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1. EUPHA – ASPHER conference 2008

On Wednesday 5 November and Thursday morning 6 November 2008, several extra activities are being organized. You can register for these activities through the EUPHA website. The extra activities are:

Training seminar on measuring patient experiences in health care – 5- 6 November

Organised by the EUPHA Section on Health Services Research

| Preliminary p | rogramme |
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| Wednesday I | November 5 th |
| 13.00-13.15 | Welcome and introduction |
| 13.15-14.00 | Lecture Prof. Niek Klazinga (UvA/AMC-OECD): Measuring patient experiences |
| | in healthcare in Europe; three different perspectives |
| 14.00-14.45 | Lecture Dr. Jany Rademakers (NIVEL): Measuring experiences with health care |
| | rather than satisfaction; examples of questionnaires (to be confirmed) |
| 14.45-15.00 | Coffee-thea break |
| 15.00-17.00 | Assignment: developing a short questionnaire on patient experiences |
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Thursday November 6th

9.00-9.15 Introduction

9.15-11.30 Presentations by participants on the results of the assignment

11.30-12.00 Lecture Dr. Michelle Hendriks (NIVEL): How to develop and test a questionnaire on patient experiences in health care: The Consumer Quality Index. Faculty:

Prof. Niek Klazinga; AMC, University of Amsterdam/OECD Health care indicators project Jany Rademakers, Ph.D.; NIVEL

Judith de Jong, Ph.D.; NIVEL/ vice-president EUPHA section Health Services Research Michelle Hendriks, Ph.D.; NIVEL

Workshop Research on sickness certification practice; theories and methods used – 5 November

Organised by the EUPHA section on Social Security and Health

Preliminary programme

- 08:30 Registration, coffee/tea
- 09.00 Welcome and presentation. Kristina Alexanderson, president of the EUPHA-section of Social Security and Health, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden
- 09.15 Introducing the theme and program. What is researched, what do we know? Kristina Alexanderson
- 09.30 A systematic review of studies about physician's sickness certification practice Elsy Söderberg, PhD, Linköping University and the Swedish Social Security Agency. Kristina Alexanderson
- 10:35 Group work (two types of groups)
- 11.50 Reports from groups
- 12.15 Lunch
- 13.15 The sickness certification consultation in general practice; an intervention study Debbie Cohen, General practitioner and M.D., Cardiff university, UK
- 13.35 The importance of management of sickness certification practice in health care Mia von Knorring, PhD student and psychologist, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden.
- 14:05 Information exchange, communication or co-operation between professionals in sickness certification; effects on sickness absence. Intervention trials in Belgium, the Netherlands, and Norway.
 K. Mortelmans, MD PhD, Occupational Health Services, Belgium
- 14:05 Medico-legal reasoning in assessment of long-term incapacity for work; a comparison between Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway and Slovenia. Wout de Boer, medical doctor, PhD student, TNO, the Netherlands.
- 14.25 Sicknote strategies and negotiations, patterns and taxonomy from consultation analysis. Prof Mark Gabbay, University of Liverpool, UK
- 15:05 Views on barriers among GPs and orthopaedic surgeons in their sickness certification practice
 - Malin Swartling, PhD and physician, Uppsala University, Sweden
- 16:00 Discussion: what research is needed at this stage? Kristina Alexanderson
- 17.00 Summary of the day, reflections
- Mansel Aylward, Professor, Cardiff University, UK (alt
- 17.30 Final remarks from the organizing committee
- 17.45-18:15 Planning of next pre-conference and other practical issues
- 19.30 Dinner, for all participants

Workshop on child safety – 5 November

Organised by the EUPHA section on Child and Adolescent Public Health and the EUPHA section on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

Preconference on violence and public mental health - 5 November

Organised by the EUPHA section on Public Mental Health

Programme EUPHA - Preconference

| 2:00 pm – 2:10 pm | Welcome and introduction |
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| 2:10 pm – 2:35 pm | Violence in Europe |
| 2:35 pm – 3:00 pm | Epidemiology and risk factors for self – |
| | inflicted violence |
| 3:00 pm – 3:25 pm | Epidemiology and risk factors for self – |
| | abuse |
| 3:25 pm – 3:35 pm | Discussion |
| 3:35 pm – 3:45 pm | Break |
| 3:45 pm – 4:05 pm | Health burden of family violence in Portugal |
| 4:05 pm – 4:30 pm | Health burden of family violence in the |
| | Netherlands |
| 4:30 pm – 4:55 pm | Risk factors for family violence |

| 4:55 pm – 5:05 pm | Discussion |
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| 5:05 pm – 5:15 pm | Break |
| 5:15 pm – 5:40 pm | Methods of prevention of suicide |
| 5:40 pm – 6:05 pm | Methods of intervention |
| 6:05 pm – 6:30 pm | Framework of monitoring self –inflicted and family violence |
| 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm | Outlook on future projects on violence |

Preconference Electronic Child (Health) Record {EC(H)R} - 5 November

Organised by the EUPHA section on Child and Adolescent Public Health

| Preliminary Pro | ogramme |
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| 13.00 – 13.15 | General Introduction with description of preconference programme and goals |
| 13.15 – 13.45 | Outline of the problems regarding information exchange using child abuse as an example; introduction of the CHILD indicators |
| 13.45 – 14.15 | Demonstration of the possibilities of the French smart card and discussion of the possible use for an $E(H)CR$ |
| 14.15 – 14.30 | Short break, division in workshops and instruction for workshop leaders |
| 14.30 - 16.00 | Division in three workshops with the topics: |
| | What are the relevant indicators where child abuse is concerned? How can information regarding these indicators be collected from the various sources and made accessible? |
| | What are the terms and conditions for improvement of information gathering processes and exchange of information? |
| 16.00 - 16.45 | Plenary discussion of the major findings and compilation of important 'take- home messages' |
| 16.45 – 17.00 | Formation of an international workgroup with appointment of members |

Preconference EuTEACH - (European training in effective adolescent care and health) – 5 November

Organised by the EUPHA section on Child and Adolescent Public Health

Preliminary Programme

- 13.00 13.15 General Introduction with description of preconference programme and goals
- 13.15 13.30 Experience in The Netherlands
- 13.30 13.45 Experience one other country
- 13.45 14.00 Short plenary discussion about presentations and division in workgroups (depending on number of participants one for each topic mentioned under 'Goal of preconference')
- 14.00 14.15 Short break and instructions for workshop leaders
- 14.15 15.45 Workshops
- 15.45 16.15 Plenary discussion of outcomes of the workshops
- 16.15 16.45 Compilation of important 'take-home messages'
- 16.45 17.00 Discussion the formation of an international workgroup with appointment of members and discussion of possibility of submitting a grant application for this workgroup.

Preconference Migrant Health

Organised by the EUPHA section on Migrant Health

Preliminary programme

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:30 Opening Session EUPHA - dr. Walter Devillé Alta Comissária da Imigração e Diálogo Intercultural - dr. Rosário Farmhouse Alta Comissária da Saúde - Prof. dr. Maria do Céu Machado Director do Instituto de Medicina Preventiva - Prof. dr. Pereira Miguel

Director do Instituto de Higiene e Medicina Tropical - Prof. dr. Jorge Torgal

- 10:00 Iberian Plenary Session 1
- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:45 Iberian Plenary Session 2
- 13:00 Lunch & Exhibition visit
- 14:15 European Networks Plenary Session
- 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:30 European Networks Parallel Sessions 1 & 2
- 18:00-18:15 Closing remarks
 - EUPHA dr. Walter Devillé
- 20:00 Dinner party

2. Job vacancies

European Healthy Stadia Project Manager

Band 7 (£29,091 - £38,352 p.a)

18 Months Fixed Term Contract

We are looking for an outstanding individual to project manage all aspects of the highly successful European Healthy Stadia Programme. A programme working across Europe to develop sports stadia and communities as health promoting environments. Taking over from the current Programme Manager, you will have lead responsibility for managing the established European partnership; you will oversee all aspects of the programme, including working with eight European countries and some major European Sports Stadia. A key responsibility will be the development of a European Healthy Stadia Organisation that will form the lasting legacy for the programme. The project is co-funded by the EU within the Public Health Programme. The post will involve significant European travel. Job ref: SEF0320.

Closing Date for applications: Wed 3rd Sept. Interview Date: Mon 15th Sept.

You can apply online at www.jobs.nhs.uk or you can request an application form electronically on recruitment@seftonpct.nhs.uk

Faculty of Medicine – University of Bern: Assistant / Associate Professor in Medical Sociology / Social Epidemiology

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Bern is one of five medical faculties in Switzerland. The Faculty's Institute of Social

and Preventive Medicine (ISPM) provides under-graduate and post-graduate education and carries out research in a range of disciplines relevant to Public Health. ISPM offers a lively, interdisciplinary environment with excellent computing and library facilities.

Applicants are expected to have a promising academic record and teaching experience in one or several of the following areas: social epidemiology, medical sociology or other social science disciplines in public health. Experience in theory-guided empirical research as well as advanced competencies for the analysis of empirical data is essential. Previous work on social resources and capabilities for health and health behaviours would be an advantage.

The successful candidate will build up competitive research activities on social inequalities in prevention and health promotion, supervise PhD and MPH students and contribute to postgraduate teaching in the Swiss School of Public Health.

Applicants should have a University degree and a PhD or equivalent training in a field relevant to Public Health. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. The position is supported by the Swiss School of Public Health+. Initial appointment is for four years with the possibility of qualifying for a permanent position. Starting date is approximately January 1, 2009.

If you are looking for an exciting position in a highly motivated, interdisciplinary team, please send your CV with publication list, details of current grants, extramural funding and one copy each of your three most relevant publications to The Dean's Office,

University of Bern, Faculty of Medicine, Murtenstrasse 11, CH-3010 Bern and or electronically to info@meddek.unibe.ch. The deadline for applications is October 24, 2008.

For further information please contact Professor Thomas Abel, Tel. +41 31 631 35 12; e-mail abel@ispm.unibe.ch.

With a view towards increasing the proportion of female professors, the University of Bern specifically encourages female candidates to apply.

3. Interesting news:

National Library for Public Health Newsletter

The National Library for Public Health has published it's first newsletter.

You can access the newsletter at http://tinyurl.com/57u6uc or by visiting the National Library for Public Health web site at_www.library.nhs.uk/publichealth/ and selecting the Monthly Newsletter link from the menu bar at the top. If you would like to be added or removed from the mailing list, please email your request to library@nepho.org.uk

The European Medicines Agency (EMEA) has published a draft document for

consultation: 'EMEA/CHMP Working Group with Healthcare Professionals - Recommendations and Proposals for Action' (EMEA/185036/2008).

The document is available at: http://www.emea.europa.eu/pdfs/human/hcpwg/18503608en.pdf The document reflects the outcome of discussions held in the EMEA/CHMP Working Group with Healthcare Professionals (HCP WG). The group has drafted a set of recommendations and proposals for action in the following 3 priority areas:

- Information on medicines
- Pharmacovigilance activities
- Involvement of healthcare professionals' organisations in the work of the EMEA's scientific committees

EMEA invites experts for comments: please provide any comments you may have to the secretariat of the HCP WG (healthcare.professionals@emea.europa.eu) by using this template: http://www.emea.europa.eu/pdfs/human/regaffair/submitcomment.doc

Please note that the deadline for submitting comments is 30 September 2008.

4. Upcoming courses and conferences

| Title | New scientific impulses towards 3R Alternatives - Methods to replace, reduce and refine animal use Stimulating research collaborations between industry and university |
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| Date Place Organiser More information | September 18th, 2008 Brussels, Belgium Vrije Universiteit Brussel's Technology Transfer Interface www.vub.ac.be/technologytransfer |
| Title Date Place Organiser More information | Access and Transparency September 24 th , 2008 Brussels, Belgium CROSSTALKS |
| Title Date Place Organiser More information | 2nd European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion 9-10 October 2008 Paris, France |
| | http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwVwContent/16C893D7B27 F3AB2C12574730038F6A2?opendocument&context=7CEDCA0517D47B31C125 7177003C9226 |

| Title Date Place | Strategic Planning for Growth Masterclass led by Universiteit Maastricht Business School 16 October 2008, 10.30 – 14.30 Brussels, Belgium |
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| Title Date Place Organiser More information | Nature-Culture-Health Conference 11-14 October 2008 Sigdal and Asker, Norway NaCuHeal Academy in collaboration with the Norwegian Public Health Association, University of Oslo and others. http://www.nacuheal.org/pdf/SeminarOct08-Program.pdf |
| Title Date Place More information | Health in Context: a course in multilevel modelling for public health and health services research 10 November - 14 November 2008 Lisbon, Portugal http://www.healthincontext.com. |
| Title Date Place Abstract submissio Deadline abstracts More information | 4th Conference of Epidemiological Longitudinal Studies in Europe (CELSE)12-14 November 2008Bergen, Norwayn http://kongress.no/kongresser/kongresser-2008/celseand-the-16th-norwegian-/abstracts/s September 10thhttp://kongress.no/kongresser/kongresser-2008/celseand-the-16th-norwegian-/ |
| Title Date Place More information | Il Congreso internacional sobre aceite de oliva y salud 20-22 November 2008 Jaén & Córdoba, Spain www.cias2008.com |
| Title Date Place Deadline abstracts Organiser More information | Medical Education for the 21st century - Teaching for Health Equity 30 November – 3 December 2008 Havana, Cuba 1 September |
| Title Date Place Organiser More information | 11th National Conference on Health Promotion - Health Promotion As Part of Social Policy – How to Influence Social Determinants in a Sustainable Manner 15-16 January 2009 Pfäffikon, Switzerland Health Promotion Switzerland www.gesundheitsfoerderung.ch/konferenz |
| Title Date Place | International Conference on Recreation and Health in Landscape and Forest - Challenges, Theories, Research Studies and Practical Solutions 1 - 3 April 2009 Birmensdorf, Switzerland |

Organiser Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research (WSL) www.wsl.ch/landscapeandhealth

5. Interesting publications

Global Forum for Health Research, 2008

Available online as PDF file at: http://www.globalforumhealth.org/shlinks/mff7pdf.php More information on monitoring financial flows for health research: http://www.globalforumhealth.org/shlinks/mff.php

Second Expert Report

We are pleased to tell you that the Second Expert Report website, featuring the WCRF/AICR Expert Report, *Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Prevention of Cancer: a Global Perspective*, has been updated. You can access the website at www.dietandcancerreport.org

Santé publique

La revue Santé publique est heureuse de vous annoncer la parution de son numéro hors série : La santé au travail : enjeux pour la santé publique.

Ce numéro supplément présente une réflexion globale sur la santé au travail, en examinant l'impact du travail sur la santé, les méthodologies et les outils disponibles pour mesurer la santé au travail, le nouveau défi que représentent les risques psycho-sociaux, ainsi que les actions et politiques développées pour la prévention des risques et la promotion de la santé au travail. Dix-neuf contributions, études, retours d'expériences, actions et réflexions composent ce numéro.

6. European Commission: update



- Health information: Call for tender
 L-Luxembourg: the development and planning of a pilot European Health Examination Survey in European Union and
 EFTA Member States in preparation to test examination modules and field procedures for this survey Contract notice
 available in 22 languages
- Health determinants: European Alcohol and Health Forum
 Task Force on Youth-specific aspects of Alcohol Workshop Workshop conclusions added
- Health programme

Communication on Interim evaluation of the implementation of the Public Health Programme (2003-2008) Now available in 22 languages

- Overview of Health Strategy: Pharmaceutical Forum
 Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Steering Committee, Brussels, 4 July 2008
- Overview of Health Strategy: Pharmaceutical Forum Minutes of the meetings of the Working groups on Pricing updated
- Health information Analysing and reporting on health What's new section updated
- Health determinants: Mental health
 EU high-level conference: "TOGETHER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING", Brussels, 13 June 2008 Updated
- Health programme
 Communication on Interim evaluation of the implementation of the Public Health Programme (2003-2008) Key document

- Health information: Developing European Union health indicators
 European Community Health indicators (ECHI) Indicator: Drug-related deaths updated
- Threats to health: Rare diseases Events Page updated
- Threats to health Major and chronic diseases Events section updated
- Health Programme
 DG SANCO is seeking views on priorities for the annual work plan 2009 Send your views by 30 september 2008
- Health Programme
 Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Implementation of the Public Health
 Programme in 2007 Key document
- Health information: Developing European Union health indicators European Community Health indicators (ECHI) Indicator: Standardised death rates Eurostat 65 causes updated
- Health information: Developing European Union health indicators
 European Community Health indicators (ECHI) Indicator: Hospital beds updated
- Health Information: Diseases and conditions information sheets
 Cancer Page updated
- Threats to health: vaccines against human papilloma virus (HPV)
 National Links Page updated
- Threats to health: Communicable diseases
 Cervical cancer: role of vaccines against human papilloma virus (HPV) Publication available
- Threats to health: Communicable diseases
 Vaccines against human papilloma virus (HPV) Links available
- Health information: Developing European Union health indicators European Community Health indicators (ECHI) Updated
- Threats to health Major and chronic diseases Events section updated
- Health determinants: Tobacco
 Call for tender: L-Luxembourg:organisation of anti-smoking communication initiatives in all Member States of the
 European Union, targeting youths and young adults in particular Contract notice
- Risk assessment: Event EUnetHTA Conference: HTA's Future in Europe, Paris, 20 November 2008
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks Opinion on Copper, Copper II sulphate pentahydrate, Copper(I)oxide, Copper(II)oxide, Dicopper chloride trihydroxide Human health part Adopted by the SCHER during the 24th plenary of 15 July 2008
- Health information: Working parties Meeting of the Working Party on Health Systems, Luxembourg, 15/16 July 2008 Contributions
- Threats to health: Health security and preparedness
 Workshop on Generic Preparedness and response- a multi sector responsibility, Brussels, 3 June 2008 Minutes and
 presentations
- Health determinants: European Alcohol and Health Forum
 3rd meeting of the Task Force Marketing Communication, Brussels, 16 July 2008 Contributions
- Alcohol Library: Release of a first set of documents
 The web pages on the European Alcohol and Health Forum now feature a new "Alcohol Library" section. On this

page, interested readers will in future be able to access a broad range of documents related to the reduction of alcohol-related harm.

- Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets
 Autistic Spectrum Disorders Page updated
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks Minutes of the 23rd Plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER), Brussels, 6 May 2008
- Threats to health: Organs
 Stakeholders meeting on Organ Donation and Transplantation, Brussels, 23 May 2008 Summary report

7. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 29, 17 July 2008

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Measles resurges in Italy: preliminary data from September 2007 to May 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18928

Foreign travel-associated infections, Norway 2007 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18929

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS Travel-associated Legionnaires' disease in Europe: 2006 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18930

NEWS Study links genetic polymorphism to susceptibility to HIV infection http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18933

MISCELLANEOUS Eurosurveillance has a vacancy for an Assistant Editor http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18931

Job vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18932

Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 30, 24 July 2008

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS Pontiac fever outbreak associated with a spa-pool, United Kingdom, April 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18934

Extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis: first report of a case in Ireland http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18935

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Effective control measures limited measles outbreak after extensive nosocomial exposures in January-February 2008 in Gothenburg, Sweden

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18937 PERSPECTIVES

Laboratory investigation of the first suspected human cases of infection with avian influenza A(H5N1) virus in Bulgaria http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18938

NEWS

First normal human hepatocyte culture system supporting the growth of natural isolate of hepatitis C virus http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18936

Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 31, 31 July 2008

EDITORIALS Clostridium difficile: summary of actions in the European Union http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18944

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS Large ongoing Q fever outbreak in the south of The Netherlands, 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18939

Measles outbreak in an anthroposophic community in The Hague, The Netherlands, June-July 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18945

Extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis – first report of a case in Austria, May 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18940

EUROROUNDUPS Update of Clostridium difficile infection due to PCR ribotype 027 in Europe, 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18942

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Increasing rates in Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) among hospitalised patients, Spain 1999-2007 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18943

MISCELLANEOUS In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18941

Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 32, 7 August 2008

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS Tularaemia outbreak in Castilla y León, Spain, 2007: an update http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18948

2008 European Football Championship - ECDC epidemic intelligence support http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18946

Preparedness activities ahead of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games - enhancing EU epidemic intelligence http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18947

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

First report of a Salmonella enterica serovar Weltevreden outbreak on Réunion Island, France, August 2007 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18949

MISCELLANEOUS New vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18950

Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 33, 14 August 2008

EDITORIALS Introducing human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination - a challenge for European vaccine advisory committees and public health services http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18951

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS A multi-country outbreak of Salmonella Agona, February - August 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18956

A case of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever in Greece, June 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18952

A preliminary report on Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever in Turkey, March – June 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18953 RESEARCH ARTICLES Introduction of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination into national immunisation schedules in Europe: Results of the VENICE 2007 survey http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18954

MISCELLANEOUS New issue of EpiNorth Journal is online http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18955

Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 34, 21 August 2008

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS Waterborne outbreak of acute gastroenteritis in a costal area in Slovenia in June and July 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18957

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS Epidemiological and virological assessment of influenza activity in Europe, during the 2006-2007 winter http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18958

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Survey of rotavirus surveillance, laboratory capacity and disease burden in the eastern part of the WHO European Region http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?Articleld=18959

MISCELLANEOUS Erratum for Eurosurveillance volume 13, issue 28, 10 July 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18960