



ICPHR Annual Working Meeting

Malmö, Sweden, 27-27 August 2016

Hosted by: Malmö University

Executive Summary

The Goals of the Meeting Were To:

- Discuss ongoing and new projects
- Discuss enhancing capacity for ongoing and new projects.

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

The majority of the meeting was spent in small groups discussing current and future projects. Time was also given to exploring emergent issues and strategic planning for the ICPHR.

Day One

Following a welcoming and warm-up, the background of ICPHR in terms of goals and structure were presented. The Swedish hosts welcomed the attendees to Malmö. Ann-Christine Gullacksen from the Faculty of Health and Society at Malmö University presented the Involvement Model, a participatory dialogue model that has been used with groups in Malmö. The model was developed as a participatory program for local social service units in collaboration with service users and staff. It is now used as a model for empowerment in many municipalities in Sweden, especially in services and care units for persons with disabilities or who are elderly. The dialogue is a facilitated process to work with groups that have various degrees of influence and power.

Following the presentation, a Market Place session was held. The Market Place session was an opportunity for attendees to hear about the projects of other ICPHR members. After the Market Place, project groups met to discuss their work. This included meetings on the focus areas of the consortium members followed by groups on other ongoing and emerging topics.

Day 2

The dean from the University of Malmö welcomed the participants, making a presentation on the history of the university and its work regarding the challenges of social problems, urbanization, inclusion, and sustainability. The rest of the day was divided into two sessions. The first was dedicated to small groups discussing the following topics: chronic diseases; migrant health; mixed methods; the use of gamification and stories; and empowerment.

The second session focused on: impact in participatory health research (PHR); training in PHR; ethics and visual methods; and children and PHR.

Day 3

On the final morning, the small groups which had met on the previous two days presented their results. This was followed by a discussion in plenary on the following topics: the next annual working meeting taking place in Ireland; the conference of the Action Research Network of the Americas taking place in June 2017 in Cartagena, Columbia; the idea of organizing a virtual, internet-based meeting to coincide with the Annual Working Meeting; structure and membership in the ICPHR, including the idea of charging fees; fundraising; and setting up a group on implementation research and PHR.

Next Meeting

The Annual Working Meeting 2017 will take place in Limerick, Ireland. The meeting will be preceded by a conference in Galway.