



## Biennial Report of Research Networks

28 August 2019

### 1. Name and Number of RN

#### **RN-16 Sociology of Health and Illness**

### 2. Names and email addresses of:

#### a. outgoing Coordinators and board members (past term)

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b. incoming Coordinators and board members (new term after this year's conference)

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### **3. Activities:**

Please describe all relevant activities of your RN in the past two-year term:

- a. Did you organise a mid-term conference? If yes, please provide the title, venue, date, organisers, number of papers and participants and overall assessment of the event.  
RN16 organised a mid-term conference at the University of Turin, 19 - 20 April, 2018,

A PhD workshop was organised on 18 April 2018 (associated with the mid-term conference).

The call for the conference and for the PhD workshop was available on the ESA RN16 website.

- b.** Please report on your activities at the ESA Conference of this year: Number of sessions; how many presentations, how many distributed papers?

ESA conference in Manchester: 158 abstract proposals were submitted for RN16 sessions, and 112 papers were presented at the conference.

SESSION	N. ABSTRACTS
a_OpenSession	19
b_HealthCare Organisation & Policy	14
c_Professions	10
d_Class, Gender & Ethnicity	22
e_Childhood	1
f_Risk	7
g_Bioethics	2
h_Pharmaceuticals	0
i_Social movements	11
J_Technologies	9
K_Mental Health	21
l_Chronic Illness	5
m_Disability	7
n_Migration	12
JS_16-01_Ageing	2
JS_16-20_Co-creation and design in health care	8
JS_16-22-30_Obesity	8

- c.** Did you establish a Newsletter of your RN? If so, how often is the Newsletter published; is it sent through the ESA RN website?

Yes, we continued the newsletter that is published at least once a year. It is sent through the ESA RN website, but also it is uploaded on the RN website.

- d.** Does your RN have a website of its own, other than the space on the official ESA website?

RN16 uses the official ESA website.

- e.** Publications related to RN sessions and/or midterm meetings?

An edited book based on a selection of papers presented at the mid-term conference is under way. A contract was signed with Emerald and the book will be edited by Jonathan Gabe, Mario Cardano and Angela Genova.

- f. Any action to be taken to improve participation of PhD students and early career researchers?

A PhD workshop was organised the day before the mid-term conference and access to the mid-term conference was free for PhD students attending the PhD workshop. We are intending to appoint a PhD representative to the Board (2019-21)

- g. Any action to be taken to expand membership, especially from countries with overall weaker ESA membership? Also, are there members from outside Europe?

The mid-term conference was a joint conference with the Italian Sociological Association, Sociology of Health and Medicine.

In the RN there are members from outside Europe.

- h. Any collaboration within ESA with other RNs? If so, please give details. Do you plan to improve collaboration across RNs?

RN16 organised 3 joint sessions for the Manchester conference:

**JS\_RN01\_RN16:** "European Health Policy and Ageing Societies: Challenges and Opportunities" (Joint session with RN01 Ageing in Europe)

**JS\_RN16\_RN20:** "Co-creation/production/design in health and healthcare: cutting-edge approach or smart branding?" (Joint session with RN20 Qualitative Methods)

**JS\_RN16\_RN22\_RN30:** "Adolescents and Obesity in Context: Moving beyond individual choice" (Joint session with RN22 Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty and RN30 Youth & Generation)

RN16 plans to improve collaboration across RNs under the leadership of Guido Giarelli who has responsibility for contact with other RNs (2019-21).

- i. Any action to be taken to improve opportunities for publication of papers presented at the RN meetings and sessions?

The collaboration with the open access journal *Frontiers in Sociology* was discussed during the RN business meeting and the new board will deal with the proposal.