In May 1967, during the 20th World Health Assembly, a group of delegates representing 32 national public health associations convened to discuss the concept of a non-governmental civil society voice for public health. The World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) was established and incorporated that same month in Geneva (Switzerland), with 16 core Member associations.

Today, the WFPHA is an international, nongovernmental organization composed of over 120 member associations, who are multidisciplinary national public health associations, representing about 5 million public health professionals worldwide. It is the only worldwide professional organization representing and serving the broad field of public health. The WFPHA supports the establishment and organizational development of national public health associations, facilitates and supports the exchange of information and capacity building among national and other public health organizations, and promotes advocacy for public policies, programs and practices that result in a healthy and productive world.

WFPHA is accredited as an NGO in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO). This ongoing relationship with the WHO is a collaboration to advance the field of public health through the promotion of public health policies, strategies and best practices around the world. The Federation is also accredited by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and holds consultation status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and with Codex Alimentarius of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
WFPHA NATIONAL MEMBERS

REGIONS

◊ EUROPE
∞ THE AMERICAS
≈ AFRICA
• ASIA PACIFIC

∞ EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN/MIDDLE EAST
≈ SOUTH-EAST & CENTRAL ASIA

◊ AFGHANISTAN
◊ ALBANIA
≈ ALGERIA
≈ ANGOLA
◊ ARMENIA
• AUSTRALIA
≈ AUSTRIA
• BANGLADESH
◊ BELGIUM
≈ BENIN
≈ BOLIVIA
◊ BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
≈ BRAZIL
≈ BULGARIA
≈ BURKINA FASO
≈ BURUNDI
≈ CAMEROON
≈ CANADA
≈ CHAD
≈ CHILE
≈ CHINA (PRC)
≈ COLOMBIA
≈ CONGO, REP. DE
≈ COSTA RICA
≈ CÔTE D’IVOIRE
◊ CROATIA
≈ CUBA
≈ CZECH REPUBLIC
≈ DENMARK
≈ DUBAI
≈ EGYPT
≈ ESTONIA
≈ ETHIOPIA
≈ FINLAND
≈ FRANCE
≈ GAMBIA
≈ GEORGIA
≈ GERMANY
≈ GHANA
≈ GUINEA
≈ HAITI
◊ HONG KONG, SAR (CHINA)
• INDIA
≈ INDONESIA
≈ IRAN, ISLAMIC REP.
≈ ISRAEL
≈ ITALY
≈ JAPAN
≈ KAZAKHSTAN

◊ KENYA
≈ KOREA, REP. OF
≈ LATVIA
≈ LEBANON
≈ LIEBERIA
≈ LITHUANIA
≈ MACEDONIA
≈ MADAGASCAR
≈ MALAWI
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≈ ZIMBABWE
It gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2018 annual report. I would like to thank all our members and partners for your support and participation in the endeavours of the WFPHA to ensure that it remains a vibrant and relevant voice for Public Health in a world that is marred by social and economic inequities. I recognise the tremendous responsibilities to lead the Federation at this fragile time in history, especially as the first woman president from Africa. Five strategic priorities inform the work of the Federation: (1) advocate for health equity and global policies to improve the health of populations; (2) promote, support and strengthen member associations; (3) develop and advance public health practice, education, training and research; (4) grow new, and strengthen existing partnerships with groups and individuals who share our values; and (5) build an effective, responsive and sustainable WFPHA.

I have set as one of my first priorities to raise money from ethical sources, in order to achieve these goals. Since assuming the presidency, I have approached many individuals and foundations, and I hope that these efforts will pay off in the not so distant future.

I look forward to continue to work with our members and partners in taking the Federation to new heights and in making a difference to the lives of the most vulnerable members of society, regardless of geographic context. Please do not hesitate to contact me on Laetitia.rispel@wits.ac.za or secretariat@wfpha.org should you have questions or to wish to make any suggestions.
2018 AT A GLANCE

128 MEMBERS
- NATIONAL - 106
- REGIONAL - 12
- INTERNATIONAL - 10

16 PUBLICATIONS REFERENCING THE GLOBAL CHARTER
11 PRESENTATIONS OF THE GLOBAL CHARTER ON THE PUBLIC’S HEALTH
14 ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES
5 NEW INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS
5 NEW DIPLOMATS OF THE GLOBAL CHARTER

GROWTH IN WFPHA MEMBERSHIP
- 2014: 99
- 2015: 103
- 2016: 108
- 2017: 123
- 2018: 128

VISITORS TO THE WFPHA WEBSITE: 34,000

PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH ONLINE VIDEOS: 14,000

PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH 8 WFPHA NEWSLETTERS: 4,000+

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE WORKSHOP ATTENDEES: 250+

FRONT-OF-PACK NUTRITION LABELS WEBINAR PARTICIPANTS: 200+
A GLOBAL CHARTER FOR THE PUBLIC’S HEALTH

Health is a product of complex and dynamic relations generated by numerous determinants at different levels of governance. Governments need to take into account the impact of social, environmental and behavioural health determinants, including economic constraints, living conditions, demographic changes and unhealthy lifestyles. This understanding about the context of increasing globalization necessitates a clear, overarching framework for setting public health strategies in the changing societal and political environments.

Following a request from the WHO Director-General to address these challenges, the WFPHA developed the Global Charter for the Public’s Health as the main output of its collaboration plan with the WHO to adapt global health practice in the light of, and in conjunction with, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Global Charter brings together the best of all the existing models to provide a comprehensive, clear and flexible framework that can be applied on a national or global scale. The framework is a tool for assessment, planning, training, evaluation, and accreditation; it can be implemented in low, middle, or high income countries. Moreover, the Global Charter strives to facilitate global health security and sustainable, health outcomes, strengthen leadership and governance, scale up workforce planning and public health capacity-building, standardize assessment and improve the quality of health systems.

COMPONENTS OF THE GLOBAL CHARTER

Global health development requires a balanced, multisectoral approach that combines theoretical models and practical application to drive research and social change. The framework of the Global Charter highlights a group of three core services (protection, prevention, and promotion) and four enabler functions (governance, advocacy, capacity, and information).

- **GOVERNANCE**: Public health legislation; health and cross-sector policy; strategy; financing; organisation; assurance: transparency, accountability and audit.
- **INFORMATION**: Surveillance, monitoring and evaluation; monitoring of health determinants; research and evidence; risk and innovation; dissemination and uptake.
- **ADVOCACY**: Leadership and ethics; health equity; social-mobilization and solidarity; education of the public; people-centred approach; voluntary community sector engagement; communications; sustainable development.
- **CAPACITY**: Workforce development for public health, health workers and wider workforce; workforce planning: numbers, resources, infrastructure; standards, curriculum, accreditation; capabilities, teaching and training.
- **PROTECTION**: International health regulation and co-ordination; health impact assessment; communicable disease control; emergency preparedness; occupational health; environmental health; climate change and sustainability.
- **PREVENTION**: Primary prevention: vaccination; secondary prevention: screening; tertiary prevention: evidence-based, community-based, integrated, person-centred quality healthcare and rehabilitation; healthcare management and planning.
- **PROMOTION**: Inequalities; environmental determinants; social and economic determinants; resilience; behaviour and health literacy; life-course; healthy settings.
GLOBAL CHARTER IMPLEMENTATION

COUNTRIES
Nine countries1 have implemented the Global Charter into their public health missions. One of the most significant successes of implementing the Global Charter is Panama, a country who has a decline in health indicators despite a rising GDP. The Panamanian government (encouraged by the Panama Public Health Association) decided to take serious action and used the Charter to generate a plan, known as the “Generation Panama Saludable”. The goal is to implement this new plan by 2030.

UNIVERSITIES
The Charter has been introduced into the curricula of several universities, including Maastricht University, the University of Geneva, the University of New Hampshire, Universidad Miguel Hernández of Spain and the Graduate Institute of International Development Studies.

PUBLICATIONS
16 publications have referenced the Global Charter. In 2018, 6 publications appeared in international journals. Articles include “Update on the Global Charter for the Public’s Health” by B. Borisch, M. Lomazzi, M. Moore A.M. and R. Krech, which was published in the Bulletin of the World Health Organization.

The WFPHA Oral Health Working Group published the article “Integrating oral health with public health systems under the framework of the Global charter for the Public’s Health” in the International Dental Journal. A. Lee, M. Lomazzi, H. Lee and R. Bedi joined forces to highlight oral health in the global health perspective and internationally call to action for all public health professionals to advocate the integration of oral health into public health systems.

Following the workshop in May 2018, a joint paper in collaboration with the European Public Health Alliance was published titled “The Global Charter for the Public’s Health; how can we use it to tackle AMR?”. For a complete list of publications including 2018 publications and more, check out the WFPHA website (www wfpha.org).

CONFERENCES & AWARENESS RAISING
11 national and international presentations and conferences have focused on the goals of the Global Charter. In January 2018, the WFPHA gave a statement regarding the Global Charter to the WHO Executive Board in Switzerland. The Cameroon Public Health Association held the International Forum on the Global Charter in March 2018. The Global Charter was also referenced at the International Conference on Public Health in Indonesia in July 2018 and at the Public Health Association of South Africa’s conference in September 2018. The WFPHA also presented the Global Charter at the 15th Swiss Congress on Health Economy and Health Sciences and in November 2018 at the European Public Health Conference in Slovenia.

1Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, Global Health Centre - Switzerland, Mexico, Mongolia, Norway, Panama, South Africa
GLOBAL CHARTER DIPLOMATS

Diplomats of the Global Charter are public health professionals committed to improving global health and willing to use the Global Charter for the Public’s Health through their teaching, research, advocacy, and leadership. Candidates must have worked in public health for a minimum of five years and demonstrated leadership in the field and between sectors at a national and/or international level. Currently, there are 31 diplomats in 20 countries.

In May 2018, several public health professionals were inducted as new diplomats. The first face-to-face meeting of the Global Charter Diplomats took place on 12 November 2018 in Bogota, Colombia, hosted by the Public Health Association of Colombia. This meeting was a valuable opportunity for Charter Diplomats to connect and share strategies for better implementing the Global Charter around the world.

To learn how to become a Global Charter for the Public’s Health Diplomat, contact marta.lomazzi@unige.ch.

BECOME A GLOBAL CHARTER DIPLOMAT!

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A GLOBAL CHARTER DIPLOMAT?
If you believe in a multi-sectoral, ethical and broad approach to improving, promoting and protecting the public’s health, then you should become a Global Charter Diplomat.

WHAT CAN I DO AS A GLOBAL CHARTER DIPLOMAT?
You can promote the Charter in your lectures, in your social media, within your networks and at conferences.

HOW TO BECOME A GLOBAL CHARTER DIPLOMAT
If you are a public health professional with at least five years’ experience and have demonstrated leadership in public health within your country, then contribute $200 USD per year and the title of “Diplomat of the Global Charter” will be conferred.

WHAT YOU GET IN RETURN
Besides recognition within the global public health community for your active promotion of the Global Charter for the Public’s Health, your name will appear on the Global Charters page of the WFPHA’s website and you will receive a 5% reduction on the World Congress on Public Health’s registration fee.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

INTERNSHIPS
WFPHA offers unpaid internships for students interested in health and international development. Selected candidates may have extensive learning and networking opportunities and participate in events or conferences.

VOLUNTEERING OR JOINING A WORKING GROUP
Can you help with graphics, video editing, web or other skills? If you have time and goodwill, please get in touch with us. We also welcome interested and qualified people with an interest in joining our working groups with an engagement of at least 20 days per year. Apply by submitting a brief CV and letter outlining why you wish to become a WG member. Your application will be reviewed by the Working Groups chair/co-chairs.

HELP INCREASE OUR VISIBILITY
You may help simply cascading our information to interested parties or commit actively promoting our values in your networks.
The aim of the Public Health in Emergencies and Disasters Working Group (EDWG) is to advocate for the integration of public health in disasters and emergencies. Chaired by Dr. Chadia Wannous, currently a Senior Advisor at the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) in Geneva, Switzerland, the EDWG issued in mid-2018 an open call for participation. The EDWG now has 16 members representing a wide range of disciplines and countries. In 2018, Dr. Liz Hanna (Australia) assumed the role of WG Chair, replacing co-chairs Professor Peter Orris (USA) and Professor Michael Asuzu (Nigeria). Over the past year the WG saw an increase of members (now around 28) who worked closely in the areas of Climate Change and Chemical Policy. The WG’s strategy is to collaborate closely with like-minded organizations such as WHO, UNEP, SAICM, HCWH, WMA, IPEN, GAIA, Toxics Link, and GHCA. In particular, the collaboration with the Global Green and Healthy Hospitals and Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) has been fundamental.

During 2018, the WG contributed to the revision of the WFPHA’s renewed call for global action to ban asbestos, co-authored the World Bank Group’s Monograph “Climate-Smart Healthcare”, conducted an international survey of health inclusions in national climate programs, helped the development of India’s Community Environmental Monitoring Network (measuring air pollution levels by community hospitals) and represented WFPHA at the COP 24 on Climate Change in Katowice (Poland) and at the COP 1 (Mercury) in Geneva.

The Environmental Health Working Group aims at influencing 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 2018, Dr. Liz Hanna (Australia) assumed the role of WG Chair, replacing co-chairs Professor Peter Orris (USA) and Professor Michael Asuzu (Nigeria). Over the past year the WG saw an increase of members (now around 28) who worked closely in the areas of Climate Change and Chemical Policy. The WG’s strategy is to collaborate closely with like-minded organizations such as WHO, UNEP, SAICM, HCWH, WMA, IPEN, GAIA, Toxics Link, and GHCA. In particular, the collaboration with the Global Green and Healthy Hospitals and Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) has been fundamental.

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OHWG Co-chair Hyewon Lee and Vice-Chair Myron Allukian

ORAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP

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GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP

In 2018, the Global Health Equity and Digital Technologies Working Group (GHEDT) focused on defining its role, objectives and areas of work. The working group explored the intersection between health equity and digital technology, two seemingly unrelated topics that are very much interconnected. The GHEDT established its online voice and presence through a Twitter account (@GHEDigTec_WFPHA). The WG co-chairs (Vina HuLamm from the USA and Stefan Buttigieg from Malta) also arranged the first meeting of the working group through the WebEx platform, which successfully engaged with new members.

During the 71st World Health Assembly in 2018 in Geneva, the co-chairs delivered a statement on behalf of the WFPHA addressing the WHO’s “Global strategy and action plan on public health, innovation and intellectual property.” At the American Public Health Association’s 2018 Annual Meeting and Expo in San Diego, California, the GHEDT hosted an oral session on evaluating the impact of digital technology on population health and health equity gains with a particular focus on methods and metrics. The session, chaired by Laetitia Rispel, brought together presentations about the challenges of using digital technologies in low- and middle-income countries, gaps in metrics and methods to assess their impact on health and health equity, and ethical considerations in the use of digital technology in biomedical research. At the European Public Health Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia, Stefan Buttigieg participated in a roundtable on the Digital Transformation of Healthcare in Europe. His presentation highlighted opportunities for the younger generation to contribute to the digital transformation of health in Europe.

INDIGENOUS WORKING GROUP

On May 24, 2018, the WFPHA officially launched the Indigenous Working Group. Co-chaired by Carmen Parter (Australia) and Adrian Te Patu (New Zealand), this working group seeks to reduce health disparities and inequities experienced by Indigenous people internationally. The launch was held at the University of Geneva and attended by over 60 people in person and viewed online by over 900 people from around the world. Participants took part in a yarning circle, an Aboriginal method of facilitating sharing amongst its members with a focus on deep listening. Working group members shared their personal stories and the importance of self-determination, highlighting the need to address urgently equity issues in health for Indigenous peoples. The IWG twitter account (@IndigenousWFPHA) received 3.2 million tweet hits. Following the WG’s launch, WHO and UNICEF invited Emma Rawson, one of the two WG vice-chairs (New Zealand) and Ms. Parter to chair a session on “Empowering People at the Centre of Primary Health Care” at the Global Conference on Primary Health Care in Astana (Kazakhstan) in October 2018. The session was well received with positive feedback.

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October 2018 the EDWG discussed its 2019 work plan and identified four main areas of focus:

- Climate change and disasters risks and impact on health and linkage to the SDGs, particularly SDGs 3, 6, 11 and 13;
- Prevention and preparedness for health emergencies including infectious diseases;
- Migration, refugees, displacement and health; and,
- Advocacy for health and protection of people and health careworkers in emergencies.
people. The OHWG is also nurturing links with WHO. In October 2018, Dr. Ramin Bedi, OHWG Co-Chair, attended the WHO Global ‘m-OralHealth Workshop’. A network of experts has now been established to drive forward implementation of m-OralHealth programs to ensure more equitable dental care for all worldwide.

**PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS’ EDUCATION AND TRAINING (PET) WORKING GROUP**

The WFPHA Public Health Professionals’ Education and Training Working Group (PET), chaired by Priscilla Robinson, aims to harmonize globally 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 has been refreshed, with new members representing two groups - a collaboration of the Schools of Public Health, and Indigenous leaders in public health education. The PET finalised the Glossary of Terms related to Education and Training has been developed to help distinguish between the terms 'education' and 'training', because various words used in academic circles are not necessarily coterminous. This document is available on the PET section of the WFPHA website.

PET members undertook an analysis of all identified national sets of public health competencies against the WFPHA Global Charter, the purpose of which is to identify gaps in national competency sets. This work has been circulated to all members of the PET for comment and presented at a public health teaching and learning conference in Australia. A paper is in preparation.

**WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WORKING GROUP**

In 2018, this working group’s main activities included working on an adolescent health policy, developing a survey for WFPHA members, working on a resolution of accountability in support of the Global Strategy for WCA, adding new members to the Working Group, and exploring grant funding. The WCA, which is chaired by Judy Lewis, is also working to develop activities in several new areas such as: early child development, working with women, children, and adolescents with disabilities, the burden of maternal mortality, and breastfeeding techniques.

WFPHA/JPHP PARTNERSHIP

Since 2006, the WFPHA has had a privileged relationship with the Journal of Public Health Policy (JPHP), one of the world’s leading peer-review journals dedicated to public health. The Journal publishes articles from all over the world that can inform policy in other communities, countries or regions. Members of national public health associations are offered subscriptions to JPHP at a reduced price. The aim is to provide a platform to inform debates about public health policy globally. The Journal allocates several pages per issue to any topic of interest to WFPHA, organized by a Special Editor for the Federation’s Pages appointed by WFPHA. In each issue, JPHP includes an article commissioned by WFPHA, written by leading authors in the field, and edited by B. Borisch and M. Lomazzi at the WFPHA.

During 2018 and early 2019, JPHP published seven Federation articles:

- “The Melbourne Demand for Action: it’s time to make a difference” by M. Lomazzi, M. Boutefah, and M. Moore, 2018
- “Strengthening the public health case against HIV-related travel restrictions” by J. M. Kerals and D. Klein Walker, 2018
- “The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons: A planetary health good of the highest order” by T. A. Ruff, 2018
- “A Call to Ban the Mining, Transformation, Export, and Use of Asbestos and Asbestos-Containing Materials” by C. Linares Gil, J. Chauvin, and I. Hernández Aguado, 2019
- “Switzerland, a haven for the tobacco industry” by P. Diethelm, 2019
- “Political determinants of health and vaccination” by W. Ricciardi and R. Siliquini, 2019
The World Health Assembly (WHA) serves as the highest decision-making body for the World Health Organization and takes place annually in Geneva at the Palais des Nations. The WHA hosted delegates from all 194 of its Member States as well as representatives of civil societies like the WFPHA. The 71st World Health Assembly took place from May 21 to 26, 2018.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, current Director-General of the WHO, gave an inspirational opening speech on the important principles and values of global health. He began talking about students and young professionals by addressing the importance of treating interns as equals to full-time staff; that internships are opportunities to develop future health leaders, and organizations must do their part to help reach their potential. He also called on all countries to strengthen their commitment in implementing complete universal health coverage. It has been forty years since the Alma-Ata Declaration, and yet, the promise to provide health for all has not been met. He stated that, with a little more convincing and an even greater political will, it is possible for all countries to conquer their own idiosyncratic path to achieving universal health coverage.

The WFPHA had the honor to deliver a statement at the WHA titled *Global strategy and action plan on public health, innovation and intellectual property*. Dr. Deborah Klein Walker (right), a member of the Governing Council at the 52nd General Assembly and current member of the Women, Children and Adolescents Working Group (WCAWG), read the statement about the importance of responsible and appropriate use of digital technologies in public health. As we seek to integrate emerging technologies into our health systems, WFPHA believes that public health must develop strategies to address ethical considerations with the responsible use of “big data” in the interests of the public’s health. WFPHA recognizes the accomplishments, limitations, and consequences (both intended and unintended) of using these technologies in public health and clinical medicine. As the digital technology industry continues to grow, WFPHA encourages all public health professionals to be aware of the effects and to examine the pressures that can indirectly influence their basic values.
The 2018 WFPHA Annual General Assembly (GA) took place on May 20 in Geneva, prior to the start of the 71st World Health Assembly. This is the Federation’s most important annual meeting, when member associations and organizations elect new Officers and members of the Governing Council, vote on proposed policy statements, and voice their opinion on other WFPHA business matters. The WFPHA presented and had approved the Strategic Plan 2018-2022, the five goals of which are guided by the Global Charter and reflect the WFPHA’s values of the right to health, social justice, solidarity, equity, diversity, inclusion, nondiscrimination, partnerships, and ethical conduct.

The GA welcomed the Federation’s new President, Professor Laetitia Rispel (South Africa), who will serve from May 2018 to May 2020. Michael Moore (Australia), WFPHA’s President for the period 2016-2018, assumed the role of Immediate Past-President for the next two years. The WFPHA members attending the GA extended their congratulations to Dr. Walter Ricciardi (Italy), who was elected to serve as Vice-President/President-Elect.

Issues pertaining to the budget were discussed and approved. The WFPHA presented ideas for the renovation of the Federation’s communication strategy and to strengthen its social media presence. The proposal to modify the Federation’s By-laws regarding the term definition for the Advisory Board Chair, from two terms of three years each to two terms of two years each, was approved.

The GA voted to accept the applications of five new organizations as WFPHA members. The Planetary Health Alliance, The World Heart Federation, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize) and the World Organization of Family Doctors were accepted as partners; the European Public Health Alliance as a sustaining member.

Dr. Rüdiger Krech, the WHO technical liaison officer with the WFPHA, presented an overview of WHO’s internal reform processes. He stressed the importance of collaboration as an essential aspect of advancing the missions of both the WHO and WFPHA. Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is a feasible goal that can be achieved with political will by bringing together political players and health professionals. He cited the Global Charter as a means to align different organizations and a guide for adapting to an individual country or region’s needs.

Many members, working groups, and regional federations shared their latest achievements in public health as well as their future plans. The General Assembly created the opportunity for deep, meaningful public health discourse so that our members, working groups, and regional federations could learn from one another and forge partnerships for prospective projects.
The WFPHA hosted the International Global Health & Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Workshop on May 23, 2018 in Geneva. This event focused on the establishment of antibiotic efficacy as a global public good. It was a huge success with lively discussions between the over 300 audience members and the 26 high-level speakers from various health sectors. This interaction offered an interdisciplinary insight into the challenges and potential solutions of antimicrobial resistance. Speakers included the Minister of Health of Ghana, The Honourable Kwaku Agyemang-Manu; Dr. Marc Sprenger, Director of WHO’s AMR Secretariat; Dr. April Johnson of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization; Dr. Manica Balasegaram, Executive Director of the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP); and Dr. Viviana Muñoz of the South Centre.

The workshop focused on how effective health services are essential to facilitating ongoing prevention, protection, and health promotion strategies to mitigate the adverse effects of AMR. Essential enablers for resilient and secure health systems include the maintenance of good governance, accurate information, capacity building, and effective advocacy.

The WFPHA released a dedicated Call to Action at the end of the workshop for an integrated response to AMR that recognizes the importance of the speakers’ topics. The WFPHA has called on governments, corporations, NGOs, health professionals, public and private research organizations to ensure that public health remains at the centre of policy and scientific endeavours to tackle the threat of AMR. This call has been signed by over 60 health organizations worldwide.

The International Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labels (FoPL) webinar, held in October 2018, engaged many people from different countries. Over 200 people attended the meeting and 14,000 people were reached through live stream. This interaction offered an interdisciplinary insight into front-of-package labeling approach and its potential implementations. Speakers provided viewpoints about the implementation of food labelling schemes in different countries. The second hour of the webinar was devoted to an interactive discussion between audience and speakers. At the end of the webinar, the WFPHA released a Call to Action to encourage governments to take action and make healthy food an easier consumer choice.

The WFPHA encourages support for strong, effective front-of-pack labelling systems that play a role in improving population health through better nutrition and a more open, effective, and readily understood system identifying the nutritional content of packaged food. The full webinar can be found on the WFPHA YouTube channel (@WFPHA).
GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

On October 24 and 25, 2018, world leaders, WHO State Members, health experts and global organizations met at the Global Conference on Primary Health Care (PHC) in Astana, Kazakhstan, to renew their commitment to the principles of the 1978 Alma-Ata Declaration. The WFPHA President, Professor Laetitia Rispel, as well as Carmen Parter and Emma Rawson from the WFPHA Indigenous WG, represented the WFPHA.

The 2018 event, attended by more than 2000 delegates, marked the 40th anniversary of the Alma Ata Declaration on PHC. The Alma-Ata Declaration was the first international declaration highlighting the importance of PHC as a cornerstone to protect and promote the health of all the people of the world. The 1978 Declaration articulated an overall philosophy, principles and strategies for organising health systems, underpinned by the values of equity, social justice and health as a fundamental human right. PHC strategies include providing access to good quality healthcare as well as preventive and promotive services for priority health needs, intersectoral action at local level to address the root causes of ill-health, and enhanced community participation and accountability. Mr. Gerald Dafoe and Dr. Russell Morgan, respectively the WFPHA President and Secretary General at that time, attended the 1978 conference on behalf of WFPHA.

The 2018 conference called for a renewal of the PHC approach, in part because of the poor health outcomes of many communities, persistent health inequities between and within countries, and the failure of health systems in many countries to respond to community needs and harness the potential of other sectors to address the social determinants of ill-health. Professor Rispel took part in two side sessions PHC: breaking the silos to make it happen and Who needs to be in the modern primary health care team to achieve universal health coverage? where she presented the Global Charter for the Public’s Health as an enabling framework to break down intersectoral silos.

EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE & 3RD MEETING OF THE WHO COALITION OF PARTNERS

In November 2018, Marta Lomazzi, Bettina Borisch, and Michael Moore represented the WFPHA at the European Public Health Conference (EPH) and the third meeting of the Coalition of Partners (CoP) in Ljubljana, Slovenia. WFPHA hosted a skills building seminar on the Global Charter for the Public’s Health, presenting two case studies of its application in Australia and Italy. Michael Moore presented a poster session about Front of Pack Labeling, highlighting the importance of implementing a practical and sustainable labeling system. Marta Lomazzi led a discussion at the WHO Euro CoP on making public health multidisciplinary, calling for joint action to address complex public health issues. First steps have been discussed with the International Development Law Organization. Bettina Borisch made a presentation on women leaders in public health.

Discussions were held with representatives of ASPHER, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, and the International Union for Health Promotion and Education, to explore the idea of holding advocacy skills building workshops prior to the 16th World Congress of Public Health.
International Vaccination & Capacity Workshop


The workshop will discuss strategies and good practices to increase primary prevention through increased capacity (from human to infrastructures to sustainable investments and beyond) applied to the vaccination context.

Notwithstanding the scientific evidence of the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, we continue to witness major outbreaks and deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases. The reasons vary between and within geographical regions and countries and include lack of health care access, resource constraints, population displacement due to war and violence, religious opposition, vaccine refusal, conspiracy theories, and philosophical reasons on the ethics and politics of mandatory vaccination.

Human Resources for Health (HRH) are at the core of “capacity”, which is an essential element of the Global Charter for the Public’s Health. Although there is increasing recognition that HRH are essential for the achievement of broader development goals, including Universal Health Coverage, we face a global crisis characterised by the following: sub-optimal leadership and governance; inequitable distribution; widespread shortages; poor performance; and lack of responsiveness to the needs of communities. The suboptimal resources for health are not limited to HRH only but also embrace infrastructures, institutional capacity, and strategic investment.

The WFPHA is taking the lead in enhancing the discourse on vaccination and capacity to enable its members, partners and stakeholders to increase their knowledge and advocacy efforts on these important global priorities. The workshop discussions will feed into the deliberations of civil society in the lead up to the United Nations Assembly in September 2019 on Universal Health Coverage.

To learn more, go to wfpha.org/events2/workshops/2019

International Vaccination and Capacity Workshop
Confirmed Speakers

Discussing with high-level speakers how capacity and vaccinations should be strengthened to reduce inequalities and facilitate Universal Health Coverage

Who We Are:
The World Federation of Public Health Associations

NGO promoting global health for over 50 years

In official relations with WHO, ECOSOC, and UNEP

Where and When:
May 22nd, 2019
8:30am-5:00pm
Campus Biotech
Chemin des Mines 9
Geneva, Switzerland
In October 2020, over 4,000 public health professionals, policy makers and students will meet in Rome, Italy, for the 16th World Congress on Public Health. This event is organized by the WFPHA in collaboration with the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SItI) and the European Public Health Association (EUPHA).

The 2020 World Congress on Public Health comes at a critical time for our planet. Several commentators, looking ahead over the next few decades, have warned that the very survival of humanity is at risk. There are real fears that our climate is reaching a tipping point. Threats to food and water supply, biodiversity, and in some parts of the world, the ability to survive in extreme temperatures, are leading to mass migration and conflict. Political structures, at national, regional, and global level, are struggling to respond. International agreements are being torn up.

The theme of the Congress, Public Health for the Future of Humanity: Analysis, Advocacy, and Action, reflects our firm commitment that we, in the global public health community, have an obligation to respond to these new circumstances. We must make visible the threats to health as they emerge, challenge and hold to account those with the power to make a difference, and act to make a real commitment to health in all policies.

To learn more about the conference, visit www.wcph2020.com

Dates to remember:
30 November 2019 - End of low cost registration
1 December 2019 - Early bird registration begins
1 December 2019 - Abstract submission opens

**16TH WORLD CONGRESS ON PUBLIC HEALTH: ROME 2020**

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WFPHA SUPPORTS TOBACCO-FREE PLEDGE
The WFPHA became a founding supporter of the Tobacco-Free Finance Pledge. The goal of the Pledge is to help create a tobacco-free world through addressing the tobacco industry from an economic standpoint via policies, awareness, and partnerships. By reducing investments and challenging corporate relationships with the tobacco industry, signatories will tackle the tobacco epidemic from an innovative angle. The Pledge was launched at the UN Headquarters in New York City and advances Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 17 (Partnerships for Goals), and the FCTC.

LETTER TO AUSTRIAN MINISTER
The WFPHA sent a letter to the Austrian Chancellor Sebastien Kurz urging him to take action to support the full implementation of the FCTC for stricter tobacco control policies in Austria, in response to that government’s decision to cancel a ban on smoking in bars and restaurants.

WFPHA SUPPORTS WORLD HEART FOUNDATION’S SMOKE-FREE WORLD
The WFPHA supported the World Heart Foundation’s statement delivered at the WHO Executive Board in February 2019, in response to the Foundation for a Smoke-free World’s open letter. In this statement, the WHF reminds the WHO of its commitment to protect their policy-making process from tobacco industry interference, and the Sustainable Development Goal they initiated which strengthens the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in all countries. Moreover, the World Heart Foundation recommends that no government or organization should accept money from, endorse, or enter into partnerships with the Philip Morris International (PMI) funded “Foundation for a Smoke-Free World”.

WFPHA ENDORSES CALL TO ACTION ON CLIMATE AND HEALTH
The WFPHA was an initial endorser of the Call to Action on Climate and Health, initiated by the Global Climate and Health Forum, which prioritizes for environmental and public health actions and calls upon those in the healthcare field to do more.

WFPHA ENDORSES PLANETARY HEALTH ALLIANCE CALL
WFPHA co-signed a call initiated by the Planetary Health Alliance, the Clinicians for Planetary Health working group and the World Organization of Family Doctors - WONCA. The initiative urges healthcare practitioners to get engaged in planetary health.
WFPHA NATIONAL MEMBER UPDATES

AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

During 2018 ANPHA provided input to the development of the National Health Strategy. It also became a member of the food and drug committee of the National Medicine and Food Board of the Ministry of Public Health and contributed to the establishment of and was accorded a permanent seat on the Afghanistan Medical Council. The third issue of the national public health journal was published online. The ANPHA also conducted roundtables to discuss health issues such as burden of disease, communicable and non-communicable diseases, coverage utilization and equity of health services in Afghanistan and a secondary analysis of the Afghanistan Mortality Survey 2010. The ANPHA also played a lead role in the organization of a first-ever road safety campaign in Kabul on World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims.

ALBANIAN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

In 2018, the AEA was involved in a Hear Screening Project (EUSCREEN) supported by the European Union. Its purpose is to compare vision and hearing screening programs for children in all EU states using a cost-optimization model. The AEA was also involved in child growth monitoring and in the ongoing national Demographic Health Survey. It also provided training to public health medical professionals.

The PHAA hosted several conferences in 2018. The first national Prevention Conference (We can do more and we must), which drew attention to the

Reports of the National Associations of Public Health are listed in alphabetical order by the country they represent

WFPHA SUPPORTS TAXING SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES

The WFPHA lent its support to the Global Child Dental Fund (GCDF) resolution calling for 20% of the revenues generated through the taxation of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages (SSBs) to be allocated to oral health promotion programs. Currently, 28 countries have introduced a sugar tax on food and drinks. The revenues generated from this sugar tax have been invested in efforts to reduce and prevent obesity and type II diabetes, such as the development of physical education and healthy eating programs in schools with less or no focus going towards oral health promotion and prevention.

STATEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS

The following statements and resolutions were approved by the General Assembly in May 2018:

- **Statement: Condemning Attacks By Israeli Defense Forces Personnel on Health Care Workers and Palestinians**
  In response to the fatal attacks by the Israeli defense force on Palestinian civilians, the WFPHA issued a statement commending the Public Health Association of Israel and in general the public health community, human rights NGOs and civic society for providing emergency and medical assistance to people in need, regardless of their nationality, to ensure that the human rights of all people are protected. It also called upon the United Nations to encourage the relevant stakeholders to return to the negotiating table, and to increase its efforts to bring a just resolution to the Middle East conflicts and the needs of people living in desperate conditions in Gaza.

  The WFPHA approved a paper prepared by the Oral Health Working Group about the importance of re-integrating oral health into public health using the framework of the Global Charter.

- **Resolution: A Renewed Call to Action to Ban Asbestos**
  Through this resolution, the WFPHA advocates for a global ban on the mining, transformation, export, and use of asbestos and asbestos-containing materials, facilitated through informed substitution and the development of just transition for affected communities and workers. It also calls upon PHAs to advocate with their respective governments for to collect data on the use and health impacts of all types of asbestos including rates of asbestos-related morbidity and mortality, record the location and status of buildings that contain asbestos, and modify national building codes to eliminate the use of asbestos and asbestos-containing materials in building construction.
fragmented nature of prevention in Australia and attracted more than 300 attendees, included a presentation by former Prime Minister Julia Gillard. PHAA also organized the 16th National Immunization Conference (Immunization for all: Gains, gaps and goals) and the 2018 Australian Public Health Conference in Cairns highlighted the need for urgent action on climate and planetary health. The PHAA released the document Top 10 Public Health Successes over the last 20 years which prompted reflections on the impact of key public health programs and their contribution to shape the modern Australia, with enormous health and economic benefits. PHAA also welcomed its new CEO Terry Slevin in 2018.

AUSTRIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The ÖGPH has more than 300 members, seven new Board members (elected at the Annual General Assembly in May 2018), and 9 active working groups (Physical Activity, Children and Adolescent Health, Primary Health Care, Sexual and Gender Diversity, Gerontology, Dementia, Public Mental Health, Screening, and Obesity Prevention). The ÖGPH held several scientific meetings and was represented at various national and international conferences and on numerous national public health committees. On the occasion of Austria's EU Presidency, the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies released a new health system review about Austria.

PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION OF BANGLADESH

During 2018, the PHFB organized several conferences, including one on Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere, another where the implications of the national health budget were discussed and a seminar on childhood nutrition in autism spectrum disorder. The PHFB also ran a four-day training workshop on conducting field-based research methods. In December, the PHBF celebrated the 6th Public Health Foundation Day with a one-day preconference and two-day international public health conference.

BRAZILIAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLECTIVE HEALTH

ABRASCO marked the 30th anniversary of the implementation of the Brazilian Universal Health System (SUS, in Portuguese) through the 12th Brazilian Congress on Collective Health. This event brought together 7,500 people, including 100 foreign participants from 22 countries. It included a tribute to Marielle Franco, the human rights activist and Rio de Janeiro city councilor murdered in March 2018 and a keynote address by Michelle Bachelet, the former President of Chile and current UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. On the conference's final day, Prof. Gulnar Azevedo e Silva became ABRASCO's new President. ABRASCO published the 21st volume of the Brazilian Journal of Epidemiology and the 23rd volume of the journal Ciência Saúde Coletiva. 2018 also marked the first time that membership in ABRASCO reached 3,500 members.

CAMEROON PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

In March 2018, ACASAP hosted the International Public Health Forum on the Global Charter for the Public's Health in Yaoundé, which brought together more than 100 participants from 12 African countries. This included the Dr. Mathias Somé, President of the African Federation of Public Health Associations and senior officials from the Cameroon Ministry of Health. The Global Charter was presented to the country's public health leaders, stakeholders and professionals as a framework to guide public policy and practice formulation, follow-up and evaluation, and as a training tool for health sector professionals.

CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

In collaboration with seven provincial and territorial public health associations, CPHA is speaking out against racism in Canada, wherein a person's colour, religion, culture or ethnic origin are determinants of health that result in inequities in social inclusion, economic
outcomes, and access to and quality of health and social services. CPHA also sought intervener status at the Courts of Appeal in both Saskatchewan and Ontario in support of the federal law that ensures the taxation of carbon-based pollution throughout the country. Carbon pricing is a necessary part of Canada's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and curb the negative environmental, physical and mental health effects caused by climate change. CPHA and the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment released the Canada-specific Lancet Countdown Policy Brief, which contained seven evidence-informed policy recommendations to mitigate climate change impacts on the health of Canadians.

CHINESE PREVENTIVE MEDICINE ASSOCIATION

In September 2018, the CPMA hosted, in conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Alliance for the Control of Influenza (APACI), the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (CAMS) and the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC), the World Influenza Conference. This event, under the theme Centenary of the 1918 influenza pandemic: preparing for the next one, helped strengthen exchanges, communications and cooperation between experts and scholars in the field of global influenza prevention and control, and also improve the level of global influenza pandemic response. More than 1,200 experts, scholars and representatives from China's National Health Commission, medical and health institutions, the WHO and other international organizations discussed the ways and means to prevent and control influenza and to promote a common global public health approach.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LIMITED

The Annual General Meeting of the World Association of Chinese Public Health Professionals Limited was held on 16th August 2018 at the Peggy Lam Health Promotion and Education Centre in Hong Kong. It was approved that the 13th Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan Preventive Medicine will be held on 2nd November 2019 in Hong Kong.

COLOMBIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

In May 2018, the ACSP President, Dr. H. Nieto, was elected to the WFPHA Governing Council for the next three years. The National Day of Public Health Workers was celebrated in 10 cities and a posthumous tribute was paid to the noted Colombian health professional Dr. H.A. Gómez. The ACSP hosted in November the first meeting of WFPHA Global Charter Diplomats, at which it organized a panel on public health and interculturality. The ACSP also advocated to the Colombian government about the public health dangers of hydraulic fracking and the health risks associated with the use of the chemical glyphosate for crop fumigation.

CROATIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Croatian Public Health Association (HDJZ) is the professional public health association and a formal member of the Croatian Medical Association, it was established in 1974 and has 43 members. The mission of the organization is to achieve the common goals and tasks of Public Health Medicine specialists and Medical Residents, as well as other professionals involved in the health protection and improvement in Croatia. Newly elected HDJZ board members started with their positions in 2016. HDJZ organized and participated in the organization of numerous meetings, congresses and conferences where their members have had the possibility to inform colleagues about new technologies with the public health sector.

CUBAN SOCIETY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

During 2018, the SOCUSAP was very active, organizing 80 national, territorial, local and institutional scientific activities with more than 300 participants. This included promoting the use of the Global Charter for the Public's Health as a framework for public health policy and teaching. SOCUSAP participated in the development of plans for undergraduate and postgraduate programs of the different medical sciences at the University of Havana. In April, SOCUSAP organized and hosted the third meeting
of the Alliance of Public Health Associations in the Americas, concurrently with the Cuba Health Convention 2018. Representatives from 12 national PHAs attended the event, along with delegates from the Cuban Ministry of Health and several international bodies, including PAHO. In November 2018, SOCUSAP and the American Public Health Association renewed their memorandum of understanding and agreed to promote closer cooperation between the two associations in terms of research, events and publications.

**ETHIOPIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

The EPHA, which now has over 7,500 registered members, had many accomplishments in 2018. The 29th EPHA Annual General Assembly and Scientific Conference Primary Health Care: 40 years After Alma Ata Declaration. It also implemented the Expanding Comprehensive Family Planning Service at Community Level in Oromia Regional State, funded by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. The EPHA collaborated with International Centre for AIDS Programs (ICAP) and other strategic partners to implement the Ethiopian Population-based HIV Impact Assessments (EPHIA) Project. EPHA managed the finance and administration aspects of the project. The EPHA also supported the establishment of a federation of Ethiopian health professionals’ associations. It also obtained Institutional Review Board (IRB) level 1A status from the Ethiopian Innovation and Technology Ministry.

**SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL MEDICINE IN FINLAND**

To mark its 50th anniversary, SLY organized two main events in 2018. In May, a seminar on the EU's new General Data Protection Regulation was held in co-operation with four other scientific associations. In October, SLY organized the biennial two-day Social Medicine Seminar with the theme of From Health Promotion to Promoting Well-being. SLY also appointed its first Honorary Members, Professor Eero Lahelma and Professor Elina Hemminki. A member survey carried out in the Spring indicated general satisfaction with SLY’s activities and its publication, the Journal of Social Medicine.

**FRENCH SOCIETY OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

In 2018 the SFSP increased its membership up to 500 individual members and more than 60 institutional members. It published a weekly newsletter, and registered over 10,000 website visitors each month. The SFSP published six regular issues of the scientific journal Santé Publique, plus two special issues, one on social inequalities in health and the other on human resources for health in Africa. It also organized several seminars, including two on the topics of building efficient strategies to reduce early childhood health inequalities, health in urban environments. The SFSP supported with 40 other organisations the citizen’s petition to display the Nutri-score logo on all food labeling and advertising. The SFSP is busy preparing to host the 12th European Public Health Conference in Marseille, in November 2019.

**GHANA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

During 2018, the GPHA conducted several research studies, including one on the need for guidance and counseling services for health sector personnel, to manage stress, resolve conflict, and carry out appraisals. In May, Dr. George Amofah, the GPHA Vice President, was nominated and elected to represent Africa on the WFPHA's Governing Council. The GPHA organized two scientific workshops during the year, one of which highlighted the risks to the environment and human health associated with the inappropriate use and disposal of plastic. This led to a proposal for a ban on its use for packaging. There was also a call for a holistic approach to waste management in partnership with the private sector. The second workshop focused on antimicrobial resistance in Ghana. The GPHA rebranded itself with a new logo and established Twitter and Facebook accounts.

**INDONESIA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

In year 2018 the IPHA carried out several activities to support the health of the nation through education, advocacy, community development and knowledge sharing. The IPHA collaborated with the Indonesian Public
Membership in the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (Sltl) increased to more than 2,000 health sector professionals and academics in 2018. The 51st National Congress, attended by over 1,100 people, focused on the contribution of hygiene to health and health equity during the first 40 years of the National Health Service. Topics covered included the surveillance and management of infectious disease and anti-microbial resistance, as well as costeffectiveness of vaccination, technical innovations in water and sanitation and future public health perspectives. Sltl, in collaboration with EUPHA, produced a cross-country comparison report The role of public health organizations in addressing public health problems in Europe: the case of obesity, alcohol and antimicrobial resistance and hosted a webinar on AMR. In collaboration with the WFPHA, Sltl is taking a lead role in the planning of the 16th World Congress on Public Health (Rome: October 2020).

MALTA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE

MAPHM promoted its standards in teaching and practice of public health medicine through the development of a revised Public Health Training Portfolio for specialist trainees of public health medicine. The training period for specialisation has been increased to five years and the areas of specialist training were updated to reflect what is currently more significant and relevant to public health. MAPHM issued a position statement on the importance of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccination and rebuked an article issued locally associating the vaccine with autism. It also advocated against the legalisation of recreational cannabis, following the country's legalisation of medical marijuana, given the potential adverse effects of cannabis use, its addictive potential and the paucity of research and evidence on the health and social effects of recreational cannabis.

MONGOLIAN PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS’ ASSOCIATION

In May, the MPHPA was registered as a member of Civil Society Organizations’ Coalition of Open Government Partnership (OGP). OGP brings together government reformers and civil society leaders to create action plans to make governments more inclusive, responsive and accountable. The Cabinet Secretariat of the Government of Mongolia and the CSOC jointly organized several discussions with broad participation of the public and private sectors and NGOs to provide input to the National Action Plan for 2018-2020. The MPHPA actively participated in the National Action Plan’s health sector component and contributed to the development of the health sector budget.

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

PHANZ works with other NGOs to raise awareness of the health implications of inequality and engage with the debate about how to address it. In 2018, PHANZ partnered with New Zealand Drug Foundation and Net Change to deliver a workshop on Reinventing advocacy campaigns to win in the 21st century. The Food for Thought Series held the theme of Corporate Rehabilitation and Food Marketing. In November 2018, PHANZ held a workshop on Re-Engaging with Te Tiriti O Waitangi. PHANZ continues to collaborate with the New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine and the Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand on three priority areas for collective action: child health, equity and climate change. PHANZ also has a long-standing collaboration with Ora Taiao, the New Zealand Climate Change Council, whose mission is to make the wider population aware of the health implications of climate change and mitigating actions in the health sector.
The objective of Generación Panamá Saludable 2030 (Healthy Generation Panama 2030) is to advance a public health agenda that brings to the table all sectors involved in the social and structural determinants of health through strengthened governance, advocacy, technical capacity building, and bridging the “information/action” gap. To address this challenge, the Sociedad Panameña de Salud Pública (SPSP) hosted the 2nd International Public Health Congress, providing a sounding board and voice for all sectors, not only the health sector, to address the theme Building Together a Healthy Society. The Congress was attended by 300 national and foreign participants, representing labour, civil society, government and the private sector. An important challenge tackled by the SPSP was the urgent need for capacity building of a new generation of public health workers. SPSP, through a network of public health schools and accreditation providers, advised and helped the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Panama to design and obtain approval of the university’s governing bodies for a Medical Residency in Preventive Medicine and Public Health, recognized as a Clinical Doctorate program.

The SPHPN held its National Conference in Ebonyi State in September 2018, which included a satellite meeting for young professionals. Eight affiliate state-level associations also held their scientific conferences during the year, giving a combined audience of more than 600 people. SPHPN published two issues of the Nigerian Journal of Public Health. Other activities included the launch of a textbook Health Education for Tertiary Education Students, a public lecture delivered by Professor O.A. Moronkola titled Peaceful aging and death education. The SPHPN actively engaged with policymakers and contributed to national discourses on various public health issues. The Society continues to intensify its membership drive and provide leadership in all aspects of public health in Nigeria.

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The RSPH is the world’s longest-established public health body with more than 6,500 members drawn from the public health community both in the UK and internationally. In spite of funding pressures for public health, the UK did see some positive developments for the public’s health on key issues that RSPH has long campaigned for. The Soft Drinks Industry Levy was introduced alongside the publication of a new report on childhood obesity, both of which are landmark victories in the battle against obesity. In addition, RSPH has been responsible for driving campaigns that focus on the big issues that affect the public’s health and well-being. September saw the launch of the first ever mass-participation social media-free month, Scroll Free September, which was organized by RSPH. Over 300,000 people were estimated to have taken part in the campaign, which aimed to encourage people to cut back or reduce their personal use of social media for one month, with the intention that the experience will have a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing. RSPH also published a follow up report to the original Health on the High Street published in 2015, Running on Empty, which assesses changes in British retail areas over the past three years.

The Swiss Public Health Conference 2018 took place in November (Better Health Faster: The Social Sciences in the Service of Health). It was organized with the Swiss School of Public Health and hosted by the Institute of Health Law at the University of Neuchatel.

In 2018, the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children consulted the TPHA during the review and implementation of the National Health Policy. The TPHA also acted advocated for the formulation of the National Alcohol Policy, giving inputs for the policy draft, and submitting a policy brief to complement the draft. TPHA
UNACOH hosted lectures in public health schools about pesticide poisoning and participated in exhibitions to sensitize the public about pesticide use. It also released the findings of an environmental study about the contamination of water sources with pesticides in 17 districts of Uganda. UNACOH advocated for district ordinances on alcohol control and the dissemination of alcohol control by-laws at the community level. The Mercury Free Gold Mining Project concluded a baseline study on occupational, environmental and other impacts from the use of mercury in artisanal small-scale gold mining. The findings were disseminated at a national conference, attended by 54 national stakeholders. The project demonstrated the alternative technique of gold extraction using gravity concentration with borax.

VIETNAM PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

VPHA continued to focus on developing, expanding and implementing a range of tobacco control-related activities as well as engaging in a new activity of prevention and elimination of malaria. VPHA held consultations with the Fatherland Front and members of the National Assembly in two provinces to strengthen compliance with the tobacco control law. VPHA conducted training courses for trainers with 80 core staff members including interdisciplinary inspector training courses and courses on tobacco control public relation skills. VPHA joined the Vietnam Malaria Community Initiative (VietMCI) as trainers and educators to implement the Enhancing the Participation of Community in Malaria Elimination Project 2018 - 2020. Three training courses were held, to enhance local communities’ capacity for malaria control and elimination in two provinces.
THE YEAR IN PICTURES

Adrian Te Patu presenting Indigenous Working Group activities at the WFPHA General Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland in May 2018

Interns welcome participants to the International Global Health & Antimicrobial Resistance Workshop in May 2018

Laetitia Rispel with Toregeldy Sharmanov at the Global Conference on Primary Health Care in October 2018. Prof. Sharmanov led negotiations to hold the conference in city of Alma Ata in 1978.

Global Charter Diplomats at the first face-to-face meeting in Colombia in Nov 2018. From l. to r.: Yves Charpak (France), Bettina Borisch (WFPHA), Hernando Nieto, (Colombia) and Claude Betts (Panamá)

The WFPHA Governing Council meeting in Geneva in May 2018

REGIONAL MEMBER UPDATES

ALLIANCE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS OF THE AMERICAS

The third meeting of the APHAA took place in April, hosted by the Sociedad Cubana de Salud Pública (SOCUSAP) concurrent with the Cuba Health Convention 2018. Representatives from 12 national PHAs attended the event, along with delegates from the Cuban Ministry of Health and several international bodies, including PAHO. The Costa Rican Association of Public Health and the Venezuelan Society of Public Health were admitted as full APHAA members. The two-day event ended with a colloquium on Universal Health in the Americas: Role and Perspectives of the Alliance of Public Health Associations of the Americas, which highlighted the potential of national PHAs and APHAA to continue advocating for UHC in the Americas region.

EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The EUPHA received during 2018 a grant from the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA) of the European Union for a four-year period. During the 2018 EUPHA Conference, co-organised with the National Institute of Public Health in Slovenia, two important statements were released, one on migration, ethnicity and health and the second a call for political engagement to reduce inequalities in health. EUPHA was nominated as a member of ECDC Advisory Forum and received accreditation by WHO Euro as a non-state partner. A new initiative, organizing internships in collaboration with the European Solidarity Corps, also began as a means of preparing the future generation of public health professionals as leaders in public health.
INTERNATIONAL MEMBER UPDATES

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The 15th IFEH World Congress, which coincided with this organization’s 30th anniversary, was held in Auckland, New Zealand, hosted by the New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health (NZIEH) with strong support from the Australians in Environmental Health Australia (EHA). Representatives from more than 15 countries participated. The conference theme ‘A South Pacific Perspective’ introduced delegates to major problems in the country largely unrecognised outside Australasia. World Environmental Health Day was celebrated on 26th September. This year’s WEHD theme of ‘Global Food Safety & Sustainability’ aimed to support the provision of more safe food and water through enhanced community valuation of sustainable food production.

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

A joint meeting of the EADPH and the Spanish Society for Epidemiology and Oral Public Health was held in Palma de Mallorca in mid-October. A pre-congress workshop highlighted dental caries and periodontal diseases and how the ADEE guidelines could be incorporated into the curricula of dental schools in Europe. The future of health workforce education to address NCDs in the global health context and the role of dentists in NCD prevention in public health were two of the congress topics. The EADPH took part in the Pan-European Collaborative Council Meeting of the European Chapter of the Alliance for Cavity Free Future and in a workshop at the International Association of Dental Research meeting on implementing an Integrated Approach to the Measurement of Oral Health.

THE INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS’ FEDERATION

During 2018, IPSF focused on topics such as UHC2030, patient safety, and local public health issues. Over 100 of IPSF’s student member associations collectively organized more than 300 awareness building and advocacy campaigns nationally. IPSF hosted its annual congress in Mendoza, Argentina, with upwards of 300 international delegates. The next congress will take place in Kigali, Rwanda, and will mark the IPSF’s 70th anniversary.

PLANETARY HEALTH ALLIANCE

The Planetary Health Alliance continued to build an international planetary health community focused on understanding and addressing the human health impacts of global environmental change. The PHA convened the 2018 Planetary Health Annual Meeting at the University of Edinburgh, attracting over 400 individuals from 40 countries. This event continued to build various online forums, launched working groups to stimulate the incorporation of planetary health into all levels of education, developed primary/secondary school planetary health curricula, helped develop 15 planetary health clubs on university campuses, and facilitated the emergence of the Latin America/Caribbean Planetary Health Regional Hub.
In 2018, the WHF celebrated its 40th anniversary. This year WHF supported the adoption of the WHO Global Resolution on Rheumatic Heart Disease, recognizing it as a global health priority. This was followed by the establishment of a Rheumatic Heart Disease Taskforce tasked with translating the Resolution into action. In addition, in September at the UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs the WHF called alongside the Global Coalition for Circulatory Health for the implementation of proven and effective solutions and making NCDs a top political priority. At its flagship event, the 3rd Global Summit on Circulatory Health, pragmatic and innovative solutions were shared to drive action on the issues of access to essential medicines and technologies. WHF also partnered with the WHO on World No Tobacco Day through the campaign “Tobacco Breaks Hearts” which highlighted the link between tobacco and CVDs.

The WONCA had an eventful year, culminating in its biennial world conference in Seoul, Republic of Korea in October. This supplemented regional events in Kuwait (Eastern Med); Colombia (Iberoamerica); and Krakow (Europe); as well as a very successful rural health conference in Delhi. WONCA was delighted to grant “Organization in Collaborative Relationship” status to WFPHA, and to be granted partnership status in return. The two organizations have many common interests and issues, and WONCA participated in WFPHA’s event on Anti-Microbial Resistance in May. WONCA provided expert input into a number of WHO meetings and technical papers, especially to the meeting in late October in Astana (Kazakhstan) on PHC and UHC.

“Nurses save lives, police officers save lives and firemen save lives. We public health professionals also save lives. We just do so a million at a time.”

John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

WORLD HEART FEDERATION

THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE IN GENEVA

Bettina Borisch is the Federation’s Director. Her scientific research focuses on neoplastic lesions of the immune system and breast cancer. She is the editor-in-chief of Pathobiology and co-editor of the WFPHA Federation Pages in the Journal of Public Health Policy. She teaches at the Swiss School of Public Health/University of Geneva.

Marta Lomazzi is the Executive Manager. After dedicating a few years to research focusing on the mechanisms of addiction to drugs, Marta joined the Institute of Global Health where she works as Lecturer and the Executive Manager of the WFPHA (since 2011). Her duties include the management of the Federation’s programs and activities, partnership development and fundraising. She is also the Executive Coordinator of the Oral Health Working Group.

Eleonora De Cata is the Office Manager, whose responsibilities include managing the Federation’s finances, accounting, events coordination and external relations with members. She has written several papers on developing economics and on Italian fashion industrial districts and their local impacts on environments and supply chain.

This year the WFPHA interns included students from Canada, Germany, India, Italy, Nigeria, Switzerland and USA. They contributed to many WFPHA events and activities, including social media, marketing campaigns and the publication of the Federation’s newsletter. The past year’s activities included the preparation of papers such as a scoping review on international Indigenous advocacy and oral health. Interns also took advantage of all that Geneva has to offer, including events and conferences at the United Nations, WHO and the Graduate Institute of International Development Studies.
The WFPHA is grateful to its members, public health associations, working groups, Advisory Board, committees, Governing Council, sponsors and other entities for their support over the past year, including the University of Geneva, Colgate, and the Global Child Dental Fund.

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.

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