Report Health Policy SIG of the SD Society 2011-2012

Council and Officers

In August 2011 there were no candidates to take over from Erik Pruyt (SIG representative2010-2011) and Wayne Wakeland (VP), hence, Erik and Wayne decided to continue for one more year.

Members

According to the latest records of the SDS members that indicated being a member of HPSIG there are currently only 35 official members. This number is not representative of the real number of SD members active in health policy related issues, or the number of SD members that consider themselves members (e.g. we just noticed Wayne and Erik¹ are according to the latest count not even members of the SIG). In the previous count, there were 230 members. These 230 members plus 80 non-SDS members are targeted for activities, and should be seen as representative for the number of *de facto* members. A reminder will be sent out to all members to indicate their membership.

Activities from August 2011 until July 2012

- Many activities and project opportunities are communicated by Patty Mabry through her list server (workshops, projects,...).
- 29 June 2012: Mini-conference on "Safety, Security and Health Policy in a Dynamically Complex World" together with the Benelux Chapter of the SD Society (3 streams, 25 presentations, 55 attendees). Streams of 5 of the health policy presentations will soon be made available on-line.
- At the ICSDS:
 - o HP SIG Sunday Meeting and Lupina Award presentations
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 - o SIG meeting, Business meeting, Roundtable, Poster at the SIG poster session
 - Many HP related papers and presentations (guestimate 30-40)
- Members winning prizes: e.g. Bobby Milstein, Jack Homer, Peter Briss winning the 2012 PHSR Article of the Year Award.

Conclusion: The SIG itself has in the last few years been relatively inactive (except for occasional activities and several activities at the ISDC) because the member base is very active: the SIG members are active, some are very active indeed. However, revolving membership should be considered for this and other SIGs and Chapters.

¹ For example, Erik is member of the SD Society through sponsorship by the TU Delft. Hence, membership is arranged for automatically. It would be much better if membership of SIGs and chapters would be automatic too.