

## Autumn 2019 Newsletter



Pictured: Jean-Michel Folon Sculpture, Knokke, Belgium (Image by S. Hermann & F. Richter from Pixabay)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a great honour for me to serve colleagues working in public health in the European region, and to share our work across the globe. My main duties are following the lines I set out in [my acceptance speech in Erice, Sicily](#), during the ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat in May. Governance, strategy and partnership are my priorities. We have to set ASPHER on a sound footing: ensuring our finances, securing our membership base and setting our relationships on solid, business-like and effective foundations. We have made great strides to do this through our recent major executive board meeting in Sofia in September. This is the best and most committed executive I have worked with for ASPHER and I am convinced we will achieve a stronger role for our organisation through their efforts.

Public health is the best job in the world, as I described in [my presentation to the first ASPHER ASSETS meeting in Brussels in July this year](#). The [Andrija Stampar Summer Educational & Tutoring School \(ASSETS\)](#) drew in outstanding public health lecturers from the European region, including Scott Burris, Josep Figueras, Mirjana Kujundzic Tiljak, Walter Ricciardi, and the European Commission, under the expert guidance of Jose M. Martin-Moreno. It also brought together young public health professionals for sharing tutorials and mentoring. It was, I believe, a most successful event—and one which we will repeat, and amplify in July next year at the [Andrija Stampar School of Public Health](#) in Zagreb. This will happen just after the conclusion of the Croatian presidency of the EU and also be a true home-coming for our Andrija Stampar inspired event. A key role for ASPHER is to create the public health leaders of the future—and ASSETS is our flagship vehicle for this—so do encourage your students and graduates to apply for a place in 2020.

This summer, I participated in the [Train4M&H](#) Dissemination Workshop for provision of training for first-line health professionals and law enforcement officers working at the local level with migrants and refugees; expert seminar on the responses of public health agencies to the health and social problems of migrants in the European Union. We heard from many of the law enforcement and social work agencies across Europe, who participated in the project to great success. We await publication of the training materials in all EU languages, which will be freely available to all on the EU Health Policy Platform's Agora Network, and linked with [www.aspher.org](http://www.aspher.org).

Also in July, I presented my paper [Planetary Health or Plexit](#) to a group of doctors and community leaders in Gloucestershire, England. The recognition is now very stark and urgent that we are no longer in a period of climate change, but in fact, in climate change, or breakdown. Indeed we are [in a climate emergency](#). All the ice that has disappeared from the Arctic has to go somewhere—it is landing in the floods of Herefordshire, Doncaster and Sheffield and many other parts of the UK, and Europe. The [Venice parliament voted down climate control measures](#) just before the forum was flooded. Schadenfreude from Mother Earth? Meanwhile in 2019, wildfires raged across the Amazon, Australia, Africa, Siberia, North America and elsewhere, with more than [271,000 hectares burning in Europe](#). ASPHER schools should be strongly connected to the [Global Consortium on Climate and Health Education](#), led by Columbia University, to ensure that climate change education is a key part of the curriculum of schools of public health.

We have welcomed the new European Commission President and her commissioners. [Ursula von Der Leyen](#) promises a programme of genuine public health relevance and we commend it to you. Commentary

on her mission letter to commissioner-designate for health, Stella Kyriakides can be found [here](#). Our take on the invitation for Mariya Gabriel as commissioner-designate for innovation and youth can be found [here](#).

I also delivered [the EUPHA sponsored keynote lecture at the 5<sup>th</sup> International conference on Law Enforcement and Health](#) in Edinburgh, in October. There is a growing recognition of the need for police and public health professionals to work together. In many countries, police forces are an alternative social service and [need to adopt public health approaches to preventing crime and violence](#). I was also able to participate in a workshop sponsored by WHO on joint responses to major emergencies by public health and police. I will still be interested to learn from our schools what you are doing in these areas. And there will be a key WHO resource on policing and public health emergency response. ASPHER remains concerned about abuses of human rights and conflict as a caused of poor public health. We have published a [statement in the Lancet, on the abuses of doctors in Turkey](#), and we send our solidarity and support.

In the coming months, up until our annual Dean's & Directors' Retreat In Sofia, we will be consulting members on the 2025 strategy for ASPHER. I believe we must nail down the basics of quality standards in training and curriculum and competence, revitalise our understanding and commitment to law, ethics, rights and values (LERV - for short!). In this, we must also recognise the importance of cultural competence and celebrate diversity, in the work of our schools, and in championing the rights of the people we serve. Oliver Razum and colleagues from Bielefeld University and Kasia Czabanowska from Maastricht University, are formulating our policy and strategy in these concerns. In addition, we must recognise the importance of our future generations. I will seek to involve young professionals more—through our alumni proposals, and our ASPHER fellowship and through making available opportunities for more young people to work with our secretariat and executive. I believe, [the future of the profession of public health is bright](#).

I will be putting up further [blog](#) pieces on our continuing work on competencies, and also around the British scene in relation to the election and Brexit. Look out for these but in the meantime, you can find my commentary on the British election, [here](#).

For all of us, the deep midwinter is a time to reflect, and enjoy precious moments with our family and friends. May we each, according to our beliefs, enjoy, mark, reflect, share, and give, in our December festivals. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, Hanukkah, Bodhi day, Pancha Ganapati, Omisoka, Kwanzaa, Yalda, Zaratosh No Diso, Yule, Winter Solstice, and more.

Please do come back in 2020, restored, refreshed and revitalised for the uncertain times we face. There has never been a more necessary time to protect and improve the health of the public and there has never been a more important time for the work of our public health community.

Happy New Year.

Yours in health,  
John Middleton

## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT



Greetings from the ASPHER Secretariat as we board the train for the [12th annual European Public Health Conference](#) in Marseille, France. The EPH Conference is Europe's biggest public health event of the year and ASPHER and our Members are always busy with many planned activities. Please see the ASPHER highlights for the Conference, here in the newsletter, including the [12th Young Researchers' Forum](#), a full-day pre-conference event held in collaboration this year with University College London's programme in Digital Public Health as part of the [9th International Digital Public Health Conference](#)

held in conjunction with EPH in Marseille from 20-23 November; and Plenary 4 where we will award Professor Gaetano M. Fara with the [ASPHER Stampar Medal](#) for Excellence in Public Health.

ASPHER will be in the EPH Conference exhibition area with our booth, where we will also host the [Faculty of Public Health, Medical University Sofia](#) and the [Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health, Indiana University](#). We will also welcome our friends from [EuroNet MRPH](#) – the European network of medical residents in public health. We will also have material to share from many of our Member schools. Our stand is always a gathering place, so be sure to stop by!

This is an exciting time for ASPHER as we embark on a new ASPHER Presidency. Make sure to read the Message from the President above, where John Middleton discusses the many activities he has already undertaken. The Secretariat is especially grateful to the attention being given to ASPHER's governance and we see this as a great opportunity to renew our commitment to provision of service to our Member Schools and Programmes, and to bring clarity to and strengthen the benefits of membership. President Middleton's tenure coincides with the wrap up of the [ASPHER 2020 agenda](#) and setting of the 2025 agenda strategies. We will be consulting with Member schools in the coming months on the new strategy, so expect to hear from us.

The 2025 Strategy and New Membership Policy will be presented at the annual [ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat](#), which will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria next year. The Faculty of Public Health, Medical University Sofia will be hosting us from 31 May-3 June 2020, so make sure to save the dates! See more in the Retreat announcement below and stay tuned to [www.aspher.org](http://www.aspher.org) for the full Retreat Programme and registration details. In other events, we would like to remind you to book your calendars for the [16th World Conference on Public Health](#) in Rome from 12-17 November 2020, which will be the site of the 2020 EPH Conference. As well, the next ASPHER [Andrija Štampar Summer Educational & Tutoring School \(ASSETS\)](#) will be held in Zagreb, Croatia from 12-18 July 2020—consider this opportunity for your early- and mid-career faculty and your best postgraduate students and alumni.

We would like to remind you of two ongoing survey projects, which are key to planning objectives of the ASPHER 2025 strategy and to the public health education agenda in Europe. The Research Capacity Assessment for Schools of Public Health in the European Region, and the Public Health Education and Social Accountability Study. Details on both are found in the newsletter and we call on all our Members to please provide their responses.

We are thrilled to announce the winners of the 2019-2020 [This is Public Health \(TIPH\) European Campaign](#). Together with the [Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health \(ASPPH\)](#) we have been able to provide funding for TIPH Campaigns at seven of our Member Schools to help build awareness and enhance the visibility of public health and opportunities for careers in public health. ASPHER Fellow, Naomi Nathan has been coordinating with the winning schools and has brought us reporting on the start of the TIPH Campaign as well as other news from her fellowship work here and in the [ASPHER blog](#). We expect to repeat the Campaign Challenge for 2020-2021, so look for the opportunity for your Programme to apply!

Finally, echoing the message of ASPHER President, John Middleton, we welcome the new European leadership and wish them the all the best. We thank [Zsuzsanna Jakab](#) for her nearly 10 years of service as WHO Regional Director for Europe during which she helped bring a strong public health agenda to the forefront of WHO-Europe policy. We thank also, outgoing Commissioner for Health & Food Safety, [Vytenis Andriukaitis](#). We appreciate their past service are looking forward to working closely with their successors.

ASPHER has been busy the last few weeks with many Brussels-based meetings and beyond, including the Global Vaccination Summit, the EU Health Programme high level conference, Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health end of term conference, and the Association of Schools of Public Health in Africa (ASPHA) Conference 2019 in Kampala, Uganda. Find reporting on these and more in this edition of the ASPHER Newsletter.

ASPHER Secretariat wishes you all a happy holiday season and we look forward to sending our next newsletter to you in the new year!

Very best wishes and meet many of you soon in Marseille,

Robert Otok, Lore Leighton, Naomi Nathan  
ASPHER Secretariat

**Please enjoy this edition of the ASPHER newsletter and don't forget to share your news with [lore.leighton@aspher.org](mailto:lore.leighton@aspher.org) to be included in the next issue or on the ASPHER website activity log. Finally, we always appreciate any comments and/or suggestions for improvements for us to consider for the newsletter - let us know!**

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## EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE – MARSEILLE 2019 ASPHER CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### 12th Annual Young Researchers' Forum

**Wednesday 20 November**

**08:45 - 17:00 (Room Endoume 2): 12th Annual Young Researchers' Forum**

**18:30 - 00:00 (in the heart of Marseille): DPH-YRF Evening Social**

The 12th annual Young Researchers' Forum (YRF) will be held on Wednesday 20 November. The YRF event for 2019 merges the YRF day, traditionally organised by [ASPHER](#) in partnership with [EUPHA](#), with the University College London (UCL) Digital Public Health PhD Track day. It is a full day even this year held with registration starting at 8:45 and finishing at 17:00. In addition to poster and oral presentations, this year's event will also feature demonstrations of digital technologies from selected young researchers.

The British Red Cross and Medicin Sans Frontiers will host a Missing Maps Workshop (make sure to bring your laptop!) and there will be guest lectures by Emma Honkala, Consultant, WHO; Stefan Buttigieg, Specialist Trainee in Public Health Medicine; and ASPHER Andreja Stampar Medallist, Gaetano Maria Fara, Emeritus Professor, Sapienza University of Rome and Director of the International School of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at the Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture in Erice. This year's event will be followed up by an evening social from 18:30.

For the full YRF programme see:

<https://www.acm-digitalhealth.org/daily-agenda/young-researchers-forum/>



### Plenary Session 4 with Andrija Stampar Medal Ceremony

**Friday 22 November**

**13:40 – 13:50 (Plenary Room): Andrija Stampar medal ceremony**

Andrija Stampar Medallist 2019:

Gaetano Maria Fara, Professor Emeritus of Public Health, Sapienza University of Rome

**13:50 - 14:40 (Plenary Room): Bridging towards the future of public health in Europe (II). Can we and how do we ensure Health in All EU Policies?**

Moderators:

Josep Figueras, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies; Naomi Nathan, ASPHER

Keynote speaker/Panellists:

- Anne Bucher, Director-General, DG SANTE, European Commission
- Scott L Greer, Professor Health Management and Policy, University of Michigan, USA
- John Middleton, President ASPHER
- Marian Harkin, Chair, All Policies for a Healthy Europe, Former Member of the European Parliament

Newsroom:

Dorli Kahr-Gottlieb, European Health Forum Gastein; and Naomi Nathan, ASPHER

For the full Plenary programme see:

[https://eupha.org/repository/conference/2019/Plenary\\_speakers/EPH\\_Conference\\_Marseille\\_Plenary\\_4\\_Abstract\\_v2.pdf](https://eupha.org/repository/conference/2019/Plenary_speakers/EPH_Conference_Marseille_Plenary_4_Abstract_v2.pdf)



## Selection of interesting events with ASPHER participation

**Friday 22 November, 16:20 - 17:50 (Room Sormiou): Round table: The new EUPHA strategy 2020-2025: what are the new skills public health professionals need**

Chairperson(s): Dineke Zeegers Paget - EUPHA, Marieke Verschuuren - Netherlands

The changing context of public health in Europe

Martin McKee - United Kingdom

EUPHA strategy 2020-2025: Achieving a triple A rating for health in Europe

Natasha Azzopardi Muscat - EUPHA

Panelists:

Danijela Stimac Grbic - HDJZ

Yves Charpak - SFSP

Jorid Grimeland - NOPHA

Sara Mc Quinn - EUPHAnxt Co-ordinator

Walter Ricciardi - WFPHA

Kasia Czabanowska – ASPHER

**Saturday 23 November, 11:10-12:40 (Room Morgiou): Skills building seminar: Building skills and capacity for a future health workforce**

Chairpersons: Ronald Batenburg - Netherlands, Ellen Kuhlmann - Germany

Building institutional capacity for a future health workforce. The WHO Global HRH Strategy  
Gabrielle Jacob - Denmark

Professionalisation of the public health workforce: why, what and how  
[Kasia Czabanowska - ASPHER](#)

Internationalisation of health workforce education: the case of medicine in Romania  
Marius-Ionut Ungureanu - Romania

Researching the health workforce: a framework for action  
Ellen Kuhlmann - Germany

### **Saturday 23 November, 11:10-12:40 (Room Endoume 5): Skills building seminar: Skillscamp – from soft skills to health for all**

EUPHANxt, EuroNet MRPH and Young Forum Gastein will host a Skills Building Seminar, “From soft skills to health for all” from 11:10 to 12:40, Saturday 23 November in Endoume 5.

Key public health (PH) interventions require health professionals with strong soft skills. For example, a vaccination programme can be strengthened by health professionals who are able to address patients’ concerns about vaccination and explain its benefits. Having public health teams with a wide variety of perspectives, multidisciplinary backgrounds and skills, adds significantly to the improvement of provided services and medical results.

In order to reach Goal 3 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and particularly “health for all”, soft skills are essential to empathise and interact with vulnerable social groups with specific needs.

The workshop will address the challenges faced by medical professionals in the interaction process with three vulnerable social groups, gender and sexual minorities, refugees and migrants and homeless people. Within the scope of the session, the necessary soft skills will be defined and analysed. Also, their application in the context of public health will be demonstrated and exemplified. The attendants will be invited to discuss real-life examples and have the possibility to exchange their own experience and expertise with each other.

Immediate Past-President of ASPHER, [Kasia Czabanowska](#) will open with an Introduction to Soft Skills.

## **Other Sessions**

### **Thursday 21 November**

9:00-10:00 (Endoume 1): Workshop: Comparative Public Health: Politics, science, and professionalism | University of Michigan

10:10-11:10 (Endoume 5): Workshop: Sharing best practices and building effective training at European points of entry | RIVM

13:40-14:40 (Plenary Room): Plenary 1 – Bridging for an interdisciplinary approach to public health to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) | WHO Europe, EUPHA

### **Friday 22 November**

8:30-9:30 (Samena): Workshop: Health workforce coordination and agency across sectors, organisations and professions | EUPHA (HWR), EUPHA (HSR)



12:30-13:30 (Endoume 1): Working together: The EU 3rd Health Programme as the enabler towards success | DG SANTE and CHAFEA, European Commission

16:20-17:50 (Endoume 6): Round table: Academic institutions and regional governments: two worlds apart? | WHO RHN, Østfold University College, Norwegian University for Life Sciences

### **Saturday 23 November**

11:10-12:40 (Sormiou): Skills building seminar: Young policy voices for our future | EHFG, EUPHA (PHPP)

11:10-12:40 (Samena): Round table: Strengthening capacities in health information for better public health practice in Member States | InfAct, Sciensano, EUPHA (PHMR)

13:40-15:10 (Sormiou): Round table: International capacity building to boost public health: Can we join forces and share know-how? | University of Southern Denmark, Babes Bolyai University

## **Ecole des Hautes Études en Santé Publique (EHESP) Conference Highlights**

### **Wednesday 20 November**

9:00-17:00 (Samena): Health Impact Assessment (HIA) institutionalization and multisectoral collaboration in Europe | For the full HIA pre-conference programme, click [here](#).

9:00-17:00 (Callelongue Parterre): How to build bridges between public health and primary care? A skills co-building pre-conference | Yann Bourgueil, Candan Kendir, Sylvain Gautier, Eric Breton

9:00-17:00 (Les Goudes 2): Public health: how to deal with climate change? | Anne Roué-Le Gall

### **Thursday, 21 November**

9:00-10:00 (Samena): Pitch presentations: Health literacy | We're making individuals more "health literate" but what about communities? | Candan Kendir

9:00-10:00 (Garden Level): Poster walk: Health promotion, health literacy | EnCLASS: an innovative project merging 2 international surveys (HBSC/ESPAD) among French students | Emmanuelle Godeau

10:10-11:10 (Garden Level): Poster walk: Overweight, underweight and diet | How the French Nutri-Score can impact sales of processed-foods? A complex system perspective | Eric Breton

14:50-16:20 (Riou): Workshop: Access to health services in health systems providing universal coverage | Geographical variations in access to expert centers for multiple sclerosis in France | Emmanuelle Leray; Care trajectories of patients initiating dialysis as planned versus emergency procedure | Maxime Raffray

### **Friday 22 November**

8:30-9:30 (Endoume 5): Oral presentations: Antimicrobial resistance and health care associated infections | Modeling Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae episodes' evolution in France over 2010-2020 | Jonathan Roux

8:30-9:30 (Endoume 6): Pitch presentations: Healthy places | Who, why, when and how do people use urban green spaces? A study of users from 18 parks in France | Marion Porcherie

**For the full conference programme and details visit: <https://ephconference.eu/>**

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## ASPHER DEANS' & DIRECTORS' RETREAT 2020

May 31 to June 3 - Sofia, Bulgaria



**Prof. Tzekomir Vodenicharov** (host school Founder) and **Prof. John Middleton** (ASPHER President) cordially invite you to attend the 2020 ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat.

Save the dates for the ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat 2020, the European Region's key event for the community of Schools and Programmes of Public Health training, research & service: **Sunday, 31 May through Wednesday 3 June 2020** hosted by the Faculty of Public Health, Medical University Sofia, Bulgaria.

### 2020 Retreat highlights:

- Europe's political agenda and the future of Public Health
- Global collaborations to strengthen the Public Health Workforce
- Sharing good practices and networking between ASPHER members
- ASPHER Young Forum
- ASPHER 2020 Good Practice Award Ceremony
- This is Public Health (TIPH) Europe 2019-2020 Campaign Gala
- ASPHER 2025 Agenda
- ASPHER presidential election
- Bulgarian Public Health Society Annual Meeting
- Social Programme to discover the culture of beautiful Bulgaria



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### **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPENS 1 DECEMBER 2019**

Send us your email or stop by the ASPHER exhibition booth at the EPH Conference in Marseille if you wish to sign up to receive Retreat alerts.

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## ASPHER NEWS

### Public Health in Europe: A Changing Political Landscape

#### WHO European Region

WHO-Europe is also undergoing a shift in leadership with the announcement on 17 September that [Dr. Hans Kluge](#) was nominated as the new WHO Regional Director for Europe. Dr Kluge, a Belgian national, is currently Director of the Division of Health Systems and Public Health at WHO/Europe. He will take up the new post on 1 February 2020.

In his address to delegates at the 69th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Dr Kluge pledged to focus on the feedback and messages he received from European Member States during his campaign across the Region, saying, “Member States want to see an agile WHO-Europe providing a compass for better health in the Region. They want a very pragmatic toolbox for accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. We have to take into account global health, the regional context, but also countries’ cultural and health system specificities.” Don’t miss Dr. Kluge speaking in the Opening Ceremony at EPH Marseille!

ASPHER would like to warmly thank [Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab](#) for her nearly 10 years of service in the position as WHO Regional Director for Europe during which she helped bring a strong public health agenda to the forefront of WHO-Europe policy. Dr Jakab has been appointed Deputy Director-General of WHO. Her new portfolio of responsibilities includes WHO’s technical programmes for universal health coverage, the life course, communicable and noncommunicable diseases, healthier populations and antimicrobial resistance, alongside other issues that the Director-General considers appropriate to delegate. ASPHER had an opportunity to contribute to Dr. Jakab’s end of term publication: [Better Health for Europe: More equitable and sustainable](#).

We look forward to continued collaboration with both Dr. Kluge and Dr. Jakab.

#### European Commission

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the European Parliament elected the new Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen. She is the first woman to be elected to the position, a doctor, with a Master’s in Public Health from Hannover Medical School and ASPHER welcomes her to her new position. Her proposal for the new commission include a European Green Deal; an economy that works for people; a Europe fit for the digital age; protecting our European way of life; a stronger Europe in the world; and a new push for European democracy.

ASPHER President, John Middleton published a series of blogs regarding von der Leyen’s [proposed programme](#) as an opportunity to improve the public’s health as well as a more in depth look at the missions she has given to [Commissioner-designate for Health, Stella Kyriakides](#) and [Commissioner-designate for Innovation and Youth, Mariya Gabriel](#), who is also charged with responsibility for the [Horizon Europe](#) and [ERASMUS+](#) programmes. Although, the mandates for Kyriakides and Gabriel are of clear interest for ASPHER and our members, we must not forget that it is in the interest of the public’s health to include Health in All Policies and to promote the public health agenda across the entirety of the European Commission.

We thank the outgoing Commissioners for their service and we look forward to working closely with the new Commission to make certain that [public health is at the heart of all policy-making](#).

## ASPHER 2020 & 2025 – Advancing and Evaluating the Agenda

While in Erice earlier this year, ASPHER initiated evaluation of the ASPHER 2020 Strategic Objectives, which were adopted back in June 2015 at the Jerusalem Retreat to guide ASPHER's community for the following 5 years (2016-2020). Objective leads provided a rapid evaluation of their assigned objective over the summer months, consulting with other colleagues involved with the relevant agenda, and providing a short report to the ASPHER Executive Board.

Right now, the ASPHER Executive Board and the secretariat are working on their input, which is expected to be released in the format of a comprehensive draft evaluation report in early 2020, for further broad consultation with ASPHER members. The evaluation report will be finalized over the course of January-April 2020. Activities undertaken during the final year of the ASPHER 2020 agenda will be included and the report will be synergized with the upcoming ASPHER 2025 strategic objectives.

Planning for ASPHER 2025 has commenced following the September meeting of the Executive Board. The outline of the new strategy will yet be shared with members before the end of this year, while a broader consultation will begin in early 2020. The new strategy will be adopted at the 2020 Deans' and Directors' Retreat in Sofia at the General Assembly on May 31. The strategy will be accompanied with a series of additional key documents, including the revised Membership Policy detailing membership benefits and services.

ASPHER has convened a Task Force on Membership Policy to develop a new strategy pack, which will be fully in line with the realization of the current ASPHER Presidency agenda on governess, strategy and partnership. These much needed steps will help take the Association to the next operating level over the coming strategy cycle.

Send a message to [robert.otok@aspher.org](mailto:robert.otok@aspher.org) if you have any feedback regarding the ASPHER 2020 Strategic Objectives or wish to get involved as we head into the final year of the Agenda. THE SAME FOR ASPHER 20205 ideas.

## ASPHER's Andrija Štampar Summer Educational & Tutoring School (ASSETS)

**ASPHER's first [Andrija Štampar Educational & Tutoring Summer School](#) (ASSETS) was held in Brussels this past summer, from 15 -21 July.**

ASSETS offers an exclusive educational mentoring programme tailored to initiate such fruitful learning experiences. Instead of a classical school with multiple lectures presented to a passive audience, we intend to give to the students the necessary prominence while at the same time they get the inspiration and support of mentors. The idea is to ask each participant student (professional or aspiring public health professional) to bring a schematic idea, about a practical experience, project, master's thesis or doctoral thesis outline... within the public health and/or health system scope that can be presented in class in front of the experts and their peers.



ASPHER Fellow, Naomi Nathan participated in the course and reported on the event in the [ASPHER Blog](#). She noted that “Over the course of the week we met with mentors, who not only shared with us their journey and personal experiences in Public Health but also advised us on our next steps and the challenges we had identified and were struggling with in the field of Public Health... Can you imagine how enriching, insightful, nudging and impactful this week was? I was also very inspired and motivated by the different topics and challenges presented by my fellow ASSETS participants, how passionate they are and generally their drive to create and lead change.”

Naomi pinpointed 3 key calls to action for the public health community, naming them the 3 C’s: Communication, Collaboration, and Coordination. For the full account of her experience, see her post [here](#).

The ASSETS host location will alternate each year between ASPHER’s Brussels headquarters and one of our Member Schools. **The 2020 edition will be held at the [Andrija Štampar School of Public Health](#) in Zagreb, Croatia from 12-18 July.**

Keep an eye on [www.aspher.org](http://www.aspher.org) and follow @ASPHERoffice on Twitter for the 2020 ASSETS Programme announcement. For more information contact [office@aspher.org](mailto:office@aspher.org).

## Salzburg Seminar on Public Health Law

**The Open Medical Institute (OMI), Maastricht University and ASPHER organised a Salzburg Seminar on Public Health Law from 6-12 October 2019.** There were 18 lectures, 6 group workshops and 6 group presentations, with participation from 28 fellows from 21 different countries and regions and 9 faculty members from the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. The faculty included: Katarzyna Czabanowska, Dr. habil. (Course Co-Director); Salman Rawaf, MD, PHD, FRCP; Jessica Neicun, MA (Educational Assistant); Timo Clemens, PhD; Scott Burris, JD, AB (Course Co-Director); Suzanne Babich, DrPH, MS; Peter Schröder-Bäck, Dr. habil., HonMFPH; Farhang Tahzib, MD; and Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD.



For the Seminar Report, click [here](#).

## Realising the ASPHER Fellowship - Bridging Training and Practice

The ASPHER Fellowship programme, currently being piloted by Naomi Limaro Nathan, started at the end of August 2019. Naomi was hosted for 2 months by the Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto (ISPUP), Portugal. She worked under the supervision of ASPHER Board Member - Prof Henrique Barros on the Implementation Plan of the ASPHER 2020 -Strategic Objective 2: Strengthening research capacity among all members.

A survey that will assess the current research capacity and map out the research capacity needs of ASPHER member schools was created and disseminated. The report of this survey, will be used as a consultation tool for the finalization of the ASPHER 2020 strategic objectives and contribute to the creation of the strategic objectives of ASPHER 2025 and beyond. Other developments, including the development of a research capacity building road map (RCBRM) for schools of public health, and a “Proposed Public Health Research High-Level Meeting in 2020, with an aim to discuss a global agenda for Public Health Research in Europe.

As part of her fellowship objectives, she is currently developing the structure for the ASPHER Fellowship Programme, which is to be launched in May 2020. Together with a team of dedicated students and alumni from public health schools, are working together conceptualise the creation of a European Schools of Public Health Student and Alumni Network, hosted by ASPHER.

### **This Is Public Health (TIPH) - Europe Campaign**

Naomi also coordinates the TIPH Campaign, and more recently, has established a campaign team with volunteers. They will be working on several activities in the next few months to engage the European region and keep communicating the importance of Public Health.

Naomi gave a presentation on “The Practice of Public Health - Engaging the Young Public Health Workforce” for the EPH4016: Public Health Leadership strand - Maastricht University, Master students of Governance and Leadership in European Public Health, linked to the “This Is Public Health” Campaign.

**Stay tuned and follow the TIPH Campaign social media accounts: Facebook -@TIPHEurope, Instagram - @tipheurope and Twitter page: @TIPH\_Europe, for more updates on the campaign.**

### **Attendance and representation at Key Global/Public Health Events - ASPHER Global Partnerships Agenda**

During the 2 months, she attended the following events to represent and promote the work of ASPHER in the scope of the global partnership’s goals of the organisation.

- The European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) 2019 Hackathon in Bad Hofgastein, Austria, from the 1st -4th October 2019
- The Association of Schools of Public Health in Africa (ASPHA) Conference 2019 in Kampala, Uganda together with ASPHER Board Member - Carlo Signorelli, from the 14th -16th October 2019
- The World Health Summit (WHS) 2019, from the 27th - 29th of October 2019 in Berlin, Germany.

To learn more about her fellowship journey, follow her blog page on the ASPHER [website](#).

## THIS IS PUBLIC HEALTH (TIPH) Europe Campaign



The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) launched a new **This is Public Health - Europe** campaign challenge in 2019 to communicate the message of the importance of public health. The overall objective is to enhance the visibility of public health and opportunities for careers in public health careers for the

benefit of our populations. Such an effort should also increase the level of interest among potential students to pursue public health education/training to reinforce the current public health workforce.

ASPHER sounded the rallying cry to build awareness by launching locally-driven campaigns during the 2019-2020 academic year. We’re challenging students, faculty and administrators at schools of public health around Europe to develop communications campaigns that help raise awareness about public health and how it affects our lives – of which we received a lot of excellent applications and are excited to be able to have had such a positive response for the call with a wide range of exciting and enriching proposals from our member schools.

We are happy to announce the 5 winners of the 2019 challenge, that will receive \$5,000 grants each. They will develop and execute the grassroots campaign to raise awareness of public health in their communities between September 1, 2019, and May 1, 2020. They will have the opportunity to present the results of their campaigns at the TIPH Gala during the ASPHER Deans’ & Directors’ Retreat in Sofia. Their work will also be featured in ASPHER and ASPPH Publications. The winners are:

- **Braun School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Hebrew University-Hadassah,**
- **Department of International Health, CAPHRI, University of Maastricht,**

- **Faculty of Public Health, Sofia Medical University.**
- **School of Health and Related Research (SchARR), University of Sheffield.**
- **School of Public Health, University Vita-Salute San Raffaele Milan.**

In addition, ASPHER was able to secure partial awards (\$2,000 each), of which - **Krakow Institute of Public Health - Faculty of Health Sciences, Jagiellonian University and the University of Bologna - School of Public Health** are confirmed, recipients.

Please stay tuned to [www.aspher.org](http://www.aspher.org) where they will be regularly contributing to the blog, as well as ASPHER social media channels for updates on these campaign projects. To also see what projects these winners will be developing, please find their proposals [here](#).

**We would like to emphasise that the This Is Public Health (TIPH) - Europe campaign is for the entire Public Health community. Therefore, we encourage all our members to join in and keep the momentum for the This Is Public Health (TIPH) - Europe.** Please find the “**How to join the TIPH-Europe campaign tool kit**”, with resources to include in your schools’ activities, [here](#). We also urge all to anticipate the call for proposals in 2020.

Finally, other activities planned by the TIPH Campaign team include:

- **Public Health Journey video series:** Storytelling by prominent public health figures, about their journey into public health,
- **TIPH Ambassador Scheme:** Featuring young public health professionals, to inform why they are pursuing a Public Health career and their profiles,
- **Facts sheet on Public Health related topics/issues (facts) for social media dissemination,** to create wider awareness for what Public Health entails,
- **Hosting a Twitter conversation;** For the public health community, to discuss various Public Health topics.

**Please follow the TIPH Campaign: Facebook -@TIPHEurope, Instagram - @tipheurope and Twitter page: @TIPH\_Europe, for more updates on the campaign.**

For more information and if you are interested in joining any of the activities, please contact [naomi.nathan@aspher.org](mailto:naomi.nathan@aspher.org) and [tiph@aspher.org](mailto:tiph@aspher.org).

## Global Vaccination Summit



A Global Vaccination Summit organized by the European Commission and WHO was held in Brussels on **12 September 2019**. The event took place under the joint auspices of the European Commission President Jean Claude Juncker and WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. The overall objective was to give high level visibility and political endorsement to the topic of vaccination, which is the most successful public health measure saving millions of lives every year. It demonstrated EU leadership for global commitment to vaccination, boost political commitment towards eliminating



vaccine preventable diseases and engage political leaders and leaders from scientific, medical, industry, philanthropic and civil society in global action against the spread of vaccine misinformation. ASPHER president John Middleton and ASPHER Director, Robert Otok were present representing the interests of Schools of Public Health at this critical event on one of the most important topics in public health today.

For more about what went on at the summit see, including a video recording of the event, see: [https://ec.europa.eu/health/vaccination/ev\\_20190912\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/vaccination/ev_20190912_en).

## EU Health Programme: High Level Conference in Brussels

The EU Health Programme held a high level conference in Brussels on **30 September 2019** highlighting the results of the current and previous EU Health Programmes and presenting the new approach in the future Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027. ASPHER Director, Robert Otok was in attendance.

The event was hosted by Vytenius Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health, and was organised by the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency with support by the European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety. A Roundtable discussion was held on 'Future EU Funding for Health' and Commission health objectives were discussed in two parallel sessions.

For a full schedule of the event, click [here](#).

## Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health

### End of Mandate Conference: Evidence-based Expertise for better Policy-making

An Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health with evidence-based expertise for better policy-making met on **8 November 2019** in Brussels. The conference was an occasion to reflect on the Panel's work at the end of the mandate of the current membership and, based on this experience, more broadly on the role of evidence-based expert's advice in policy making. It was an opportunity to take stock of the Panel's opinions and their interaction with health policy making and exchange views and experience on developing evidence based advice.

The event brought together a range of [key experts on public health and healthcare services](#) from institutions and professional bodies, representatives of national and EU-level independent advisory bodies, representatives of national health authorities, non-governmental organizations, academics, EU institutions and other relevant stakeholders. Martin McKee, LSHTM and Henrique Barros, University of Porto were in attendance from among ASPHER Member Institutions.

For more information and a full programme of the event, click [here](#). Further documentation and the full Panel of Experts is available [here](#).

## The Association of Schools of Public Health in Africa Conference 2019 in Kampala

The Association of Schools of Public Health in Africa (ASPHA) Conference, themed: Universal Health Coverage: The Role of the Public Health Workforce, was held in Kampala from **14-16 October 2019**. ASPHER Board Member, Carlo Signorelli and current ASPHER fellow, Naomi Limaro Nathan, both attended the event.



Carlo presented a keynote speech on “Universal Health Coverage and the National Health Services - The Italian experience”, sharing the experiences of the Italian National Health Service efforts to reach Universal Health Coverage and the role of the Public Health Workforce in Italy.

Naomi provided insight into The Public Health Workforce Development in the European Region, highlighting the work of ASPHER with the core competencies, professionalization agenda, fellowship, young Public Health Workforce engagement, partnerships and the “This Is a Public Health campaign”, amongst others.

The conference closed with a call to action, containing four key points for the schools of public health in the Africa region to focus on in the next year. They were:

- Development of core competencies,
- Remapping of Public Health Schools in the region,
- Strategic Partnerships, and
- Young Public Health Workforce Engagement.

ASPHER looks forward to closer collaborations and partnerships with ASPHA, sharing best practices across the globe for Public Health Workforce Development.

## The 5th International Conference on Law Enforcement & Public Health

The 5th International Conference on Law Enforcement & Public Health, [LEPH2019](#), was held from **21-23 October 2019** in Edinburgh, Scotland under the overarching theme of Collaborative Leadership.



ASPHER’s President, John Middleton delivered the EUPHA sponsored lecture on public health and law enforcement entitled, “If public health problems are multidisciplinary - why do we train for them separately?” See his slide presentation [here](#).

## International Conference on Chronic Diseases & 6th Savez Conference: Chronic Diseases and Integrated Care: Rethinking Health and Welfare Systems

The International Conference on Chronic Diseases and 6th Savez Conference conference took place in Kosice, Slovakia from the **24-25 October**. The main aim of this event was to provide a multi-stakeholder platform bringing together researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and interest groups to explore ways to tackle chronic noncommunicable diseases effectively in the European region.

ASPHER Immediate-past President, Kasia Czabanowska, University of Maastricht participated in a Plenary Session on strengthening public health capacities and services, with a presentation on professionalization of the public health workforce. She was accompanied in the Session by Martin Krayner von Krauss, WHO Europe, Division of Health Systems and Public Health; Jozsef Vitrai, Department of Public Health, Ministry of Capacities, Hungary; and Alena Petrakova, Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic.

Our Slovak colleagues embark on their public health professionalisation journey which is to be lauded as their great success! They have done a rapid assessment based on the tools developed with the ASPHER/WHO Europe Roadmap towards Professionalisation of the Public Health Workforce in the European Region together with other V4 countries.

For about what went on at the conference, see <https://conference2019.mc3.sk/>.

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## CALLS FOR ASPHER MEMBERS

### Updating the ASPHER Website and School Profiles

We are continually working to update and improve ASPHER's website to serve you better. One of our goals is to include profiles for each of our member schools in the [ASPHER Directory](#). This can include background on the school as well as the programmes offered.

We are calling on you to provide a profile, ideally both in English and your local country language. You may register to receive administrator permissions to update your school's page directly or you can send your school's profile and related materials to [lore.leighton@ashper.org](mailto:lore.leighton@ashper.org). We will be updating member competency profiles with this information as well your answers to the [Core Competencies Survey](#), see below. Additionally, ASPHER's website contains a [document repository](#) where we can add documents including your school's brochure; courses and programmes; education and training materials; as well as other material.

**We also welcome all suggestions for how we can put ASPHER's site to better use for your school, faculty and students!**

### *Public Health Reviews* - Join the Editorial Board

As ASPHER's Society Journal, *Public Health Reviews* is looking for ways to best serve the ASPHER community. We are looking for candidates from member schools who would like to join the Journal's Editorial Board and participate as Associate Editors. Help shape the direction of the journal to meet the needs of the ASPHER community and the field of Public Health in Europe.

We hope that by keeping the Journal open access the articles can serve as a resource for your schools and your students. But we also want to be a repository for state of the art initiatives in education and training and to showcase research from ASPHER member schools. To this end, we have an ongoing open collection devoted to [Public Health Education and Workforce Training](#). If your school has a novel programme or new approach, we invite you to submit your work for [publication](#). Additionally, we are currently looking for review papers on the topics of food, nutrition and micronutrients; vaccination and infectious disease; public health law; and migration and training.

Look forward to more exciting developments in our next newsletter as we work to restructure the Editorial Board. Please contact Lore Leighton ([lore.leighton@ashper.org](mailto:lore.leighton@ashper.org)) with any questions.

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## ASPHER SURVEYS

### Public Health Education and Social Accountability Study

**ASPHER would like to invite you to collaborate in a study entitled: "Public Health Education and Social Accountability in Europe".** Public Health education and training has the ability to provide the enabling environment for socially oriented public health professionals who are highly involved in activities that benefit the community. This study would try to measure the correlation between public health education and training and the direct impact of public health professionals on their respective communities and health inequalities in the European region.

In preparation for the launch of Public Health Education and Social Accountability Survey, we have revised the questions taking into account the comments we received from pilot schools. Many thanks to all of you who provided feedback at the pilot stage. We believe this is an important study and hope participation of ASPHER members will be high. **For the next step we will need:**

If you are interested in taking part in this study, what is required of you is to appoint a contact person to coordinate the research at your institution, who will be responsible for sending the link to the questionnaire for the research population.

We believe that this Europe wide study offers a starting point for more in-depth country- or school-level efforts. We will specially acknowledge the work and local support from the focal points and translators which will be critical to carry this forward.

The study will inform the wrap up of the ASPHER 2020 strategy and even more importantly set a base for further relevant agenda under ASPHER 2025. Importantly, the findings of this study will be available to support any relevant funding efforts linking public health education and training with positive health outcomes and inequities challenges.

Please reply to:

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Robert Otok, ASPHER. Email: [robert.otok@aspher.org](mailto:robert.otok@aspher.org)

### Research Capacity Assessment for Schools of Public Health in the European Region

Based on ASPHER 2020 2nd strategic objective: "Strengthening research capacity among all members", this survey aims to assess the current research capacity and map out the research capacity needs of our member schools. It will further guide the creation of a research capacity building road map (RCBRM) for schools of public health, contributing to the strategic objectives of ASPHER 2025. Also importantly, the results of the survey will serve as a consultation tool for the finalization of the ASPHER 2020 strategic objectives and contribute to the creation of the strategic objectives of ASPHER 2025 and beyond.

We urge you all to take the time to fill in this survey, as a push towards meeting the needs of our members.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Naomi: [naomi.nathan@aspher.org](mailto:naomi.nathan@aspher.org).

## The InfAct Health Information Capacity Survey

The InfAct - Joint Action on Health Information project is collecting information based on the opinion of Public Health experts aimed at characterizing existing capacities and training needs for the use and management of health information by public health professionals in EU Member States and associated countries. The survey aims at characterizing existing capacities and training needs for the use and management of health information by public health professionals in EU Member States and associated countries. Considering the objective of the survey and the need to gather elements for the creation of a flagship training program in health information, a qualitative, exploratory and expert opinion based approach is proposed. InfAct has designed a special version of the Survey intended for ASPHER Members and is calling for participants. They ask that each participating Institution should designate a focal point responsible for gathering the information and completing the survey.

For more information, see the announcement [here](#).

If your institution is interested in participating, please mail Lore Leighton: [lore.leighton@aspher.org](mailto:lore.leighton@aspher.org).

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## SAVE THE DATES 2020

### 2020 ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat

**31 May-3 June 2020, Sofia, Bulgaria.** Preliminary Retreat Programme coming soon!

#### **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPENS 1 DECEMBER 2019**

For more information contact [aspher2020@foz.mu-sofia.bg](mailto:aspher2020@foz.mu-sofia.bg) and [office@aspher.org](mailto:office@aspher.org) and stay tuned to [www.aspher.org](http://www.aspher.org) and #ASPHER2020 (social media).

Send us your email or stop by the ASPHER exhibition booth at the EPH Conference in Marseille if you wish to sign up to receive Retreat alerts.

### 2020 ASPHER - ASSETS Summer School

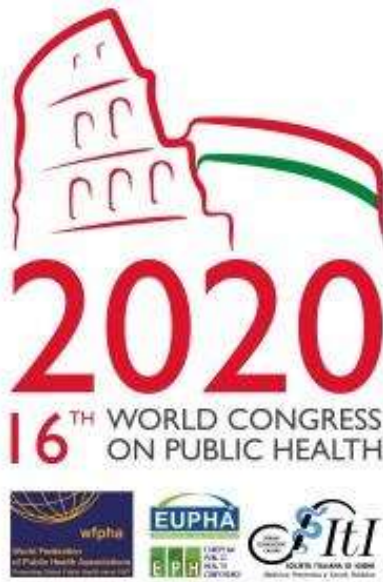
The 2020 edition of the [Andrija Štampar Educational & Tutoring Summer School](#) (ASSETS) will be held from **12-18 July at the [Andrija Štampar School of Public Health](#) in Zagreb, Croatia**. The main class programme will be held from 12-17 July followed by a social programme on 18 July.

Keep an eye on [www.aspher.org](http://www.aspher.org) and follow @ASPHERoffice on Twitter for the 2020 ASSETS Programme announcement. For more information contact [office@aspher.org](mailto:office@aspher.org).

## 16th World Congress on Public Health 2020

### **Public health for the future of humanity: analysis, advocacy and action**

The theme of the Congress, Public Health for the Future of Humanity: Analysis, Advocacy, and Action, reflects our firm commitment that we, in the global public health community, have an obligation to respond



to these new circumstances. We must make visible the threats to health, some of which are already emerging. We must challenge and hold to account those with the power to make a difference. And we must act, making real our commitment to health in all policies.

We, as the public health community, have much to contribute and much to learn. As always, we will have many opportunities to share ideas among ourselves, but this year we can enrich our experiences even further, bringing a global perspective to our thinking. We look forward to seeing you in Rome.

### **Abstract Submission Opens 1 December 2019.**

Share your work with colleagues and learn from each other. The World Congress offers excellent opportunities to learn from the latest research and practice to network with experts and colleagues and to expand your professional horizons. Abstracts are invited for

workshops and single presentations in all areas of public health research, education, practice and policy. Abstracts and workshops can be submitted via the website from 1 December 2019 until 1 March 2020. Detailed instructions can be found on [www.wcph2020.com](http://www.wcph2020.com). Do not miss the opportunity to be recognised for your hard work.

### **World Leadership Dialogues**

World Leadership Dialogues (WLD) can be organised by health organisations, NGOs, and commercial organisations. WLDs are high-level sessions on current topics in public health intended to complement the plenary sessions. Detailed information on how to submit a proposal to organise a WLD, click [here](#).

### **Plenary Programme**

The plenary programme will follow the theme of the Congress and will include inspiring sessions with experts from around the globe on:

- What happened to the Enlightenment?
- The Earth: a strategy for survival
- Leading the way to a healthier world
- The Information Revolution
- Health systems fit for the future
- Revolutionizing the public health workforce as Agents of Change
- Moving out of the silos
- Making a difference

More about the plenary programme [here](#).

### **Registration**

You can benefit from low-cost registration fees until 1 December. We are expecting over 3,000 delegates. Don't miss the largest global public health event in 2020 and register early to benefit from the reduced rates. Low-cost fees EUR 399. Delegates from emerging countries pay EUR 349, students EUR 319 (all fees inclusive of VAT). Registration [here](#).

## Organisation

The 16th World Congress on Public Health is organized by the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) in collaboration with the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SIIt).

For more information see: <https://wcpH2020.com/>.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ASPHER MEMBERS

### ProCare: Hospitals and faculties together for prosperous and scientific-based healthcare



The [Angela Boškin Faculty of Health Care \(ABFHC\)](#) of **Jesenice, Slovenia** is leading on the ProCare Project which addresses 2 complex issues: the lack of research knowledge among RNs and poor research alliance between hospitals and HEIs.

The overall aim of this project is to enhance the research alliance between partner hospitals and HEIs, to raise the profile of research in nursing and thus improve patient outcomes. This project aims also to encourage such alliances across Europe via freely available learning programme and a guidance document on developing Nursing research as an example of good practice of the knowledge triangle implementation in nursing research development.

5 objectives will be addressed:

1. to build infrastructure with research leadership that will support a research-active environment);
2. to improve access to research training and support opportunities;
3. to identify research priorities in practice and link in with HEI to address them jointly;
4. to encourage intra-disciplinary, multi-disciplinary & inter-agency research collaborations; and
5. to raise the profile of research conducted by nurses to internal and external organisations.

ABFHC is an independent higher education institution established by the Municipality of Jesenice, Slovenia. It offers undergraduate study program Nursing and 3 postgraduate programs.

To learn more about the project visit: <https://www.fzab.si/procare/>

### NOVA Festivities – 46th Anniversary Celebration

The **University of NOVA, Lisbon** celebrated its 46th Anniversary on 23rd October, welcoming its 285 new doctorates. The Medal of Merit of the University was given to José Caldeira da Silva, former director of [National School of Public Health at NOVA University \(ENSP-NOVA\)](#). The session also included a lecture by Nobel Medicine Prize 2001, Sir Paul Nurse, on the theme of "Science as a revolution".

The topic chosen by the Rector of NOVA, João Sâágua, for this year was Research, stating that *"It is with great joy and pride that I say that NOVA has*



*become, without a doubt, a research-oriented university and, most importantly, a university that combines fundamental research with collaborative agendas tackling real problems and challenges thanks to the level of excellence of our faculty, researchers and doctoral students.”*

For more on the celebrations, visit:

<https://www.unl.pt/en/news/life-nova/nova-festivities-celebration-46th-anniversary>

## International Summer School Course on Public Mental Health

No health without mental health!

Even though the burden of mental ill-health is well known, there are still few learning opportunities in the Public Mental Health field. Accordingly, there is an urgent need to increase knowledge and research capacities in the field of Public Mental Health. Therefore, for the fourth time a Public Mental Health Summer School was organized by the president (**Prof. Dr. Jutta Lindert, University of Applied Sciences Emden / Leer, Germany**) and the vice-president (**Dr. Marija Jakubauskiene, Vilnius University, Lithuania**) of the EUPHA section on Public Mental Health in cooperation with the respective universities and with EUPHA. This year’s Public Mental Health Summer School was hosted by Vilnius University. The summer school explored the short- and long-term effects of violence (including suicide) on mental health and the burden of psychopathologies in Europe, supported by mental health research ethics and scientific writing. The Public Mental Health Summer School was attended by participants from many countries, including Croatia, Germany, Lithuania, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

We will continue the tradition of the Public Mental Health Summer School in 2020 in Porto, Portugal. The host will be **ISPUP, Porto, Portugal**. Keep tuned to [www.aspher.org](http://www.aspher.org) for the 2020 announcement and dates.

For information, contact Jutta Lindert, [jutta.lindert@hs-empden-leer.de](mailto:jutta.lindert@hs-empden-leer.de)

## Conference on Micronutrient Deficiencies and Food Fortification in Israel

Multivitamin and mineral food fortification and supplements are important in modern public health. Current standards for food fortification are safe, cost effective preventive health measures for the general population. Israel has been slow to adopt food fortification, although low fat milk and margarine have by law been fortified with vitamin A and D for many decades. Infant supplements of vitamin A and D and iron are routine for many years. Since 1996 the Ministry of Health (MOH) appointed three expert committees all of which recommended mandatory fortification of salt with iodine, cows’ milk with vitamin D, and flour with iron, vitamin B complex and folic acid. This policy we called “the Canadian model”.

A conference at **Ashkelon Academic College**, co-sponsored with the Israeli Ministry of Health was held on 7 November 2019 to discuss Micronutrient Deficiencies in Israel and Food Fortification. Prof. Siegal Sadetzki, Director of the Public Health Service, and Prof. Ronit Endevelt, Director of Nutrition Department, MOH presented a new food fortification policy commitment of the Ministry. Guest keynote speaker Prof. Omar Dary presented an international overview of food fortification. Israeli presenters covered many topics on deficiencies in folic acid, vitamin D, iodine, iron, magnesium, and hospitalizations for rickets, all vital issues for human health in pregnancy and all ages. The MOH presented policies being adopted to mandate fortification of milk, salt and flour.



The conference was attended by over 350 health professionals from across the country. A summary panel strongly supported mandatory fortification. This conference marked a big step forward in nutritional security policies for reducing inequalities in the Israeli population. We recommend similar conferences in all European countries.

Zohar Mor MD MPH, BA Program in Public Health,  
Niva Shapira PhD, BSc Program in Nutrition,  
Ted Tulchinsky MD MPH, School of Health Professions

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ASPHER PARTNERS

### A Future for all to INHERIT: Taking Action Now



**10 December 2019, Brussels, Belgium.**

EuroHealthNet is coordinating the INHERIT (INter-sectoral Health and Environment Research for InnovaTion), which is about stimulating effective policies, practices and innovations that address key environmental stressors of health and the underlying causes of health inequity. Around the world, parallel environmental and societal crises are unfolding on an unprecedented scale, posing great threats to human health, well-being and our very existence.

Time is running out. We need to take action now to ensure that these times of crises are the opportunity for a socially-just transition to a more sustainable future for all. Join us on 10 December for key insights on:

- How the new European Commission and Parliament will deliver integrated measures for more sustainable, healthier and equitable societies;
- How EU Member States are achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through a whole-of-government approach;
- How municipalities across Europe and beyond are implementing concrete, innovative solutions for sustainable change;
- Whether “growth” can be sustainable environmentally, socially, and economically.

We welcome you to debate with conference speakers, discuss how to enable behaviour change for more sustainable futures, and apply the learnings from the 4-year EU H2020 research project, [INHERIT](#).

For more information see: <https://inherit.eu/a-future-for-all-to-inherit-taking-action-now>.

### European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE)



**ECDC’s ESCAIDE Conference will be held in Stockholm from 27-29 November.** Join a global discourse on infectious disease prevention and control; listen to renowned speakers, learn about best practices, explore innovations, present your research and network!

For more information see: <https://www.escaide.eu/en>

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### Better Health for Europe: More Equitable and Sustainable



Better Health for Europe: more equitable and sustainable, tells the story of how people working for WHO in the European Region have sought to make a reality of this goal over the last ten years. Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe from 2010 until 2020, narrates the story on behalf of all staff and describes the vision, strategic thinking and processes followed, as well as the impact achieved. Political leaders, public health managers and health practitioners and advocates from across the WHO European Region and beyond were invited to reflect upon the relevance and utility of the work of the Regional Office. Extracts from interviews with these ‘witnesses’ are presented throughout the book to enrich the narrative.

This book is divided into three parts. Part I – Better Health for Europe: the seven strategic action priorities, presents the systematic process the Regional Office has followed in developing the policy frameworks, evidence base, capacities, relationships, partnerships, networks and skills needed to transform and enhance action for better, more equitable and sustainable health and well-being in Europe and beyond. Part II – Better Health for Europe: achievements, describes outcomes and the impacts of Regional Office work on the two objectives and four priority actions of the Health 2020 European policy framework. Part III – Better Health for Europe: conclusions and messages, summarizes reflections and looks at challenges beyond 2020.

Find the pdf publication [here](#).

### Everything you always wanted to know about European Union health policies but were afraid to ask (2019)



What does the European Union mean for health? What can it mean for health?

**Catch the authors at their workshop in EPS Marseille on Friday 22 November 16:20-17:50: 7.E. - Workshop: Everything you always wanted to know about EU health policy but were afraid to ask**

This comprehensively revised second edition answers these questions. It provides a broad review and analysis of European Union public health policies to mid-2019. It begins by explaining the basic politics of European integration and European policy-making in health, including the basic question of how the European Union (EU) came to have a health policy and what that policy does. Thereafter, it moves on to the three faces of European Union health policy.

The first face is explicit health policy, both public health policy and policies to strengthen health services and systems in areas such as cancer, and communicable diseases. The second face is internal market building policies, which are often more consequential for health services but are not made with health as a core objective. These include professional and patient mobility, regulation of insurers and health care providers, and competition in health care. They also include some of the policies through which the EU has had dramatic and positive health effects, namely environmental regulation, consumer protection and labour

law. The third face is fiscal governance, in which the EU institutions police member state decisions, including relating to health.

Each face has different politics, law, policy, and health effects. The book provides a synthesis of the different faces and the different ways in which they have been used to strengthen or weaken public health and health systems in Europe. It shows the many, often unappreciated, ways that the EU has worked for health, as well as the opportunities to further strengthen the EU's positive impact on health.

This book is aimed at policy-makers and students of health systems in the EU who seek to understand how the influence of the EU on health policy affects those systems and their patients. To ensure that the EU's impact on health is wholly positive, the wider health community must understand and engage with the EU in the future – something this book aims to encourage.

To freely download the pdf or buy a printed copy, visit the site [here](#).

## Teaching Public Health

Edited by Lisa M. Sullivan and Sandro Galea

Aimed at experienced and new teachers alike, this timely volume is a cutting-edge primer on teaching public health around the globe. Bringing together leaders in the field with expertise across the educational continuum, the book combines the conceptual underpinnings needed to advance curricula with the resources to train and support faculty in innovative teaching methods.

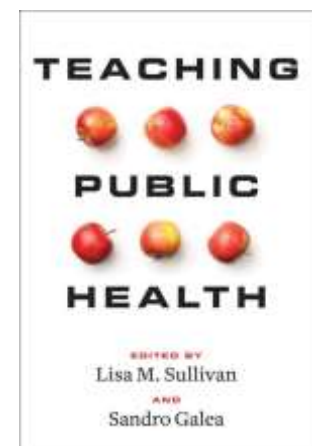
A field-defining volume, *Teaching Public Health* offers a concrete plan to ensure that both individual courses and overall curricula are responsive to the needs of a rapidly changing student body and the world beyond the school.

This thorough book:

- discusses challenges faced by public health teachers
- examines the principles and practices for teaching at each level of study
- describes technological and pedagogical innovations in public health education
- stresses the importance of life-long learning and interprofessional education
- offers concrete tips for engaging students through active and collaborative learning
- focuses on teaching cultural competency and reaching diverse student populations
- looks to the future, building on emerging trends and anticipating where the field is headed

For more information or to purchase this volume go to:

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## ECDC Publications for European Antibiotic Awareness Day

To mark the occasion of the 2019 European Antibiotic Awareness Day on 18 November in partnership with WHO's World Antibiotic Awareness



Week, ECDC released its annual update on antibiotic resistance and antibiotic consumption surveillance data from EU/EEA countries:

Antimicrobial Consumption – Annual Epidemiological Report for 2018

Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance in Europe 2018

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### EuroPubHealth+ Master in Public Health

Choose Europe for your Master in Public Health with the [Europubhealth+](#) European Master in Public Health. [See 6 good reasons to join Europubhealth+!](#)

**Applications for September 2020 intake are now open!**

Application deadlines:

- 15 January 2020 for candidates applying for an Erasmus+: Erasmus Mundus Scholarship.
- 4 March 2020 for Non-European candidates applying for the University of Liege (Belgium) as self-funded students.
- 6 May 2020 for all candidates applying as self-funded students.

The Europubhealth+ Master course is:

- a 2-year multidisciplinary Master course in public health
- delivered by a consortium of [8 European universities](#) leading to an internationally recognized double Master's degree
- an intercultural environment of study, in up to 3 languages: English, Spanish or French.

The Europubhealth+ programme is an [Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree](#) that has been recognized as a Master of Excellence by the European Commission since 2006.

For more information on the 2019 programme see the [leaflet](#).

For application details and selection procedures click [here](#).



### Yale World Fellows

The Maurice R. Greenberg World Fellows Program at Yale University cultivates rising leaders from across the globe committed to making a positive impact on the world. Applications and nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 Program.

The Maurice R. Greenberg World Fellows Program enables extraordinary individuals, from across the globe and from diverse disciplines, to increase their capacity to make the world a better place. Each year,

the Program [selects](#) 16 World Fellows to spend [four months together](#) in residence at Yale University to grow intellectually, share knowledge, strengthen skills and expand networks.

During the four-month, full-time residential program at Yale, World Fellows refine their vision of how to address the challenges facing society; strengthen their communication and leadership skills; attend classes; inspire and mentor Yale students to serve others; and develop their global network.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Applicants should have 5-20 years of professional experience; a track record of extraordinary achievement and integrity; a demonstrated commitment to making a difference at the local, national, or international level; a citizen of a country other than the United States; fluency in English.

Nominate a Candidate or Apply by 4 December 2019 at <https://worldfellows.yale.edu/>

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