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Our Food, Our Health, Our Earth: A Sustainable Future for Humanity

EUPHA Pre-conference Workshop: Refugee and Migrant Health

Inclusion of Refugees and Migrants groups to address Key Health Challenges for Sustainable Future

8th November 2023 – 9:00 am to 17:00 pm

Registration from 8:30 am

ORGANISED BY

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ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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ABSTRACT

Countries across the region and the world are emerging from the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis, the Ukraine war in Europe is relentless, and progress on climate change is a cause for concern. Migration is a key cross-cutting issue for all three global health challenges COVID, conflict and climate change. Moreover, migration is increasingly recognised as one of our time's most pressing public health issues. Therefore, there must be inclusion and integration of refugee and migrant health issues in mainstream public health. Further, it is necessary to disrupt a pattern of exclusion whereby refugees and migrants are rarely involved in research about their health. This is urgent because, while the involvement of other patient and population groups is becoming more common, opportunities for refugees' and migrants' involvement are ad hoc and unevenly spread. This means the opportunity for their lived experiences, capabilities, and agency to inform the research agenda and actions is being missed.

According to WHO, Participatory Health Research, developed in the Global South, can be harnessed to develop best practice guidance for public health researchers. While not a panacea, it presents a rich tradition and strong evidence base about values, principles, and practices characterising meaningful academic-community partnerships. It also provides evidence about how meaningful partnerships can lead to gains for the individuals and communities involved and changes in the health system.

To address the critical unmet needs of refugees and migrants and secure their inclusion at all levels to foster a sustainable future for humanity, this preconference will attempt to tackle some of these issues. The pre-conference will have four sessions. The first focuses on methodological innovation for participatory health research (PHR) with refugees and migrants. PHR is envisaged as a cross-cutting issue that will be addressed in the following three sessions focused on current crises that impact migrant health: Covid, Conflict and climate change. In these sessions, the topics will be reviewed through the lens of PHR and highlight other important work underway.

The pre-conference is designed to create an innovative, interactive, interdisciplinary space for dialogue and learning. It will build the skills of both young and senior researchers.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME – CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

8:30 – 9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00 -9:10	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Professor Bernadette Nirmal Kumar Norwegian Institute of Public Health; President EUPHA Migrant Health Section; Lancet Migration Co-Chair</p>
9:10 – 10:30	SESSION 1 PARTICIPATORY HEALTH RESEARCH WITH REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
	<p>Chair Professor Anne MacFarlane Participatory Health Research Unit, University of Limerick</p> <p>Co-Chair Professor Sonia Dias National School of Public Health, Universidade Nova de Lisboa</p> <p>Opening Remarks from the WHO Health and Migration Department Dr Santino Severoni Health and Migration Department, The World Health Organisation</p> <p>Arts-based research in refugee and migrant Health Professor Helen Phelan Participatory Health Research Unit, University of Limerick</p> <p>Addressing language barriers in healthcare consultation: a research priority for refugee and migrant Health Participatory Health Research Unit, University of Limerick Ms. Anne Cronin</p> <p>Refugee and migrants’ involvement in quantitative health research Professor Ailish Hannigan Participatory Health Research Unit, University of Limerick</p>

	<p>Community research and the use of drama in research dissemination Ms. Anna Papyan Participatory Health Research Unit, University of Limerick</p>
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 12:30	SESSION 2 REFUGEES AND MIGRANT HEALTH AND COVID-19
	<p>Chair Professor Charles Agyemang Global Migration, Ethnicity and Health and Principal Investigator at Amsterdam University Medical Centres, University of Amsterdam</p> <p>Co-Chair Dr Sally Hargreaves Institute of Infection and Immunity, St George’s University of London</p> <p>Managing COVID: Public Health Collaborations for Inclusive Approach Mr. Joseph Doyle National Office for Social Inclusion, Health Service Executive, Dublin</p> <p>An innovative, system-level, interdisciplinary approach is needed to improve migrant Health Professor Esperanza Diaz Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care; Head of Pandemic Centre, Bergen, Norway</p> <p>Refugee aid work COVID-19: impact on mental health & options for strengthening mental wellbeing Dr Anne Jachmann Migration and Refugee Health Unit, Emergency Department, University Hospital Bern Switzerland</p> <p>Participatory Activity: Reflection on COVID-19 using Photo Voice Dr Susann Huschke Participatory Health Research Unit, University of Limerick</p>
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30 – 15:00	SESSION 3 REFUGEE AND MIGRANT HEALTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE
	<p>Chair Professor Allan Krasnik Section of Health Services Research, University of Copenhagen</p> <p>Co-Chair Dr Nuha Ibrahim Public Health Programme, School of Medicine, University of Limerick</p> <p>Climate Change: Voice from the Community</p> <p>Climate change, migration and health: a changing landscape and emerging priorities Dr. Santino Severoni Health and Migration Department, The World Health Organization</p> <p>The Lancet Research Group: Data for Migration and Climate Health Bernadette Kumar</p>

	<p>Norwegian Institute of Public Health; President EUPHA Migrant Health Section; Lancet Migration Co-Chair</p> <p>Round Table Discussion</p> <p>Participatory Activity: Dr. John Nutekpor- Music and Singing for Resilience on Climate Change Irish Institute of Music and Song</p>
15:00 – 15:30	COFFEE BREAK
15:30 – 16:30	SESSION 4 REFUGEE AND MIGRANT HEALTH IN CONFLICT SETTINGS
	<p>Chair Dr Apostolos Veizis Executive Director, INTERSOS</p> <p>Co-Chair TBC</p> <p>Ireland’s Public Health Response to Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection Speaker from Department of Health, Dublin Mr. Jim Walsh Department Of Health, Ireland</p> <p>Refugee Crisis in Ukraine Professor Iryna Frankova Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</p> <p>Participatory Activity: University of Limerick/ Doras Irish World Music Café Professor Helen Phelan, Ahmed Hassan and Dmytro Cherepakha Participatory Health Research Unit, University of Limerick; Doras; Ukrainian member of the Irish World Music Cafe</p>
16.30-16.45	The SONG OF THE DAY
	<p>Mr. Sarbik Guha Participatory Health Research Unit, University of Limerick</p>
16.45-17.00	SUMMARY & CLOSING
	<p>Dr. Santino Severoni, Health and Migration at World Health Organization, WHO</p> <p>Professor Anne MacFarlane and Professor Helen Phelan Participatory Health Research Unit, University of Limerick</p> <p>Professor Bernadette Kumar President EUPHA Migrant Health Section; Lancet Migration Co-Chair</p>