1. INTRODUCTION

After two years of virtual-only conferences, we are very pleased that Berlin 2022 will be in person again. That our network has a high interest in meeting in person to intensify the networking was clearly reflected in the new record of abstract and workshop submissions. Our dedicated International Scientific Committee had the difficult job of scoring all the submissions and we are—as always—very grateful for their work, as their work ensures the high scientific quality of the conference programme.

This supplement to the European Journal of Public Health contains the abstracts of presentations at the 15th European Public Health (EPH) Conference, held in Berlin from 9-12 November and includes abstracts for presentations for the main part of the conference (plenary sessions, oral presentations, workshops and poster displays).

For the EPH Conference 2022, we received a record 2,371 abstracts including 186 workshops. All abstracts were scored by the members of the International Scientific Committee (ISC) of the EPH Conference. The ISC 2022 consisted of 132 public health experts from 31 countries and was chaired by Prof Verena Vogt. To ensure scientific quality without bias, each abstract was scored by on average 3.81 reviewers, each workshop by 3.95. We are extremely grateful to the ISC members who scored in 2022. These members are listed below.

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The abstracts were scored on a scale of 0–7. The average score of the single abstracts was 4.517 (Virtual 2021–4.381). The highest score was 6.667 and the lowest 1.000. The average score of workshops was 4.546 (Virtual 2021–5.050). The highest score was 6.667 and the lowest 2.000. Only the highest scoring abstracts are accepted for the EPH Conference. The rejection rate for the single abstracts was 30% and for workshops, the rejection rate was 35%. The EPH Conference Executive Board decided on 10 June 2022 on cut-off points for workshops, oral presentations and poster presentations, resulting in an excellent selection of workshops and presentations, as showcased in this abstract supplement.

Workshops average score of 4.333 or higher were accepted
Oral presentations (8-minute presentation) average score of 5.750 or higher were accepted
Pitch presentations (5-minute presentation) average score of 5.333 or higher were accepted
E-Poster walks (3-minute presentation) average score of 5.100 or higher were accepted
E-Poster displays (throughout the programme) average score of 4.200 or higher were accepted

Following these decisions, abstracts were grouped in sessions, sessions in tracks and tracks were linked to the contents of the plenary programme. The programme for EPH Conference 2022 is organised in 16 thematic tracks, that mix workshops and oral sessions.

The 16 thematic tracks are:
A. Strengthening health systems: improving population health
B. Preparing for the unexpected: lessons learned from Covid-19
C. European public health/ Food and nutrition
D. Chronic diseases
E. Environment, climate and health
F. Digital health and communication
G. Health data, information and assessments
H. Health determinants and health inequalities
I. Health services and welfare systems
J. Health promotion, health literacy, behavioural insights
K. Health workforce, training and practice
L. Infectious diseases, preparedness and vaccines
M. Maternal, child and adolescent public health
N. Mental health/Migration and minority health/LGBTQI+ health
O. Policy, politics and public health
P. Public health monitoring, reporting and foresight

The posters are on display throughout the whole conference.

As always, the International Scientific Committee members greatly enjoyed reading the submissions, many of them stating that it is a great exercise to learn about new developments in their field of expertise. We hope that you will find this volume equally interesting, and even more so the actual presentations, which promise to be of high quality yet again.

Looking forward to welcoming you all in Berlin,

Prof Reinhard Busse, Chair of the 15th European Public Health Conference
Prof Verena Vogt, Chair of the International Scientific Committee
Dr Dineke Zeegers Paget, Strategic advisor EUPHA