



ANNOUNCEMENT

The European Public Health Association (EUPHA) is a multidisciplinary scientific society. It aims to contribute to the improvement of public health in Europe by offering a means for exchanging information and a platform for debate to researchers, policy makers and practitioners in the field of public health and health services research in Europe. Currently, EUPHA has member organisations in 21 countries in Europe.

ANNUAL EUPHA MEETING 2001

HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT EUROPE AND THEIR INTERACTION WITH PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIONS

BRUSSELS, Belgium

**Brussels Exhibition Centre (Expo Heizel)
Hall 10, auditorium "2000"**

6-8 December 2001

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for EUPHA-members and other public health experts to explore the currently existing health information networks and development. At the same time, the meeting will provide a forum for people of the different disciplines involved in health information systems and their development and offer the possibility to discuss common problems with those involved in policy making. It is also expected that the meeting will create an opening for interaction between the health information system and its audience.

The major themes of the 2001 meeting:

- Health information systems within Europe
- Audiences for health information
- Comparability of data in international health monitoring
- From health information to field intervention
- From health information to policy making
- Public health forecasting
- EU's and WHO's actions in the field of health information
- Towards new public health indicators

DATE AND VENUE

The 2001 EUPHA meeting will be held from 6 to 8 December 2001 at the Brussels Exhibition Centre (HEIZEL), Belgium.
Hall 10, auditorium "2000"

LANGUAGE

The conference language will be English.

PLENARY SESSIONS WITH INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. F. Kamper-Jorgensen,
Director, National Institute of Public Health,
Copenhagen, Denmark

Dr. M. Wolfson
Director General, Statistics Canada, Ottawa,
Canada

Dr. L. Green
Director, WHO Collaborating Center for Tobacco
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National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention
and Health Promotion
Office on Smoking and Health
CDC, Atlanta, USA

Dr. F. Van Loock
Scientific Institute of Public Health
Brussels, Belgium

European Commission
DG Health and Consumer Protection
Luxembourg

Dr. M. De Smedt
European Commission
EUROSTAT
Luxembourg

PARALLEL SESSIONS WITHIN THE MAJOR THEMES AS OUTLINED ON THE COVER

Covering disciplines such as infectious diseases, chronic diseases, drugs, food safety, occupational and environmental health, etc...

WORKSHOPS

The official EUPHA sections:

- Health Promotion
- Public Health Practice and Policy
- Health Services Research
- Epidemiology
- Health and Work

are invited to organise workshops during the conference and submit a proposal.

EUPHA also offers international scientific groups the opportunity to organise a workshop as a forum to present their experience and debate their interpretation (see guidelines for workshops)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/WORKSHOPS

Interested public health experts are invited to submit their abstracts for oral or poster presentation by May 31st 2001 to the address below (preferably by Email). Please note that abstracts can not contain more than 300 words.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday 6 December 2001

- 10.00 - 12.00: EUPHA Executive Council meeting
10.00: Registration
12.30: Walking lunch
13.30: Welcome
Opening session
14.15: Plenary session, European Commission
15.30: Parallel sessions
17.00: Plenary session, Dr. Wolfson
18.00 - 19.00: EJPH Editorial Board
19.30: Welcome reception at the European Parliament

Friday 7 December 2001

- 09.00: Plenary session, Dr. Kamper-Jorgensen
10.15: Parallel sessions
13.30: Plenary session, Dr. Green
14.15: Parallel sessions
16.15: Plenary session, Dr. Van Loock
17.30 - 19.00: EUPHA Governing Council
19.30: Conference dinner

Saturday 8 December 2001

- 08.30: Ferenc Bojan memorial lecture
09.00: Plenary session, round table with WHO/EUROPEAN COMMISSION/OESO
10.30: Parallel sessions
12.00: Closing ceremony

This programme will be available on the website of NIVEL: www.nivel.nl/eupha

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS FOR SINGLE PRESENTATIONS

The Scientific Committee will judge submitted papers. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be posted in July 2001.

Those wishing to present a paper or a poster at the meeting should submit abstracts using the following guidelines:

1. Title, name of author(s), affiliation, and address for correspondence.
2. The abstract should be no longer than 300 words and must fit on one page (A4 format). It should include the following headings:
 - Introduction:** this should be a brief section stating the research problem.
 - Method:** methods and data collection should be briefly described. It should make clear when, how and with what units data were collected.
 - Results:** the Scientific Committee will reject studies from which no results can be derived.
 - Conclusions.**
3. Only one submission per person is allowed. Being a co-author will not be taken into account.
4. Submissions should preferably be sent by e-mail or on diskette.

Abstracts are not limited to the main conference themes; other public health and health services research topics are welcomed.

In addition to traditional research contributions, the Scientific Committee will be happy to consider the presentation of international collaborative studies on public health policy and practice analysis, description and analysis of outcomes and experiences of national and international public health and health services research projects.

Those interested in presenting a study about evaluation of the state of current health reforms should indicate this in the abstract. These abstracts will be judged separately. It is crucial that these presentations are informative and if necessary, critical.

GUIDELINES FOR WORKSHOPS

The organizer of the workshop is free to choose a subject within or outside the main conference theme.

1. Maximum 3-4 presentations per workshop.
2. Submit an abstract with the content of the workshop, which will be judged for its quality and coherence.
3. Abstracts of the different presentations to the workshop should be included following the guidelines for abstracts for single presentations. These abstracts will be judged separate-

ly on quality following the standards for the single presentations.

4. The number of workshops is limited.

CONFERENCE FEES

Until October 1

EUPHA members: 273,0 €

Non members: 322,6 €

From October 1

EUPHA members: 335,0 €

Non members: 384,6 €

Registration fee includes conference documentation, coffee breaks, lunch and conference reception and dinner.

Payment can be made by cheque, bank transfer or credit card, see registration forms.

CANCELLATION CHARGES

Registration is only confirmed after receipt of the enrolment fee. Cancellations should be notified in writing to the local organisation office.

Charges:

Before November 15, 2001: 20% of registration fee

After November 15, 2001: 40% of registration fee

After December 1, no refund possible

ACCOMMODATION

The professional Accommodation Service "Key-Line", linked with the conference venue will coordinate all accommodation preferences. Seven hotels of which two are in the direct neighbourhood of the conference site and five in the centre of Brussels (easy to reach by metro) offer reduced prices. We refer to the accommodation form enclosed for more detailed information.

TRAVEL

Special deals will be arranged through OMNIA TRAVEL with several airlines, allowing participants within the framework of this meeting to travel to Brussels without minimum stay till Sunday, wherever flight wise possible.

TRANSFERS

For participants arriving/departing at Brussels airport and Brussels south train station OMNIA travel will organise a shuttle to your hotel or the Congress venue.

Exact fares will be available from early 2001 and will be posted on our website through a link from the EUPHA site. More information can be requested by email: mark.demaree@omnia.be

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

All participants must have valid passports. Citizens from most European countries do not need a visa to enter Belgium.

SUBSIDISED PLACES

There is a possibility for subsidised places for delegates from Central and Eastern Europe, who have submitted an abstract. Applications for subsidised places should be submitted to the EUPHA office (see under submission of abstracts).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Any information concerning the organisation of the EUPHA annual meeting 2001 can be obtained from:

EUPHA 2001 local organisation office

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Hall 10, auditorium "2000"

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The Belgian Public Health Association



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