WHO ARE WE?

The World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) is an international and independent nongovernmental organization composed of over 100 multidisciplinary national public health associations and other organizations involved in public health, representing around 1 million public health professionals.

It is the only worldwide professional society representing and serving the broad field of public health.

The WFPHA’s mission is to promote global public health. It does this by supporting the establishment and organizational development of public health associations through facilitating and supporting the exchange of information, knowledge, and the transfer of skills and resources, and through promoting and undertaking advocacy for public policies, programs and practices that will result in a healthy and productive world.

The WFPHA is accredited as an NGO in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO). It collaborates with the WHO to advance the field of public health, through the promotion of pro-health policies, strategies and best practices around the world.

The Federation is also accredited to the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and holds consultation status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Michael Moore, WFPHA President

Taking up the opportunity to go to Geneva in January rather than spending the summer on an Australian beach marked the start of an interesting year for me and for my engagement with the WFPHA. The meetings in January allowed me to understand what the WFPHA has achieved over the years, the strengths and weaknesses and what we might be able to achieve in the years to come. The Global Charter for the Public’s Health (the Charter) was cemented as the prime focus that I would bring to the Federation through 2016-2018 as president. The 50th Anniversary and the World Congress on Public Health in Melbourne would be key elements of ensuring a broader understanding of public health and meeting the challenges ahead.

After walking from the West coast of England to the East coast in late April and early May (it was too far to do the same in Australia), I attended the Annual General Meeting of the WFPHA, as well as the World Health Assembly. It was a great honor to have the opportunity to thank Immediate Past-President, Dr. Mengistu Asnake, for his presidency and to welcome President-Elect, Professor Laetitia Rispel, to the leadership team of the Governing Council. In that week in Geneva we were also able to set some goals and parameters around the World Congress on Public Health in Melbourne, to speak formally to the health ministers of the Commonwealth of Nations and to provide an address to the World Health Assembly on the importance of the Charter.

The publication of the Global Charter in the European Journal of Public Health in March, along with an editorial explaining the importance of the Global Charter and its relationship with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the same journal provided excellent groundwork for this aspect of the next phase of the work of the WFPHA. The Annual General Assembly of the WFPHA reinforced the position on the Charter but emphasized the importance of getting ready for a new Strategic Plan for the WFPHA.

I would like to welcome the new members of the Governing Council and would particularly like to acknowledge the first ever indigenous representative, Adrian Te Patu, a Maori man from New Zealand. Additionally, the first young professional representative, Thomas Piggott, from Canada has been elected to fulfil a specific young professional place on the Governing Council. Thomas has already developed a world-wide network of young professionals within the WFPHA – including some of the candidates who stood for the position.

At the General Meeting of the WFPHA to be held in Melbourne in very early April 2017, just prior to the World Congress on Public Health there will be an opportunity for global member associations of the WFPHA to consider the next strategic direction of the Association. The intention is that the draft direction will be derived from the Charter and put to the Melbourne meeting of the General Assembly following the circulation of drafts for consideration by all members of the Governing Council and all of our Associations internationally.

Opportunities to present the work of the WFPHA and particularly the Global Charter for the Public’s Health have come up this year for me as president in Canada, Taiwan, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Europe. Other members of the Governing Council have been at meetings that I am aware of in Thailand, the United States of America and South America, also presenting on the important work and many facets of the WFPHA.
None of this would have been possible if it were not for the brilliant work of the WFPHA International Office under the leadership of Professor Bettina Borisch with the support of Dr. Marta Lomazzi and Dr. Eleonora De Cata. Their commitment to managing the day to day work of the WFPHA, whilst at the same time engaging with key stakeholders, ensures that the organization is held in high esteem, continues to work with the WHO, and has the adaptability to work with other key organizations to deliver appropriate public health messages.

The WFPHA remains, however, with some considerable challenges. Long-term financial support for the WFPHA is still not settled. Even though the Association has been running for 49 years, some of our member organizations are finding that they are in difficult times both financially and in terms of influence – especially as more governments are leaning towards the conservative side of the political spectrum. Unfortunately, this is the time that public health association input is needed even more strongly as arguments about small government, an emphasis on personal responsibility, non-interference and the nanny state are presented by conservative commentators, think tanks, industry representatives and other organizations. Public health associations across the world need to be engaging in political and community debate to counter such arguments with an emphasis on understanding the social determinants of health and role of government including the importance of good government stewardship for fair and equitable communities.

The role of public health associations has never been more important. Our role as members of the Governing Council is a huge responsibility and I thank my colleagues for taking on the role. Similarly, the leadership shown by the Working Group leaders and members plays a key role in ensuring strong and robust policies that are founded on a strong evidence base. The WFPHA, working in official capacity with the World Health Organization (WHO) has identified the key elements of Prevention, Protection and Promotion along with four key enablers of Capacity Building, Information, Good Governance and Advocacy. The WFPHA is committed to working towards improving health internationally.

We look forward to continuing our efforts next year.

Michael Moore, WFPHA President
WFPHA MEMBERS AROUND THE WORLD

1. Afghanistan
2. Albania
3. Algeria
4. Armenia
5. Australia
6. Austria
7. Bangladesh
8. Belgium
9. Bolivia
10. Bosnia & Herzegovina
11. Brazil
12. Bulgaria
13. Burkina Faso
14. Cameroon
15. Canada
16. Chad
17. Chile
18. China (PRC)
19. Colombia
20. Congo
21. Costa Rica
22. Croatia
23. Cuba
24. Czech Republic
25. Denmark
26. Dubai
27. Egypt
28. Estonia
29. Ethiopia
30. Finland
31. France
32. Gambia
33. Georgia
34. Germany
35. Ghana
36. Haiti
37. Hong Kong
38. India
39. Indonesia
40. Iran
41. Israel
42. Italy
43. Japan
44. Kazakhstan
45. Kenya
46. Korea (DR)
47. Latvia
48. Lebanon
49. Lithuania
50. Macedonia
51. Malawi
52. Malta
53. Mauritania
54. Mexico
55. Mongolia
56. Mozambique
57. Nepal
58. Netherlands
59. New Zealand
60. Nicaragua
61. Niger
62. Nigeria
63. Norway
64. Panama
65. Poland
66. Portugal
67. Romania
68. Senegal
69. Serbia
70. Sierra Leone
71. Slovakia
72. Slovenia
73. South Africa
74. Spain
75. Sudan
76. Sweden
77. Switzerland
78. Taiwn
79. Tanzania
80. Thailand
81. Tunisia
82. Uganda
83. United Kingdom
84. United States of America
85. Vietnam
86. Yemen
OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Main Projects in the Last 10 years
- Global Charter for the Public’s Health
- WFPHA Fellowship Program
- Millennium Development Goals Survey
- Oral Health Project
- Public Health Association Governance Survey
- WHO Collaboration Plan
- Supporting the Setup of Regional Federations
- The World Congress on Public Health

Current Regions
- African Federation of Public Health Associations
- Asian-Pacific Regional Liaison Office
- European Public Health Association
- Alliance of Public Health Associations in the Americas Region

Current Working Groups
- Environmental Health
- Global Health Equity
- Oral Health
- Public Health Professionals’ Education and Training
- Tobacco Control
- Women, Adolescent and Children’s Health
- Public Health in Emergencies and Disasters

Advocacy in the past 50 years
- 15 Declarations
- 51 Resolutions

Current Network Partners
- United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- International Epidemiological Association (IEA)
- United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH)
- University of Geneva (UNIGE)
- CSO Constituency Group, Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI)
- Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2)
- International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI)

Number of Members - Evolution in the Last 4 Years

Our Media And Social

Around 1 Million People Reached Through Our Network
6 Newsletters *4,000 people reached

Annual Report 2015 *3,000 distributed
- Facebook: 476 likes
- Twitter: 351 Followers
- LinkedIn: 93 Followers
- Website: 6000 page views per month

Journal of Public Health Policy
- 26 Federation’s Pages Articles since 2005
- 1 Special edition in 2016
THE GLOBAL CHARTER FOR THE PUBLIC’S HEALTH

The WFPHA, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), developed in 2015-2016 “A Global Charter for the Public’s Health” (The Charter).¹

Context
Resilient public health systems are needed both on a local and global scale and within every country. However, the current situation consists of fragmented, variable and incomplete public health services and functions, with little common understanding of what a good public health service should look like.

Vision
The Declaration of Alma-Ata on Primary Health Care in 1978 and the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion in 1986 had a major influence on improving health throughout the world. The intention of the Charter is to take the next step in providing a succinct and practical implementation guideline to public health associations. It is a document that ought to be taught in public health faculties and used to develop strategic approaches by public health associations around the world.

Objectives
The aim is to encourage work between non-governmental organizations (NGOs), universities, civil society members, governments and corporations, to plan and implement strategies for better health outcomes globally. The role of the Charter is to ensure a comprehensive approach to tackling the threats to health everywhere.

Launch
In March 2016, the Charter was published in the European Journal of Public Health. The Charter was officially launched in May 2016 at the 69th World Health Assembly, during a side event inside the Palais des Nations (‘Global and Local: Public Health and Primary Care in Action!’) and through a resolution read during the Assembly. The Charter was also presented and warmly welcomed at the Commonwealth Meeting in Geneva, May 2016, and in June 2016 at the University of Geneva.

Survey
In June 2016, the WFPHA launched a survey amongst its public health associations (PHAs) members, over 100 International Association of National Public Health Institutes members, leading international NGOs, federations, organizations and corporations, to determine if and how the Charter can be adopted and implemented in their respective organizations and countries. Special focus has been paid to the conceptualization of what global public health means today, how the Charter can be used to shape the strategic plan of public health associations and whether it can be used as a tool for advocacy.

Consultation
Teleconferences with all regions and key stakeholders have been held to present and debate the Charter and discuss if and how it may be implemented in different settings. If needed at the end of this process, a second version of the Charter may be produced.

Media
Several press releases, videos and interviews with key actors have been used to inform the media, professionals, and the public about the Charter, both at a local and global level. This has been achieved through the support of our governing council and active members who have shared the information with journalists, ministers and professionals in different settings.

Translation
Work has begun on translating the Charter. It is now available in English, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish and French. In addition, the Editorial on the Charter has been translated into Finnish and Spanish.
The Components
The Global Charter for the Public’s Health provides new insights into the direction of public health and provides guidance for both ‘services’ – Protection, Prevention and Promotion - and ‘functions’ – Governance, Advocacy, Capacity and Information.

Protection:
International health regulation and co-ordination, communicable disease control, and emergency preparedness.

Prevention:
Vaccination, screening, and healthcare management and planning.

Promotion:
Social, economic and environmental determinants, behavior and health literacy, and healthy settings.

Advocacy:
Leadership and ethics, health equity, and social-mobilization and solidarity.

Capacity:
Workforce development and planning, standards, and training.

Governance:
Public health legislation, health and cross-sector policy, and financing.

Information:
Monitoring of health determinants, research and evidence, and risk and innovation.

1www.wfpha.org/charter/the-charter
BECOME A DIPLOMAT OF THE GLOBAL CHARTER
NOW HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

WE NEED YOU

The WFPHA is currently in the process of selecting new ‘Diplomats of the Global Charter’ for 2017. Individuals wishing to spread the Charter within their country and network, and sustain this global public health revolution within their working and living context are invited to apply.

To be awarded the title of ‘Diplomat of the Global Charter’, you must:

- Be a public health professional with at least five (5) years’ experience;
- Have a strong network within public health and between sectors;
- Have demonstrated leadership experience in the promotion of public health within your country and/or globally.

Each diplomat commits themselves to pay at least $200 per year to support Charter implementation activities. The chosen diplomats will be listed on the WFPHA website, a 100-word bionote will be published on the Facebook page, the selected individuals will be able to use the title ‘Diplomat of the Global Charter’ after his/her signature for the year selected, and they will receive a 5% reduction on the entrance fees for the next year’s World Congress on Public Health.

To apply for the title, please send your CV and a motivational letter outlining how you meet the above criteria, why you wish to become a ‘Diplomat of the Global Charter’, and how you will use your current position to promote the Charter, to Dr Marta Lomazzi at marta.lomazzi@unige.ch.

The first chosen diplomats for 2016/17 are Professor Michael Moore and his wife Helen Moore, Public Health Association of Australia.

For more information please visit: www.wfpha.org/charter/the-diplomat-of-the-global-char.
Implementation

The implementation phase started with the Commonwealth Implementation Tool for the Global Charter for the Public’s Health. At the national level, several PHAs have begun implementing the Charter within their respective countries. For example, the Public Health Association of Australia reshaped in 2016, its strategic plan around the Charter. The PHAA is also utilizing the core elements of the Charter (Prevention, Promotion and Protection) as central themes to the numerous national and international conferences hosted by the organization, and has used the Charter to influence political parties at the July 2016 Australian election. Steps have since been taken at the regional and international level by the World Health Organization and the European Public Health Association. For example, the Charter has been added to the agenda of the WHO African Advisory Committee for Research and Development, which is developing a diagnostic tool to influence government based on the Charter.
It is our very great pleasure to welcome you in April 2017 to Melbourne, Australia the host destination for the 2017 World Congress on Public Health (WCPH). The Congress serves as an international forum for the exchange of knowledge and experiences on key public health issues, contributing towards protecting and promoting public health at a national and global level.

We have planned a Festival of Public Health during the Congress to engage researchers, practitioners, academics, administrators, policy makers, industry representatives, students and stakeholders involved in public health from all over the globe. It is our desire that they will share and enhance knowledge transfer about the latest advancements in public health, its challenges and opportunities, collaborations and advancements. A huge thank you to everyone who has participated with the abstract submissions. We’re so very pleased with the high standard and diversity of the abstracts submitted.

Our Congress speakers will ensure the Congress delivers high-caliber content to a wide-ranging audience. Speakers include Dr. Ilona Kickbusch, Graduate Institute Geneva, Luis Eugenio de Souza, Federal University of Bahia, Dr. Rüdiger Krech, World Health Organization, Dr. Maria Neira, Department of Public Health and Environment, World Health Organization, and Dr. Weizhong Yang, Chinese Preventive Medicine Association China. These plenary sessions will be complemented with World Leadership Dialogues and concurrent sessions.

During the WCPH several events will be held:
- WFPHA General Assembly
- WFPHA General Council Meeting
- Regional Meetings
- 5 Expected Plenary Session
- 25 Expected Leadership Dialogues
- WFPHA Award Ceremony
- 13 Expected Field Trips

Review the complete program and confirmed invited speakers at www.wcph2017.com.
The 50th Anniversary of the World Federation of Public Health Associations will be celebrated during the 15th World Congress on Public Health in Melbourne, with a giant party and a giant cake!

May 20, 1967 marked the birth of the WFPHA. On that day, representatives from 18 national public health associations (PHAs) met at the WHO headquarters in Geneva. They formally adopted a draft Constitution, elected the Federation’s first Executive Board and Senior Officers, and set in motion an initial work plan that included expanding the nascent Federation’s membership of national PHAs, setting up an International Office in Geneva, and entering into official relations with the WHO. Dr. K.N. Rao, (Indian Public Health Association) was elected the WFPHA’s 1st President, Dr. A. Hutchinson (Royal Society of Health – UK) as its 1st Vice-President, and Dr. E.L. Stubbins (USA) as the Federation’s first Executive Secretary. Several events and items are planned to mark this auspicious occasion.

A WFPHA 50th Anniversary logo, designed by Yoel Diaz Estrada of the Cuban Society of Public Health, was recently released. A congratulatory video and certificate will be presented to the WFPHA by Dr. Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General. A video of interviews highlighting the public health milestones and achievements that marked the past 50 years will be released during the 15th World Congress on Public Health in Melbourne in April 2017. This will be complemented by a photo competition showcasing the main public health achievements and challenges over the past 50 years. Russell Morgan (WFPHA Executive Secretary between 1974 and 1979), Margaret Hilson (WFPHA Past President 1999-2004) and Jim Chauvin (WFPHA Past President 2012-2014) are documenting the WFPHA’s history. It will be released in two stages: an article in the Journal of Public Health Policy early in 2017, and an on-line freely accessible longer version through the WFPHA web-site later in the year. This will include vignettes about the Federation’s 28 Past Presidents. Other activities are also planned and will be announced during the course of 2017.
50th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WFPHA

In May 2016, almost 40 members participated in the 50th WFPHA General Assembly, at the John Knox International Centre in Geneva.

The Charter
A great deal of emphasis was placed on the Charter, in terms of presentations made and future implementation plans. The Policy Committee, for example, has focused its main activities on the Charter, integrating its basic concepts into all activities. This has included sending a letter to all public health associations encouraging more effective joint advocacy, preparing common resolutions on public health ‘hot topics’, such as maternal mortality and chemical products, and obtaining and promoting useful indicators for public health advocacy using the Charter framework. In addition, the Collaboration Plan with the WHO has been confirmed and will focus on reinforcing the work of the Charter, in terms of implementation and global adoption.

Future Planning
Special emphasis was placed on the imperative need to secure funding, for the WFPHA to pursue its goals coherently with its mission plan.

Media and Communication
Concerning media and communication, it was announced that the Journal of Public Health Policy articles on public health in India had been completed, and a special issue would be published on the main output of the Health Equity Working Group, supported by the Aetna Foundation. In addition, it was noted that the WFPHA has expanded its social media presence, and can now be found on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram.

Membership
During the General Assembly, each member had a chance to present the activities and results of their public health association in a dedicated session.

Several exciting changes to the membership of the WFPHA were announced. The Public Health Society of Panama, the Malta Association of Public Health Medicine, and the Public Health Association of Colombia have all been upgraded to full members. In addition, the International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation has been accepted as a sustaining member, the Alliance of Public Health Associations of the Americas has been accepted as a regional member, and the International Association of National Public Health Institutes and the International Epidemiological Association have been accepted as partners.

A Memorandum of Understanding with the African Federation of Public Health Association was approved, and 14 new PHAs have been added to the current list of members from the region.
Governing Council
Three candidates were elected to the Governing Council. L. Rispel (South Africa) as the new VP/President elect, A. Te Patu (New Zealand) as the Asia Pacific region seat in the Governing Council, and T. Piggott (Canada) as young professional of the Governing Council.
ADVOCACY

Statements and Support Letters

In 2016, the WFPHA issued two statements at the World Health Assembly in Geneva, 23-28 May 2016. In a statement on ‘Global Charter for the Public’s Health: A Road Map for Collaborative Global Actions’ the WFPHA called upon the Director-General of the WHO to assist in the adoption of a WHO action plan on public health functions, based on the ‘Global Charter for the Public’s Health’. The WFPHA emphasized that the Charter is the beginning of a process embracing the conceptualization of global public health and the development of strategic capacities for all professionals that will be part of a new health era. Secondly, in its statement on ‘Integration of Oral Health into Primary Health Care and Public Health Systems’ the WFPHA urged that particular attention be paid to addressing the problem of oral health through high-level continuous education and training of leaders who can implement strategies and advocate for better oral health.

On 11th November 2016, the World Federation of Public Health Associations, along with the ‘Asociación Colombiana de Salud Pública’, wrote a letter to Dr. Santos, President of the Republic of Colombia, congratulating him for being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Santos has demonstrated to the world that a process of peace-making can be embarked upon even when the situation seems to be blocked from all sides. His actions have provided a signal of hope to all the regions of the world where the majority of people look so desperately for an end to war. In war and civil unrest people cannot live fulfilled happy lives, and even the basic human right to health cannot be achieved. It was for this reason that the WFPHA, in the name of over 100 member organizations representing a wide range of public health professions, chose to take the opportunity to recognize Dr. Santos’ achievements. The Office of the High Commission for Peace of Colombia has subsequently sent a letter to Michael Moore, WFPHA President, thanking the WFPHA for its gesture of support and solidarity. In the letter, it was recognized that the international community is essential to end the conflict and help unite Colombians.

Resolutions

In 2016, the WFPHA produced five resolutions on pressing issues of concern to global public health.

In its resolution on ‘International Trade Agreements and Public Health’, the Public Health Association of Australia and the Spanish Society for Public Health and Health Administration, supported by WFPHA, called on public health associations to engage with trade negotiations and advocate for public health to be protected. Some of WFPHA’s recommendations to public health associations in every country included developing policies on trade agreements and public health, educating their members and the public about the connections between trade and health, and advocating for the full consideration of public health in trade negotiations, and for agreements to include specific provisions to confirm that governments have the duty to take measures for the public good.
In its resolution on ‘**Appropriate Controls of Manufacture, Distribution and Marketing of E-cigarettes**’ the WFPHA expressed serious concerns about increasing evidence of harms associated with the growing availability and use of e-cigarettes. The WFPHA is particularly concerned about the regulation of the sale, manufacture, marketing and promotion of e-cigarettes particularly to young people. The policy aims to assist public health associations globally to apply pressure on their national governments, ensure that appropriate research is conducted and evidence applied to discussion of e-cigarettes, and provide the WFPHA with a guideline for responding to issues regarding e-cigarettes.

The WFPHA adopted a resolution on ‘**The Integration of Oral Health into Primary Health Care and Public Health Systems**’, submitted by the WFPHA Oral Health Working Group. It called for all countries to have an oral health professional with public health training within their health department to support the integration of oral health within public health policy development and planning and to develop national oral health strategies and surveillance plans. The WFPHA recommends the integration of oral health within public health systems through the integration of oral health within national health policies, health service planning and health care personnel training and practice, and the inclusion of senior dental personnel with public health training within Departments of Health at national and local levels. Finally, increased research to support and advance the integration of oral health within overall health is recommended.

A resolution on ‘**Reducing Maternal Mortality as a Human Right**’, submitted by the WFPHA working group on Women, Children and Adolescents, called for the commitment and involvement of Governments and Civil Societies to reduce maternal mortality. Preventable maternal mortality is a significant human rights issue and considered to be the main marker of the health of a nation. The purpose of the WFPHA policy is to encourage national governments to increase their efforts to reduce mortality. With sustained efforts, we hope that maternal mortality will be considerably reduced when governments meet in 2030 to assess whether the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been achieved. The policy aims to assist public health associations with increasing efforts to assure the reduction of maternal mortality in their countries, advocate for ongoing research and policy, and assure reducing maternal mortality remains a major focus of human rights and social justice in all nations.

The WFPHA’s resolution on ‘**Zika Virus and the Olympics: A Public Health Disaster in the Making?**’ endorsed the World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization's statement on the Zika virus and its recommendations urged all countries at risk, to apply enough resources for the prevention of the virus. In addition, it urged all countries affected by Zika to provide the necessary health and social services for treatment and support of children born with birth defects, and advocated for greater emphasis on inequalities related to the epidemic. Finally, it invited PHAs, sports institutions and other institutions to collaborate with governments and communicate the recommendations for the prevention of Zika.
NEWS FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

**Environmental Health**

The WFPHA Environmental Health Working Group (EHWG) aims to influence international policy on environmental health by bringing environmental health issues to the public health community and a public health approach to the environmental advocacy community.

During this past year, the EHWG has been working on a follow up publication and expansion of the climate change health impact preparedness of countries survey proposed at the working group meeting in Kolkata in 2015. The working group encouraged all members to complete an evaluation of their nation’s climate and health plans, and to use these results to support advocacy for action on climate change in their own countries to protect people’s health from climate change impacts. The report recommends that all governments develop a national climate and health plan, and for health professional associations around the world to engage in advocacy around the issue. In addition, the working group collaborated with many groups prior to the Paris Cop21 Climate Change Negotiating meeting. Pursuant to WFPHA’s Kolkata Declaration, activity was directed toward securing health organization endorsement of a call to divest in fossil fuels. Several international medical and public health associations endorsements were secured during this past year including the World Medical Association, the Canadian Medical Association, and the American Public Health Association. The EHWG has been working with the Australian organizing committee on programing for the 15th World Congress on Public Health. Specifically, it has been coordinating a World Leadership Dialogue on Eco social Health with the Ecological Sustainability Theme of the Congress. In addition, the working group is collaborating with the International Federation of Environmental Health on disaster risk reduction. At the request from the Policy Committee, a resolution concerning on Glyphosate/Roundup is being prepared. In December 2016, working group members participated in the Climate Negotiations COP22 in Marrakesh. Plans are being made to participate in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management intersessional meeting in 2017, on plans beyond 2020, with emphasis on lead in paint, and pharmaceutical pollution.

**Global Health Equity**

The WFPHA Global Health Equity Working Group (GHEWG) addresses, from a life course perspective, disability and chronic conditions, education equity, income disparities, and social justice.

The group has been working since 2015, in association with the Aetna Foundation, on an initiative to examine how digital technologies are being used and the impact of their use on population health and health equity. The major activity of the group has been on the preparation and production of a Special Issue of the Journal of Public Health Policy, which was published on November 30, 2016. The special issue brings together a series of papers that explore the utilization and impact of digital technologies in public health and/or in the enhancement or promotion of health equity. This initiative is led by James Chauvin, former president of the WFPHA, and Laetitia Rispel, Chair of the working group. More information can be found on page 22 of this report. Its key priorities for the following year will be to invite people from national public health associations to join the group, develop a priority list of activities, and then raise money to support the activities of the group.
Oral Health

The WFPHA Oral Health Working Group (OHWG) considers all aspects of oral health, and aims to influence policies on dental public health.

The OHWG has put into place several important initiatives in 2016. The group has published in the Journal of Public Health Policy the article “Dental public health (DPH) capacity worldwide: Results of a global survey”. The survey evaluated DPH workforce within the country, funding, and education. In 62% of countries, DPH is only partially integrated in the public health system, while in 25% of countries it has not yet been formally integrated. Over half of countries have 0 to 10 trained DPH professionals. The top DPH services were oral health promotion (81% of countries), children’s oral health (73%) and education (64%). The results will be presented at the 15th World Congress on Public Health (see graph below).

In May 2016, the resolutions on “The integration of oral health into primary health care and public health systems” proposed by the OHWG were approved by the WFPHA General Assembly. The resolution recommends the integration of oral health within public health systems. A statement on the same topic was added to the official documents of the 2016 World Health Assembly. The statement urged that particular attention is paid to addressing this problem through high-level continuous education and training of leaders who can implement strategies and advocate for better oral health.

A subgroup of OHWG has been involved in the Advanced Dental Leadership (ADL) program for young dentists and for medical nurses & healthcare professionals, developed by the Global Child Dental Fund. The WFPHA has accredited ADL, recognizing the importance of the program in increasing leadership capacity in oral and public health. The OHWG will actively participate in the 15th World Congress on Public Health, through the world leadership dialogue on ‘Universal Dental Care Provision - Will It Really Improve Oral Health?’. The dialogue will explore how the Charter can be used strategically to promote global oral health with multi-sectoral partners in integrative approaches. Speakers will elaborate on universal oral health provision and integration of oral health in primary care with tangible examples and key solutions, including Regional Oral Health Centers. Regional Oral Health Centers establishment will represent the main project of the group for the next term and will showcase how the Global Charter for the Public’s Health can be implemented within this setting.

Top DPH services

www.wfpha.org/oral-healthh-wg
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, 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 also exists at the 15th WCPH, where a joint meeting with the Council of Academic Public Health Institutions of Australia (CAPHIA) will be held to progress this work plan. Interested people are encouraged to contact the working group to express interest.
The WFPHA’s Tobacco Control Working Group (TCWG) focus is to get involved with global tobacco control representatives and the public policy arena.

The WFPHA has supported the efforts of several PHAs to introduce plain packaging. It also promoted PHA position statements on electronic cigarettes. The Co-Chair of the TCWG, Professor Mike Daube, is also Co-Chair Prof. Mike Daube Vice-Chair of the WHO FCTC Impact Assessment Expert Group, which has been working closely with the WHO and other major health NGOs in international tobacco control processes. One of the main focuses of the WFPHA and its members is supporting tobacco control in national and global public health conferences. This contribution has been publicly recognized by the World Health Organization, including the work of the TCWG. In January 2016, the TCWG organized and distributed a survey of member PHAs on tobacco control to assist its report submission to renew the WFPHA’s status of observer to the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO’s Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC). In May 2016, Co-Chair James Chauvin met with the Head of the WHO FCTC Convention Secretariat, Dr. Vera Luiza da Costa e Silva to update the WHO on the WFPHA’s tobacco control activities and further collaboration efforts especially with the COP. The COP is an ongoing opportunity for the WFPHA to strengthen partnerships with other international federations and organizations in tobacco control and as a means of taking common action on global health priorities such as tobacco control. The WFPHA successfully renewed its accreditation as an observer to the WHO FCTC and hopes to strengthen its efforts in tobacco control with its PHA members over the coming years. A special thank you to Mr. Luis Caceres for writing the report and leading the accreditation renewal process again earlier this year. In November 2016, the WFPHA was represented by the Brazilian Public Health Association (ABRASCO) at the COP7 in India. The ABRASCO members were from the Tobacco and Health Studies Center of the National School of Public Health of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation. In addition to participating at the COP7, the Brazilian members attended two COP side events to present a proposal to develop a protocol to monitor tobacco farmers’ health and the environmental consequences of tobacco, and the Brazilian Observatory on Tobacco Industry Strategies as a model of a knowledge hub on preventing tobacco industry interference.

Women, Adolescent and Children’s Health

The WFPHA Women, Adolescent and Children’s Health Working Group addresses the health issues of these populations through advocacy and advances public health practice through research and education.

The Group was created as the WFPHA had very few policies addressing Maternal Childhood Health. The focus of this working group emphasizes women’s health including, but not exclusive to reproduction, parenting, and new-born, children’s and adolescent health. This lifespan approach predated the UN/WHO Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016-2030) which was launched in September 2015. The work of the working group will support and expand The Strategy’s roadmap to ensure that all women, children, and adolescents survive, thrive, and transform their societies for a healthy and sustainable future. This means eliminating inequity. Founding WG members represent 10 countries (Mexico, Nigeria, Egypt, India, Sudan, Uganda, South Africa, Pakistan, Bangladesh and the United States) and have extensive experience in practice, research and education in women, children and adolescent health. The working group is reviewing WFPHA policies and will write one or more new policies on the themes covered by the working group in the following years.
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

The use of digital technologies (DT) within the public health sector has skyrocketed over the past two decades. The WFPHA was concerned by what appeared to be a low use of DT within the public health community, in general, and by the public health association community in particular. The Federation was also concerned about the lack of published literature on assessments of the impact of DT on population health and health equity. Hundreds of digital (eHealth and mHealth) initiatives have been launched over the past several years; but there does not appear to be a lot of information about their associated health and health equity outcomes.

How are the WFPHA and public health associations using digital technology to achieve their organizational and programmatic goals? What role can the WFPHA and public health associations play to improve the effective use of DT for health and health equity?

In November 2014, the WFPHA launched in cooperation with the Aetna Foundation the project, “Exploring the use of digital health technology for population health and health equity gains”. The initiative’s purpose was twofold: to increase knowledge about and use of DT by front-line health workers and the public health community for health and health equity gains, and to encourage the use of DT when appropriate, to contribute to an improvement in population health and to address health equity issues.

The initiative consisted of three elements. Firstly, a WFPHA/Aetna Foundation-sponsored concurrent session held during the 14th World Congress on Public Health in Kolkata (India) in February 2015, which provided a glimpse into how the Aetna Foundation supports innovative DT-related community-based activities in the USA, as well as some of the issues and challenges in using DT, especially in countries with limited resources and telecommunications infrastructure. Secondly, the publication in November 2016 of an e-Supplement of the Journal of Public Health Policy containing several articles that examine the use of DT in the public health sector and its impact on human health and health equity within different contexts. Finally, a WFPHA Discussion Paper on the issue, to provide the Federation with ideas about how the WFPHA and public health associations can use DT to improve their organizational, programmatic and advocacy effectiveness, and how they can contribute to addressing some of the issues related to improving population health and addressing health equity issues through the use of DT.

To the best of WFPHA’s knowledge, this was the first review of the use of digital technology within the public health domain, and in particular by public health associations, as well as its impact on population health and health equity. The initiative served to highlight several challenges to the effective use of DT by public health associations. It also highlighted the need to define a public health approach to the use of DT, and to address issues such as digital health literacy and the challenges related to assessing the impact of DT on population health and health equity gains.
The African Federation of Public Health Associations (AFPHA) is a non-profit association composed of national associations of public health in Africa whose activities contribute to the strengthening of public health in the continent.

The second AFPHA conference was held on September 5-9th 2016 in Nigeria. Public health professionals from across Africa gathered in Ibadan to discuss and plan for better public health practices in Africa under the theme ‘Public Health in Africa and Sustainable Development Goals’. The keynote address was delivered by the global health leader for Africa, Prof Adetokunbo Lucas. Participants were drawn from African nations (Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Benin Republic, South Sudan, etc.), the United Kingdom and Bangladesh. The conference acknowledged efforts of governments across Africa in advancing the public health agenda, appreciated the strengths and assets of public health professionals and practices in Africa, recognized the strength of young professionals in building sustainable public health practices in the present and in the future, and reaffirmed the commitment of the Federation towards disease elimination and better health outcomes in Africa. AFPHA confirmed its willingness to partner with public and private sectors towards the achievement of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The Conference deliberations identified several challenges to public health practice on the continent and in Nigeria. These included the current failure to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC), which threatens possible health for all and the sustainable development goals, increasing health and social challenges of internal displacement and forced migration, limited local investments in health research and innovation, suboptimal engagement of public health practitioners in regional policy formulation, and a lack of uniform standard or competences in public health training programs.

The vision of the African Federation is to work towards promoting public health policies, strategies, and practices in Africa and globally, through impacting on country action plans, and towards the attainment of the highest level of health for all African people. Its future priorities are to enhance the visibility and the credibility of the African Federation and create the basis for the development and spread of the public health associations.
Alliance of Public Health Associations in the Americas Region

The Alliance of Public Health Associations in the Americas Region (APHAA) is a non-profit association composed of national associations of public health in America whose activities contribute to the strengthening of public health in the continent.

The first General Assembly of the Alliance of Public Health Associations in the Americas Region (APHAA) was held in Panama on 28th July 2016. On this occasion, the fifteen participating national Members ratified the APHAA Statutes and elected the seven members of the Board and consequently appointed the Executive Secretary. In addition, the “Declaration or Charter of Panama” was approved, and the work plan for the period 2016 to 2018 was developed.

During 2016, the number of associations and societies members of the APHAA increased to 16, three virtual meetings were held with the members, and one face-to-face meeting with the participants of six associations. In addition, links and support from Pan American Health Organization have been strengthened in several associations. In November 2016, several panel-style scientific sessions were held during the 144th American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado and at the 70th Annual Meeting of the Mexican Society of Public Health in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico. In addition, during the APHA’s annual meeting, Dr. Alcides Ochoa, President of the ‘Sociedad cubana de salud pública’ and APHAA secretary, provided an overview of the regional association’s history, the expansion of its membership and its activities since its inauguration in April 2015. The panel also included a presentation by Dr. Cristina Rabadán-Diehl about public health priorities in the Americas region as seen from the perspective of the USA Department of Health and Social Service’s Global Affairs Office. The President of both the Cuban Society of Public Health (SOCUSAP) and APHAA was approved as Honorary Vice-President of APHA for Latin America and the Caribbean for the period November 2016-November 2017. APHAA helped design the Logo for the 50th Anniversary of the WFPHA and a scientific paper was prepared for publication by the WFPHA. The Charter implementation and the Memorandum of Understanding with the WFPHA are under discussion among member associations.

APHAA’s activities in the next years will focus on the development of a proper strategy to include new members in the association, especially in the Caribbean area, the organization of its third meeting, and the organization of a major scientific event during the Third International Convention of Health, to be held in Havana, Cuba, in April 2018.
Asian-Pacific Regional Liaison Office

The Asian-Pacific Regional Liaison Office (APRLO) is composed of some national associations of public health in the Asia-Pacific region whose activities contribute to the strengthening of public health in the area.

Under the leadership of WFPHA, APRLO carried out a series of activities in 2016. APRLO’s work meeting was held during the 50th Annual Meeting of WFPHA. Dr. Yang Weizhong, Director of APRLO, reported on the activities of APRLO during 2015 and introduced the general idea to establish the Asia Pacific Federation of Public Health Association.

The 6th WFPHA Asia-Pacific Conference on Public Health and 1st ASEAN Health Promotion Conference was held from August 23 to 25 in Bangkok. The theme of the conference was ‘Public Health Approaches toward Sustainable Development’. About 400 participants from 17 countries attended this meeting. Ms. Yi Heya, on behalf of Dr. Yang Weizhong, introduced the Infectious Diseases Surveillance, Early Warning and Control in China. The presentation clarified three main surveillance systems in China, including notifiable infectious disease reporting system, enhanced surveillance for selected diseases and vectors and other surveillance system such as case-register information system, media and so on.

During the 6th APCH, APRLO host the 6th Work Meeting with the WFPHA Asia-Pacific Regional Members. 15 PHAs participants from Australia, China, Indonesia, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam were present at the meeting. In order to prepare for the 50th Anniversary of WFPHA and the 15th World Congress on Public Health, Heather Yeatman, the President of PHAA, visited APRLO to encourage more Chinese experts to attend the Congress.
European Public Health Association

The European Public Health Association (EUPHA)’s mission is to facilitate and activate a strong voice of the public health network in the region, by enhancing visibility of the evidence and by strengthening the capacity of public health professions. | www.eupha.org

The 9th European Public Health (EPH) Conference took place in Vienna from 9 to 12 November 2016. The EPH Conference, organized by EUPHA and the Austrian Public Health Association (ÖGPH) is considered the premier European gathering of public health professionals worldwide. Almost 1,850 delegates from over 70 countries gathered to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices.

The theme of the conference “All for Health, Health for all” aimed at reducing inequalities, improving health quality and fostering well-being for all. Good health for all is a crucial tool to improve workforce productivity, strengthen family communities and contribute to poverty reduction and social inclusion. This strict relation between health, economic and well-being was emphasized during the conference. The conference looked also outside the conventional fields of public health exploring new Health technologies, E-health, telemedicine, IT solutions such as Health apps, giving a deep analysis on their possible leading role in the field of health care and their contributions towards health literacy. The first plenary section was also the occasion to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Ottawa Charter, launched as a series of actions among international health organizations and civil society representatives to achieve the goal of “Health for All through better health promotion”.

The WFPHA was represented by Michael Moore, WFPHA President and Marta Lomazzi, WFPHA Executive Manager, who had the occasion to meet several European members and to discuss common projects including joint advocacy activities. On the occasion of the conference, EUPHA and ÖGPH – together with many organizations including WFPHA, adopted the Vienna Declaration, which reiterates EUPHA’s commitment to the Ottawa Charter, and takes into account new and emerging threats to public health, building on the SDGs and the WFPHA Global Charter for the Public’s Health.


NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

American Public Health Association

The American Public Health Association (APHA) advocates for evidence-based public health policy and aims to strengthen essential public health services. | www.apha.org

During its annual National Public Health Week (NPHW), APHA received a proclamation signed by President Obama, engaged with 1,100 participants at its kick-off forum on ways to build the healthiest nation by 2030, and led a Twitter chat with over 5,000 tweets. APHA, along with the Aetna Foundation and the National Association of Countries, officially launched the ‘Healthiest Cities & Countries Challenge’, which aims to create positive change by focusing on health equity and the social determinants of health. APHA’s goals for the future are based on its strategic map to ‘Create the Healthiest Nation in One Generation’, and will focus on strengthening public health practice, and building a public health movement. All APHA activities, including its strategic plan, continue to follow the US’s framework on public health which also aligns with the Global Charter.

Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health

Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SItI) encourages scientific and cultural progress in the field of hygiene, public health, and preventive medicine. | www.societaitalianaigiene.org

In 2016, SItI sponsored the project ‘Work for Progress’, an initiative that aims to promote and support the vaccination culture and maintain and increase vaccine coverage in children. In addition, SItI produced two videos which evidenced the alliance between science and cinema to counter the rising tide of misinformation and promote the value of vaccination. Work towards the 50th National Congress of the SItI is already in motion, which will be held in Turin in November 2017. In the future, SItI intends to pursue several goals, including supporting the implementation of the new standard healthcare provision in the field of prevention and promotion of health, through the production of scientific guidelines available for healthcare companies, promoting the circulation of evidence based practice contents through innovative communication methods, such as social networks, Skype, and focus groups, and setting up a ‘solution bank’, to record experiences in research, training, and management.
Canadian Public Health Association

The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) is the national, independent, not-for-profit, voluntary association representing public health in Canada. | www.cpha.ca

CPHA launched at the beginning of the year its 2016-2020 strategic plan, which provides for six interconnected goals, desired outcomes, strategic actions, and key performance indicators for the next five years. The annual gathering of public health professionals, researchers, policy-makers, academics, students and trainees hosted by CPHA was another huge success, attended by 855 delegates. In April 2016, CPHA’s Board approved a position statement that underscored the need for decisions regarding medical assistance in dying to be based on the best available medical information for each case and that the moral and ethical concerns of both the person requesting assistance and the health professional(s) providing the service are taken into consideration. In addition, in June, CPHA launched a position statement on early childhood education and care, which calls on the Federal government to work with provinces and territories to establish a pan-Canadian early childhood education and care strategy.

Chinese Preventive Medicine Association

The Chinese Preventive Medicine Association (CPMA) is comprised of voluntary scientific and technological workers in the fields of public health and preventive medicine | www.cpma.org.cn

During 2016, CPMA took part and organized varies activities focusing on the health priorities of China. During the 9th Global Conference on Health Promotion (9GCHP), CPMA President Wang Longde, as the chair of the Scientific Advisory Group, announced the Shanghai Declaration on Health Promotion. At the 21st AIDS Conference, CPMA and the Chinese Association of Sexual Transmitted Diseases and AIDS Prevention and Control (CASAPC) organized a session on ‘The journey to ending AIDS, Civil Society is Delivering in China’, which was attended by around 100 experts and representatives. CPMA hosted the 6th International Forum for Sustainable Management of Disease Vectors, which was held in Chongqing in November 2016. Around 500 representatives took part in the forum, which discussed hot topics such as the impact of the change of climate and environment on diseases, and health guarantees during emergency.
Colombian Association of Public Health
The Colombian Association of Public Health (ACSP)’s members are groups of academics, researchers, professionals, and social leaders in the field of public health in Colombia. | www.saludpublicacolombia.org

Since its foundation in 2016, ACSP has participated in several academic activities including the Inter-American Forum for the Right to Health and the forum on ‘History and research challenges of Trachoma infection in Colombia’. In August 2016, the Association managed to contact the Health Ministry of Colombia, receiving its support for the promotion of projects aimed at improving the quality and relevance of public health research. The Association’s plans for the next year include the participation in several other events organized by academic institutions, including the Second Latin American Symposium on Public Health and the Fourth International Congress on Health Systems. By the same token, the Association is planning to promote a series of regional ‘Dialogues for Peace and Health’, an initiative aimed at involving groups of citizens from different Colombian cities in the analysis of health inequities during peace negotiations.

From left to right: H. Nieto (ACSP President), S. Fergusson, M. Moreno, S. Camacho, M. Alzate, and R. Rodriguez

CAPHIA has been working to respond to substantial changes in the way Australian public health research is funded. This has included an increase in its advocacy activity, including meetings with the Australian Minister for Health and Aged Care, the CEO of the National Health and Medical Research Council, and the Australian Department of Health. CAPHIA held another successful Teaching and Learning Forum in 2016, where participants met in Alice Springs to teach and inspire each other with their experiences of public health education. Four deserving individuals and groups received CAPHIA Awards, which received some media attention. CAPHIA is in the process of finalizing its Strategic Plan, which sets out several goals to be achieved by 2020. These include expanding its network of links with similar organizations and further increasing its presence in the political landscape.

CAPHIA Award Winners 2016

Council of Academic Public Health Institutions Australia
The Council of Academic Public Health Institutions Australia (CAPHIA)’s mission is to improve the public’s health by advancing public health education, research and service. | www.caphia.com.au

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Danish Society of Public Health

The Danish Society for Public Health (DSPH)’s aim is to work to promote public health, prevent disease, reduce the impact of disease and reduce health disparities. | www.danskselskabforfolkesundhed.dk

In 2016, DSPH carried out several activities focusing on engaging its members, facilitating collaboration between policy, practice, research and education, and being a proactive partner in discussions on public health issues in Denmark. DSPH’s annual conference ‘Public Health Days’, a two-day conference with around 350 participants from all over Denmark, had the theme ‘Public Health in a time and life perspective’ was a great success. DSPH has started developing a Public Health Barometer, a tool to communicate the status, needs and proposed actions on selected public health issues. The first one is on Tobacco and will be launched soon. The barometer is developed based on input from DSPH’s members, research and knowledge about the Danish population’s needs and values. DSPH’s goal for the future is to, together with its members, promote the health of the Danish population through both structural and behavioral changes.

Dubai Health Authority

The Dubai Health Authority (DHA)’s aim in Dubai is to provide an accessible, effective and integrated healthcare system, protect public health and improve the quality of life within the Emirate. | www.dha.gov.ae

In 2016, DHA reached approximately 20,000 beneficiaries. It conducted a mental health needs assessment, involving over 500 participants, which identified the current situation of mental health, identified the current gaps in mental health services, and increased service provider awareness about the needs and gaps for mental health patients. In addition, DHA created a Health Care Professionals Screening and Immunization Policy, which reached around 8,500 workers in the healthcare sector in Dubai. DHA took part in over 20 international and local events and sessions catering for about 5000 individuals. In addition, it promoted public health agenda among healthcare leaders and decision makers, participated as speakers and moderators in events related to public health, and chaired scientific committees and sessions discussing public health issues. DHA’s future goals include focusing on advocacy for adolescent health, estimation of prevalence of diabetes and associated risk factors and establishing a public health association in the United Arab Emirates.
Faculty of Health Sciences, the American University of Beirut

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) offers opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate study and participation in relevant research and community based public health projects. | www.aub.edu.lb/fhs

Towards FHS’s goal of becoming an accredited school of public health by 2022, it has facilitated several new education opportunities. These include a new PHD in Epidemiology, an MS in Public Health Nutrition, and soon a Global Master on Health and Sustainable Development. FHS’ ‘Knowledge to Policy Centre’ (K2P) has led several policy dialogues with the Ministry of Public Health, including ‘Salt Iodization’ and ‘Prescribing Quality and Pattern of Pharmaceutical Drugs in Lebanon’. The Faculty is very active through its Center of Public Health Practice in developing capacity building programs for governmental and UN agencies, as well as local and international non-governmental organizations working with refugees and host communities. These programs covered planning and management, community mobilization and health promotion, media reporting on child survival for journalists and communication officers. The Faculty is keen on strengthening its global connections and outreach and carrying the voice of the region globally.

Faculty of Public Health (United Kingdom)

The Faculty of Public Health (FPH) is the standard setting body for specialists in public health in the United Kingdom. | www.fph.org.uk

FPH led and participated in a number of key activities during 2016. FPH’s health policy and advocacy team co-authored the All Party Parliamentary Group on Health inquiry report ‘Child Poverty and Health – The Impact of the Welfare Reform and Work Bill 2015-2016’, as a result of which the UK Government has agreed to continue to measure child poverty. FPH’s annual conference was held in Brighton in June and attracted over 600 attendees and approximately 80 exhibitors. The Annual General Meeting, which was held as part of the conference, saw the inauguration of Professor John Middleton as President for the years 2016-2019. FPH continues to have a strong presence across a range of media with in excess of 1068 mentions in 2016. At a global level FPH continues to build its Global Special Interest groups (SIGs) and now has groups representing Africa, India and related countries, Pakistan, Pacific Islands, and Europe. Through the India SIG, FPH bid for and secured funding for a project to develop a public health framework for Odisha State in India.
Finnish Society of Social Medicine

The Finnish Society of Social Medicine (SLY) functions as a link between different research institutes in Finland, promoting cross-disciplinary cooperation. | www.socialmedicine.fi

In 2016, SLY organized several seminars. In April 2016, SLY organized an afternoon seminar on ‘Dietary Behavior and Physical Activity: Towards Well-being of Individuals and Environment’. There were circa 40 participants mostly from a research background, but also students and public health professionals. In addition, in October 2016, SLY organized a two-day seminar called ‘Social Medicine Convention with the School of Health Sciences at Tampere University’. The seminar gathered around 80 participants. SLY also publishes a scientific journal of the field Journal of Social Medicine. The Global Charter for the Public’s Health was introduced in the Journal of Social Medicine in late 2016. The Society will explore possibilities to get national funding to promote the Charter, not only nationally, but also internationally. In the future, SLY aims to increase the number of members, continue to publish a Finnish scientific journal and to archive the old issues for open access, increase the use of electronic communication through newsletters and a renewed website, and continue to organize meetings, seminars and conferences on public health and social medicine.

Swiss Society for Public Health

The Swiss Society for Public Health (SSPH) aims to create optimal framework conditions for the health of the population and provides expertise to decision makers. | www.public-health.ch

On January 1, 2016, Corina Wirth started as the new Managing Director of the SSPH. A specialist group on child and youth health was founded in May, 2016, with the SSPH now consisting of six specialist groups. The SSPH carried out four half-day symposia on current issues: Health Communication, Dementia 2010, Self-Tracking and eHealth, all of which were attended by around 100 individuals. The Swiss Public Health Conference on the subject ‘Refugees and Public Health’ was organized in conjunction with the Swiss School of Public Health plus, and took place in Bern on 15 November, where 200 people attended. In 2017, the Swiss Public Health Conference will take place in Basel on the subject of ‘Personalized Health’. For the coming years, the SSPH will focus on equal opportunities, health in all policies, and phases of life. In addition, several half-day symposia are planned.

M. Salathé, Digital Epidemiology Lab, Symposium Self-Tracking, October 2016
Ghana Public Health Association

Ghana Public Health Association (GPHA) seeks to harness the expertise of professionals to advance public health, promote effective communication among members and the public on health issues.

GPHA organized two main scientific lectures in 2016. The first scientific lecture, held on 31st March 2016, was on the topic of the “Menace of the use of Aphrodisiacs in Ghana”, which discussed the evidence, policy, and health implications and the legal perspectives of using aphrodisiacs. The second scientific lecture was held on 29 September 2016 under the theme: ‘Killing Us Slowly: Destruction and Pollution of Water Bodies in Ghana’. After the first scientific session, conclusions and recommendations were made and circulated to relevant government ministries and the media. The response, especially after the first scientific lecture, was overwhelming and GPHA was asked to participate in live TV discussions and to respond to interviews from over 15 national and regional popular radio networks. Over 1 million people were reached with the messages.

For 2017-19, GPHA intends to increase membership drive, undertake advocacy activities using finalized flyers, continue with its flagship scientific lectures on topical issues of national and public health concern, embark on press conferences as appropriate, develop resource mobilization plans for financing its activities, and better involvement with WFPHA and the African Federation.

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

The Global Health Centre (GHC) at the Graduate Institute has been positioning itself as a leading center on health as a global governance challenge. | www.graduateinstitute.ch/globalhealth

Throughout the year, GHC has organized a series of policy dialogues and roundtables, reaching out to more than 1500 representatives of international and non-governmental organizations, permanent missions, academia, and the private sector in International Geneva and beyond. Topics covered include global health security, drug policies, humanitarian affairs, women and health, and broader global health governance issues. The GHC launched an ambitious initiative to accelerate the implementation of health-related SDGs through a network of global health policy think tanks and academic institutions. The network aims at enabling new partnerships for global knowledge sharing, capacity building and innovation with a focus on governance for health and the political determinants of health. GHC is working on the enabler functions of the Charter, with a particular focus on global health governance, the determinants of health, and cross-sectoral policies.
During 2016, IFMSA took part in various public health capacity building activities, including the Public Health Leadership Training and the 2016 youth-satellite event prior to the World Health Assembly. In addition, it co-organized the World Health Assembly side-event on ‘The Global Charter Implementation on Public’s Health’. IFMSA, supported by the World Health Organization, is working to develop a training manual on climate and health for students. IFMSA’s future goals will focus on the evaluation of the strategic plan and the development of the 2017-20 plan, developing impact reports of IFMSA’s main programs, and developing more focused priorities in the IFMSA external work and high-level advocacy to improve IFMSA’s presence and impact health-related decision-making bodies.

Throughout 2016, IPSF member associations from different continents planned various campaigns tackling diabetes in USA and Malaysia, tuberculosis in Argentina, HIV/AIDS in Egypt, mental disorders in Algeria, and rare diseases in Croatia amongst others. Between October 2015 and June 2016, IPSF raised 6194 units of blood through blood drives conducted by member associations worldwide. IPSF is preparing today’s pharmacy students to become tomorrow’s workforce through its activities, events, and programs of pharmacy education, public health, professional development, and student exchange. IPSF encourages engaging youth, and more specifically pharmacy students and young graduates, in public policies and decision making. A delegation of IPSF members takes part every year in the World Health Assembly, where they observe closely and participate in writing public health statements and policies.
Mongolian Public Health Professionals’ Association
The Mongolian Public Health Professionals’ Association (MPHPA)’s mission is to support the sustainable development of public health in Mongolia.

In 2016, MPHPA and Transparency International Mongolia organized an advocacy campaign to influence political parties proposed policies on health during the 2016 Parliamentary Election. Together they developed the Health Charter through broad discussion with other national NGOs and professional associations based on the Global Charter for the Public’s Health. The Health Charter outlined the key health issues and possible solutions to solve these issues, including strengthening legal environment, increasing funding for primary and preventive services, proper medicine/drug policy, and strengthening capacity of health care providers. Mass media advocacy, written submission and meetings with parliament members were used to reach key stakeholders. As a result of this campaign, key points of the Health Charter are reflected in the Government’s Action Plan of current ruling party. MPHPA will continue to monitor the implementation of government policy on public health and will conduct research and surveys to ensure that they make evidence-based decisions.

Korean Public Health Association
The Korean Public Health Association (KPHA) is a nongovernmental organization composed of 22 member societies associated with various disciplines of public health.

In 2016, the 40th Annual National Public Health Conference was held under the theme of ‘Better Health for All - Public Health Risk Management’. A total of 37 sessions, which included 15 thematic sessions, 15 member society sessions, and 8 student sessions were organized, and more than 1000 members registered. KPHA has performed continuing services to Korean society to promote health. In 2016, KPHA developed National Competency Standards (NCS) in the areas of public health administration, health education, and medical device management. In addition, KPHA has supported 76 college sobriety clubs across Korea, and provided alcohol related education for college students. KPHA has also supported National Health Promotion Act by continuing surveillance of mass-media for illegal drinking and violence related scenes.
Panamanian Public Health Society

The Panamanian Society of Public Health (PSPH) aims to encourage all actors in the Panamanian society to actively participate in the protection of public health. | www.saludpublicapanama.com

PSPH has made a firm commitment to be an independent and autonomous voice in favor of the Universal Right to Health. In order to achieve this goal, PSPH, organized the First International Public Health Conference of Panama, addressing the ‘Social Determinants of Health and Intersector Coordination’, having as a keynote speaker, Sir Michael Marmot, president of the World Medical Association, and former president of the WHO Committee on Social Determinants of Health. This activity was attended by well over 400 participants. As for its goals for the future, the PSPH has launched an initiative “Generation Healthy Panama 2030”, in line with WFPHA’s Charter for the Public’s Health, the Declaration of Panama, and the SDGs. The purpose of this initiative is to promote and systematically measure universal access to a set of specific social determinants of health throughout the lifecycle, using the “Marmot Six” concept as a guide for establishing and monitoring indicators during each lifecycle component.

French Society of Public Health


SFSP dedicated 2016 to defining its aims, values and missions. In line with the Charter and the European Public Health Association strategy, SFSP members prioritized some major health issues for the years ahead. These include the development of integrated approaches that incorporate all dimensions of public health functions and services, opening the French public health towards all stakeholders who can effectively contribute to strategies for health and equity in all policies, action for more equity, and promotion of democracy in health. SFSP’s advocacy has focused on nutritional information, health promotion and tobacco control. 100 practitioners, researchers and policy-makers are working together to build efficient strategies for reducing early childhood health inequalities. In addition, 250 practitioners, researchers and local policy-makers are involved in making recommendations for the next Food & Physical Activity policy in France.
Public Health Association of Australia

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) seeks better population health outcomes based on prevention, the social determinants of health and equity principles. | www.phaa.net.au

2016 was a busy year for PHAA. It won the right to host the 50th Anniversary of the WFPHA during the World Congress in 2017, in Melbourne, Australia. In May 2016, PHAA CEO Michael Moore was elected to the position of President Elect of the WFPHA. The Ecology and Environment Special Interests Group (SIG) worked with the Environmental Health Group of the WFPHA on promoting robust targets for COP21 in Paris. The National Primary Health Care Conference was held in November in Melbourne and saw the launch of the Australian Health Tracker by the Australian Health Policy Collaboration. The Conference theme of ‘building a strong preventative foundation for a health Australia’ focused on prevention, consumer engagement, building capacity, mental health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and other issues. PHAA’s direction for the future includes focusing on prevention, promotion and protection, including the need to ensure that the First Australians health priorities remain front and centre of all future health policy considerations.

Public Health Foundation of Bangladesh

Public Health Foundation of Bangladesh (PHFBD) aims to address priority public health challenges with activities, mobilizing resources, and delivering health services. | www.phfbd.net

In 2016, PHFBD organized various seminars, workshops, and trainings related to health. A scientific seminar on ‘Traditional Medicine: An additional gateway to universal health coverage’ was organised by PHFBD during the 4th International Conference of Aynus, where the main speaker was Prof. Sharmeen Yasmeen, CEO of PHFBD. In addition, a workshop on Stress Management was held in November 2016, facilitated by PHFBD member, Dr. Ehsaan-Ul-Alaam Chowdhury, Health Promotion Specialist in Canada. The PHFBD has outlined several goals for the future, to be achieved within the next 5 years, which include integrating multidisciplinary public health service approach within Bangladesh and expanding PHFBD preventive and clinical services with digital support from the government. In addition, PHFBD will take part in a cervix cancer and breast cancer prevention program.
Vietnam Public Health Association

Vietnam Public Health Association (VPHA) is a social, professional organization of nationwide volunteers who work in the public health field in Vietnam. | www.vpha.org.vn

As announced during the closing ceremony of the 8th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR), VPHA is in charge of organizing the next APCRSHR in November 2017. The theme of the 9th APCRSHR will be: ‘Leave No One Behind: Justice in Sexual and Reproductive Health’. From the 17th to 18th in November 2016, the 2nd International Steering Committee of the 9th APCRSHR was held in Hanoi. At the meeting, the organizers briefed the results of the 1st ISC meeting and updated on the preparations for the conference, including potential venues, speakers, and abstracts.

Austrian Public Health Society

The Austrian Public Health Association (OEGPH) is a multi- and interdisciplinary association that promotes the development of health-oriented structures in societies and policies. | www.oeph.at

OEGPH Competence Groups have been involved in developing a physical activity monitoring system and contributing to the current political discussions on primary care. Their activities have also covered sexual and gender diversity, obesity prevention, and public mental health. The OEGPH was involved in several working groups in the Austrian Ministry of Health, including those related to national health targets and mother-and-child health. The annual European Public Health (EPH) Conference 2015 in Milan, Italy, invited OEGPH to organize a workshop on “Health for all: Thinking beyond boundaries” which was a foretaste for the 2016 EPH Conference in Vienna, hosted by OEGPH. Several press releases regarding various public health topics were published, which emphasized OEGPH’s role as the voice of the Austrian public health community. Future activities of OEGPH will focus on public health awareness in all policies and the further devolvement of the association as a platform for public health professionals.

Portuguese Association for the Promotion of Public Health

The Portuguese Association for the Promotion of Public Health (APPSP) aims to encourage and support the coordination of health activities with other sectors. | www.appsp.org

In 2016, APPSP worked to reorganize and reenergize the association, which began with the appointment of a new board. APPSP collaborated on the organization of the National Congress of Public Health, which took place in Oporto in February 2017. In addition, APPSP launched the 2016 Edition of the Arnaldo Sampaio Award, which aims to stimulate high quality research on Public Health in Portugal. With regards to advocacy, the APPSP signed a protocol with the General-Directorate for Health to collaborate on a Health Literacy plan. For the future APPSP aims to improve its communication with its members and with other institutions/professionals, create think-tanks, putting together different organizations on the discussion of some Public Health themes and hot topics, organize trainings to improve/update Public Health competences, and work on partnerships with other institutions.
Over 10 years ago the Journal of Public Health Policy (JPHP) formed a formal affiliation with WFPHA.

**WFPHA/JPHP**

Since 2006, JPHP has dedicated four pages in each issue to any topic of interest to WFPHA, organized by a Special Editor for the Federation’s Pages appointed by WFPHA. The Federation’s Pages operate outside of the journal’s regular peer review system, allowing WFPHA to decide on the content without restraint.

**Editorial Board**

The JPHP-WFPHA relationship has broadened with more projects and greater involvement of WFPHA members who have joined the Editorial Board.

Bettina Borisch, WFPHA’s second Federation’s Pages Special Editor has ushered in a new era by commissioning more in-depth pieces for the Federation’s Pages. In 2016, she was joined by Marta Lomazzi as co-editor of the Federation’s Pages.

In 2011, JPHP published a Special Issue organized and edited by Laetitia Rispel, titled ‘Public Health, Health Sector Reforms, and Policy Implementation in South Africa: Studies and Perspectives on the 24th Anniversary of the Centre for Health Policy’. Madhumita Dobe published a very important peer reviewed Viewpoint in JPHP in 2015 on ‘The Role of Sanitation in Malnutrition – A Science and Policy Controversy in India’. After the 14th World Congress on Public Health in Kolkata, she prepared four pages for the Federation’s Pages on India’s most pressing and difficult to resolve public health problems.

More recently, James Chauvin, a WFPHA past-president, has joined the Editorial Board, and has been working extensively with JPHP. He published a viewpoint on ‘Building Codes: An Often Overlooked Determinant of Health’.

**2016 Special Issue**

In addition, a sponsor special issue of JPHP on ‘The Use of Digital Technology on Population Health and Health Equity Gains’, which was published on Nov 30, 2016, was guest edited by J. Chauvin and L. Rispel.

**2016 Federation’s Pages**

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

KEEPING YOU INFORMED AND CONNECTED!

The WFPHA has several exciting means of communication. We have been working hard to update the existing media, including making the website more accessible, and finding new ways to reach our members.

Website

On the WFPHA’s website, information about the WFPHA’s latest projects, advocacy activities, events and news can be found. This includes a detailed section about the WFPHA Global Charter on Public Health, including the history of the Charter, translations, and implementation activities. In addition, each of our members have a dedicated page on our website. Please find us at www.wfpha.org. The website receives over 6000 page views each month.

Newsletter

The WFPHA E-Newsletter is published every two months. It highlights upcoming events and news across the globe, and information about the Federation and its Members. Please subscribe to our newsletter via the website.

Social Media

Further engagement in social media continues from last year’s progress. The WFPHA can now be found on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram.

Engage with us by tagging WFPHA in your tweets, posts, and photos! #WFPHA #globalcharter

Facebook Page Likes 2016

| TWITTER | @WFPHA_FMASP |
| FACEBOOK | @ngowfpha |
| LINKEDIN | /company/wfpha |
| INSTAGRAM | @wfpha_fmasp |
FACTS

Committees of the WFPHA
- Policy Committee
- Finance Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominations/Awards Committee
- Bids Selection Committee

Main Conferences Attended
- APHA Annual Meeting (Denver)
- Global Health Forum (Taiwan)
- Australia PHA (Alice Springs)
- Canadian PHA Conference (Toronto)
- World Health Summit (Berlin)

Main Regional Meetings Attended
- Asian-Pacific Conference on Public Health (Thailand)
- European Public Health Conference (Vienna)
- AFPHA Conference (Nigeria)
- APHAA General Assembly (Panama)

2017 World Congress
- 15th World Congress
- 4,000 participants estimated

Governing Council of the WFPHA
- 15 Members
- 80 days’ voluntary contribution per year
- Locations of the Governing Council:

- Americas 27%
- Africa 20%
- Asia Pacific 20%
- Eastern Mediterranean / Middle East 7%
- Europe 13%
- South-East & Central Asia 13%
**Staff, Volunteers and Interns**
- 2 full-time staff members, 4 interns (3-4 months full time) and 2 International Office volunteers per year
- Amounting to 202 days’ voluntary contribution per year

**Advisory Board, Working Groups, and Committee Chairs**
- 11 Advisory Board Members
- 5 Committee Chairs
- 7 Working Groups
- Amounting to 148 days’ voluntary contribution per year

### Awards Presented

**Hugh Leavell Award**
- 1979-2015
  - 13 Awards
- 2015: Dr. Vishvas Chaudry (India)
- 2012: Dr. Reda Tekle Haimanot (Ethiopia)
- 2009: Prof. Ayse Akin (Turkey)
- 2006: Dr. Paulo Buss (Brazil)

**Organizational Excellence Award**
- 2004-2015
  - 4 Awards
- 2015: Hanoi School of Public Health (Vietnam)
- 2012: AMREF (Kenya)
- 2006: ABRASCO (Brazil)
- 2004: The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK)

**Lifetime Achievement Award**
- 2009-2015
  - 3 Awards
- 2015: Dr. Theodor Abelin (Switzerland)
- 2012: Margaret Hilson (Canada)
- 2009: Prof. Ihsan Dogramaci (Turkey)
FIGURES

We are an international and independent, nongovernmental organization, with an accountable fundraising policy.

These figures describe WFPHA’s 2016 finances.

Year-end Financial Position

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SUPPORT US

The WFPHA requires a diversified and adequate financial resource base to support its role as a unique, global civil society voice for public health and to act as a network for the global community of public health associations and affiliated organizations. While annual membership fees are an important contribution, we rely on the generosity of donors to fund our programs, to help ensure our independence from political and other interests, and guarantee our flexibility of response.

Corporate Donations

BECOME A SPONSOR

- Support the implementation of the **Global Charter for the Public’s Health**
  - Charter Implementation Champion ($100,000)
  - Public Health Companion ($50,000)
  - Gold Investment ($30,000)
  - Silver Investment ($10,000)
- Sponsor a fellowship program - 8 weeks ($22,000)
  - Addressed to professionals who dedicate their career to the field of public health
  - Interactive and pragmatic project of training
  - Designed to cover every crucial step needed to gain a broad understanding of global health
  - Particularly focused on the promotion of the Charter
- Support WFPHA advocacy with a voluntary corporate contribution

Individual Opportunities

BECOME A DONOR

- With $200 p/y, Become a Diplomat of the Global Charter
  - Spread the Charter within your country and network
  - Sustain the global public health revolution within your working and living context

- With $500, Sponsor a student fellow/professional for one day as part of the fellowship program
  - Beneficiary will gain a unique insight into the workings of an international organization

- With $2700, Sponsor a student fellow/professional for one week as part of the fellowship program
  - First week: Hosted by University of Geneva, focusing on World Health Assembly
  - Second Week: Led by WFPHA, working on the Global Charter
  - Weeks Three to Eight: 6 weeks based at the selected public health association’s headquarters

- Support WFPHA advocacy with a voluntary individual contribution
HELP US TRANSFORM THE WORLD RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Your support is very important to the success of WFPHA projects, and WFPHA ensures that these contributions are well recognized.

Each Donation Counts!

If you or your organization would like to support our efforts, please contact the international Office.

Please note: These donations may provide your organization/corporation with taxation benefits.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

DONATE

Via Credit Card
(www.wfpha.org/donate)

By Participating in the Raffle During the World Congress

Via Bank Transfer:
World Federation of Public Health Associations
Account no: D3-589234.1
IBAN: CH41 00279279D35892341
BIC: UBSWCHZH80A
UBS Bank

The WFPHA is grateful to its members, public health associations, sponsors and other entities for their funding, in-kind contributions and support over the past year, including:

The WFPHA also wishes to thank all volunteers and interns who helped the Federation, its Geneva International Office and with the organization of regional events.
MEET THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The WFPHA would not function without the dedication of the small team in the International Office in Geneva. In 2017, the International Office will be continuing its work advocating through the Charter, fundraising, and educating the public on prevention, promotion and protection of health. One of its priorities for 2017 is to further develop its fellowship program, which seeks to offer an educational opportunity for professionals to facilitate the exchange of public health knowledge and practices.

Professor Bettina Borisch, Director of the WFPHA International Office

Prof. Bettina Borisch is an MD and a Histopathologist, MPH and Fellow of the Royal College of Pathology (UK). Her scientific research work delves into neoplastic lesions of the immune system and breast cancer. Her interests also include community-based oncology, as well as health communication and global health. She teaches at the University of Geneva, the Swiss School of Public Health, as well as patient support groups. She is the Editor in Chief of “Pathobiology” and the Co-Editor of the Journal of Public Health Policy. She is the author of over 120 scientific papers and 2 books. In addition to her academic work she is the Director of the WFPHA’s International Headquarter and holds positions in several committees in public health orientated institutions. She has previously acted as President of Europa Donna – the European Breast Cancer Forum, and as Founding President of the Swiss Forum of Europa Donna.

Dr. Marta Lomazzi, Executive Manager

Marta Lomazzi is a medical biotechnologist with a PhD in neuroscience and 10 years’ experience in public health. In 2011, she joined the WFPHA where she works as Executive Manager. Her main duties are the management of WFPHA activities, elaboration and management of public health programs, as well as being the liaison person with the WHO and other health related organizations. Moreover, she works as a lecturer and researcher at the University of Geneva and as a consultant for the evaluation of public health activities in different areas. She is the co-editor of the Journal of Public Health Policy Federation’s pages and is the author of several articles dealing with public health.

Dr. Eleonora De Cata, Office Manager

Eleonora De Cata has a Ph.D. in Economics and has always had a huge interest in NGOs and non-profit work. Since joining the WFPHA in 2015 she has taken care of the members and oversees media management, accounting, event organizing, finance, tax and administration. She is originally from Rome, has lived in the US, and speaks fluent Italian, English, Spanish and French. In the past she has worked mainly in administration and finance in several different countries and sectors, including for the Italian Division of International Cooperation. She has written papers on economics in developing countries, including Peru and Costa Rica, and on the Italian fashion industrial districts and their local impacts on environments and supply chain.
We are public health workers, a kind of people who love human beings and care for everything that promotes life.

Luis Engenio de Souza, ABRASCO

WFPHA: The advocate of prevention, promotion and protection for a better public health.

Marta Lomazzi, Executive Manager WFPHA

Reshaping the future of global public health through advocacy, mutual learning, partnerships and capacity building.

Annelysse Jorgenson, Intern WFPHA

The WFPHA is the global voice for the public’s health.

Michael Moore, President WFPHA

A dynamic and multicultural organization seeking to improve global public health and advocating for a better health future.

Firouzeh Mitchell, Intern WFPHA

WFPHA is working for the promotion of healthy good practices and improving the public’s quality of life. Education is fundamental.

Eleonora De Cata, Office Manager WFPHA

For a world where every citizen can live the birthright to health!

Bettina Borisch, Executive Director WFPHA
WFPHA is an international and independent nongovernmental organization. It was founded in 1967, following the 20th World Health Assembly in Geneva, and comprised of 16 core member associations. Today, the WFPHA is a worldwide movement of over 100 associations, and representing over 1 million public health professionals.

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