



Belgian Association of Public Health - Newsletter - February 2019

News

- **News from the European Public Health Conference 2018**

We were close to 60 Belgians in Ljubljana and presented more than 100 posters and interventions, as well as directed several workshops and seminars: the reports are on https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/28/suppl_4 (accessible through EUPHA for members). The meetings and discussions were numerous and new ideas emerged, among other things to intensify cooperation between neighboring public health associations. The discussion will continue during the 2019 European Conference to be held in Marseille, in cooperation with the French Society of Public Health.

- **European Public Health Week 13 - 17 May 2019 , a EUPHA initiative**

The general theme is "celebrating healthy populations". EUPHA will support this week through an online campaign and encourages each member country to organize local events and activities.

Although a theme has been proposed for each day in the EUPHA planning, the BAPH encourages the development of Belgian activities where all members of the association are invited to propose topics and to co-organize activities. Contact us for more information and to give us your opinion!

- **European Joint Action AdvantAGE - Managing Frailty (<http://www.advantageja.eu/>)**

In view of Sciensano's collaboration with this joint action program, the Association is discussing the organization of a seminar around this topic, jointly with Sciensano

- **Collaboration with the Be-Cause Health platform (www.be-causehealth.be)**

Be-cause health is an open and pluralistic platform, offering a place for the exchange and capitalization of technical knowledge and scientific evidence in the field of international health and development cooperation and their applications in the field.

Be-cause Health is aimed at both organizations and individual members involved in Belgian development cooperation in the field of international health: policy makers, public and private actors, civil society organizations and research institutes.

The platform hosts a dozen working groups, with variable activity. It includes topics common to Belgian public health, for example: public health research, social determinants of health, digitization, access to quality drugs, mental health or chronic noncommunicable diseases.

Each year, it organizes a conference, sometimes in partnership, like the one of 2017 which had for theme "Education and health" co-organized with Educaid.

If the platform is intended for Belgian actors working in the context of development cooperation, the public health issues it supports are often linked to those of Belgium or Europe. Depending

on the needs of our respective members, future joint activities, seminars or conferences, meetings between working groups etc. are therefore possible. Sharing the agenda and news is a first step in this collaboration.

- **Archives of Public health** (<https://archpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/>)

Discounted publication fees are available for members of BAPH.

Call for papers: Public mental health



Archives of Public Health invites you to submit to our new article collection on Public mental health. Mental disorders are the leading cause of disability worldwide, affecting one fifth of the world's children and adolescents. This collection looks to approach mental health from a global, public, and interdisciplinary perspective. It aims to understand how political, social, and cultural factors co-determine mental health or illness, and to inform effective action to promote mental health.

- **2019 Membership**

Do not forget to renew your membership to continue to enjoy the benefits: payment can be made to the BAPH bank account: **BE15 0682 1098 5030 (mention "membership 2019 + name")** - if you want to update your contact information, it's possible to do so on <http://www.baph.be/membership.htm> or by writing directly to secretary@baph.be

Agenda

- **March 14, 2019, 2 pm-4pm** : Following its annual general meeting, the **Be-Cause Health** platform offers an afternoon **seminar**, open to all audiences, around two themes: "Quality Assured Medicines" and "SheDecides: lessons learned from 2017 declaration to 2019 implementation".

Location: Doctors of the World, Rue Botanique 75, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode

- **29 April 2019**, Sciensano / BAPH Seminar on **Frailty**
Venue: Salle Storck, SFSP 1 Rue Ernest Blerot, 1070 Brussels
Full programme to be confirmed - open to all BAPH members, subject to registration
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- **May 13-17, 2019** : **EUPHA Public Health Week** "Celebrating Healthy Populations".
A press conference organized by EUPHA is planned in Brussels. The date and place are still to be specified, as are activities proposed by BAPH members.
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- **16-20 September 2019**: 11th **European Congress on Tropical Medicine & International Health** (ECTMIH) 2019 www.ectmih2019.org
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- **20-23 November 2019**: 12th **European Public Health Conference**
(<https://ephconference.eu/>)

Building bridges for solidarity and public health

Abstract submission opens: from 1 February to 1 May 2019

Registration: from 1 April 2019 (BAPH members pay reduced registration fees)

Location: Marseille Chanot, Palais des Congrès et des Expositions, Marseille – France

- **Last quarter 2019** (tbc): public health afternoon of the BAPH in connection with the special issue of the "Archives of Public Health" on mental health

Location and exact date yet to be specified.