

Report from Public Health Information Group's Meeting in EAHIL 2015 Edinburgh Workshop

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The Public Health Information Group gathered on Thursday 11th in the Main Library. The meeting was led by Co-Chairs Tomas Allen (WHO, Switzerland) and Sue Thomas (Wales, UK). We had 19 participants and the countries represented were Czech Republic, Finland, The Netherlands, Dutch Caribbean, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda and United Kingdom.

After the round of introductions, we reviewed last year's discussions. In Rome Tomas promised to give a WebEx training on WHO Digital Library IRIS / Global IRIS (IRIS is WHO's institutional repository of WHO's e-publications; Global IRIS means that also WHO's Regional Offices' materials can be searched through the same interface). The course was carried out successfully, and Tomas will give a re-run of the training for those who could not participate in the first time. The new date will be announced in the Public Health Group mailing list.

Vesna Cafuta (Slovenia) gave us an update from Anamarija Rozic, on the Health Corners in public libraries in Slovenia. The project has widened further: Health Corners with trained staff will be established in some other public libraries, after the training in health information seeking for librarians. Also a Health for everyone website is further developed. The group was happy to hear the successful work continues.

We had an interesting discussion related to the challenges in finding high quality patient information in patient's own language. Samuel Johnson (Netherlands, Dutch Caribbean) agreed to do some investigation on the matter. He was fast to keep his promise, and soon after the meeting we got tips to useful information sources such as Medline Plus' Health Information in Multiple Languages (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/languages/languages.html>) and Health Reach – Health Information in Many Languages (<https://healthreach.nlm.nih.gov/>). Also Ivana Truccolo's team has been doing great work on patient information and education in Italian (just to mention one example). At the end of the meeting we made some ideas for the future: we are striving to get a public health dedicated session or pre-conference in some of the future EAHIL events.

More details on our discussion can be read on the minutes, published on the Public Health Group's Slide Share: <http://www.slideshare.net/EAHILPHIG/phig-minutes2015edinburgh>

Many warm thanks to the organizers of EAHIL 2015 Edinburgh Workshop! Once again we got inspired, learned a lot and got many great memories!



Figure 1. The Public Health Information Group meeting in Edinburgh in 2015.