

**ASPHER 2022 Deans' & Directors' Retreat  
Sofia, Bulgaria**

**14-16 October 2022**

***Reuniting and revitalizing***

Venue: in person at Medical University Sofia, Bulgaria

**THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER**

**16:30 ASPHER Executive Board Meeting followed by EB dinner**

**FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER**

**09:30 Opening Ceremony**

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

**Welcome addresses:**

President of Bulgaria (tbc)

Minister of Health (tbc)

Minister of Education (tbc)

University officials (tbc)

Dean Tzekomir Vodenicharov, Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria

**ASPHER Presidency handover (ft. Member Survey 2021/22):**

John Middleton & Carlo Signorelli

Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, WHO/EURO

Laura Magana, GNAPH/ASPPH

Walter Ricciardi, WFPHA (invited – not available)

**11:00 – 11:30 Break**

**11:30 – 13:00 PHW PROFESSIONALISATION**

Chair: John Middleton, ASPHER Vice-President & ASPHER Fellow (tbc)

Kasia Czabanowska, Maastricht University, The Netherlands & Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, WHO/EURO

**WHO/EURO-ASPHER PROFESSIONALISATION ROAD MAP**

Laura Magana, GNAPH/ASPPH & Jim Campbell, WHO/HQ (invited)

**WHO/HQ ROAD MAP (w/GNAPH)**

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

**SEEPHI PROJECT as relevant good practice at country level**

Mary Codd, University College Dublin, Ireland

**ASPHER COMPETENCIES PROGRAMME as flagship initiative**

**13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH**

**14:30 – 16:00 3 GROUPS in parallel**

**1. UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES**

Chair: Kai Michelsen, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Introductory talk by chairperson, followed by 2 member-led presentation and further discussion and group work on the WG agenda.

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

Piotr Romaniuk, Medical University of Silesia, Poland

[Possibility to add one more presentation here.](#)

**2. PHD-DrPH/DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES & RESEARCH CAPACITIES**

Chair: Carla Lopes, University of Porto, Portugal

Introductory talk by chairperson, followed by 2 member-led presentation and further discussion and group work on the WG agenda.

*New PhD Program in Public Health at Al-Quds University SPH. Hazem Agha, Al-Quds University, Palestine*

*Health literacy research at the School of Public Health IPVZ, Prague, Czech Republic. Nora Vesela, IPVZ SPH, Prague, Czech Republic*

**3. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SPECIALIST TRAINING**

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

Introductory talk by chairperson, followed by 2 member-led presentation and further discussion and group work on the WG agenda.

*Integration of research project into Public Health Clerkship for medical students: The experience from the United Arab Emirates. Michal Grivna, United Arab Emirates University*

[Possibility to add one more presentation here.](#)

**16:00 – 16:30 Break**

**16:30 – 18:00 DEANS' SESSION: KEY CHALLENGES FACED BY SPHs (ft. PEER service)**

Chair: Carlo Signorelli, ASPHER President & ASPHER Fellow (tbc)

Presentation #1: Lukasz Balwicki, Medical University of Gdansk, Poland

Key listener (online): Polychronis Kostoulas, Thessaly University, Greece

Presentation #2: Sonia Dias, Lisbon NOVA University, Portugal

Key listener: tbc

Presentation #3: Alena Petrakova, IPVZ SPH, Prague, Czech Republic

Key listener: tbc

[Possibility to add one more presentation here.](#)

**19:30 – 23:00 ASPHER 2022 AWARDS CEREMONY & FESTIVE DINNER**

## SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

### **09:00 – 10:00 COVID TASK FORCE**

Chairs: Nadav Davidovitch, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel & Carmen Varela, ECDC (invited)

Overview of work done & current agenda outline

Partnership with ECDC – COVID & beyond

Short presentations by members:

*The LCF - Let's Control Flu project.* Henrique Lopes, Portuguese Catholic University, Portugal

Possibility to add two more member-led presentations here.

**09:00 – 10:00 PARALLEL SESSION: FOLLOW UP DEANS' SESSION – FOCUS ON BULGARIA? (tbc)**

### **10:00 – 10:15 Break**

### **10:15 – 11:15 WAR TASK FORCE – GEOPOLITICAL HEALTH**

Chairs: Oliver Razum, Bielefeld University, Germany & Cristina Profili/Elena Val, IOM Health (invited)

Overview of work done & current agenda outline

Partnership with IOM – Russia/Ukraine war & beyond

Short presentations by members:

*War in Europe - its impacts and challenges posed on public health organizations, 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 neighbor.* 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 SPH, Prague, Czech Republic

*Results from the screening among the Ukrainian children who arrived to Wroclaw in terms of vaccination, infectious diseases and medical documentation.* Dorota Kiedik, Medical University of Wroclaw, Poland

**10:15 – 11:15 PARALLEL SESSION: SEEEPHI Project Workshop /led by WP6 & WP7 (tbc)**

### **11:15 – 11:30 Break**

### **11:30 – 12:30 CONSOLIDATING EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY**

Chairs: Carlo Signorelli, ASPHER President & John Middleton, ASPHER Vice-President

Caroline Costongs, Eurohealthnet (invited – not available)

Milka Sokolovic, EPHA (invited)

Marieke Verschuuren, EUPHA (invited)

Robert Otok, ASPHER

Bulgarian members of the participating networks to reflect (for reality check) (tbc)

### **12:30 – 14:00 NETWORKING LUNCH**

## **14:00 – 16:30 ASPHER COMPETENCIES PROGRAMME WORKSHOP**

Chairs: Mary Codd, University College Dublin, Ireland & Karl Conyard, ASPHER Fellow

### **CLIMATE/HEALTH EDUCATION**

Facilitators: **tbc & Rana Orhan/Tara Chen (online) (tbc), ASPHER fellows**

*Good practice in Climate and health education.* Debbi Stanistreet, University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dublin, Ireland

### **DIVERSITY & INTERSECTIONALITY**

Facilitators: **tbc & Lisa Wandschneider (tbc), ASPHER fellow**

*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

### **BIG DATA & MODELING FOR PH DECISION-MAKING**

Facilitators: **tbc & Rok Hrzic (tbc), ASPHER fellow**

**Ideally one member-led presentation on the topic to be identified here too.**

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[Possibility to add more thematic groups here.](#)

## **16:30 – 17:00 Break**

## **17:00 – 17:30 WRAP-UP 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 Magana & John Middleton for GNAPH

### **Invitation to ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat – Dublin 2023**

Mary Codd, University College Dublin, Ireland with Oliver Razum, Bielefeld University, Germany

## **20:00 – 23:00 FOLK DINNER**

## **SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER**

Social programme:

Full-day option – trip to Plovdiv

**Half-day option – sightseeing tour in Sofia (tbc)**

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**Exhibition/info booths:**

ASPHER/www + **TIPH Bulgaria (tbc) & PHR (tbc)**

**World Congress on Public Health 2023 (tbc)**