

## **Minutes of the health promotion section meeting**

Milan, October 16, 2015

The section meeting had 18 participants and was chaired by Christiane Stock and Thomas Abel

### **Topic 1: Information regarding interim changes in presidency**

Christiane informed about decisions of the EUPHA governing board. Thomas informed about stepping back as section president. The section thanked Thomas for his valuable work for the health promotion section. Christiane will remain section president until new election of presidency at the Vienna conference 2016. Luis Saboga Nunes, National School of Public Health, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal will be interim co-president of the section. Luis introduced himself to the section members.

### **Topic 2: Discussion of planning of a plenary session to celebrate 30 years of the Ottawa Charter for the Vienna Conference 2016**

Christiane is member of a EUPHA working group for the planning of a plenary and other activities for celebrating the Ottawa charter at the next conference. She reported that at the working group meeting it was discussed to invite a speaker with experience and competence in the Ottawa Charter development, outcomes, present and future importance. In addition, one or more young people should contribute with reflections on the Ottawa Charter and its relevance for future health promotion. The section members agreed that celebrating the Ottawa Charter would be important to make health promotion visible within EUPHA and also in order to emphasize the importance of health promotion as a field with own theoretical underpinning and modes of practice. This is even more important since the members observed a tendency to dilute health promotion and to embrace it by other concepts and prevention oriented activities. The members discussed ideas how to engage young researchers in the critical reflection of the Ottawa Charter, among others by asking different young panelists to make statement on the five Ottawa themes of health promotion rather than to look for one person to do the reflection alone. A questionnaire about reflections on the Ottawa Charter among section members was also discussed and its results could serve as an input to the celebration plenary. It was also discussed that young people need more financial support in order to be able to attend and contribute to the European Public Health Conferences.

### **Topic 3: Section workshops**

The section was well represented at the Milan conference with one own workshop entitled "The role of participation in health promotion". The section workshop had a high number of attendees (around 80) and had good presentations and a very lively discussion. The health promotion section was also co-organiser of another

workshop entitled "Fighting cardiovascular diseases: the contribution of EUPHA sections to an evidence-based approach" organised by the health technology section and other sections.

When new themes for the next workshop submission were discussed and it was suggested to organize a workshop around the topic of environmental, social and cultural sustainability and health promotion

#### **Topic 4: Main goals for 2016**

It was suggested to create more networking among section members and the idea was presented to make up an email based discussion forum among members.

The new elections will be announced to all section members through the mailman system and candidates for the presidency and co-presidency are encouraged to contact the current president Christiane Stock ([cstock@health.sdu.dk](mailto:cstock@health.sdu.dk)). Luis Saboga Nunes expressed his interest to be a candidate for the next presidency election.

Other topics discussed as relevant for the future development of the health promotion section was:

- To initiate a discussion about what is health promotion
- To establish a news-letter or discussion forum among members
- To participate in other events e.g. the Nordic Health Promotion Research conference 2016
- To promote the EUPHA website and other communication tools with members