

HTAi Public Health Interest Group

We are pleased to inform you about the merger of two existing Interest Groups at HTAi. The IG Initiatives for Public Health Outcomes Research and Measurement (INPHORM) and the IG Assessment of Vaccines Programs (AVP) will form a new 'Public Health' Interest Group (PH-IG). Public Health is a broad field which is rapidly expanding and attracting a high level of interest among policy makers and health authorities.

As such, HTAi believes that this merger is a great opportunity to strengthen the HTAi capacity to:

- Align and collaborate more effectively on projects of common interest;
- Explore new activities and areas related to assessment of Public Health interventions;
- Allow greater Society engagement in the Public Health arena

HTAi has requested to review the current executive team structures of the former IGs and allow new interested members to join the PH-IG Executive Team (which should consist of a Chair, co-chair and at least 2 other executive team members). The PH-IG Executive Team will be responsible for planning and coordination of Interest Group activities and finalizing the merged governance structure and work plans.

Members who wish to be considered for an Executive Team position in this new PH-IG should let the HTAi Secretariat know (interestgroups@htai.org) by the end of March, so that the new set-up can be announced during our annual meeting in June. Your application should mention the reason for your interest, your possible time commitment and a description of your vision for the perspectives/activities of the new PH-IG.

Tasks for the Chair and members of the Executive Team will vary, but would include developing and implementing work plans for the IG and communicating to the wider PH-IG membership. For further details and examples of recent activities, please go to the webpages of the existing INPHORM and AVP IGs. Please feel free to direct any questions to the HTAi Secretariat in the first instance (interestgroups@htai.org).

As for all IGs, it is expected that the Executive Team will work through email, teleconferences throughout the year, with face-to-face working opportunities available at the HTAi Annual Meetings, held in June each year. A technical officer to assist with administrative tasks will be assigned to the PH-IG.