Public Health Professionals’ Education and Training

The WFPHA Public Health Professionals’ Education and Training Working Group (PET) aims to: develop a strategy to globally harmonize essential public health functions and competencies based on practice needs, define and apply standards of quality for public health education and training, and develop academic and institutional capacity based on a needs and demand analysis.

The PET is in the process of reforming the working group and dividing education from training, with new members from various parts of the world including student representatives. PET remains committed to the eight projects identified in 2015, which included defining both ‘education’ and ‘training’, setting a benchmark of the core curriculum content within a public health master degree, and researching the demands, interests and ambitions of graduate students, to identify the course content which has been useful in subsequent practice. As members of the working group have previously indicated, this work plan needs practical resources. PET envisages that some of this work would be suitable for higher degree research components (anywhere in the world) and through student internships (at WFPHA in Geneva).

An opportunity was during the 15th WCPH, where a joint meeting with the Council of Academic Public Health Institutions of Australia (CAPHIA) was held to progress this work plan. Interested people are encouraged to contact the working group to express interest.