

Brussels, 28 June 2016.

SAVE the date 13th October 2016

Symposium Invitation

Dear BAPH member, dear public health stakeholder,

The Belgian Association of Public Health invites you to its annual conference, taking place in **Namur** on the **13th October 2016**.

Exceptionally this year, the conference is organized in partnership with the Belgian Statistical Society, holding its annual conference 12 - 14 October.

Both associations have members in the north and in the south of the country, several are member in both societies, and all deal with data, many with « big data ». The joint session therefore will focus on **Big Data and Public Health**.

When public health practitioners question academic statisticians, the statisticians may not fully understand the questions, nor do public health practitioners and epidemiologists always understand the answers, so time has come for sharing knowledge, knowhow and projects!

The joint session promotes understanding of each other's point of view in treating the question of "Big data". As keynote speaker we are happy to welcome **professor Peter Diggle, president of the Royal Statistical Society (UK)**. Two 'big data' projects will be presented beforehand:

- * "**healthdata.be**" by WIV-ISP / **Johan Van Bussel**, department head, and
- * "**Cross-referencing regional health data: a mathematical and cartographic tool**" by the regional health and social observatory of Picardie, France / **Alain Trugeon**, director of the OR2S.

Those presentations and conferences will be followed by a panel discussion, including statisticians and epidemiologists.

In the afternoon, 2X2 parallel sessions will take place on the following themes:

1. **Sharing data**
2. **Linking data**
3. **General epidemiology**
4. **Technical aspects of the 2 projects, as presented earlier**

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Become an active participant - abstract submission

Proposals for poster or oral communication (abstracts) are welcome and expected by 15 August (evening) at the following address: f.deceulaer@province.luxembourg.be. All submissions accepted will be included in a special issue of Archives of Public Health, the official publication of the Belgian Association of Public Health. An award will be given to the best poster.

Join us on 13 October - register

Registration takes place through bss2016.unamur.be/Registration

BAPH members have reduced registration fees - for membership of BAPH one can apply through www.baph.be - registration fees for BAPH members are paid to BAPH.

All sessions on 13 October are open to all who registered - either through BAPH or through BSS.

Hoping to meet you at this promising event!



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