



Section for Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health

Reflections and lessons learnt over the past 15 years in bringing the migration health community together

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1. MEMH History and evolution

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1. History and evolution: name/ aims

The name

Created in Rome 2003, as Migrant Health Section
2007 Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health

The aims

1. **To increase and spread knowledge** on ethnic differences in health and health care, its causes, and interventions to tackle them.
2. **Setting methodological standards for European countries** to identify ethnic groups, exchange information and provide a basis for comparative studies.
3. **Increasing political attention** at national and European levels for consequences of migration for health and health care.

1. History and evolution: Priorities and strategies

How?

- The section encourages **presentations at the annual EUPHA meeting**
- Organises yearly at least **one workshop on** conceptual/methodological issues
- Stimulates **international workshops and conferences** and
- publications for the **European Journal of Public Health**

1. History and evolution: Board

President (+ Vice-president,)

2004-2005 Marc Bruijnzeels, Rotterdam University, (Netherlands)

2005-2010 Walter Devillé, NIVEL; Vice-president, Marleen Foets, Erasmus University, (Netherlands)

President, Vice-president, Steering committee (6-9 members)

Current members of Steering Committee

2011

Allan Krasnik, University of Copenhagen

Raj Bhopal, University of Edinburg,

Antonio Chiarenza, AUSL Reggio Emilia, Italy

2018- Sónia Dias, Universidade Nova de Lisboa,

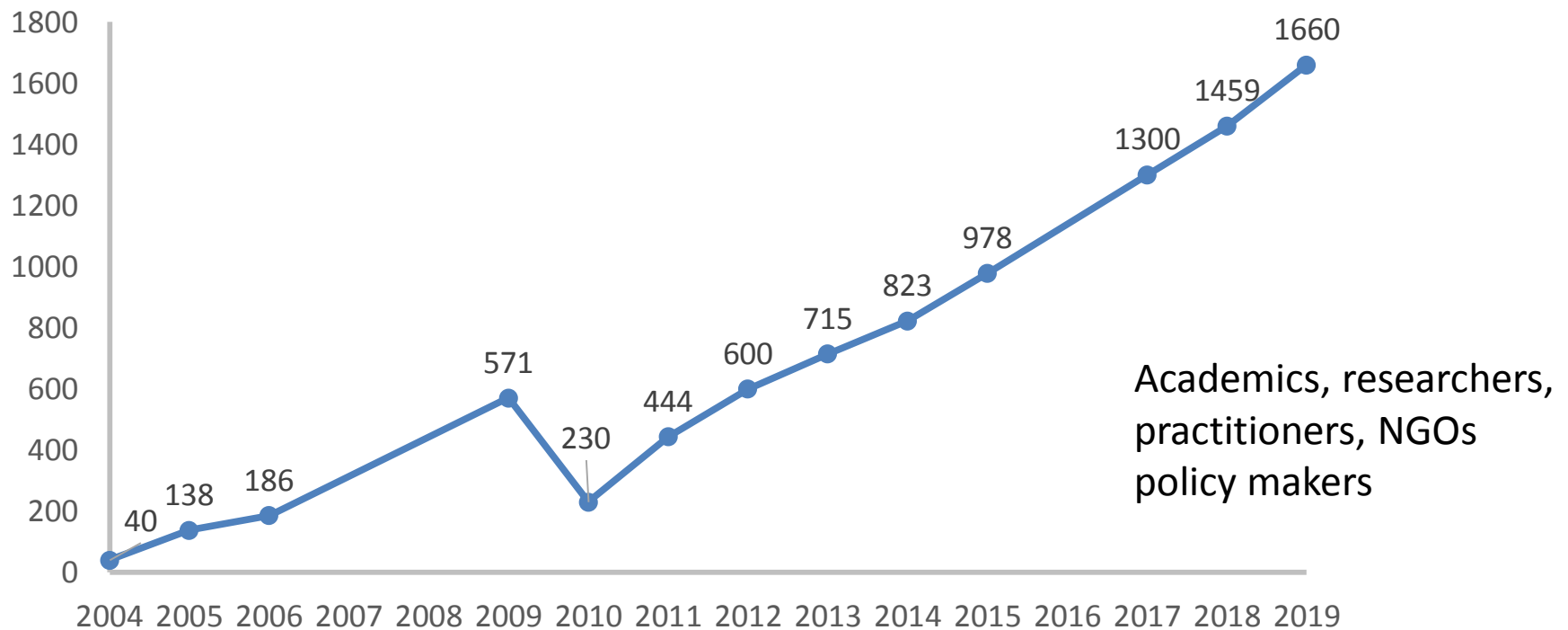
Tahereh Moradi, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

Marie Louise Nørredam,, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Oliver Razum, Bielefeld University, Germany

Istvan Szilard, University of Pecs, Hungary

1. History and evolution: members

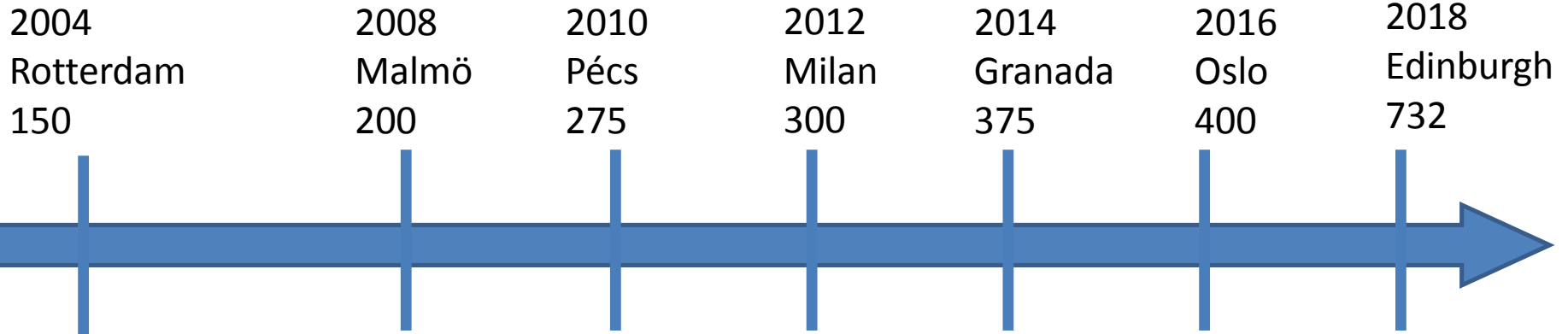


2. Achievements

- Conferences, pre-conferences, workshops
- Statements
- Publications
- Collaborations
- Summary

2. Achievements: networking/knowledge

European MEMH conference



2. Achievements: networking/knowledge II

- **Pre-conferences and Workshops at EPH conferences**
 - every year
 - in collaboration with other EUPHA sections
 - relevant subjects: concepts, framework, methods, specific health field
- **Section meetings and president news:** Opportunity to meet and exchange ideas, and start collaborations

2. Achievements: Declarations

- Granada Declaration, 2014
(protection of health rights in times of austerity)
- Edinburgh, 2018
(global unity, importance of MEM Health, significance of evidence)
- EUPHA Declaration, 2018
(importance of MEM Health, evidence-based policy)

2. Achievements: visibility and knowledge

- **Book:** Migration and Health in the European Union, 2012
(European Observatory on Health systems and policies)
- **Editorials, news, articles** in European Journal of Public Health, Soc. Sci. Med, the Lancet Public Health, BMJ
- **Conference abstract supplements,**
2004 Ethnicity and Health; 2018 European Journal of Public Health
- **Special issue** of Public Health (based 2018 Conference)
(concepts, methods, ways forward)
- **Contribution: WHO Europe reports and technical guidance**

2. Achievements: collaborations

- Networking COST programs coordinated by David Ingleby and other initiatives
- Members leading or participating in relevant projects
 - EC MEHO project, MIGHEALTHNET, RODAM project
 - WHO Europe Hub on Migrants Health, Summer school,
 - University of Pécs training (Master)
- Collaboration in national/international workshops or seminars
 - OPEN Society Seminar
 - WHO Europe
 - EUPHA, WFPHA, IOM

2. Achievements: summary

- MHEM Section has played a significant role in **giving the migrant and ethnic minority health** topic a **strong visibility** in the European public health settings –based in EUPHA, but also linking to WHO, EU etc.
- It has contributed to deepening the knowledge, improving **concepts** and framework, **collecting good data, having an inclusive perspective (also ethnic minorities; social determinants)** and raising awareness of **heterogeneity**.
- An important **networking function** – supported by the COST programs, conferences and other initiatives. It brings together researchers, practitioners, policy makers and NGOs
- Contributed to the development of the **community of migrant health researchers and practitioners** to become a strong base for **European projects, meetings, WHO Collaborations** and others–

3. The way forward

- Strengthening current activities
- Stronger role in
 - *policy issues and initiatives* of EUPHA and other institutions (The Global Compact on Migration, health limitedly represented and some EU countries did not sign)
 - *training and education*
 - *involving migrants* and ethnic minorities
- Working groups involving active section members on relevant topics.
- Contribute to a more global focus on migrant health issues initiated by the MERH congress and pursued in developing a Global Society.
- Establish stronger links with other relevant European, national and international organisations/agencies in order to achieve better synergy and develop common activities.

Final remark

The MEMH section, in constant growth, progressively increased its relevance and has proven to be an important initiative to promote the knowledge and visibility of the MEMH: however many challenges remain ahead. Improving data collection and analysis to inform policy is one of them, and the section should continue the work to contribute in this direction.



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