ARMENIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

(Founded at 1991)
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Current key focus areas:

- One Health and Integrated Surveillance/Biosurveillance of diseases.
- Support and implementation of research projects in priority areas e.g. multi-task COVID-19 study, antimicrobial resistance aspects in health and veterinary sectors etc.
- Developed and published textbooks and curricula for professional’s post-graduate education.
- As co-founder of Biosafety Association of Central Asia & Caucasus, a special focus will be stressed on the biosafety and biosecurity aspects.
- Support to the National public health programs.
On 8-9th January 2019 the Senegalese Public Association organized its annual public health conference *in Senegal* bringing together 201 participants for 2 days. The General Assembly was held along the conference and the board was renewed.

**Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:**

- Organized on 13th July 2019, a panel discussion on “*Tackling non communicable diseases, what can we learn from the past?*” The purpose of the panel was to bring senior retired public health professionals who achieved great successes in communicable diseases control programmed to identify and share lessons learnt that can be tailored to chronic diseases control. Lessons were shared with the Ministry of Health.

- Held a training workshop on “*Finding a job and building a career in public health.*” This training workshop held on 29 January 2020 targeted 29 young professionals and aimed at equipping the participants with knowledge and tools to find their path in the public health domain. Skills in developing a resume were also strengthened.

- Since March, members actively participated in committees and scientific debates broadcasted by the national TV & Radio stations on Covid-19 response.

**Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)**

The second International forum on Innovations in health and Development with a focus on NCD. The forum initially planned on June 2020 was postponed because of COVID-19 epidemic.
Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

In 2020 BPHA has 204 members representing academic professionals and researchers in 6 universities with their faculties and departments of public health and the National Centre of Public Health and Analysis.

The main recent achievements and current key focus:

1. Participation in EUPHW 13-17 May 2019 with 27 events of different format. BPHA has been recognised as the most active member in this initiative. We succussed to reach the aim of promoting public health and healthy lifestyle and increasing the awareness of mass-media and society on the impact of risk factors on community health.

2. In EUPHW 11-15 May 2020 BPHA was again among the most active associations with 35 online events covering mass-media, students and communities in 7 regional centres. Some events had a national reach through interviews on BNRadio, local TV, mass-media. The events were in line with all daily themes and reflecting the current COVID-19 pandemic.

3. The third important current activity is to support our members in their efforts to transfer all educational processes to online format and this is going very successfully.

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)

One important upcoming event is a scientific conference on innovations in public health with international participation planned for September 2020 and postponed for 2021 in online format.
CHINESE PREVENTIVE MEDICINE ASSOCIATION (CPMA)

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Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

- Fighting against the COVID-19
  - Translating and sharing the book Guidance for Corona Virus Disease 2019: Prevention, Control, Diagnosis and Management to all WFPHA members; set the COVID-19 Knowledge and Data hub that features daily situation reports, academic papers and data from global and Chinese sources, which is selected by the GEO website as a part of the GEO COVID-19 projects; holding international webinars to exchange ideas with other countries on COVID-19 prevention and control.
  - Establishment of international NCDs Think Tank and Promoting the Belt and Road Initiative in public health area.
  - Experts from Finland, Iran, India, Singapore, US, UK, Japan and China have joined the Think Tank to jointly contribute to global NCD prevention and control. In the first phase of discussion, experts have come up with feasible suggestions on Stroke prevention and control in China.
  - In April 2019, CPMA has published the book Risk Assessment, Countermeasures and Suggestions on Communicable Diseases in Belt and Road Countries, which is selected as the meeting material for national foreign affairs conference by the National Health Commission of the People’s Republic of China (NHC). Entrusted by China NHC and China Association for Science and Technology, CPMA has organized experts to carry out the English versioned Risk, Prevention and Control on Communicable Diseases in Belt and Road Countries.

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)

Upcoming events

- On May 30, 2020 CPMA plans to schedule an international webinar on Global Science and Technology Development and Governance under the COVID-19 Epidemic. Experts from WFPHA, Africa, Brazil, Singapore, Japan, Switzerland, Italy and China will attend to discuss issues like How to develop effective international cooperation (among developed and developing countries) when confronted with severe communicable diseases? What is the biggest challenge in COVID-19 prevention and control (based on the experiences in your country)?

- In November 2020, CPMA and Asia-Pacific Alliance for the Control of Influenza plan to hold the World Influenza Conference in Chengdu, China. (Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the conference might be a virtual meeting).

Publication

- CPMA has translated the latest national diagnosis and treatment guideline Guidance for Corona Virus Disease 2019: Prevention, Control, Diagnosis and Management to English and the book has been published by Royal Collins. We have shared it with all PHAs of Asia Pacific to introduce our prevention and control experiences. African Federation of Public Health Associations has particularly expressed their gratitude towards the book we shared.
Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

- SOCUSAP celebrated five years in 2020 of having founded the Alliance of Public Health Associations of the Americas and occupying its presidency and secretary general since then.
- To celebrate its 46th anniversary, SOCUSAP held a scientific and social event in honor of its founders.
- For the 16th World Congress on Public Health, Rome, two scientific papers from SOCUSAP were approved.
- The holding of the II National Meeting of SOCUSAP planned for June was planned. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, its execution is postponed.
- As part of the confrontation with the pandemic in the country, dozens of affiliates support the work of the national health system, incorporated into health institutions or the actions and prevention campaign and the dissemination of experiences based on scientific evidence.
EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (EUPHA)

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Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

- The European Public Health Week (EUPHW) 11-15 May 2020

This year a total of 147 events were organised in 31 countries. The theme of this year was joining forces for healthier populations and COVID-19 as overarching theme. Collaboration, coordination and communication in public health are now more important than ever: we must join forces for healthier populations.

The European Public Health Week (EUPHW) aims to raise awareness about important public health themes and connect professionals contributing to public health across Europe.

The European Public Health Week (EUPHW) is an initiative by the European Public Health Association (EUPHA). Co-funded under an operating grant from the European Union’s Health Programme (2014-2020). Supported by the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

- The Health-Related Sustainable Development Goals in the European Region - Where Are We 4 Years On?

In May, EUPHA published a supplement to the European Journal of Public Health: The Health-Related Sustainable Development Goals in the European Region - Where Are We 4 Years On?

With only one decade remaining to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we ask: how is Europe progressing towards the health-related SDGs? Read the answers to this in the supplement to the European Journal of Public Health #EJPH Out now! Including an editorial, 8 papers and 3 case studies. The supplement is available (open access) here: https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/Supplement_1

- COVID-19 updates

In February 2020, EUPHA launched the COVID-19 updates webpage (https://eupha.org/covid---19-updates) with continuous updates on the COVID-19 pandemic, including useful resources and statements.

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)

- The World Congress on Public Health will take place 12 – 16 October 2020, online. EUPHA is co-organiser of this Congress, together with the World Federation of Public Health Associations and the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SItI). More info: https://wcph2020.com/

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Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

- The 24th European Association of Dental Public Health (EADPH) annual scientific Congress was held in Ghent, Belgium on 11th - 14th September 2019. This was a very successful meeting.

- The European Association of Dental Public Health (EADPH) has supported the establishment of an Oral Health Section of the European Public Health Associations (EUPHA) at the 12th European Public Health Conference, “Building bridges for solidarity and public health,” in Marseille, France, 20 - 23 November 2019.

- The European Association of Dental Public Health (EADPH) provided feedback on the Roadmap for the European Commission’s initiative: Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan. EADPH has particular expertise and insight into public health aspects of oral cancer. Oral cancer includes cancers of the lip, tongue and oral cavity. In Europe, oral cancer is the 10th most common cancer, with around 13,800 new cases diagnosed each year in EU countries.

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)

The 25th EADPH annual scientific Congress in Montpellier, France is postponed provisionally until the 1-4th September 2021.

The second is that EADPH are conducting a survey on the Impact of COVID 19 on Oral Healthcare in Europe. The questionnaire for this survey has been designed and is currently being piloted. We hope to have early results by the end of May.
GHANA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

- Successful AGM for 2019 with election of new officers
- Development of draft Five Year Strategic Plan
- Advocacy for establishment of National Infectious Disease Hospital/institute due to emerging pandemics. Government has agreed to establish 3 smaller infectious disease hospitals
- Support and empower the public to proactively participate and hold duty bearers accountable
- Provide professional technical support and solutions for policy, planning and implementation on issues of public health importance,
- Enhance the relevance and capacity of public health practitioners to influence and effectively engage in public health interventions.
- Develop and Strengthen the organizational capacity of GPHA to function effectively and efficiently

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)

Members playing various roles in Covid-19 response, example
President recalled being short term technical advisor to Director General of Ghana Health Service on Covid-19
The Organizer is the head of the nurses (Team B) for the largest Isolation center.
Capacity building of members through active WhatsApp communication
Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

- 5th Int’l Conf on Law Enforcement and Public Health, Edinburgh, 21-23 October 2019
- Development of Special Interest Groups including Law Enforcement and Pandemics, Mental Health, Violence Prevention, Alternatives to Incarceration, Gender, First Responders’ Health, Harm Reduction, Role of Prosecutors in Public Health
- Present Key focus: law enforcement and health partnerships in pandemic responses

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)

- 6th International Conference on LEPH, Philadelphia, 21-24 March 2021
- First regional African Conference on LEPH (Virtual), late 2020-early 2021
- Preparation of a first comprehensive book on LEPH, to be published Spring 2021
- Multiple research and commentary papers in multiple Journals, including:
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION (IFMSA)

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Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

- IFMSA COVID-19 response strategy with global initiatives conducted by medical students in 95 countries and more than 10,000 outreaches on social media.

- Organization of the first Pre-World Health Assembly (WHA) virtual workshop for 5 days before and after WHA73 that built the capacity of 60 IFMSA members in global health policy and diplomacy.

- Conduction of a global survey to assess the inclusion of planetary health education in the medical curriculum in 112 countries and analysis of the results to guide the advocacy for our curricular transformation efforts.

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)

- IFMSA Policy Document on Health, Environment and Climate Change, Air Pollution, Mental Health and Health Literacy, adopted in March 2020 by 129 countries to represent the stance of 1.3 million medical students worldwide: https://ifmsa.org/policy-documents/

- IFMSA COVID-19 Response Page to demonstrate all our efforts: https://ifmsa.org/covid19/

- IFMSA COVID-19 and UNFPA COVID-19 Prezi Campaign: https://prezi.com/v/nc0bxfdqzpro/
Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA: (200 words max)

- As an international youth organization, IVSA has been working toward emphasizing the role of veterinarians not only in safeguarding the health and welfare of animals across the globe but serving as a vital public health ambassador.

- As a member of the World Health Student Alliance (WHSA) we participate in many focus areas of public health, and there are three recent achievements we would like to highlight. First, through our partnership with the OIE, IVSA members can serve as OIE ambassadors to promote global animal health and safety standards at the local level.

- Second, our standing committees, particularly the Standing Committee on One Health, have hosted numerous online workshops focusing on the importance of one health and the role of the veterinarian in promoting not only one health, but public health as well. Finally, through interdisciplinary collaboration with other members of WHSA, a COVID-19 webinar series was hosted emphasising veterinarians’ relevant training in zoonotic diseases that can contribute not only to controlling the current pandemic but preventing the next one.

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)

Following international guidelines, IVSA’s events were moved online. Our annual Congress has been under review ensuring COVID-19 guidelines are followed. The spring edition of the IVSA Journal has also been released.
KOREA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

- KPHA has led preparation and releases of two statements on COVID-19 pandemic in Korea (31 Jan 2020, 19 Mar 2020), and called for establishing appropriate management system for national public health crisis. Both press releases were appearing on major national news media.

- Organizing and chairing two online forums on COVID-19 pandemic, along with National Academy of Medicine, Korean Federation of Science and Technology Societies, and Korean Academy of Science and Technology (17 Apr 2020, 8 May 2020). Themes of the forums included ‘Current status of COVID-19 treatment and vaccine’ and ‘Reshaping medical system preparing for second wave of COVID-19’. Both forums were broadcasted through Youtube.

- Dr. BJ Park, the president of KPHA was interviewed with a major national news media, Joong Ang Daily, on 18 Mar 2020, and called for establishment of Ministry of Public Health (Currently Ministry of Health and Welfare), and National Health Council (NHC) as a control tower for a national health crisis amid COVID-19 pandemic in Korea.
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Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

- The Malta Association of Public Health Medicine (MAPHM) advocated for several public health issues including vaccination, recreational cannabis and sexual health. It also supported public health statements issued by other associations such as ‘the Good Samaritan Bill’ and ‘Stepping up efforts to prevent Suicide’.

- A special commemorative event was organised on the 11th May 2019 to celebrate MAPHM’s 20th Anniversary. A publication: Public Health in Malta 1999-2019 was launched during this event and can be found [here](#).

- The second Public Health Symposium was organized and held on the 29th of November 2019. The symposium was well attended with well over a hundred attendees and over 40 presentations.

- The current key focus area of MAPHM is related to the COVID-19 pandemic. MAPHM provides advice on COVID-19 through its’ website the Facebook group “Coronavirus Malta – REAL public health advice on Covid19 which was created on the 28th February 2020. The Facebook group was set up to offer evidence-based advice on the Coronavirus situation including daily, reliable up-to-date information from national and international sources, combating misinformation and rumours, and explaining how to follow national public health initiatives.

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)

The Malta Association of Public Health Medicine (MAPHM) was founded in 1999 with its main objectives being to promote high standards in teaching and practice of public health medicine as well as to advocate for and contribute to the advancement of public health in Malta. It is a voluntary, independent and non-profit making organization composed of public health doctors and other public health specialists.
MONGOLIAN PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS’ ASSOCIATION

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Recent achievements and current key focus areas of MPHPA:

- MPHPA has been contributing for human resource development in health sector in Mongolia since 2003. As of 2019, 558 physicians and public health professionals participated in Salzburg Medical Seminars in Austria and 61 physicians attended one-month Observer ships in Austrian Medical Hospitals, funded by American Austrian Foundation.

- MPHPA implemented ‘Better Hearts-Better Ulaanbaatar’ evaluation project in Ulaanbaatar to improve quality and availability of hypertension care between 2017 and 2019, under consultation with the American Heart Association. The hypertension diagnosis, treatment and blood pressure control ratios for the first time was measured which proved hypertension registration system has to be consider these. This had impact to update new hypertension registration forms which were included in Order No. A/611 on December 31, 2019.

- ‘Career Development and Leadership’ training was organized among 350 public health professionals in December 2019 in cooperation University of Maastricht, Netherland.

- MPHPA is focusing on evidence-based public health policy and programs and strengthening health sector professionals which is the main strategic plan of the organization.

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)

Currently, MPHPA is developing manuscript of the evaluation project result for international journals and contributing to develop ‘National Public Health Standard’ collaborating with Ministry of Health.
Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

Our main topics are:
- Prevention and health prevention
- Health communication and health literacy
- Digital health

The project “Mama denk an mich” focuses on drug prevention for pregnant drug addicted women. The prevention programme “Geh-sundheitspfad” aims to improve physical activity and health literacy among older people. It will be implemented at the end of 2020 and subsequently evaluated. We evaluate digital applications with regard to their effect on health behaviour in different settings and age groups. We conduct systematic reviews, use qualitative and quantitative survey methods. We cooperate with public health services, research institutions and associations.

Other relevant information (main upcoming events, publications, etc)


Recent achievements and current key focus areas of PHA:

- Successful advocacy for the law of alcohol harm prevention. The law comes into effect from Jan 1, 2020.

- Successfully building the Senior Public Health Volunteers model in tobacco control, alcohol harm prevention and NCD prevention. Quality of life of elderly in the intervention program was improved.


In coming years, we are continuing to implement 4 strategic orientations: Advocacy, PH models, Journal of PH and Training & Research Center. In the year of 2020-2021 we are focus on:

- Doing researches related to Youth and E-cigarettes, a policy advocacy will be implemented based on these data.

- Organizing online and offline activities for pupils in High school and universities’ students about the harm e-cig and how to stay away from it.

- Translating the PH research result into layman language via digital PR to encourage people to practice healthy lifestyle.

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Vietnam Public Health Journal will be published 6 issue/year (4 issues in Vietnamese and 2 issues in English).
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