



## **EUPHA Newsletter 10, 2008**

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A shorter newsletter this time to compensate for the missing October newsletter. This newsletter contains the updated information on EUPHA. The next newsletter (November) will be sent to you at the end of November.

Wishing you pleasant reading,

Dineke Zeegers Paget  
EUPHA Executive Director

### **1. EUPHA's new strategy**

On 6 November 2008, the Governing Council of the European Public Health Association published a new strategy and adopted a new structure for EUPHA. After the meeting, a newsflash was published, which is reproduced below.

It is with great pleasure that EUPHA announces the approval today, by its Governing Council, of a new strategy and new structure for EUPHA. We are happy to inform you of these changes, which will further enhance EUPHA's capacity to attain its objectives and assume a more prominent role in promoting the health of Europeans.

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Walter Ricciardi, EUPHA Past Presidents Committee  
Dineke Zeegers Paget, EUPHA office

## **EUPHA strategy 2009-2014** **A commitment to and from our members**

### **Our vision**

Improved health and reduced health inequalities for all Europeans. We seek to support our members to increase the impact of public health in Europe, adding value to the efforts of regions and states, national and international organisations, and individual public health experts.

## **Our mission**

To build capacity and knowledge in the field of public health, and to support practice and policy through scientific evidence, producing and sharing knowledge with our members and partners in Europe.

## **Working in partnership**

Sustainable advancements in public health can only be achieved through collaboration. EUPHA is dedicated to working in partnership with European and international intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations as well as national institutes and organisations endorsing EUPHA's values and commitment to improve public health in Europe.

With this new strategy, EUPHA will build bridges between public health research, policy, practice and training and education. We will increase the impact of public health in Europe, adding value to the efforts of regions and states, national and international organisations and individual public health experts. The strategy is divided in four pillars and two strategic objectives summarized below:

## **EUPHA Two Strategic objectives**

### **1. Capacity building**

Capacity building includes the enhancement and development of skills and knowledge through training, technical advice and increased awareness, motivation, commitment and confidence.

EUPHA's focus on capacity building includes:

- Human resource development: the process of equipping public health experts with the understanding, skills and access to (international and comparative) information, knowledge and training that enables them to perform more effectively.
- Organisational development: the elaboration of management structures, processes and procedures, not only within organisations but also the management of relationships between the different organisations and sectors (public, private and community).
- Institutional and legal framework development: making legal and regulatory changes to enable organisations, institutions and agencies at all levels and in all sectors to enhance their capacities.

### **2. Knowledge building**

Knowledge building includes the synthesis, creation, dissemination and use of scientific knowledge and experience.

EUPHA's focus on knowledge building includes:

- Developing international knowledge building by using all tools available to EUPHA.
- Promoting multidisciplinary work and sharing of knowledge.
- Supporting the development of strong public health research at national and European level.
- Proactive sharing of knowledge by taking initiatives, developing new tools and collaborating with partners.
- Focusing on transfer of research into policy and practice.

## **EUPHA Four Pillars**

### **3. Research**

EUPHA's objectives in research are:

- To develop the understanding of national and European-level public health research in terms of outputs, priorities, structures and funding.
- To provide a forum for promoting and developing research, and for networking researchers
- To encourage the use of research results and implications for public health policy and practice

### **4. Policy**

EUPHA's objectives in policy are:

- To promote evidence-based public health policy and healthy public policy.
- To contribute to policy through networking and alliance building.

## 5. Practice

EUPHA's objectives in practice are:

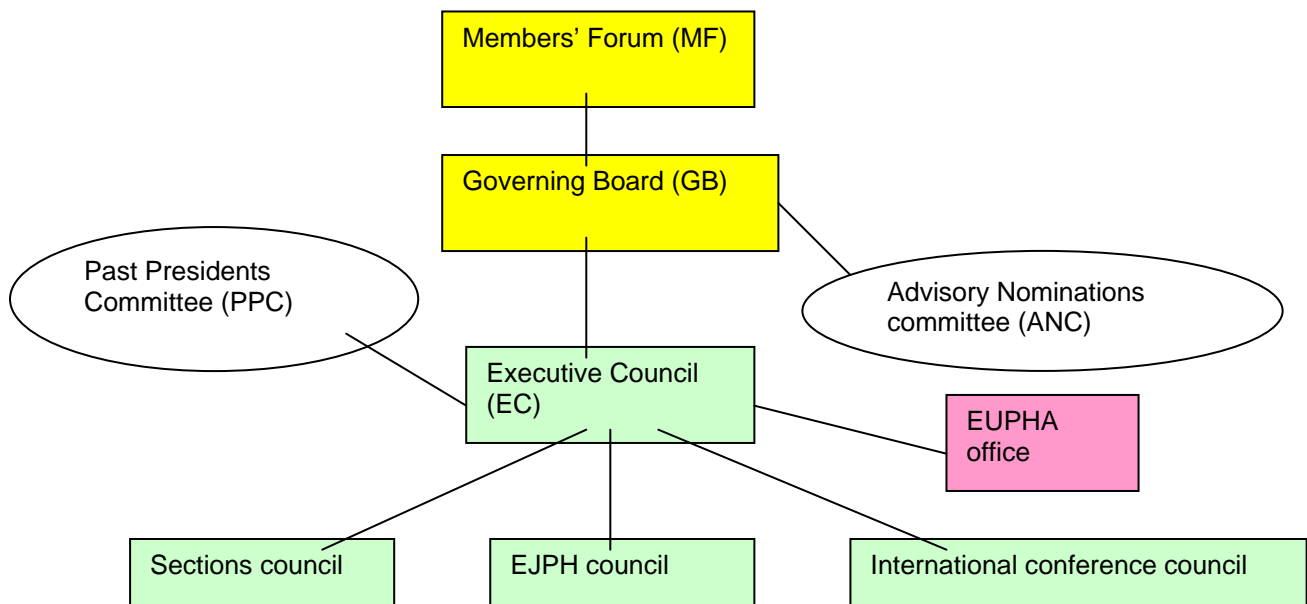
- To develop a collaborative network of public health specialists and practitioners for the sharing and exchange of best practice.
- To encourage applied health service research, service evaluation and audit to inform policy and practice and to use practice to inform research and training/education priorities.
- To use practice developments to formulate the needs for research.

## 6. Training and education

EUPHA's objectives in training and education are:

- To become a focal point for training and education in public health in Europe.
- To bridge curriculum development between science and practice.
- To identify the needs of public health experts for training and education.

## EUPHA's new structure



### EUPHA Members' Forum (MF):

The MF is the most complete body of EUPHA. The goal of the MF is active information exchange and serving as the platform for discussion between decisional and executive organs/persons in EUPHA. The MF meets once a year linked to the EUPHA annual conference and before the GB meeting.

### Governing Board (GB):

The GB is responsible for the management of EUPHA. The body will be smaller than the former Governing council and will include only members who have voting powers. The GB meets once a year after the MF meeting.

### Advisory Nominations Committee (ANC):

The GB will install an ANC, which consist of 5 members. The ANC is responsible for the organisation of nominations for EC positions of president, secretary, treasurer and editor-in-chief. The ANC renders advice to the GB and has no decisional powers.

### Executive Council (EC):

The EC is responsible for the co-ordination and implementation of all EUPHA activities, as accepted by the GB. The EC meets four times a year. In its functions, the EC is advised by the Past Presidents

Committee and is assisted by four other executive bodies: the sections council, the international conference council, the EJPH council and EUPHA office.

**Sections Council:**

The Sections Council is a new body within EUPHA where all sections are represented. The main task of this council is the coordination and further development of section activities, , assisting the Executive Council, e.g. in preparation of statements. The Sections Council will meet twice a year.

**International Conference Council:**

This body – the former International Organising Committee – is responsible for the organisation and planning of EUPHA conferences. The council will meet three times a year.

**EJPH council:**

The EJPH council is responsible for the EUPHA – EJPH business and for setting the general policy for the EJPH in relation to EUPHA. The EJPH council will meet twice a year.

**Past Presidents Committee (PPC):**

The PPC is the advisory committee in EUPHA. It can advise all bodies of EUPHA either on request or independently. all past presidents of EUPHA are members of the PPC, as well as some long-standing EUPHA activists. The PPC will meet twice a year.

**EUPHA office:**

EUPHA office is responsible for the day-to-day running of EUPHA. This includes support to all EUPHA bodies, planning of activities and projects, networking, acquisition, membership, as well as a proactive role within EUPHA.

## 2. EUPHA – ASPHER Conference 2009



### The second joint European Conference on Public Health

26-28 November 2009  
Lodz, Poland

In 2009, the second joint European Conference on Public Health will be organised in Lodz, Poland. The conference is jointly organised by:

- EUPHA – The European Public Health Association
- ASPHER – The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region
- The Polish Association of Public Health
- The Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine
- The Faculty of Health Sciences, Jagiellonian University



17th EUPHA Conference on Public Health: Human Ecology and Public Health – promoting social and environmental conditions conducive to health.



31st ASPHER annual conference: Transcending the borders – intercultural & trans disciplinary public health education to promote social and environmental well-being – promoting innovation.

**Abstract submission** will start on 1 January 2009.

### 3. EUPHA news

During the EUPHA conferences in November every year, the EUPHA executive and governing bodies organise meetings to plan and decide for the coming year(s). At the Lisbon conference, the major decision was the new strategy and new structure of EUPHA. In 2009, the business plan to implement this new strategy will be elaborated.

Further decisions include:

- The acceptance of a new institutional member: the Center for Health Policy and Public Health, Romania.
- The installation of a new EUPHA section: The EUPHA section on Ethics in Public Health
- The time and place of the 2011 conference has been set. The 2011 conference will be organised by the Danish Society of Public Health and partners and will be held from 10-12 November 2011 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The main theme of the conference is: Public health and welfare – welfare development for health.

### 4. European Journal of Public Health

We are pleased to inform you of the following three positive messages on the European journal of public health. The messages are summarized from the publisher's report of November 2008.

#### Impact factor:

The latest impact factor for *EJPH* is 1.910 which is a great result for the Editorial team. The journal has also moved up significantly in the ISI rankings.

Year	Impact factor	Ranking: (Public, Environmental and Occupational Health)
2007	1.910	38/100
2006	1.418	59/98
2005	1.118	63/99
2004	1.051	58/93

#### Production:

The average time between receipt at Oxford Journals and publication online is consistently coming in at the target time of around 4 weeks.

#### EJPH reader survey:

The publisher is organising a reader survey to gather information about what the reader perceptions are of the *European Journal of Public Health* and what they expect from the journals they use. By understanding the needs of our readers better, we can plan journals developments and marketing messages.