

Invitation to the ASPHER PHL WH meeting in Erice, Monday, May 27, 2019

Dear members of ASPHER Public Health Law Working Group,

Dear Friends,

First of all, I wish to thank Carlo Signorelli for the dense and promising program of the coming ASPHER Deans' and Directors' Retreat in Erice. I look forward this opportunity to meet many of you and continue our exchanges on how better using the law in public health.

A concrete step toward that direction is the inclusion of a parallel session on public health law on Monday (May 27) morning that I will have the pleasure to co-chair with Kasia Czabanowska. This is a direct outcome of last year discussions in London and Lugano. This is a chance to open the reflexion with other members of ASPHER based on practical examples. The presentations will be followed by a roundtable on how to introduce the law more systematically in the training of public health professionals and how to increase the impact of research in this field.

You will find in attachment copy of the recent report "Roadmap to professionalising the public health workforce". A key element is that it acknowledges as number 2 key features toward the professionalization: Adequate public health laws, regulations and norms at the national level. This underlines the need for a better capacity of PH professionals to contribute to this objective. It seems important that we take some time in Erice to reflect on how this could be achieved through better training and research.

I also join the minutes of the London and Lugano meetings. This should help assess the progress that we have done but also where more efforts are needed and what could be new topics to address.

The PHL WG will meet on Monday late afternoon between 19h00 and 20h30. Further details on the location will provided directly in Erice. For those who cannot attend, thank you for sending me your comments and proposals.

Looking forward to hear from you and to see you in Erice.

Friendly regards,

Prof. Dominique Sprumont