



The EUPHA Section of Social Security, Work and Health Annual report for year 2015

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This year we have more than 900 section members

At the EPH conference in Milan, Italy we arranged

- 14-14 October: we arranged a lunch-to-lunch **pre-conference** on the theme “Theories and models used in research of sickness absence and disability pension”. This was the 13th pre-conference we arranged!
- 16 October. The **annual meeting** was held.
- Several **sessions and poster sessions** during the EPH conference at Milan
- we arranged a workshop on **Diabetes and work disability - causes and consequences**
- **arranged a workshop on** Systematic reviews in Public Health fields: challenges and how to bridge with policy, together with three other EUPHA sections, namely: Sections on Chronic Diseases, Public Mental Health, and Public Health Epidemiology

Before and after the EPH conference:

Communication with members through e-mails, etcetera.

The Section president was the chair of the Section Council, and was thus also a member of the Executive Council and the Governing Board of EUPHA and of the Executive Board of the EPH Foundation. She also chaired the EUPHA Section Council lunch-to-lunch meeting in March in Utrecht.

The president scored abstracts and workshops submitted for the EPH conference.

An international course for PhD students on ‘theories and methods in sickness absence research’ was held in the spring of 2015.

Several international research collaborations have been initiated within the section and are currently ongoing. Also some have been active within the network to promote research on cancer and work; CANWON as well as in other networks to promote research on sickness absence and work. This includes the Nordic network for researchers using twin data to gain

knowledge on the importance of genetics and shared family environment in sickness absence and disability pension.

Section members from three research groups (from Switzerland, the Netherlands and Sweden) have together with a Canadian research group, for several years been engaged in a project with the aim to have the Cochrane Collaboration accept Insurance Medicine as one of its fields. In December 2014 the field of **Cochrane Insurance Medicine** was accepted! During 2015 we have informed stakeholders about this and been active at several meetings informing about it, and worked with our plans for the Field. We introduced the Field at the international Cochrane Colloquium in Vienna in October.

Participation in the EUMASS Scientific committee for planning of the EUMASS conference in Ljubljana in 2016. Members of the section have also participated in several other international and national conferences in order to promote the research area.