

# Minutes meeting EUPHA section on Health Services Research

*Amsterdam, Friday 12 November 2010*

## **Introduction by Tit Albrecht (President HSR section)**

The meeting started with an introduction by Tit Albrecht. An important development since last year has been the revision of the member list of the Health Services Research (HSR) section. Before this revision, the member list of the section contained about 1200 members. The list was cleaned and updated by asking all members to indicate if they want to be on the list. More than 600 people have again signed up to the HSR section.

## **Presentation by Judith de Jong (vice-president HSR section)**

At last year's EUHPA meeting in Poland, a plan was discussed on creating more visibility of the section. The section (still) consists of a high number of members. By creating different interest groups, each lead by an expert, within the topic of HSR, it has been tried to create a more active HSR community. However, creating involvement within the different interest groups has shown to take time. During the coming year, the section will continue its strategy to enhance visibility of the section, e.g. by drawing attention for the interest groups.

The section members are enthusiastic about the number of HSR sessions which have been presented at this year's EUPHA conference in the Netherlands. HSR even had its own track of presentations during the conference. The HSR section has the objective to keep this high number up next year. The HSR section can facilitate in this. The members of the section can approach the section board with ideas for well-structured workshops. Of course, these ideas have to come in time to be able to make a success out of it.

## **Other activities**

At the coming EUPHA conferences follow-up activities of the Health Services Research & Policy conference (April 2010, The Hague) will take place. Members of the section are encouraged to become involved in these activities.

## **New president: Judith de Jong**

From now on Judith de Jong, formerly the vice-president of the section, will be the president of the section. Tit Albrecht will be part of the section as vice-president. They will be assisted by Willemijn Schäfer, who is a researcher and PhD candidate working at the international department of NIVEL (the Netherlands Institute of Health Services Research).