EUPHA Section “Ethics in Public Health”

Annual Report 2017

In this short report, activities in 2017 are concisely described. Currently, the section “Ethics in Public Health” (ETH) has 1250 members.

I. Stockholm Conference 2017

At this year’s EPH conference, the following activities from ETH were conducted.


b. Skills building seminar: Conquering the mountain: writing an institutional review board proposal (with EUPHA).nxt).

c. Workshop: The cutting edge of Health Technology Assessment: Information and Communication Technologies (HTA section with ETH).

The impression of the three activities and the feedback received regarding the activities was overall very positive.

II. JTN 2017 – Annual Meeting

a. Section structure

Peter Schröder-Bäck as president and Els Mæckelberghe as Vice President were re-elected for the next three years. Together with Caroline Vass MFPH (Specialty Registrar Public Health, Wessex, United Kingdom), they build the steering committee of the ETH.

b. Planning Ljubljana

Working Groups were founded to prepare workshops for the Ljubljana conference.
- Research Ethics (coordinator: Els Maeckelberghe)
- What do practitioners want from ethics? (coordinator: Caroline Vass)
- Migrant Health and ethics (coordinator: Farhang Tahzib)
- NGOs and ethical regulations (coordinator: Peter Schröder-Bäck)
- Teaching ethics (coordinator: Peter Schröder-Bäck)
- Resource Allocation (coordinator: Peter Schröder-Bäck)

III. Varia

- The ethics section will be represented in the special issue of the EJPH on the occasion of 25 years of EUPHA with a paper that also looks back on the activities of the section. The paper is called: “Ethics in Public Health: Call for Shared Moral Public Health Literacy” and co-authored by Els Maeckelberghe and Peter Schröder-Bäck.

- The UK Faculty of Public Health (FPH) is preparing a workshop on ethics for the Migrant, Ethnicity, Race and Health World Congress 2018 that is co-organised by EUPHA. The ethics section supports the workshop preparation of the UK PHF and in case of successful submission of the proposal would act as supporting organiser of that workshop.

- Further collaboration with the UK FPH in the field of Public Health Ethics are planned for 2018.

- The section updated, in collaboration with EUPHA office, the CODE OF GOOD EUPHA PRACTICE FOR THE COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS AND COMMERCIAL CONTRIBUTORS.

- The section drafted, in collaboration with EUPHA office, the CODE OF GOOD EPH Conference Foundation PRACTICE FOR THE COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS AND COMMERCIAL CONTRIBUTORS

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