

Agenda: “Join the Network of Public Health Practice and Policies”

Friday, 16th October, 12:35-13:25 (MiCo, Suite 8)

1. Welcome
2. Report on activities and developments and activities 2014/15
3. Discussing the section profile: See Annex 1
4. Organizational structure of the section
 - a. how can we renew the overview on actively available capacity in the HPP section and make the section manageable?
 - b. How can we then activate and mobilise the available capacity within the Section for different purposes:
 - sharing scientific and experiential knowledge on specific topics
 - organising demand and supply of readily available research data, reports, and advice
 - join forces with other Sections on specific topics, questions and issues
 - provide support and substantive assistance in activities of the Policy Pillar
 - etc.?
5. Working groups to prepare activities for the
 - a. EPH conference 2016 on “Health Promotion” and
 - b. beyond

Annex 1:

Clarifying the Section Profile: For discussion

We would like to engage PHPP members and interested persons in a process of re-establishing the profile of our Section and its position towards other Sections as well as the Policy Pillar.

In the text below we present an outline of a brainstorm we undertook with the aim to stimulate thinking about, and discussing the need for, and uses of the PHPP Section. As we represent a very limited part of what the Section could embrace as its core identity, we invite you to think out loud, question, and challenge the suggestions we made in order to refine its unique value as well as its interrelationships with other Sections and come to a shared Section understanding and identity that can be disseminated in the Section Profile.

In our view, the PHPP Section focuses on public health policies and practices at the supranational, national as well as subnational levels, as well as in small states and border regions. The aim is to connect representatives of the science, policies and practices in public health with a unique focus on the interplay between agency processes and institutional structures in agenda setting, decision-making, and accounting for performance. Topics are:

- to analyse and discuss the constitution of EU and WHO policy frameworks and their impacts by processes of multilevel, network and deliberative governance,
- to identify examples for mutual learning (by taking institutional theories and concepts for the diffusion and dissemination of innovations, policy transfer, policy learning and scalability of projects into account),
- to identify the processes and pitfalls of the implementation of “evidence informed” policy and practice (“rational” vs. “political” and “institutional models”) and their normative implications
- to analyse quality oriented measures (assessments, monitoring, evaluations etc.) and discuss their impacts.
- to discuss methods and strategies for studying as well as applying different governance modes and their implications at different governance levels.

This is in line with the EUPHA strategy, especially capacity development of member organisations and the education of young public health professionals.