



**RICHARD M. FAIRBANKS  
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
IUPUI

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Executive Board  
Association of Schools of Public Health of the European Region (ASPHER)  
University of Maastricht Campus Brussels  
Avenue de l'Armee/Legerlaan 10  
1040 Brussels  
Belgium

Dear Executive Board Members:

We are writing on behalf of the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in the U.S. to express our sincere and enthusiastic interest in obtaining Associate Member status in the Association of Schools of Public Health of the European Region (ASPHER).

The Fairbanks School of Public Health is a CEPH-accredited school of public health located on a large, urban university campus in Indianapolis, one of the largest cities in the U.S. The IUPUI campus is one of seven campuses of Indiana University, and it includes two Purdue University schools. IUPUI is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. It offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees from both Indiana University and Purdue University, two "Big Ten" American Midwestern universities that are both highly ranked and distinguished. The campus offers 225 degrees provided by 21 different schools. IUPUI has more students from the state of Indiana than any other campus in the state, including more graduate and professional students than any other university in the state. Research expenditures totaled \$275 million in 2013.


The mission of the Fairbanks School of Public Health is "to cultivate innovative, interdisciplinary, community engaged education, research and service and to prepare leaders in public health and healthcare." Our School mission is well aligned with that of ASPHER. The School offers three PhD programs (biostats, epidemiology, health policy and management), three master's degree programs (biostats, health administration, and public health), and bachelors degree programs in community health, environmental health, and health services management. The school also offers three graduate certificate programs in health policy, health services management, and public health.

Fairbanks has joint degree programs in medicine, dentistry, law, business, social work, bioethics and kinesiology. It is the academic home for the Center for Health Policy, Indiana Public Health Practice Center, Indiana Public Health Training Center, and the program in Community Health Engagement and Equity Research (CHEER). There are 45 diverse, full-time faculty at the school and more than 550 students.

Associate Dean Suzanne Babich has been actively involved with ASPHER and related work with European colleagues via EUPHA and APHEA as well as teaching and supporting academic programs in other ASPHER member schools for several years. We would like to continue and further our collaboration on the School level in the coming years. Toward that end, we would like to formalize the relationship by linking our school with Associate Membership in ASPHER.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request. We would be happy to provide any additional information that you may require.

Sincerely,

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Paul K. Halverson, DrPH  
Founding Dean and Professor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne M. Babich". The signature is cursive and elegant.

Suzanne M. Babich, DrPH, MS  
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