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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Acceptance Speech of new ASPHER President Carlo Signorelli, given during the handover of the presidency in Sofia, Bulgaria on the occasion of the ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat.

It is a great honour to assume today the presidency of the oldest European Public Health Association, founded in 1966. The honour is even greater to participate in the handover of this presidency in such a representative meeting; and in this regard, I take the opportunity to thank and congratulate Karolina Lyubomirova and the founding dean of the Sofia MU-FPH Prof. Vodenicharov for their excellent organisation of the 2022 Deans' and Directors' Retreat. The Retreat is back in person after 3 years; with the last edition hosted by the Italian Schools in Erice, Sicily – in May 2019.

My warmest thanks go to John Middleton who adeptly led ASPHER over the past 3 years – stimulating multiple initiatives involving various public health schools among our well over hundred members. ASPHER's activism has not gone unnoticed and the presence here in Sofia of Laura Magaña from ASPPH, Bettina Borisch from WFPHA, Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat from WHO Europe represents a clear proof of this. I express much appreciation for your presence here in person.

The ASPHER presidency returns after many years to a member from southern Europe and one of my targets is to increase involvement of the schools of public health of the Mediterranean area – starting with Italy. These schools have different structural characteristics (some of them are small) but are great resources with experience and professionals that can enrich our activities. In this regard, together with the excellent and efficient office in Brussels (thanks Robert and Lore), we will implement communication channels with the member schools to keep them connected, involving them to a greater degree in the strong initiatives that led, during John's presidency, to the drafting of valuable scientific positions and relevant papers.

With the rising complexity and volume of global public health challenges, it is paramount for public health professionals to develop new competencies and innovative approaches to prevent crises and minimize their impact. This ambition is achievable through the advancement of education and training. Higher education institutions in the European Region and in other areas of the world must look beyond national borders and engage in networks for education, research and practice.

Dear colleagues, it will be very difficult for me to match John's achievements as ASPHER president. However, I assure my commitment, the close relationship with member schools, the continuation of the precious scientific activities in progress. But I ask John, in the new role of vice-president and immediate past-president of the Association, for his concrete help in future activities as a sign of the continuity that we wish to provide with this handover here in Sofia.

There will be many opportunities to meet each other, hopefully more frequently than in the years of the pandemic, and to be able to discuss how to make ASPHER even more present in initiatives concerning public health, with particular regard to training, and participation in research projects, some of which are underway and will be presented in this retreat. 2023 will be a year with three major scientific events in which ASPHER will play an important role: the World Congress on Public Health in May, the September Deans' and Directors' Retreat in Dublin

(which I am sure will be impeccably organized by Executive Board member Mary Codd) and the annual European Public Health Conference.

Connections with other regional associations – starting with ASPPH, with WFPHA, EUPHA, IANPHI and others will be fostered and implemented. But I want to close by saying to all the deans and directors present here in Sofia – and connected via the web – that your role after the pandemic will be ever greater and more appreciated in your organizations and you will always be able to consider ASPHER as a partner to support your activities.

Thank you.

Carlo Signorelli
ASPHER President

14 October 2022 - Sofia, Bulgaria

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

It has been a busy Autumn packed with travel as it seems everyone is trying to make up for lost time over these past pandemic years. We are bringing out a 'slightly' slimmer newsletter as we hop from the Deans' & Directors' Retreat in Sofia to the EPH Conference in Berlin.

We hope everyone enjoyed the [2022 Deans' & Directors' Retreat in Sofia, Bulgaria](#) as much as we did. You can read reporting about what went on in these pages, but we will also get back to you with more details of concrete outcomes from the sessions and discussions in future ASPHER newsletters and communications.

The biggest change for ASPHER after the Retreat is the handover of our Presidency from John Middleton to Carlo Signorelli. We look forward to

Carlo's term – if you weren't able to attend the Presidency handover in Bulgaria, make sure to [read the transcript of Carlo's speech in the Message from the Presiden](#). However, we won't miss John who will continue to stay active in the Executive Board as immediate past-President and in his new role as Chair of the Honours Platform. As you can see below, he isn't taking his 'retirement' easy as he jetted off to Geneva directly from Sofia (along with Laura Magaña of GNAPH) to participate in the [WHO Public Health and Emergency Workforce Roadmap Steering Committee meeting](#). [John has provided his in depth thoughts on the meeting, essential public health functions, and professionalisation in the ASPHER blog](#). Note also that the ASPHER blog is open to all our members – don't hesitate to contribute!



Meanwhile, even as we head to EPH, we are already turning our attention to the upcoming [17th World Congress on Public Health in Rome](#) in May 2023. As part of his presidency agenda, Carlo

Signorelli brought ASPHER on board as a partner to the Congress. WCPH may seem to be some time away, but there are important upcoming deadlines that must not be missed! **The deadline to [submit abstracts](#) is 9 December 2022. Early bird [registration](#) rates also close the same day. When you register, be sure to do so at the discounted rate offered to ASPHER members!**

In the nearer term, we are looking forward to the EPH Conference in Berlin this week. You'll find the [schedule of sessions ASPHER is participating in](#), here in the newsletter. We will be onsite in the exhibition hall with the ASPHER booth at #18 next to the German Pavilion – be sure to stop by! If you arrive in Berlin early, do also join us for the [Young Researchers Forum](#) Wednesday afternoon. We have a terrific group of 16 young researchers who will present, representing 14 countries from across Europe and beyond! The event costs only 20 EUR to add to your programme and includes lunch!

We already mentioned the [WHO Public Health and Emergency Workforce Roadmap Steering Committee meeting](#), but ASPHER attended several high level meetings in the past month including the [World Health Summit](#) and the [G7 Second technical meeting on the Public Health Emergency Workforce](#). It is important to contribute the schools' perspective for these key international discussions and make sure that public health education, training and research engages with public policy and remain high on the agenda of decision makers.

ASPHER's [Climate and Health agenda](#) is in full swing at the same time as the COP27 meetings. ASPHER Fellow Rana Orhan Pees recently spoke at the [launch event for the Lancet Countdown on Climate and Health Report](#). And this week, ASPHER is involved in two climate and health events. On Wednesday, John Middleton will contribute to the [launch webinar for the European Environment Agency report 'Climate change as a threat to health and well-being in Europe: focus on heat and infectious diseases'](#). On Saturday at EPH, ASPHER Fellows Rana Orhan and Tara Chen and ASPHER's new Senior Lead on Climate and Health, Laurent Chambaud will participate in the [round table on 'climate emergency, health and equity education: policy and practice recommendations for Europe'](#).

ASPHER Task Forces continue to advance with the [Covid-19 Task Force session at EPH](#) and new publications and a second webinar series from the [Task Force on War](#). Be sure to read ahead to see what they have on offer.

A central project over the course of 2022-23 will be the update of the ASPHER core curriculum and competencies led by Executive Board Member Mary Codd, UCD and ASPHER Fellow Karl Conyard, with former ASPHER President Anders Foldspang, author of the 5th Edition of Core Competences contributing and ensuring continuity. We will be reporting to you in more detail on this in future newsletters. [If you are interested in contributing your input to the Core Curriculum project or just wish to stay engaged, please submit your details and interests here.](#)

Be sure to also check on news, events and [opportunities](#) from our [Members](#). Please don't forget to [share the newsletter](#) and send us your updates for the December edition.

Please don't forget to share your news, publications, comments & suggestions with Lore at lore.leighton@aspher.org to be included in the next regular issue of the [newsletter](#) and on the ASPHER website [activity log](#).

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ASPHER DEANS' & DIRECTORS' RETREAT - SOFIA 2022



It was a thrill to finally be able to hold the ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat in Sofia – Bulgaria after cancellations the past two years due to the pandemic conditions. We are truly grateful to the warm welcome and great organisation of local hosts at the Faculty of Public Health, Medical University Sofia. Most especially Dean Tzekomir Vodenicharov and Retreat Chair Karolina Lyubomirova.

The Retreat opened with a ceremony including a delegation of local and national officials from Bulgaria and continued with the ASPHER Presidency handover from John Middleton to Carlo Signorelli. We were grateful to be able to make the transition in person, giving professors Middleton and Signorelli the ceremony and celebration they both deserve! We thank 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, and President & CEO, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health; and Bettina Borisch – Executive Director, World Federation of Public Health Associations, who travelled to Sofia providing their distinguished support and friendship to ASPHER and the presidency.



We were happy to host a variety of sessions on the core business of ASPHER and our members, including a session on public health workforce professionalisation; workshops on the special areas of undergraduate education, doctoral programmes and research capacities, and specialist

training and continued professional development; Deans' sessions chaired by Prof Jose Martin Moreno to address specific challenges for schools in Bulgaria and across Europe; ASPHER Task Force Sessions on Covid-19 and War and Public Health; and a crowning interactive workshop on Defining Core Curricula to support the attainment of Core Competencies by Public Health Professionals. We will have many follow up developments to report on based on the outcomes of these sessions. Stay tuned to aspher.org and the next newsletter for more!



Honours were bestowed upon our 2022 Andrija Štamber Medalist Laurent Chambaud. We thank Henrique Barros, ISPUP for giving the Laudatio and look forward to celebrating again with Laurent Chambaud and the wider public health community at the EPH Conference in Berlin. Nadav Davidovitch, Head of the School of Public Health at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, received the 2022 Research Excellence Award; and Tomasz Bochenek accepted the 2022 Teaching & Practice Excellence Award on behalf of the winner Institute of Public Health, Jagiellonian University! Congratulations to all of you!

The Retreat wrapped up with invitations from Bettina Borisch, WFPHA and ASPHER President Carlo Signorelli to attend the [2023 World Congress on Public Health in Rome](#), 2-6 May; and from ASPHER Executive Board Member Mary Codd, University College Dublin to attend the [2023 ASPHER Deans' & Directors Retreat in Dublin](#), 31 August - 03 September. Save the dates!

The whole event was accompanied by a terrific social programme and followed up by an informative day of sightseeing in Plovdiv.



Thank you to everyone who made the 2022 Deans' & Directors' Retreat such a great success!

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EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE - BERLIN 2022



Below is a list of Sessions with ASPHER involvement at the EPH Conference in Berlin from 9-12 November. We will also have the ASPHER stand in the exhibition hall at #18 next to the German Pavilion. Be sure to stop by and see us!

Find out more [information about the conference](#) and consult the [full conference programme](#).

Wednesday 9th November, 12:30 - 17:00, Gamma 8-9 - [Young Researchers' Forum](#)

The ASPHER Young Researchers Forum returns to its traditional format in the context of the annual EPH Conference. The Forum is a unique opportunity for young researchers to present their work to a select audience of peers and key representatives of the European public health community. Join us for the pre-conference featuring 16 young researchers from representing 14 countries across Europe and beyond! [Download the event programme here](#).

The Berlin YRF event is co-sponsored by EUPHA and the Swiss School of Public Health+ is sponsoring the award with an offer of a full publication fee waiver to the work of the winning presentation in the journal Public Health Reviews.

Chairs: **Nina Adelberger**, Berlin School of Public Health; **Rok Hrzic**, Maastricht University and ASPHER Fellow

Thursday 10th November, 10:30 - 11:30, Beta 4 - [Workshop: Public Health Institution and Academia's role in building capacity for Health Impact Assessment](#)

Health impact assessment (HIA) is a process, which systematically judges the potential, and sometimes unintended effects of any new proposal (policy, project, program or strategy) on the population health, and the distribution of those effects within the population. The workshop intends to analyse different experiences in Europe regarding the role of PHIs and academia in overcoming reported existing barriers, and reach more sustainable and healthy societies. The fundamentals of what could be a training program on HIA principles across Europe will be also discussed.

Panellist: ASPHER President **Carlo Signorelli**

Thursday 10th November, 10:30-11:30, Alpha 3 - [Round table: Covid-19 pandemic: the rise or downfall of public health](#)

So, is COVID-19 the downfall or the new rise of public health? This Round Table will discuss the questions as follows.

1. Where was public health during COVID-19?
2. Why were social factors ignored during COVID-19?
3. Why has public health not used/is not using the momentum created by COVID-19?
4. And the main question: How can we create a fair society?

Speaker: **Nadav Davidovitch**, ASPHER Executive Board and ASPHER COVID-19 Task Force Chair

Saturday 12th November, 10:30 - 11:30, Alpha 9 - Plenary 5: Sustaining high quality care: interprofessional training for our clinical and public health workforce

The plenary session organised by ASPHER and EHMA will align with the main conference theme 'Strengthening health systems: improving population health and being prepared for the unexpected' and providing a balanced perspective on public health and healthcare interprofessional linkages for training of the two workforces integral for a well-functioning, responsive and robust health system.

Chairs: *John Middleton*, ASPHER immediate past-President; *Tara Chen*, ASPHER Fellow

Speaker: *Laurent Chambaud*, Andrija Stampar Medallist 2022

Saturday 12th November, 11:40 - 12:40, Beta 2 - Round table: Climate emergency, health and equity education: policy and practice recommendations for Europe

Climate change continues to be the biggest challenge of the 21st century, with profound and growing negative consequences on public health. This workshop will explore how different actors from inside and outside the public health domain can contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation actions. The discussion will cover: investing in climate-health training for public health and healthcare professionals; investing in public health research; designing and monitoring mitigation programmes; building climate-health-equity literacy; and providing space for dialogue for those communities who will be most harmed by an inadequate public health response. From a policy perspective, the workshop will help prepare recommendations for actions related to COP27 and will reflect on strategic processes taking place at the European level.

Co-Chair: *Rana Orhan*, ASPHER Climate and Health Fellow

Speakers: *Tara Chen*, ASPHER Climate and Health Fellow; *Laurent Chambaud*, Andrija Stampar Medallist 2022 and Senior ASPHER Lead for Climate and Health

Saturday 12th November, 11:40 - 12:40, Alpha 3 - Round table: Public health of the future: innovations in surveillance, communication and knowledge translation

European national public health agencies have been pushed to their limits and currently face an urgent need to be renovated incorporating innovations in surveillance, communication and knowledge translation. The objectives of the workshop are:

- To discuss key innovations to implement in national public health agencies to improve surveillance, communication and knowledge transfer to policy makers and citizens.
- To reflect on supranational European coordination mechanisms that would allow for efficient surveillance and a rapid and adequate response to different public health challenges, including social inequalities in health.
- To manage public health intelligence in the European Health Data Space and the role of public health in this data lake design.

Panellists: *Robert Otok*, ASPHER Director; *Rok Hrzic*, ASPHER Fellow

Saturday 12th November, 13:50 - 14:50, Alpha 6 - Round table: From Science to Policy Making: Lessons learned from ASPHER's COVID-19 Task Force

ASPHER convened a COVID-19 Task Force (TF) at the start of the pandemic involving over 60 experts, 30 member schools, more than 20 countries across four continents, supported by young professionals. Drawing on members' collective knowledge and expertise, the TF produced a significant body of work that speaks to different public health aspects of the pandemic and gaps in responses.

The panel will reflect on key lessons learned over two years of TF work and reflect on how to set-up, build, scale-up, and sustain collaborations with wide geographic, cultural, linguistic, and political-administrative coverage to support the capacity and preparedness of public health institutions during future challenges.

Chair: Nadav Davidovitch, ASPHER Executive Board and ASPHER COVID-19 Task Force Chair
Speakers: Alison Mc Callum, ASPHER COVID-19 Task Force; **John Reid**, ASPHER COVID-19 Task Force; **Ines Siepmann**, ASPHER Young Professionals Programme Coordinator; **Rok Hrzic**, ASPHER COVID-19 Task Force

The Conference also promises to be a great opportunity to network after spending the past years apart. We have a number of meetings planned in Berlin including one with partner organisations EUPHA, EPHA and EuroHealthNet to build European Networks synergy. We will also meet with individual schools to catch up with old friends and meet with new, such as the [incoming Dean of EHESP Isabelle Richard](#) and we have a series of planned working group and project meetings. The Executive Board will meet Friday after enjoying dinner on Thursday with ASPHER Fellows, members, WFPHA and other partners and friends. You can look forward to updates and outcomes in the next newsletter and on social media.

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WORLD CONGRESS ON PUBLIC HEALTH - ROME 2023

2-6 May 2023, Rome, Italy

ASPHER is proud to partner with the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SItI) for the [17th World Congress on Public Health](#) to be held in Rome, Italy from 2-6 May 2023. Over 3,000 public health professionals and researchers, policymakers, and students will convene for the momentous event.

This World Congress on Public Health will be an opportunity to foster collaboration and co-creation of a vision informed by our professional knowledge and that of the



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communities we serve. Empowering communities and becoming more responsive to them will lie at the heart of any attempt to move forward, to safeguard and nurture a world in need of healing and protection. [Watch the WCPH promotional invitation video.](#)

Important WCPH deadlines are coming up soon! Don't miss out!

The deadline to submit abstracts is 09 December 2022.

Go to <https://wcpb.org/> for guidelines on how to submit

ASPHER members are eligible to register for the event at a reduced rate, but be sure to take advantage now for the early bird rate, which is only available until 09 December 2022.

[Register for the 2023 WCPH here.](#)

ASPHER NEXT GENERATION PLATFORM UPDATES

Young Researchers Forum - Berlin 2022

12:30 - 17:00 CET, 9 November 2022 - EPH Conference, Room: Gamma 8-9, hub27, Berlin

If you arrive early to Berlin, consider joining us to support a terrific group of 16 young researchers who will present their work for the 2022 Berlin Young Researchers Forum!

[Download the full YRF Programme here.](#)

ASPHER Fellows at Deans' & Directors' Retreat

We were grateful for ASPHER Fellows Lisa Wanschneider, Bielefeld University and Karl Conyard, University College Dublin, who actively participated at the ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat.

Lisa presented [implementation on teaching syllabi on diversity and intersectionality](#) and facilitated the round table on diversity and intersectionality at the Core Curriculum Workshop. Karl co-Chaired both the Public Health Professionalisation session and the highly successful Workshop Defining Core Curricula, which provided input from 70 experts from ASPHER member schools. [If you are interested in contributing your input to the Core Curriculum project and wish to stay engaged, please submit your information here.](#)



We thank also Catarina Hermenegildo, Catholic University Lisbon for her generous assistance!

CLIMATE AND HEALTH

The 2022 Europe report of the Lancet Countdown on health and climate change: towards a climate resilient future

The 2022 report of the Lancet Countdown is published as the world confronts profound and concurrent systemic shocks. Countries and health systems continue to contend with the health, social, and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, while Russia's invasion of Ukraine and a persistent fossil fuel overdependence has pushed the world into global energy and cost-of-living crises. As these crises unfold, climate change escalates unabated. Its worsening impacts are increasingly affecting the foundations of human health and wellbeing, exacerbating the vulnerability of the world's populations to concurrent health threats.



CONFIRMED SPEAKER

Lancet Countdown in Europe
2022 Report Launch

27 October 2022
11:00-13:00 CEST

@LCDEurope | #LancetClimate22

Rana Orhan Pees
Climate and Health Fellow of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region

LANCET COUNTDOWN:
HEALTH AND
CLIMATE CHANGE
IN EUROPE

ASPHER Fellow Rana Orhan Pees was an instrumental contributor to the [EU policy brief](#) and was on hand to speak at the launch event on 27 October 2022.

Read the Lancet Countdown [European Report](#) and [Global Report](#).

Webinar: Climate change and health - crisis, heat stress, infectious disease threats: Health impacts and solutions in Europe

14:00-15:00 CET, 9 November 2022



CLIMATE CHANGE and HEALTH

Health impacts & solutions in Europe

Wednesday 9 November 2022
14.00 – 15.00 CET

#EUHPP
#HealthUnion

European Commission

The climate crisis is increasingly affecting our health and wellbeing. In August this year, around the same time when millions of Europeans suffered from record-breaking high temperatures, new research published in the science journal Nature suggested that climate change can aggravate over half of known human pathogenic diseases.

Developed under the European Climate and Health Observatory initiative, the new European Environment Agency report 'Climate change as a threat to health and well-being in Europe: focus on heat and infectious diseases' puts these two threats in sharp focus, and it outlines solutions in policy and practice.

Coinciding with the launch of the report, this online webinar will provide you with the report's key findings, and with insights into related EU policy responses and developments. You will also have the opportunity to discuss ways of minimising climate-related health threats through more resilient health systems, and adaptive actions in health sector and other policy areas.

Join ASPHER immediate past-President John Middleton for the EU Health Policy Platform Webinar on Climate Change and Health: Climate crisis, heat stress, infectious disease threats: Health impacts and solutions in Europe.

[Download the programme here.](#)

[Register for the webinar here.](#)

EPH Conference Round Table: Climate emergency, health and equity education: policy and practice recommendations for Europe

11:40 - 12:40 CET, 12 November 2022 - EPH Conference, Room: Beta 2, hub27, Berlin

If you are at EPH, be sure to join ASPHER Fellows Rana Orhan Pees and Tara Chen, as well as 2022 Andrija Stampar Medallist Laurent Chambaud for the Round table on Climate emergency, health and equity education: policy and practice recommendations for Europe.

[Read more here.](#)

ASPHER TASK FORCE ON WAR

Publications from the Gdansk seminar on ‘War in Ukraine and Public Health’

This [publication series](#) is being published several months after the start of the new and highly devastating phase of the Russia–Ukraine war. This war began already in 2014 in a hybrid form, but on 24th of February 2022, with the brutal Russian aggression on Ukraine, it moved into the phase of open military conflict, with clashes (especially in the eastern and southern territories of Ukraine) resembling those of the Second World War. The reactions of other states and societies have been very diverse worldwide. Nevertheless, the war in Ukraine has become a crucial topic of interest for many stakeholders. The impacts of this war are multifaceted, they must and they do concern the whole world. It is for these reasons that the current issue of the Journal focuses on the Russia–Ukraine war.

The starting point for this set of materials was a critically important seminar titled “War in Ukraine and Public Health,” organised in a hybrid form on 20th of May 2022 in Gdansk by the Medical University of Gdansk together with ASPHER. The five hour audio-video recording of this event is [available on YouTube](#). Due to the high importance of the topic, the participants of the seminar were asked to prepare written materials, which could be disseminated to a wider audience through the Journal. Some papers have taken the form of conference proceedings or commentaries, while others have been shaped into scientific papers. Altogether, they form a differentiated and important picture of the ongoing war in Europe, together with its consequences for the entire world.

[Link to the full publication series in Zdrowie Publiczne i Zarzadzanie](#)

Articles: Bochenik T, Balwicki L, Otok R. [Introduction](#). Senyta I, [Public health law and the war in Ukraine: Present and lessons for the future](#). Guschuk I, Oleksiuk N. [Overview of the state of the Ukrainian healthcare system since the start of the war](#). Lopes H. [ASPHER in the Ukraine War: An Ethical Mission](#). Bochenik T, Chambaud L, Lozen O. [Perspective of schools of public health on war in Ukraine - reactions to military conflict in Europe and international cooperation](#). Cunningham C, Wanschneider L. [Framing public health education to meet the needs of professionals for war and peacebuilding: A commentary](#).

Seminar Series (Part II): Public Health in Times of War

Wednesdays from 18:00 to 19:00 CET, Zoom

War in Europe was widely perceived as a problem of the past. Consequently, European Schools Public Health have taught little about war and its consequences for population health. This has changed with Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the accompanying war crimes against civilians.

In this second edition of the seminar series, we invite you to learn from and continue the exchange with international lecturers to resume filling gaps in public health curricula which have become obvious since the start of Russia's war. When relating to the situation in Ukraine and its neighbours, and when assessing health risks, lecturers will draw explicit parallels to relevant public health challenges in other world regions, but also to relevant non-war settings.

The seminar series is organised by Bielefeld School of Public Health and the PH-LENS research group, in association with ASPHER. The lectures take place on Wednesdays 18:00-19:00 hrs CET by Zoom. Students of all ASPHER member schools are invited to participate.



Oct 19: *Attacks on Hospitals in the Russia-Ukraine War during the First Phase of the Invasion*
Volodymyr Lotushko, Ukrainian Healthcare Center, Ukraine

Oct 26: *Conceptualising public health as a moral third*
Dr Yudit Namer, School of Public Health, Bielefeld University, Germany

Nov 2: *An international law perspective on war with special focus on the war of aggression against Ukraine and attacks on public health infrastructure*
Prof Dr Angelika Siehr, Faculty of Law, Bielefeld University, Germany

Nov 16: *Resilience and hope to overcome war experiences*
Prof Dr Izzeldin Abuelaish, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, Canada

Nov 30: *Public Health and Militarism*
Prof Dr John Middleton, Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region

To participate, please register in advance via this link:

https://uni-bielefeld.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IUVk3idXT8-GZgxIYgGOdw

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ASPHER COVID-19 TASK FORCE

EPH Conference Round table: From Science to Policy Making: Lessons learned from ASPHER's COVID-19 Task Force

13:50 - 14:50 CET, 12 November 2022 - EPH Conference, Room: Alpha 6, hub27, Berlin

If you are at EPH, be sure to join the ASPHER COVID-19 Task Force for the Round table: From Science to Policy Making: Lessons learned from ASPHER's COVID-19 Task Force.

[Read more here.](#)

Weekly Covid-19 Country Situation Reports

The ASPHER Covid-19 Task force continues to publish weekly Covid-19 Situation Reports. The reports are currently authored by ASPHER Young Professional Rok Hrzic, Maastricht University and ASPHER Covid-19 TF Chair Nadav Davidovitch, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

In addition to an evolving set of data published to get the most realistic picture of Covid-19 across the European Region, the reports now also provide highlighted articles on important developments.

[Download the situation reports here.](#)

ASPHER NEWS & EVENTS

WHO Public Health and Emergency Workforce Roadmap Steering Committee meeting



ASPHER immediate past-President John Middleton headed to Geneva immediately after the Deans' & Directors' Retreat for the [WHO Public Health and Emergency Workforce Roadmap Steering Committee meeting](#) from 17-19 October. He was there along with Laura Magaña, President of the Global Network for Academic Public Health to represent the schools of public health perspective.

The Steering Committee will advance workstreams on essential public health functions, competency-based education, mapping and measurement, and coordination and communications, in addition to roadmap governance and alignment with global health architecture. Participants will identify opportunities for action and next steps to move toward implementation of the roadmap.

The meeting was helpful in giving clarity to some of the objectives needed if all countries are to achieve a higher level of assurance against new public health threats, and to enable them to commit to the wider goals of improving the health of the people they serve, in the context of a need for a One Health and Planetary Health approach. The meeting also marked the launch of an action plan for concerted action by countries through to mid 2024.

[Read observations made from John Middleton during the meeting, on the need for an expert and well-resourced public health profession in the ASPHER blog.](#) The reflections are in 2 parts – covering essential public health functions and professionalization of public health.

World Health Summit

ASPHER Director Robert Otok joined the World Health Summit held in Berlin from 16-18 October, along with Professor Henrique Lopes and Head of school Ricardo Baptista Leite from Catholic University Lisbon School of Public Health who debated gamification for health policy together with the [UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health](#). Former ASPHER Fellow Naomi Nathan moderated the session and members of ASPHER from Pavia, Italy and Hamburg, Germany joined the panel discussion.

Watch for more collaboration of schools of public health to support policy making!

[Find more reporting, speeches and recordings of the World Health Summit here.](#)



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G7 Second technical meeting on the PH Emergency Workforce for Predictable Rapid Response as part of the Pact for Pandemic Readiness



While ASPHER leadership was in Bulgaria for the Deans' & Directors' Retreat. Prof Wilm Quentin from the Berlin School of Public Health kindly stepped in to represent ASPHER at the G7 Second technical meeting on the Public Health Emergency Workforce for Predictable Rapid Response as part of the Pact for Pandemic Readiness in Berlin from 14-15 October.

Following up on the commitments of the G7 Health Ministers' Communiqué, the German G7 Presidency organized the meeting alongside the first meeting on Collaborative Surveillance in order to compile a general roadmap for G7 coordinated action under the [G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness](#).

The objective of this second technical meeting was to create a common understanding of the major actors in the field of predictable and rapid response as well as the Public Health Emergency Workforce. It sought to identify current gaps in the landscape and together with key stakeholders define concrete action items to implement the G7 Pact for Pandemic

Readiness. Following the concept note of the Pact for Pandemic Readiness, the meeting discussed how to support well-trained Readiness groups and outbreak investigation missions.

The aim is to develop actions on how to better support national, regional and international outbreak response structures, which can be part of the roadmap. These actions should also be considered in the context of support of at least 100 LMICs to implement IHR core capacities.

[Download the Concept note for the G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness here.](#)

ASPHER EHEE Working Group Webinar Series

ASPHER Working Group on Economic Evaluation in Healthcare in Europe Webinar Series:

Wednesday 14 December 2022, 14.00-15.30 CET: **Health Technology Assessment**

Wednesday 15 March 2023, 14.00-15.30 CET: **Evaluation of antenatal care**

For participation and further information about the ASPHER EEHE Working Group Webinar Series, please contact Milena Pavlova at m.pavlova@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

Member Database and Social Media Accounts

The ASPHER Secretariat continues to improve its online infrastructure to serve members better. Currently we are working on updating the member database and linking members' social media handles to their dedicated pages on ASPHER website. The Secretariat encourages all members to set up social media accounts (if you have not done so yet) and send us relevant details so we may link up with you and amplify your communications. We also encourage members to take advantage of the ASPHER blog if you have any items or reporting from your country or institution that you wish to share in more detail.

The Secretariat will ensure to screen ASPHER members' social media accounts on a regular basis for any news which can be published in the monthly newsletters and shared within the network. Therefore, share the handles of your social media accounts with the Secretariat, if you have not done so already or follow us on social media platforms. If you are posting content, which might be of interest for the ASPHER community, feel free to tag us on Twitter: @ASPHERoffice and LinkedIn: @ASPHER.

You are always welcome to share your news, publications, comments & suggestions with Lore at lore.leighton@aspher.org to be included in the next regular issue of the newsletter and on the ASPHER website activity log.

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MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Isabelle Richard Named EHESP Director



The École des Hautes Études en Santé Publique (EHESP), Rennes and Paris welcomes Isabelle Richard as their new director. Isabelle Richard has developed a professional career anchored in teaching and research, and focused on public policy. Very involved at the university level as a University Professor and hospital practitioner (PU-PH) in physical medicine and rehabilitation, she also puts her expertise in the fields of disability, training of health professionals, administration and pedagogical innovation, at the service of several national councils and committees.

We thank outgoing Director and former ASPHER Executive Board member Laurent Chambaud who has always been a close supporter of ASPHER. We look forward to continued ongoing collaboration with EHESP under the capable leadership of Director Richard.

[Learn more about Director Isabelle Richard here.](#) (In French)

Andrija Štampar School of Public Health 95th Anniversary



The Andrija Štampar School of Public Health celebrated its 95th anniversary with a conference at the European Parliament on 26 October on Public Health and the Future of Healthcare. ASPHER Executive Board Member Mirjana Kujundzic Toljak, Acting Director of the school was onsite in Brussels.

2022 Andrija Štampar Medalist, Laurent Chambaud participated as a representative from ASPHER.

ASPHER congratulates the Andrija Štampar School of Public Health!

[See the full conference programme here.](#)

UK Faculty of Public Health Report: Variability in public health ethics education across Europe

The professional discipline of public health is driven by its values. Public health is not just a technical discipline concerned with statistics or facts. Our norms, values, beliefs and the way we see the world, as individuals, communities and institutions which serve us, do matter and fundamentally affect our decisions, behaviours, policies, and practice. The ability to be aware

and reflect on norms and values when taking decisions, is a decisive professional virtue in public health practice.

Public health professionals face decisions that have far-reaching ethical implications. Despite this, the field of public health ethics is relatively new, and teaching and training in ethics for public health professionals is “highly variable in quantity and content” (Doudenkova et al. 2017). Building on a prior body of research, surveys of ASPHER and EUPHA members were undertaken to explore current levels of ethics education.

[Download the full report here.](#)

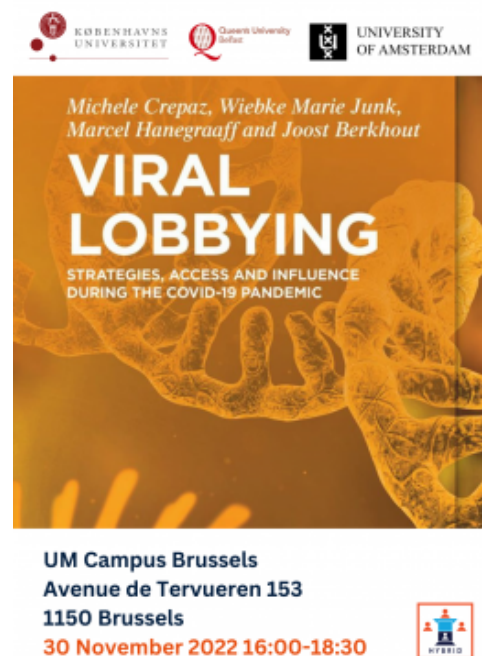
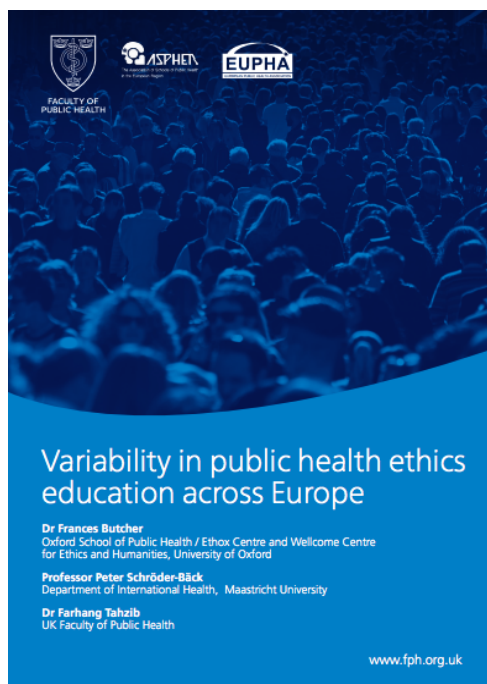
Book Launch 'Viral Lobbying. Strategies, Access and Influence During the COVID-19 Pandemic'

16:00-18:30 CET, 30 November 2022, Brussels and online

Join University of Maastricht, Brussels Campus for a book launch 'Viral Lobbying. Strategies, Access and Influence During the COVID-19 Pandemic'. The discussion will focus on pandemic policies which have been the centre of attention of fierce lobbying competition by different social and economic interests.

In *Viral Lobbying* a team of expert authors analyse patterns in and implications of this 'viral lobbying'. Based on elite surveys and focus group interviews with selected groups, the book provides new evidence on the lobbying strategies used during the COVID 19 pandemic, as well as the resulting access to and lobbying influence on public policy.

[Learn more and register here.](#)



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