

Public Health Information Group (PHIG) A Sub-Group of EAHIL

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About us: Mission Statement

The Public Health Information Group (PHIG) of EAHIL is a forum for information professionals in public health libraries and information centres and all other information professionals interested in public health issues in Europe.

The aims of the group are to:

- Promote equitable access to public health information for all communities
- Enhance communication and facilitate networking between public health libraries and information centres
- Facilitate the sharing of experiences and best practice in managing public health information
- Develop networking and collaborative practices for the World Health Organization Documentation Centres in the WHO European Region, and facilitate communication between these Centres and the World Health Organization.
- Work in collaboration with all organizations in Europe involved in public health information
- Meet the needs of its membership by providing, and, or supporting continuing professional development

Actions related to the aims:

- Promote equitable access to public health information for all communities
Actions: Find out information needs of different communities. Ensure all communities have an equal opportunity to health information literacy and equal access to the public health information they need; including special information needs of consumers and patients.
- Enhance communication and facilitate networking between public health libraries and information centres
Actions: Promote the PHIG in our respective countries and in relevant EU associations, so that PHIG can become a forum for wide-ranging networking.
- Facilitate the sharing of experiences and best practice in managing public health information
Actions: Collect and record the activities of the organisations in the PHIG, and share this information through media available for us, e.g. PHIG homepage, JEAHIL and discussion lists.
- Develop networking and collaborative practices for the World Health Organization Documentation Centres in the WHO European Region, and facilitate communication between these Centres and the World Health Organization.
Actions: Support communication and exchange of experience between WHO Documentation Centres and invite WHO representative to be a member of the PHIG, provide regular updates about WHO work to the group, and to contribute to business meetings and training sessions as appropriate.
- Work in collaboration with all organizations in Europe involved in public health information
Actions: Identify the relevant organizations and make appropriate links.
- Meet the needs of its membership by providing, and, or supporting continuing professional development
Actions: Disseminate information via the PHIG web site, the journal of EAHIL and members' discussion lists. Provide education and training sessions as appropriate at EAHIL conferences and workshops.

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