



CAPHRI chs collaboration – position paper

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Preamble

The Care and Public Health Research Institute (CAPHRI, Maastricht University, The Netherlands) and the Centre for Health and Society (chs, Heinrich-Heine-University, Düsseldorf, Germany) are geographically related and have many common interests in scientific research, training, and networking. Various collaborations have already been implemented in recent years both at individual and organisational level (e.g., joint research applications, projects, publications, and PhDs, with a first bi-national PhD underway). Both institutes intend to continue their joint initiatives, as well as to explore new initiatives to extend the international collaboration with other institutes in the future. This position paper gives a brief overview of the current and planned activities and serves as a living document that will be updated regularly.

Mission statement

Our ambition for the collaboration between CAPHRI and chs is to be recognised as a unique cross-border twinning initiative. Our collaboration will be central to facilitating a visible and enabling research and education wide initiative at Maastricht and Düsseldorf Universities in the area of health, care, public health and society. It will be open to all CAPHRI and chs researchers and relevant partners, and supported by an interdisciplinary cross-school Steering Committee.

CAPHRI (Care and Public Health Research Institute)

The aim of the Institute is to create a healthy society for everyone. CAPHRI is doing this by providing high quality research to improve the individual quality of life and innovate healthcare and public health. Building a bridge between research and society is of highest priority. The focus is on the innovation of interventions throughout the care spectrum from prevention and primary care to elderly care and rehabilitation.

The Institute's research is organised along six thematically oriented research lines in which the research from different discipline-oriented departments come together to work in multidisciplinary teams:

- Ageing and Long-Term Care (Prof. Jan Hamers),
- Creating Value-Based Health Care (Prof. Silvia Evers),
- Functioning, Participation and Rehabilitation (Prof. Rob de Bie),
- Health Inequities and Societal Participation (Dr. Petra Wolffs),
- Optimising Patient Care (Dr. Mark Spigt), and
- Promoting Health and Personalised Care (Prof. Trudy van der Weijden).

chs (Centre for Health and Society)

The Centre's aim is to investigate and improve the societal framework for healthy life and modern healthcare. Researchers from various specialist fields work together interdisciplinary for this purpose. The connection with international cutting-edge research and the integration into national and European consortia in research and education have high priority.

The Centre is an interdisciplinary network of the following institutions at the Medical Faculty of the Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf (HHU) and the German Diabetes Center (DDZ, Leibniz Center for Diabetes Research at HHU):

- Institute for General Practice (Prof. Stefan Wilm), including the unit Addiction Research and Clinical Epidemiology (Prof. Daniel Kotz)
- the Institute for Occupational, Social and Environmental Medicine (Prof. Peter Angerer) with
- the Working Group on Environmental Epidemiology (Prof. Barbara Hoffmann),
- the Institute for Biometry and Epidemiology - DDZ (Prof. Oliver Kuß),
- the Department of the History, Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine (Prof. Heiner Fangerau),
- the Institute of Medical Sociology (Prof. Nico Dragano), including the unit Public Health (Prof. Claudia Pischke) and
- the Institute for Health Services Research and Health Economics (Prof. Andrea Icks).

Areas of collaboration

The current and potential future areas of collaboration include:

- co-investigation in research projects (jointly funded or based on existing internal funding)
- co-authorship of research papers
- exchange of Master's students for scientific internships and theses (including medical students from Maastricht doing their Wetenschapsparticipatie, WESP)
- exchange of teachers and teaching activities, including post-graduate teaching courses
- joint / bi-national PhD education
- collaboration in international networks, such as the EASD (European Association for the Study of Diabetes e.V.) research group on health services research and health economics
- yearly CAPHR chs collaboration day

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