

ASPHER 2020 Deans' and Directors' Retreat

JUNE 1-2 – SOFIA (BULGARIA)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (v.12.2019)

Monday 1 June (proceedings)

10:00 – 12:30 **Opening session:**

Europe's political agenda and the future of public health:

“It's not who your doctor is, it's who you vote for”.

Introductory address by [John Middleton](#), ASPHER President

Keynote addresses by [Mariya Gabriel](#), European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education & Youth and [Hans Kluge](#) (tbc), WHO Regional Director for Europe

Panel discussion moderated by [Josep Figueras](#) (Director – European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies) incl. [Walter Ricciardi](#) (President – World Federation of Public Health Associations) – short reflection, [Mariya Gabriel](#), [Hans Kluge](#) (tbc), [John Middleton](#) and [Naomi Nathan](#) (ASPHER Fellow – New Generation/Advance Forum)

Short break

12:00 – 12:30 Keynote address by [Tzekomir Vodenicharov](#) (Founder of the Host School)
25th Anniversary of the Faculty of Public Health, Medical University – Sofia

ASPHER Good Practice Award Ceremony

12:30 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:00 **Plenary 1: “Impossible conversations I” [SDGs agenda & public health leadership]**
by [David Nabarro](#)

15:00 – 16:00 **Parallel sessions I:**

Diversity in public health education
(led by Bielefeld University SPH)

ASPHER 2025 strategy track: Public Health Workforce Professionalisation
(composed of good practice short presentations by ASPHER members)

ASPHER Advance Forum
(led by ASPHER student & alumni network)

16:00 – 16:15 Short break

16:15 – 17:15 **Parallel sessions II:**

“If public health problems are multidisciplinary, why do we train for them separately?”
(led by ASPHER Public Health Law Working Group & ASPHER HRPC programme)

ASPHER 2025 strategy track: Research & Knowledge
(composed of good practice short presentations by ASPHER members)

ASPHER Advance Forum (cont.)
(led by ASPHER student & alumni network)

17:15 – 18:00 **Plenary 2: “Impossible conversations II” [youth, digital technologies & public health]**
by [Alex Jadad](#)

19:30 – 23:00 Festive Dinner at the National Museum of History

Tuesday 2 June (proceedings)

- 09:00 – 09:15 Reflections over day 1 proceedings and overview of day 2
- 09:15 – 10:00 **Plenary 3: Global collaboration to strengthen the Public Health Workforce**
Panel discussions incl. ASPHER, ASPPH, ASPHA and IANPHI
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Parallel sessions III:**
Schools and programme in transition
(led by ASPHER PEER programme)
ASPHER 2025 strategy track: Education & Training
(composed of good practice short presentations by ASPHER members)
ASPHER Advance Forum (cont.)
(led by ASPHER student & alumni network)
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Parallel sessions IV:**
Social accountability and public health education
(led by Ben Gurion University SPH)
ASPHER 2025 strategy track: Students & Alumni
(composed of good practice short presentations by ASPHER members)
ASPHER Advance Forum (cont.)
(led by ASPHER student & alumni network)
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Plenary 4: This is Public Health TIPH – Europe Campaign Gala**
incl. multimedia presentations by the awarded projects 2019-2020
- 14:30 – 15:30 **Parallel sessions V:**
25th Anniversary Session of the Faculty of Public Health, Medical University – Sofia
(led by FPH MU-Sofia & Bulgarian Public Health Society)
ASPHER 2025 strategy track: Service & Work with local communities
(composed of good practice short presentations by ASPHER members)
ASPHER Advance Forum (cont.)
(led by ASPHER student & alumni network)
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 – 17:00 **Parallel session VI:**
Bulgarian Public Health Society Annual Meeting
(led by Bulgarian Public Health Society & FPH MU-Sofia)
ASPHER 2025 strategy track: Global collaboration
(composed of good practice short presentations by ASPHER members)
ASPHER Advance Forum (cont.)
(led by ASPHER student & alumni network)
- 17:00 – 17:45 **Closing session & Dublin 2021 presentation**
- 19:30 – 23:00 Traditional Dinner at the Vodenitzata Restaurant including folk performance
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