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:

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2. What type of organization do you belong to?

- University
- Other research agency/organization
- Government agency
- NGO
- International organization
- Practitioner at local/regional level organization
- Private company
- Other

3. What is your field of expertise?

- Epidemiology
- Child safety
- Safety among the elderly
- Alcohol, drug and medicine related injuries
- Environmental safety
- Consumer safety, product safety, tourism and services
- Drowning and water safety
- Fire safety and burn injuries
- Occupational safety
- Sports and exercise safety
- Transport safety
- Violence
- Strategies/plans for injury and violence prevention
- Trauma care
- Other
On top of 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.