

ASPHER 2022 Deans' & Directors' Retreat Sofia, Bulgaria

14-16 October 2022

Reuniting and revitalizing

PROGRAMME

All times are listed in local Bulgarian (Eastern European) Time

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

08:30 – 09:30 Onsite conference check-in

09:30 – 11:00 **Opening ceremony**

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

Welcome addresses: Luchezar Traykov, Rector – Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria
Jordanka Fandukova, Mayor of Sofia, Bulgaria
Assen Medjidiev, Minister of Health, Bulgaria
Rumen Radev, President of Bulgaria

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

ASPHER presidency handover

John Middleton & Carlo Signorelli

Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat
Director, 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
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

Key listener:

Andrzej Rys, Principal Scientific Adviser, DG SANTE, European Commission

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 & Khassoum Diallo, WHO Headquarters

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

Implementing teaching syllabi on diversity and intersectionality

Lisa Wandschneider, ASPHER Fellow

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Workshops

The aim of the workshops is to elaborate and enrich the agenda of the ASPHER working groups concerned with targeted education/training levels. They will open with ice-breaking pitch presentations from Members followed by group discussions.

Parallel session

Undergraduate programmes

Chair:

Kai Michelsen, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

4' pitch presentations:

20 years of teaching public health in Bytom: where we started and where we are?

Piotr Romaniuk, Medical University of Silesia, Poland

Integration of research project into Public Health Clerkship for medical students:

The experience from the United Arab Emirates

Michal Grivna, United Arab Emirates University, UAE

The role of bioethics education for the promotion of the human side of medicine

Alexandrina Vodenicharova, Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria

Introductory presentation to group work by Chair

Parallel session

Doctoral programmes and research capacities

Chair:

Carla Lopes, University of Porto, Portugal

4' pitch presentations:

New PhD Program in Public Health at Al-Quds University School of Public Health

Hazem Agha, Al-Quds University, Palestine

Graduate students of public health (PH) as partners in undergraduate PH education

Mary Codd, University College Dublin, Ireland

Health literacy research at the School of Public Health IPVZ, Prague, Czech Republic

Nora Vesela, IPVZ School of Public Health, Prague, Czech Republic

Introductory presentations to group work by:

Henrique Barros (Portugal): *How do PhD/doctoral students improve internationalization and research capacities at Schools of Public Health?*

Carmen Aceijas (United Kingdom): *ASPHER Recommendations for PhD programmes in public health – Report 2013*

Parallel session

Specialist training and continuing professional development

Chair:

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

4' pitch presentations: *Building capacity while strengthening competences: the case of Field Epidemiology Training Program in Portuguese Speaking African Countries*

Paulo Ferrinho, Lisbon NOVA University, Portugal

Responsive approaches to emerging public health workforce training needs: The use of micro credentials and agile management techniques

Ranjit Khutan, University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom

Master of "Clinical Trials Management" - The Future of Global Public Health

Antonia Yanakieva, Medical University Sofia, Bulgaria

Introductory presentation to group work by Chair

16:00 – 16:30

Break

16:30 – 18:00

Deans' Session hosted by Schools of Public Health in Bulgaria

Chairs:

Carlo Signorelli, ASPHER President &

Jose M Martin-Moreno, Immediate Past Chair, ASPHER Honours Platform

Keynote address: key challenges faced by schools of public health

Laurent Chambaud, Immediate Past Dean, EHESP Rennes

Deans' Panel: Bulgarian Schools of Public Health

Faculty of Public Health, Medical University of Sofia

Faculty of Public Health, Medical University of Varna

Faculty of Public Health, Medical University of Plovdiv

Faculty of Public Health, Medical University of Pleven

Sustainable development of the SPRING4MED Project. Peer Review Association for Medical Education of Easter Europe and Central Asia (PRAMED-EECA)

Antonia Yanakieva, Medical University Sofia, Bulgaria

Reflections by Chairs

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, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

Introduction by Chairs

Member-led

Teaching public health during the pandemic:

presentations:

the benefits of a peer learning group programme

Ranjit Khutan, University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom

LOST in Italy and LOST in Lombardia projects: the role of Public Health Schools in funded research on COVID-19 pandemic

Anna Odone, University of Pavia, Italy

The LCF - Let's Control Flu project

Henrique Lopes, Portuguese Catholic University, Portugal

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, International Organization for Migration (IOM Brussels)

Introduction by Chairs

Member-led presentations:

War in Europe - its impacts and challenges posed on public health organisations, universities and societies. Experiences after more than half a year of the Ukraine's fight for survival against the openly waged Russian aggression - as seen from Poland, the Ukraine's close neighbour

Tomasz Bochenek, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Coordinated support of the School of Public Health IPVZ Prague to the Ukrainian health professionals – war refugees

Alena Petrakova, IPVZ School of Public Health, Prague, Czech Republic

Assessment of vaccination against infectious diseases and their occurrence among children of Ukrainian origin attending Wrocław's schools and kindergartens – VANTAGE

Dagmara Gawęł-Dąbrowska & Dorota Kiedik, Medical University of Wrocław, Poland

11:15 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 13:00

Follow up Deans' Session

Chairs:

John Middleton, ASPHER Vice-President

Jose M Martin-Moreno, Immediate Past Chair, ASPHER Honours Platform

National School of Public Health, Lisbon NOVA University

by Sónia Dias

Key listener: Kasia Czabanowska, Maastricht University, The Netherlands

School of Public Health, Institute of Postgraduate Med Education – Prague

by Alena Petrakova

Key listener: Elisaveta Gerreto, Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria

School of Public Health, Al-Quds University

by Hazem Agha

Key listener: Aleksandra Jovic Vranes, Belgrade University, Serbia

Department of Public Health & Social Medicine, Med University of Gdansk

by Łukasz Balwicki & Olga Kalinowska Beszczyńska

Key listener: Polychronis Kostoulas, University of Thessaly, Greece

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 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 tables):

Round table

Climate and health

Facilitators:

Laurent Chambaud (France) & Rana Orhan, Tara Chen, ASPHER Fellows

7' pitch presentation

Good practice in Climate and health education

Maisoon Marghani, RCSI, University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dublin, Ireland

Round table

Diversity and intersectionality

Facilitator:

Lisa Wandschneider, ASPHER Fellow

7' pitch presentations

Implementing teaching syllabi on diversity and intersectionality: An online survey on challenges and enablers at Schools of Public Health in the European Region

Emma Schlegel, Bielefeld University, Germany

Lessons from India: outcomes of an overseas field trip for public health students

Ranjit Khutan, University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom

Round table

Big data and modelling for public health decision-making

Facilitators:

Mirjana Kujundžić Tiljak (Croatia) & Rok Hrzic, ASPHER Fellow

7' pitch presentations

Big Data best practice in Croatian healthcare system

Mirjana Kujundžić Tiljak, Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, Croatia

Introducing Big-data Analysis and Modeling to Public/Global Health

Master and PhD Programs at the University of Georgia

Mariam Lobjanidze, The University of Georgia, Georgia

In addition to the above, there will be further round tables in other core topic areas. We will be in touch with all participants by email regarding the final workshop details and to confirm group allocations.

16:30 – 17:00 **Break**

17:00 – 17:30 **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

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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