

Annual plan association year, July 2019 – June 2020.

The current Executive Board of six members will continue the next association year.

In the Advisory Board some changes have occurred whereas current members Katerina Venovska, Imre Rurik, Kathryn Hoffmann, Victoria Vivilaki, Mehmet Akman, Henk Parmentier and Aigars Miežitis have stepped down.

An invitation for submission of CV's and letters of intention was issued to all members to fulfil the vacancies. Candidates have been nominated after CV's and background were checked by the current Executive Board. In Nanterre the General Assembly has selected the candidates for the open places:

- Maria van den Muisenbergh
- Anke van Dam
- Liga Kozlovska
- Peter Pype
- Lorena Dini
- Sarah Burgmann
- Trude Backer Mortensen
- Tugba Caliskan
- Elena Petelos

At the secretariat changes are foreseen with a new junior coordinator to start at the beginning of 2020 and an extension of tasks for Irene Cubells as Forum secretariat.

For the period 2018-2021 EFPC has three strategic objectives:

1. To intensify the advocacy for the importance of strengthening primary care,
2. To consolidate and expand the network of primary care policy, research and practice stakeholders in European countries,
3. To take a position in relevant primary care related discussions, based on research and practice evidence,

the EFPC has identified the following plans for the upcoming association year:

Public participation in Primary Care

Started in 2017 the EFPC will continue its work for patient/citizen participation in 2019/2020.

This in order to guarantee that public participation initiatives are directly linked with decision and policy making. Based on several European examples collected via the online platform PIE, the EFPC wants to elaborate on the awareness and willingness to involve patients, their representatives, and users of health services.

This can lead to projects related to citizens' participation in health education activities or to empower communities to build innovative strategies of participation in health planning, care delivery and health research.

One important internal aspect is involving a patient/citizen representative in our governance structure, starting with an EFPC advisory board member.

Interprofessional Primary Care research

In 2019, to be continued in 2020, we have started the development of capacity building towards a primary care research network. This is strengthening the link between policy, practice and research in the domain of interprofessional primary care by leading a "European PRimary care Multi-professional Researcher network" (PRIMORE) funded by the Norwegian Research Council. For this we actively engage with the single professional networks, such as EGPRN (European General Practice Research Network), EFAD, COTEC, PGEU, etc. However, these networks have a different approach and often focus on clinical subjects. We see a niche in bringing together researchers and building capacity in areas, such as community oriented primary care, goal oriented primary care and patient/citizen participation. Such areas require a multi-professional and interdisciplinary approach.

The scientific programme of the network will firstly be multi-professional, bridging the mono-disciplinary (nurses, physiotherapists, general practitioners, pharmacists etc.) and multidisciplinary approaches (researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds and open for different theoretical and methodological approaches) prevailing in primary care research. Secondly, it will promote research in areas of primary care that have been poorly studied until now, such as community oriented primary care, goal oriented primary care, patient/citizen participation and the equity effects of strong primary care. Thirdly, it will be cross-sectoral, for example by working together with researchers of human resources for health on the issue of recruiting and retaining a competent workforce and good employment and integration of an increasingly multi-cultural workforce within the primary care services.

Regular meetings will be organized for members of the network, including webinars and a summer-course for early career researchers to further develop their professional and research skills. Besides we will organize an early spring international seminar each year for 50 to 80 senior researchers in the field of primary care to discuss future perspectives and develop strategies to provide guidance how to proceed in the field of primary care research. The first of these seminars will take place at the #EFPC2019 conference in Nanterre, France. This will result in a series of research questions that provides guidance to the multi-professional primary care research community.

On this topic and in this project the EFPC will have an intensive collaboration with the Norwegian member, the Center for Care research, represented by Frode Jacobsen, as the leading agency of the PRIMORE project. From the EFPC perspective, there will be an active role for all Primary Care research members and leading researchers from the different universities and institutes like NIVEL, Marmara University, Medical University of Vienna, CSeRMEG, University of Kent, etc.

Key-experts of these institutes will be invited to make video recordings on several research questions resulting in a series of short lectures which will be accessible for EFPC members via the PIE platform and will provide a large source of knowledge and experience.

Community Oriented Primary Care

Both initiatives, public participation and interprofessional primary care research, come together in the plans to promote in 2019/20 even more the concept of Community Oriented Primary Care. Community Health Centres (CHCs) are community-oriented primary care (COPD) organizations that deliver health and social services through interprofessional teams, addressing the specific needs of local communities. CHCs involve members of the community in planning and programming and employ a multi-sector approach to address social determinants of health. CHCs currently exist in dozens of countries around the world and have been demonstrated to improve accessibility of health and social services; reduce health inequalities; improve health outcomes; and contribute to the cost-effectiveness and sustainability of health systems. Scale-up of CHCs around the world presents the global community an opportunity to fulfil the potential of primary health and achieve commitments to sustainable developments goals.

In a special session in Nanterre a few key-experts of the EFPC will explore how countries can contextualize and move forward on the implementation of the Astana declaration. By discussing the questions below, the workshop will elicit problems, ideas, and experiences in on country-wide implementation of person centered, population oriented prevention and care in primary health care.

Members engagement and recruiting new members

In addition to the above mentioned plans the EFPC will continue the implementation of the strategy to establish more involvement of EFPC members and to engage more with potential new members. This is not only a task of the secretariat or the governing bodies but also of individual members in order to have the needed impact. This should include dissemination activities in other networks, social media, conferences, etc.

The best way of dissemination of our thoughts and ideas is when others start talking about us. How to achieve this should be an essential part of our strategy.