



The Global Society on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health

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Vision

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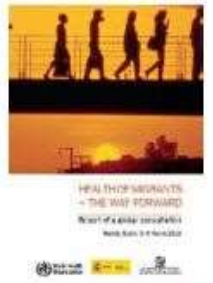
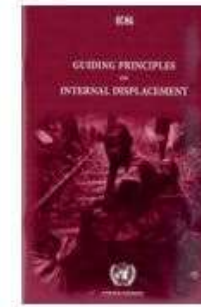
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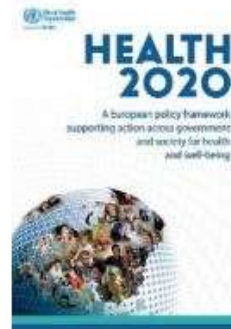


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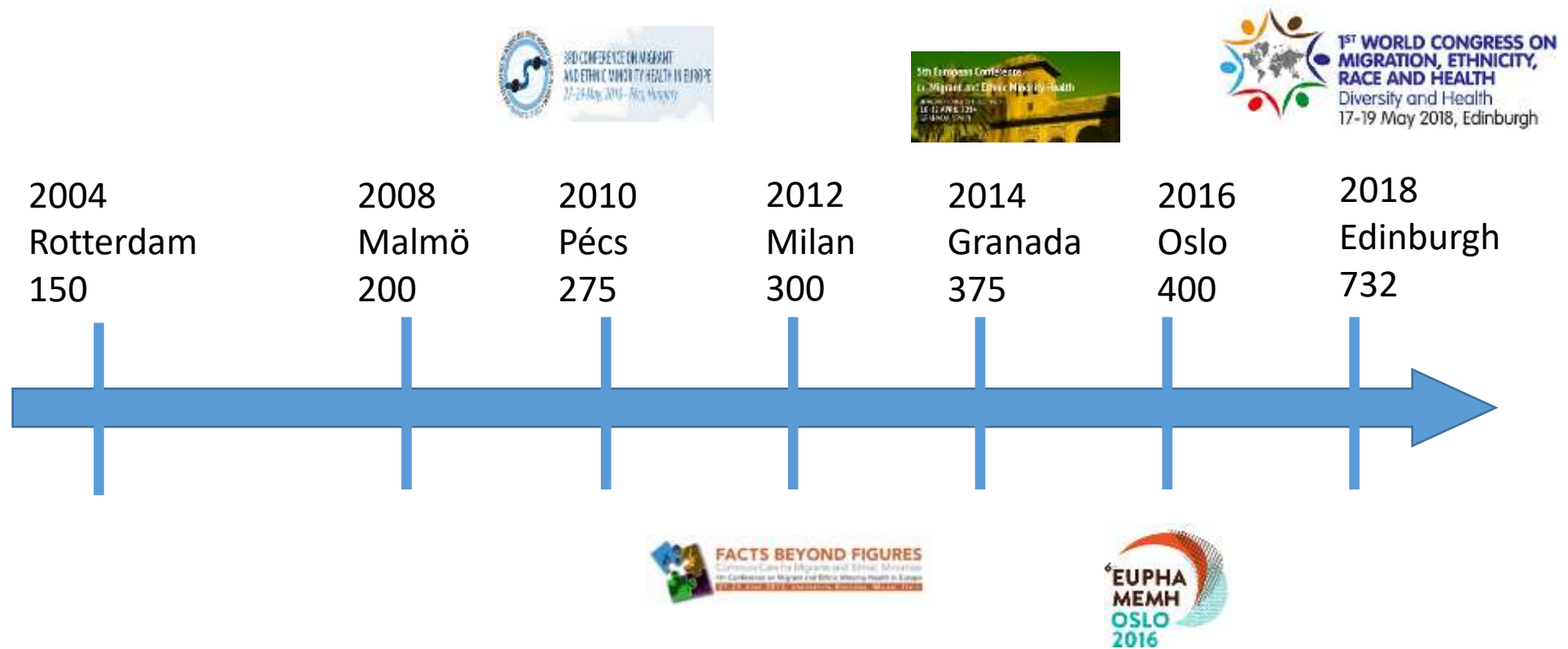
1948	1948	1951	1951	1966	1990	1998	2008	2010
WHO Constitution	Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 25	UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	Provisional Intergovernmental Committee for the Movements of Migrants from Europe (later IOM)	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Article 12	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers, and Members of Their Families	OCHA Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement	WHA Resolution 61.17: Health of Migrants	WHO-IOM-Spain 1st Global Consultation on the Health of the Migrants



2012	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018	2019
WHO Europe: Health 2020	Sustainable Development Summit "Leave No One Behind"	106th Session of the IOM Council "Advancing the Unfinished Agenda of Migrant Health for the Benefit of All"	WHO Strategy and Action Plan for Refugee and Migrant Health in WHO European Region 2016-2022	71st UNGA HLD on Large Movements of Migrants and Refugees. New York Declaration	WHO-IOM Sri Lanka 2nd Global Consultation on the Health of Migrants	WHA Resolution 70.15: Promoting the Health of Refugees and Migrants	Global Compacts on Refugees and for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration	Global Plan of Action on the Health of Refugees and Migrants, to be submitted to the 72nd WHA in 2019

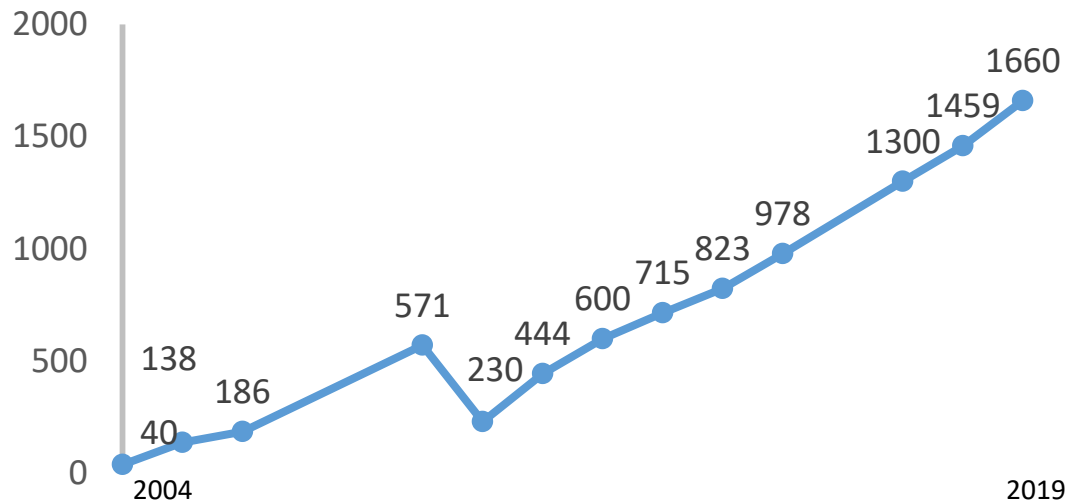
HISTORY - EUPHA MEM

European MEMH conference s



Section for Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health

Section Growth



- EUPHA MEM Section Strategy
- Follow up MERH 2018 – Establishing the Committee Global Society MERH
- Participation of Section in International Conferences/Events
- Section Activities- Preconference WUPHA 2020

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The 1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health with over 700 participants from over 50 countries, is a landmark in the field of Health, bringing together different disciplines across the globe with the aim of fostering unity and cross fertilisation of ideas through an integrated dialogue on issues related to migration, ethnicity, race, indigenous and Roma populations.





EDINBURGH DECLARATION

- Legacy of WORLD CONGRESS
- Directly related to the purpose and proceedings of the conference
- Cannot and does not aim to cover all the global issues and initiatives related to Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health
- Should be seen as a statement that can contribute to current and future global initiatives

WE RECOMMEND

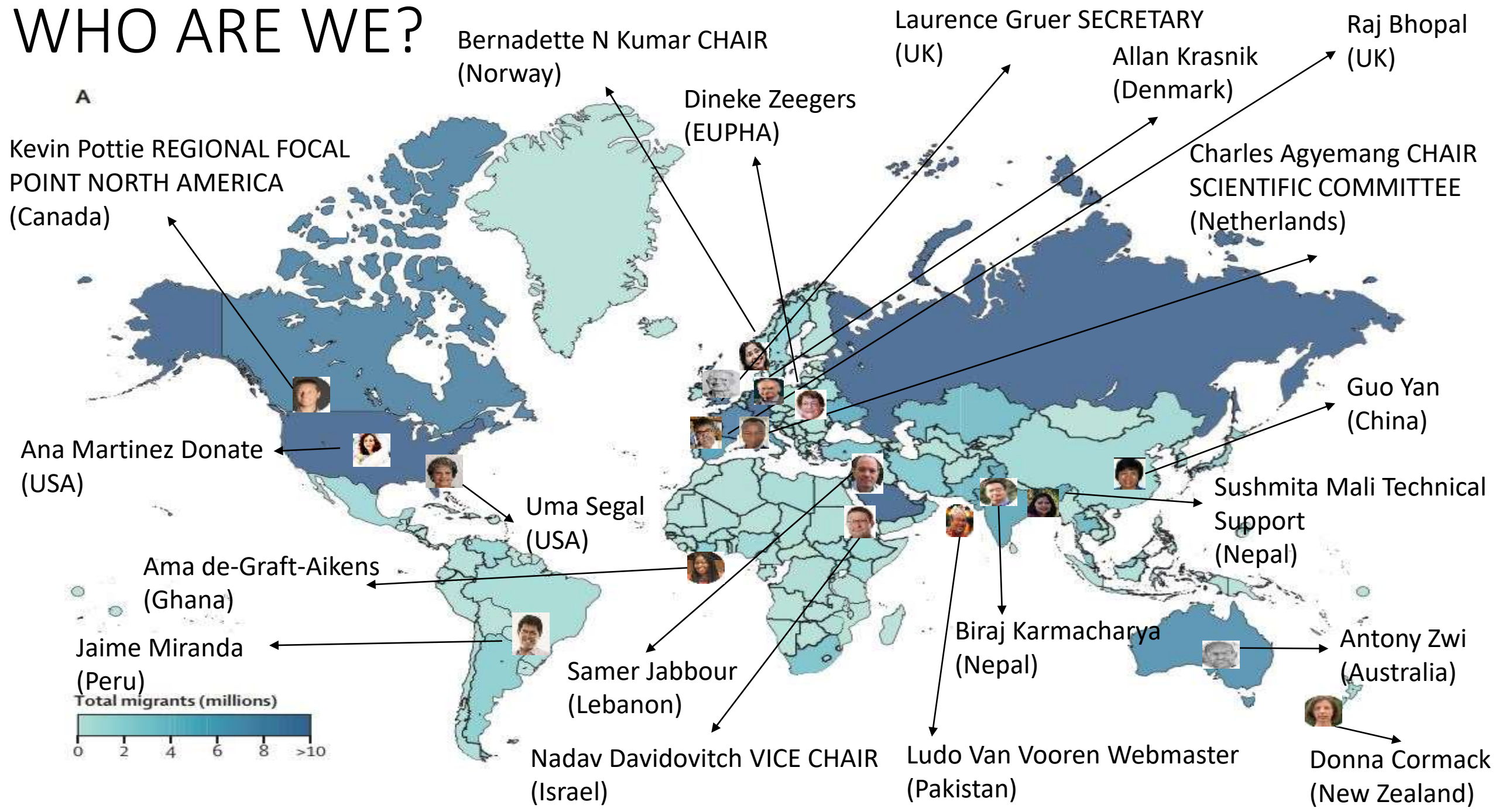
- *Eliminating barriers to access to healthcare and promoting protection of health of all people on the move, including those in an irregular situation, needs to be prioritised*
- *Migrants', ethnic minorities', indigenous populations and Roma full participation in policy development, service planning, health care delivery, and research & evaluation is vital*
- *Relevant and appropriate data are required urgently for policy makers and service providers to tackle inequities*
- *Harmonization of, and agreement on, definitions and concepts should be sought by building on the consensus achieved at MERH 2018*
- *Strengthening collaboration between institutions, organizations and countries aimed improving the health of migrants and ethnic minorities*
- ***A Global Society should integrate academic, professional and community work on health and health care in this field***

First put forward by Prof Raj Bhopal, the MERH2018 chair, this proposal was debated and endorsed during the Congress.

PURPOSE AND RATIONALE

- A number of groups already exist that address some issues e.g. migrant health, health of indigenous minorities; or a range of issues in one part of the world e.g. Europe or North America; or a range of disciplines e.g. social sciences, clinical medicine or health policy.
- To our knowledge there is none that provides a forum for all these perspectives and agencies.
- *The core idea behind the Global Society is thus to foster the constructive interaction between the many participants in this complex field throughout the world and to promote policies and practices that can protect and improve health.*

WHO ARE WE?



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The Global Society on MERH) is an actual and virtual meeting point for member organisations and their representatives working to protect and improve the health of all, regardless of ethnic background or place of origin. It provides opportunities to exchange information and ideas and promote beneficial change across the world.

That everyone has an equal right to health and access to health care regardless of our appearance, heritage, ethnic background, place of origin, gender, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

That, recognising the need for mutual comprehension and tolerance, we use words such as migrant, race or black with care and as far as possible with an agreed set of meanings.

That greater understanding and real progress requires reliable information obtained by scientifically valid and ethical means

That a multi-disciplinary approach is essential, in which the strengths of different organisations, skills and perspectives are brought together in a spirit of openness and cooperation.

That special attention needs to be given to the most vulnerable groups including survivors of torture, trafficked people, migrants in irregular situations, refugees and asylum seekers, and women and girls at risk or victims of abuse.

Main Objectives and Activities

- Planning, organising and implementing a World Congress every four years and other smaller events at more frequent intervals.
- Building and maintaining a user-friendly digital repository of useful information, including reports, research papers, abstracts and PowerPoint presentations.
- Establishing and maintaining an active global network of people who share our values and objectives.



WORK IN PROGRESS

- ✓ GSMERH Committee established
- ✓ Established the mandate, objectives
- ✓ and main activities
- ✓ Published a COVID 19 Statement
- ✓ In press EJPH viewpoint on GSMERH
- ✓ In the process of being registered as a society including governance structures
- ✓ In the process of establishing partnerships
- ✓ In the process of opening up for membership
- ✓ In the process of planning for GSMERH 2023



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