

ASPHER 2022 Deans' & Directors' Retreat Sofia, Bulgaria

14-16 October 2022

Reuniting and revitalizing

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Host: Faculty of Public Health, Medical University – Sofia, Bulgaria

Venue: Hotel Marinela Sofia, Blvd "James Bourchier" 100, 1407 g.k. Lozenets, Sofia, Bulgaria

Friday 14 October

09:30 – 11:00 **Opening ceremony**

Chairs: John Middleton, ASPHER President &
 Karolina Lyubomirova, Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria

Welcome addresses Rumen Radev, President of Bulgaria
 Luchezar Traykov, Rector – Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria

Keynote address Dean Tzekomir Vodenicharov, Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria

ASPHER presidency handover

John Middleton & Carlo Signorelli

Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat
Director of the Division of Country Health Policies and Systems
WHO Regional Office for Europe

Laura Magaña
Chair, Global Network for Academic Public Health
President & CEO, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health

Bettina Borisch (tbc)
Executive Director, World Federation of Public Health Associations

11:00 – 11:30 **Break**

11:30 – 13:00

Public Health Workforce Professionalisation

Chairs:

John Middleton, ASPHER Vice-President &
Karl Conyard, ASPHER Fellow

WHO-ASPHER Roadmap to professionalizing the public health workforce in the European Region

Kasia Czabanowska, Maastricht University, The Netherlands &
Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, WHO Regional Office for Europe

National workforce capacity to implement the essential public health functions including a focus on emergency preparedness and response. Roadmap for aligning WHO and partner contributions

Laura Magaña, Global Network for Academic Public Health/Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health & Jim Campbell, WHO (tbc)

Sharing European Educational Experience in Public Health for Israel (SEEPHI): Harmonization, employability, leadership and outreach

Nadav Davidovitch, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

ASPHER Competencies Programme

Mary Codd, University College Dublin, Ireland

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Workshops

Parallel session

Undergraduate programmes

Chair:

Kai Michelsen, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Parallel session

Doctoral programmes and research capacities

Chair:

Carla Lopes, University of Porto, Portugal

Parallel session

Specialist training and continuing professional development

Chair:

Nadav Davidovitch, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

16:00 – 16:30

Break

16:30 – 18:00

Deans' session: Key challenges faced by schools of public health

Chairs:

Carlo Signorelli, ASPHER President &
Lisa Wandschneider, ASPHER Fellow (tbc)

School of Public Health, Institute of Postgraduate Med Education – Prague
by Alena Petrakova (Czech Republic)

National School of Public Health, Lisbon NOVA University
by Sónia Dias (Portugal)

Department of Public Health & Social Medicine, Med University of Gdansk
by Łukasz Balwicki (Poland)

19:30 – 23:00

ASPHER 2022 Awards Ceremony & Festive dinner

Saturday 15 October

- 09:00 – 10:00** **COVID-19 task force session**
Chairs: Nadav Davidovitch, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel & Carmen Varela/Jeanine Pommier, ECDC (tbc)
- Parallel session **Follow up Deans' session
hosted by schools of public health in Bulgaria**
- 10:00 – 10:15** Break
- 10:15 – 11:15** **War task force session – geopolitical health**
Chairs: Oliver Razum, Bielefeld University, Germany & Cristina Profili/Elena Val, IOM Brussels (tbc)
- Parallel session **SEEEPHI Erasmus+ project workshop**
- 11:15 – 11:30** Break
- 11:30 – 12:30** **Consolidating European public health community**
Chairs: Carlo Signorelli, ASPHER President & John Middleton, ASPHER Vice-President
Marieke Verschuuren, European Public Health Association
Milka Sokolovic, European Public Health Alliance (tbc)
Robert Otok, Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region
Joined by Bulgarian members of the participating networks to reflect
- 12:30 – 14:00** Networking lunch
- 14:30 – 16:30** **Defining Core Curricula to support the attainment
of Core Competencies by Public Health Professionals:
An Interactive Workshop**
Chairs: Mary Codd, University College Dublin, Ireland & Karl Conyard, ASPHER Fellow
Including group work in thematic areas (up to 10):
- Round table ***Climate and health***
Facilitators: John Middleton (UK) & Rana Orhan/Tara Chen, ASPHER Fellows
- Round table ***Diversity and intersectionality***
Facilitators: Oliver Razum (Germany) & Lisa Wandschneider, ASPHER Fellow (tbc)
- Round table ***Big data and modelling for public health decision-making***
Facilitators: Mirjana Kujundžić Tiljak (Croatia) & Rok Hrzic, ASPHER Fellow
Additional groups tbc
- 16:30 – 17:00** Break
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Closing session

Chairs:

Carlo Signorelli, ASPHER President &
Karolina Lyubomirova, Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria

World Congress on Public Health 2023: ASPHER AGA & Membership Forum

Carlo Signorelli, ASPHER President with
Laura Magaña & John Middleton – Global Network for Academic Public Health

ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat – Dublin 2023

Mary Codd, University College Dublin, Ireland

20:00 – 23:00

Folk dinner

Sunday 16 October

Social programme

Trip to Plovdiv

Full-day option



Sofia sightseeing

Half-day option

