institut des Migrations
- Haut Conseil de la Santé Publique
- IARC
- The Health Foundation
- INFACT
- Sciensano
- ESWI
- Institut National du Cancer
- Pfizer
- Mildeca

The EPH Conference Foundation has supervisory authority over the management and organisation of the conference. The EPH Conference Foundation is governed by the EPH Executive Board, made up by members of EUPHA's Executive Council and chairs of previous and upcoming EPH Conferences. The EPH Executive Board is advised by the International Conference Council (ICC), which has representation from EUPHA and collaborative partners in European public health (ASPHER, EuroHealthNet, EHMA, European Commission, CHAFAEA, ECDC, WHO EURO, and European Observatory).

As with past conferences, the parallel programme was set up with the help of the International Scientific Committee (ISC) consisting of public health experts from across Europe with a large representation from the conference host country. The ISC is responsible for the scoring of abstracts. Selection of

abstracts and programme planning is done by the Executive Board with the help of the Local Support Committee, consisting of public health organisations, universities and health services in France.

3.2. EPH Conference Office

The EPH Conference Office was responsible for the organisation of the conference, from the abstract handling process to the printing of the Programme Book. Furthermore, the Conference Office was responsible for:

- Search for and negotiations with European partners and sponsors;
- Public relations and marketing of the conference;
- Organisation of pre-conferences and lunch symposiums.

Key staff of the Conference Office are: Dineke Zeegers Paget, Director; Floris Barnhoorn, Deputy Director; Robert Klarecki, Conference Officer; Ingeborg Vlug, Financial Officer; José Velthuis, Office Manager and Maaïke Droogers, Scientific Officer. The EPH Conference Office was supported by external staff: Elita Zoer, Conference Coordinator and advisory PCO; Jessica van Diemen, Exhibition Officer and Lydia Rink, Registration Officer.

3.3. Local support

The Société Française de Santé Publique (SFSP) and the Chair of the 12th EPH Conference, Yves Charpak, made a great effort in successfully finding the national conference partners in France and raising awareness for the conference resulting in an astounding number of French delegates.

The Local Support Committee provided assistance in the selection of abstracts at the preparatory meeting in June 2019.



4. Marseille 2019: VISIBILITY

The Announcement of Marseille 2019 was first distributed to all delegates of the 11th EPH Conference in Ljubljana, in 2018. A presentation of the theme was given in the closing session of Ljubljana 2018. Subsequently, the Announcement was then published on the EPH Conference web pages.

EUPHA member organisations were informed through the EUPHA Newsletters of the upcoming conference and invited to put the Announcement on their websites and use their distribution systems to inform their members.

In addition to the Announcement, other communication channels that were used to promote the 12th EPH Conference included:

- EPH Conference E-News: the monthly electronic newsletter with conference news was published from January until October.
- European Journal of Public Health: updates on Marseille 2019 were published every two months in the European Public Health News pages of the EJPH.
- EUPHA Newsletter: concise articles on the conference were published in the monthly electronic EUPHA Newsletter, distributed to over 16,000 readers;
- Website and Twitter: the EPH Conference website was updated regularly, accompanied by Twitter feeds
- Conference Newsletters: two electronic conference newsletters were distributed to all registered delegates a few weeks before the conference
- Conference E-banners appeared on websites of partner organisations

4.1 Conference App

The EPH Conference used the branded App for the second year. The App was linked to the online programme (updated every 15 minutes) and Abstracts Supplement. The App included: Info on keynote speakers, venue and Marseille map, exhibitors, partners, participants list and voting system. The voting system gave participants 2 possibilities: to vote for the best poster and interact during the different sessions. The App was quite popular during the Marseille 2019 Conference.

4.2 Twitter

There were 1,723 tweets posted during conference days, by 317 tweeters, with 2,946 retweets. These are increases on the 2018 conference. Overall 71 (22%) tweeters received 80% of retweets while 68 (21%) tweeters received no retweets.¹

¹ Source: <https://wakelet.com/wake/923dbe83-8919-4ded-8e80-220dce4c2397>

5. Marseille 2019: REACHING OUR OBJECTIVES

Marseille 2019 was well organised, of scientific good quality and reached the objectives it set out to achieve: 77% of the participants rated the quality of the Marseille 2019 conference as excellent/good.

The exhibition area was successful also with 75% of all respondents visiting the exhibition area. Around 61% of the respondents sought the exhibition stands as very relevant and relevant to their work.

A large basis for the conference, also on international level, is seen as positive. For Marseille 2019, several European NGOs and international organisations were involved in organising the plenary programme.

The main purpose of the 12th EPH Conference was to strengthen the capacity of public health professionals, researchers and policymakers by enhancing the exchange of knowledge, policy and best practice across Europe. Specific objectives were:

Increased knowledge of research outcomes and best practice in health by public health professionals

EPH Conferences are known for the excellent organisation, the high number of participants and a broad programme covering relevant public health topics. Marseille 2019 was no exception to this with over 2,429 delegates, scoring high overall satisfaction by delegates and with a varied programme of plenary sessions, workshops, oral, pitch and electronic poster presentations.

Delegates came from over 84 countries from Europe and beyond. The professional background of the participants showed a balanced mix of research, policy, practice and training. The majority of delegates (62%) has a university background and this proportion is keeping over last years. The absolute and relative numbers of delegates with a policymaking, public health practice and education background is also keeping at the same level.

The conference aimed at increasing knowledge and skills among European public health professionals. The programme of Marseille 2019 was varied and nearly all sessions mixed aspects of policy, practice and research. All sessions also included presentations from different countries, thereby increasing the networking objective of the programme itself.

Combining the electronic Abstract Supplement to the EJPH with a three-month complimentary subscription was appreciated by delegates and added to the objective of increased knowledge.

Increased knowledge and awareness of European public health policies and strategies

Over the years, the collaboration with the international European health organisations (European Commission, WHO, ECDC, Observatory) has broadened. In many workshops and round tables, representatives from European health organisations were present and participated in discussions.

Closer collaboration among European public health networks, organisations and schools

Collaboration among European (public) health organisations takes place in the International Conference Council (ICC). The ICC has an advisory role toward the EPH Conference Executive Board and has representation from EUPHA, ASPHER, EuroHealthNet, EHMA, European Commission, CHAFEA, ECDC, WHO and European Observatory. Members of the ICC have become partner of the conference for specific activities or have taken responsibility for organising a plenary session.

As in previous years, the conference hosted EUPHA's Governing Board thereby increasing the attendance of national public health associations and offering them a platform to share national experiences. Furthermore, the possibility to combine the European public health conferences with meetings of other European NGOs, organisations, networks and schools of public health, increases the aim of collaboration. Over the years, we have seen an increase in the collaboration, as the organisers actively invite other networks to their activities.

At Marseille 2019, all EUPHA Sections (theme-specific networks) and EUPHAnxt held their annual meetings to discuss future activities and collaboration. EUPHA continues to actively support existing networks and assist in the setting up of new networks.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS used at Marseille 2019

ANPAA - National Association of Prevention of Addictiveness and Alcoholism, France
 ASPHER - Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region
 BZgA - Federal Centre for Health Education, Germany
 CHAFAEA – Consumers, Health, Food and Agriculture Executive Agency, European Commission
 DG SANTE – Directorate-General Health and Food Safety, European Commission
 DPH Conference – Digital Public Health Conference
 EC – European Commission
 ECDC – European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
 EHESP - French School of Public Health, France
 EHFG – European Health Forum Gastein, Austria
 EHMA – European Health Management Association
 EPH Conference – European Public Health Conference
 EPHA - European Public Health Alliance
 EU – European Union
 EUPHA – European Public Health Association
 EUPHAnxt – EUPHA next generation network
 EUPHA (CAPH) – EUPHA Child and adolescent public health
 EUPHA (CHR) - EUPHA Chronic diseases
 EUPHA (DH) – EUPHA Digital Health
 EUPHA (ENV) - EUPHA Environment-related diseases
 EUPHA (EPI) - EUPHA Public health epidemiology
 EUPHA (ETH) – EUPHA Ethics in public health
 EUPHA (FN) - EUPHA Food and nutrition
 EUPHA (HIA) – EUPHA Health impact assessment
 EUPHA (HP) - EUPHA Health promotion
 EUPHA (HSR) – EUPHA Health services research
 EUPHA (HTA) – EUPHA Health technology assessment
 EUPHA (HWR) – EUPHA Health workforce research
 EUPHA (IDC) – EUPHA Infectious diseases control
 EUPHA (INJ) – EUPHA Injury prevention and safety promotion
 EUPHA (LEAD) – EUPHA Group Leadership in public health
 EUPHA (MIG) – EUPHA Migrant and ethnic minority health
 EUPHA (ECO) - EUPHA Public health economics
 EUPHA (PHG) – EUPHA Public health genomics
 EUPHA (PHMR) – EUPHA Public health monitoring and reporting
 EUPHA (PHPP) – EUPHA Public health practice and policy
 EUPHA (PMH) – EUPHA Public mental health
 EUPHA (PO) – EUPHA Policy Pillar
 EUPHA (PR) – EUPHA Practice Pillar
 EUPHA (SGMH) – EUPHA Sexual and gender minority health
 EUPHA (SSWH) – EUPHA Social security, work and health
 EUPHA (URB) - EUPHA Urban public health
 EuroNet MRPH – European Network of Medical Residents in Public Health
 FHI - Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Norway
 FIOH - Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Finland
 FPH – Faculty of Public Health, UK
 GIZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
 IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, France
 IBTN - International Behavioural Trials Network, Canada
 IHMT - Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Portugal

INCa - French National Cancer Institute, France
InfAct - Joint Action on Health Information
INSERM - French National Institute of Health and Medical Research, France
IOM - International Organization for Migration
ISPED - Institut de Santé Publique d'Epidémiologie et de Développement, France
ISS - Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy
LSHTM – The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom
MILDECA - Interministerial Mission for Combating Drugs and Addictive Behaviors, France
NIVEL – Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research, Netherlands
NSPH – National School of Public Health, Portugal
Observatory – European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
OECD – Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PICUM - Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, Belgium
RIVM – National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, Netherlands
SFSP – Société Française de Santé Publique, France
TU Berlin - Technische Universität Berlin, Germany
THL - The National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland
UniSR - Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Italy
UWE Bristol - University of the West of England, UK
WFPHA - World Federation of Public Health Associations
WHO ECEH – World Health Organization, European Centre for Environment and Health
WHO EURO – World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe
WHO RHN – World Health Organization, Regions for Health Network
YFG – Young Forum Gastein, Austria
ZfPH - Future Forum Public Health, Germany