



Minutes of the ICPHR Annual Working Meeting Limerick, Ireland, 25th to 27th May 2017

Attendance

The meeting was attended by forty-nine new and returning ICPHR members from Sweden, UK, Brazil, Netherlands, Portugal, Germany, Mexico, Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, and the United States.

Meeting Overview

Most of the meeting took place in small groups discussing current and future projects. Time was also given to explore emergent issues and strategic planning for the ICPHR.

Focus of Annual Working Meeting 2017

- Consortium structure as an organizing principle
- Focus on ways to increase capacity and follow-through
- Identifying ways to increase our reach into countries and regions which are underrepresented
- Contribution to the 1st Global Assembly on Knowledge Democracy
- Time to work on specific projects

Twenty working groups met during the meeting focusing on the following issues: Ethics, Arts and PHR, Impact in PHR, Migrant Health and PHR, Children in PHR, Participatory Epidemiology, Mixed Methods in PHR, Training for PHR, Theory in PHR, Engaging NGOs in PHR, Systematic Reviews of PHR Literature, PHR Using Various Methods, Supporting Post-Graduate PHR Studies, Writing Up and Appraising PHR, Strategic Planning for the ICPHR

Day 1

Jane Springett and Michael Wright welcomed the participants of the AWM. Michael presented the history, purpose and present status of ICPHR. Working groups were formed. In plenary a schedule for the working groups was created and the work in small groups commenced. Parallel to the working groups and throughout the entire annual meeting, posters were displayed presenting the work of ICPHR members.

Day 2

The day started with a plenary on issues for the 1st Global Assembly on Knowledge Democracy to be held in Cartagena, Columbia, on 16th June. This was done using the world café method and questions prepared by the organizers of the Assembly: 1) What knowledge ecologies are appropriate for our contexts, and why?; 2) How can we (do we) address the democratizing of knowledge within our teaching and research?; 3) What are the political and pragmatic implications of knowledge democratization? What principles/philosophies inform these implications?; 4) What research methods may advance knowledge democracy? Following the plenary, the work in small groups continued.

In the afternoon a sightseeing walk through Limerick took place followed by dinner in a local pub with traditional music.

Day 3

Results of the working groups were presented and discussed. Jane Springett piloted a model in plenary to assess articles on PHR using a matrix differentiating certain aspects on a six point scale. A matrix of this sort will be the basis for the online knowledge base. The meeting was evaluated and plans for next year's meeting were undertaken.

The next AWM will take place at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada from 9am, 21 Thursday to 2pm, 23 June (Thurs.-Sat.). On Wednesday 20 June there will be a pre-conference together with the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology (based at the University of Alberta) on participatory research and qualitative methods.