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Seasonal greetings!



Winter weather in The Netherlands

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1. European Public Health Conference 2011



EUPHA, ASPHER and the Danish Society of Public Health (DSOPH) are pleased to invite you to the 4th European Public Health Conference, combining the 19th annual EUPHA meeting, the 33rd annual ASPHER meeting and the 5th annual Public Health days of DSOPH. The main theme of the conference is Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Health.

The conference will be organised from **10–12 November 2011, at the Bella Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark.**

Some dates to remember:

1 February 2011	Abstract submission opens at: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php
1 April 2011	Online registration opens
1 May 2011	Deadline for abstract submission
1 July 2011	Information on the abstract decisions by our international scientific committee are announced
15 September 2011	Deadline for early registration
28 October 2011	Online registration closes

Please find regularly updated information on: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

2. Interesting news

ECDC and the Flu Pandemic

The European and Europe-related evaluations are starting to stack up. ECDC keeps a list of the national and international ones at:

http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/H1N1/pandemic_2009_evaluations/Pages/pandemic_2009_evaluations.aspx

If you have national or international ones **on-line** do send me details and copy to influenza@ecdc.europa.eu

ECDC is interested in not just official evaluations but also niche evaluations like the UK ones on immunisation of health care workers and clinical care in any European language.

Summaries of the epidemiology are also starting to come out and we are interested in those as well.

http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/H1N1/pandemic_2009_evaluations/Pages/Summaries_pandemic.aspx and we have a Timeline

http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/H1N1/basic_facts/Pages/european_2009_influenza_pandemic_timeline.aspx Again additions most welcome to influenza@ecdc.europa.eu

European Medicines Agency Consultation

ENCePP Guide on Methodological Standards in Pharmacoepidemiology

We would like to draw your attention to an European Medicines Agency (EMA) public consultation on the draft Guide on Methodological Standards in Pharmacoepidemiology. This guideline has been developed by ENCePP, a collaboration between the EMA and the pharmacoepidemiology research community that aims to strengthen the post-authorisation monitoring of medicines by facilitating the conduct of multi-centre, independent and scientifically robust studies focusing on safety and the balance of benefits and risks. In line with this, the Guide seeks to assure high quality

pharmacoepidemiological "ENCePP Studies" http://www.encepp.eu/encepp_studies/index.html to fuel learned regulatory decision making and to stimulate innovation that benefits patients and public health at large.

The document has been developed over a period of several months by a dedicated ENCePP Working Group consisting of experts in pharmacoepidemiological and pharmacovigilance research and has been peer reviewed and adopted by the ENCePP Steering Group. In acknowledgement of the diverse nature and levels of expertise among present researchers in Europe, ENCePP aims at encouraging participation across the spectrum of researchers and considers the current overview document appropriate to serve both experienced and relatively new researchers in pharmacoepidemiology.

Your comments and any additional references that could enrich this Guide would be most welcome.
The draft guide is available for consultation on the following webpage:
http://www.encepp.eu/public_consultation/documents/ENCePPGuideofMethStandardsinPE.pdf

Please note that the deadline for comments is 3rd January 2011.

Comments should be provided using this template

http://www.encepp.eu/public_consultation/documents/template_submissionofcomments.doc. The

completed comments form should be sent to

encepp_secretariat@ema.europa.eu<mailto:encepp_secretariat@ema.europa.eu

EUREGIO III Newsletter

Using Structural Funds for health investments -

Please find here the December 2010 edition of the Newsletter of the EUREGIO III project

(www.euregio3.eu) financed under the 2008-2013 Health Programme.

[Click here to download the full PDF version](#). We would be grateful to have your assistance to forward this mail to other colleagues who might be interested in this topic.

3. EUPHA member of the month – Norwegian Society of Public Health

Website: <http://www.folkehelseforeningen.no/>

The Norwegian Society of Public Health (NFSH) is an interdisciplinary organisation promoting public health through research, training, policy development and practice. We focus on lifestyle, healthy environment and alleviating inequalities in health.

NFSH is a member of the European Public Health Association ([EUPHA](#)) and the World Federation of Public Health Associations ([WFPHA](#)).

The Norwegian Society of Public Health was founded in 1998 and has over 200 members who receive the European Journal of Public Health four times a year and the Scandinavian Journal of Public Health six times a year. Each year we organise a seminar that focuses on current issues concerning public health. In 2004 EUPHA entrusted us with organising its [12th European conference](#) in Oslo in October 2004.

GOALS

NFSH shall be a meeting place and a bridge between researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.

NFSH shall provide increased understanding of local, national and global public health perspective in research, teaching and management.

NFSH shall be, in cooperation with other organizations and institutions, be a driving force for putting public health on the political agenda.

4. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International (GI) promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of GI is the international course catalogue "medicine & health", a unique annual publication listing courses and congresses in the fields of biomedicine, public health and development cooperation. For further information: <http://www.going-international.at/index.php?lang=EN> Global International is an official partner of EUPHA.

- Title:** **Café Local Public Health**
Hart en vaatziekten: Genetisch bepaald of leefstijl gefaald?
Date: 17 January 2011
Place: Utrecht, The Netherlands
Organiser: Vereniging voor Volksgezondheid & Wetenschap
Deadline: for registration: 10 January at secretariaat@verenigingvenw.nl
More information: www.verenigingvenw.nl/cafelocal
- Title:** **launch event of the FEAM statement on 'Opportunities and Challenges for Reforming the EU Clinical Trials Directive: an Academic Perspective'**
Date: 25 January 2011
Place: Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: FEAM
More information: info@feam.eu.com
- Title:** **Colloque sur le thème « Ville, santé et qualité de vie »**
Date: 4-5 February 2011
Place: Paris, France
Organiser: La Société Française de Santé Publique et le Réseau Français des Villes-Santé de l'OMS
More information: [Programme et inscription](#)
- Title:** **5th Annual European Nutrition & Lifestyle Conference 2011: Taking the next steps towards a healthier Europe**
Date: 2-3 March 2011
Place: Brussels, Belgium
Deadline: early registration: 18 January 2011
More information: www.nutrition-lifestyle.eu
- Title:** **3rd EHMA/MCI Winterschool on Health Leadership: Integration and coordination of healthcare provision – Towards genuinely patient led care?**
Date: 2-4 MARCH 2011
Place: Innsbruck, Austria
Organiser: EHMA
More information: www.ehma.org
- Title:** **XI International Health Impact Assessment Conference - In crisis times, healthier ways**
Date: 14-15 April 2011
Place: Granada, Spain
Organiser: *Andalusian School of Public Health*
Deadline: for abstracts: 7 January 2011
More information: info@hiainternationalconference.org

Title: **19th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services: Improving health gain orientation in all services: Better cooperation for continuity in care**
Date: 1-3 June 2011
Place: Turku, Finland
Deadline: for abstracts: 31 January 2011
More information: <http://www.hphconferences.org/turku2011/scope-purpose/scope-purpose.html>

Title: **4th Conference on Migrant Health in Europe - Facts beyond Figures: Communi-Care for Migrants**
Date: 21 - 23 June 2012
Place: Milan, Italy
Organiser: EUPHA and EUPHA Section on Migrant and Ethnic Health
“Carlo F. Dondena” Centre – “L. Bocconi” University, Milan, Italy
CERGAS - Centre for Research on Health and Social Care Management –
“L. Bocconi” University, Milan, Italy
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Title: **International Medical Geography Symposium**
Date: 10-15 July 2011
Place: Durham, UK
Deadline: for abstracts: 14 January 2011
More information: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/conferences/imgs/>

Title: **Congrès pluri-thématique: Experts et expertises en santé publique. Diversité des acceptations, multiplicité des enjeux : comment avancer ?**
Date: 2-4 November 2011
Place: Lille, France
Organiser: Société française de santé publique
Deadline: for abstracts: 25 March 2011
More information: <http://www.sfsp.fr/manifestations/manifestations/infos.php?cmanif=29&cpage=1>

5. Interesting publications

Statement on Mental Health Policy Issues
Federation of the European Academies of Medicine (FEAM), 2010.
An electronic copy is also available on the FEAM website at
<http://www.feam.eu.com/publicationsEN.htm>.

A Report of the Surgeon General: How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease
The Biology and Behavioral Basis for Smoking-Attributable Disease
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - 2010
Public Health Service, Office of the Surgeon General, Rockville, MD
Fact Sheet at: <http://bit.ly/dZstjB>

**Burden of endemic health-care-associated infection in developing countries:
systematic review and meta-analysis**

Benedetta Allegranzi et al.

The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 10 December 2010 doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(10)61458-4

Website: <http://bit.ly/ggXdOJ>

The Origin of the Haitian Cholera Outbreak Strain

Chen-Shan Chin et al.

December 9, 2010 (10.1056/NEJMoa1012928) - The New England Journal of Medicine

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/eLpxFp>

Productive Management Methodology for Health Services Introduction

The Pan American Health Organization PAHO/WHO, 2010

English Version: PDF [43p.] available online at: <http://bit.ly/eH25YW>

Metodología de Gestión Productiva de los Servicios de Salud – Introducción

The Pan American Health Organization PAHO/WHO, 2010

Spanish version PDF [44p.] URL: <http://bit.ly/hYKtsD>

Global Health Estimates

PLoS Medicine - Published 30 November 2010

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/goci45>

Financing Global Health 2010: Development assistance and country spending in economic uncertainty

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation - Seattle, WA: IHME, 2010.

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/ewXYo0>

Gobernanza en Sistemas de Salud: conceptos, aportes y evidencias para el avance de estrategias de Protección Social en la Salud de los Migrantes

Armando Arredondo, Emanuel Orozco, Steven Wallace y Michael Rodríguez.

Coedición: INSP-UCLA Center for Health Policy Research-Univ. Autonoma de Yucatán. 2010

Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública - Centro de Investigación en Sistemas de Salud - Mexico

University of California, Los Angeles - Center for Health Policy Research - USA

Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán - Facultad de Ciencias Antropológicas- Mexico

Disponible en PDF [186p.] URL: <http://bit.ly/hXCKvG>

Indigenous Peoples, Poverty and Development

Background document for the Indigenous Peoples, Poverty and Development: Research Dissemination Workshop, Draft Manuscript April, 2010

December 20, 2010, Washington DC

Gillette Hall, Harry Patrinos,

Study supported by The Trust Fund for Environmentally & Socially Sustainable Development (TFESSD).

Sponsor: Human Development Network and Social Development the World Bank

Available online PDF [339p.] at: <http://bit.ly/ihAZ0h>

Analysis

Health equity in Brazil

Frederico C Guanais,

BMJ 2010; 341:c6542 doi: 10.1136/bmj.c6542 - 29 November 2010 -

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/gBpBGd>

Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our strategy for public health in England

Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Health by Command of Her Majesty

London UK - 30 November 2010

Available online PDF [98p.] at: <http://bit.ly/e5jzOE>

Advocating for safe and healthy public transportation:

Increasing Health Participation within a Multisectoral Framework

Mirta Rosas-Periago, Socorro Gross-Galiano, Luiz Augusto C. Galvão, Alberto Concha-Eastman, Eugênia Maria Silveira Rodrigues, Andrés Villaveces

Pan American Health Organization, PAHO/WHO, 2010 - Washington, D.C.

Available online : English : <http://bit.ly/f9UVPI>

Portuguese: Pela defesa do transporte público seguro e saudável: maior participação da saúde em uma estrutura multisectorial. <http://bit.ly/fdcnTq>

Spanish: Defensa del transporte público seguro y saludable: fomento de la participación del sector sanitario en un marco multisectorial. <http://bit.ly/gzcAYY>

Clinical and service integration: the route to improved outcomes

Natasha Curry and Chris Ham

The King's Fund 2010 - ISBN 978 1 85717 605 6

Available online PDF [64p.] at: <http://t.co/gdQZgQm>

Cross border care EU: How to choose the best hospital?

A study of hospital information portals in five EU countries

Helena Cordasev, M.A., Arne Björnberg, Ph.D. and Oscar Hjertqvist

Health Consumer Powerhouse - Report - November 2010

Available online PDF [88p.] at: <http://bit.ly/e8CJSw>

Health professionals for a new century:

transforming education to strengthen health systems in an interdependent world

Prof Julio Frenk et al.

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/edUAoJ>

6. European Commission news

Ageing

[Public Consultation on the pilot European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy ageing](#)

Submit your contribution in your language!

[European Commission Workshops with experts, Brussels, 11-12-18 October 2010](#) Reflections paper and reports of the workshops available

Alcohol

[Sixth Meeting of the Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum Summary report available](#)

[European Alcohol and Health Forum](#) Forum Members: updated list of members as of 18 November 2010

Blood, tissues and organs

[Comparative Analysis of Medically Assisted Reproduction in the EU: Regulation and Technologies](#)

EU Health Prize for Journalists 2010

Winners of the EU Health Prize for Journalists 2010 announced

EU in the world

Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 16 December 2010 Draft agenda updated and documents added

Europe for Patients

New Europe for Patients website online!

Major and chronic diseases

The initial meetings of the Steering Committee and of the Working Group on national cancer plans, Brussels, 8 December 2010

Mental health

Thematic Conference under the European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being "Promoting Mental Health and Well-being at Workplaces", Berlin, 03-04 March 2011

Thematic Conference Combating Stigma and Promoting Social Inclusion, Lisbon, 08-09 November 2010 Presentations available

EU-Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well being - New contribution from FEAM published Promoting Social Inclusion and Combating Stigma for better Mental Health and Well-being Conference report and summary of conference conclusions available

Nutrition and physical activity

Implementation progress report of the Strategy for Europe on nutrition, overweight and obesity related health issues

Preparedness and response

Global Health Security Initiative Ministerial Meeting, 2-3 December 2010 - Ministerial Communiqué

Public health

Interview with Commissioner Dalli by Moira Mizzi, finalist for Malta of the EU Health Prize for Journalists 2010

Reports

OECD report: Health at a glance: Europe 2010

Risk assessment

2nd International Conference on Risk Assessment, 26-28 January 2011, Brussels, Belgium - Pre-conference event

Scientific committees

SCCS - New opinions open for comments (Deadline for comments: 28 January 2011)

SCCS - Statements - Memorandum (addendum) on the in vitro test EPISKIN™ for skin irritation testing

SCCS - Opinion open for comments on HC Red n° 13 COLIPA n° B31 Deadline for comments: 21 January 2011

Minutes of 8th Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light, meeting of 17 November 2010

[SCENIHR - Opinion on Scientific Basis for the Definition of the Term "nanomaterial"](#) Approved by the SCENIHR by written procedure on 8 December 2010

[SCENIHR - Opinion on Scientific Basis for the Definition of the Term "nanomaterial"](#) Approved by the SCENIHR by written procedure on 8 December 2010

[SCENIHR - Minutes of 3rd Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment Meeting of 26 November 2010](#)

[SCENIHR - Minutes of the 10th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 20 September 2010](#)

[SCENIHR - Minutes of 12th Working Group on Tobacco Additives Meeting of 27 October 2010](#)

[SCHER - Request for a scientific opinion on TCEP \(Toys section\)](#)

Sexually transmitted diseases

[World AIDS Day 2010: European Commission urges more prevention and testing and tops €1.3 billion invested in the fight against AIDS in the world](#) Press release

Tobacco

[HELP - For a life without tobacco - Report: Help - For a life without tobacco - A legacy available](#)

7. European Centre for Diseases Control

NEW! Spotlight: HIV testing – know, treat, prevent

To mark this year World AIDS Day, we have launched our latest Spotlight on HIV testing. It highlights the situation of HIV in Europe, the impact of undiagnosed HIV infection and the importance of HIV testing. Click on the link below and you will find our latest reports on HIV released today, an animated clip, downloadable presentations and links to related ECDC resources.

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/spotlight/spotlight_aids/Pages/index.aspx

Recent ECDC publications available online (November 2010)

SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Annual Epidemiological Report on communicable diseases in Europe - 2010

This edition of the Annual Epidemiological Report on Communicable Diseases in Europe provides a comprehensive summary of surveillance data for 2008.

Despite a reduction in the incidence of some of the diseases under surveillance, the data presented show that several problems remain. Among those of the most concern are antimicrobial resistance and healthcare-associated infections; sexually transmitted infections like HIV and chlamydia; and respiratory tract infections. The priorities for communicable disease prevention and control have therefore not changed substantially over recent years.

Possible readership: Public health officials, health professionals, policy makers, surveillance experts
Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DispForm.aspx?ID=578

This publication will be soon available in print. In the coming weeks, you will be able to order a hard copy directly on the EU-Bookshop: <http://bookshop.europa.eu/uri?target=EUB:AUTHOR:ECDP:EN>. Alternatively, you can send us an email to publications@ecdc.europa.eu

SURVEILLANCE REPORT

HIV/AIDS surveillance in Europe 2009

The rate of newly diagnosed cases of HIV infection in the EU and EEA has remained relatively stable since 2004, although with evidence of continuing transmission in Europe, HIV continues to be a major public health concern for the region. This report, prepared jointly with the WHO Regional Office for Europe, presents data on HIV and AIDS for the whole European Region, including the EU and EEA

countries. Analyses are provided for the EU and EEA region, and also by geographical area of the WHO European Region.

Possible readership: health officials, policymakers, people engaged in HIV/AIDS prevention.

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DisForm.aspx?ID=590

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SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Antimicrobial resistance surveillance in Europe 2009. Annual report of the European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Network (EARS-Net)

This is the first annual report of the European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Network (EARS-Net) after the transition of the European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System (EARSS) to ECDC on 1 January 2010. EARS-Net is a European-wide network of national surveillance systems, providing European reference data on antimicrobial resistance for public health purposes. The network is coordinated and funded by ECDC. It conducts surveillance of antimicrobial susceptibility in seven major invasive pathogens of public health importance: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. This report presents antimicrobial resistance data reported to EARS-Net by 28 countries in 2009 and results of trend analyses, including EARSS data from previous years.

Possible readership: public health officials, antibiotic/antimicrobial resistance experts, policy makers, health professionals

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DisForm.aspx?ID=580

This publication will be soon available in print. In the coming weeks, you will be able to order a hard

copy directly on the EU-Bookshop: <http://bookshop.europa.eu/uri?target=EUB:AUTHOR:ECDP:EN>.

Alternatively, you can send us an email to publications@ecdc.europa.eu

ECDC GUIDANCE

HIV testing: increasing uptake and effectiveness in the European Union

As the number of people infected with HIV continues to rise, there is increasing evidence that early treatment reduces morbidity and mortality. However, many people remain undiagnosed. This Guidance provides core principles for the development and implementation of national HIV testing strategies.

This report is also provided in a shorter '[In brief](#)' format and is accompanied by a Technical report (see below) which provides the evidence base for the guidance.

Possible target readership: public health officials, policymakers, people engaged in HIV/AIDS prevention.

Read more:http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DisForm.aspx?ID=588

This publication will be also available in print. In the coming weeks, you will be able to order a hard

copy directly on the EU-Bookshop: <http://bookshop.europa.eu/uri?target=EUB:AUTHOR:ECDP:EN>.

Alternatively, you can send us an email to publications@ecdc.europa.eu

TECHNICAL REPORT

HIV testing: Increasing uptake and effectiveness in the European Union. Evidence synthesis for Guidance on HIV testing

This review of scientific literature identified evidence for a number of strategies to overcome barriers to HIV testing. It highlights the need to expand testing across Europe and the necessity to ensure that HIV programmes are vigorously monitored and evaluated, both locally and nationally.

This report accompanies the ECDC Guidance on HIV testing: increasing uptake and effectiveness in the European Union (see above) which is also available in a shorter '[In brief](#)' format.

Possible target readership: public health officials, policymakers, people engaged in HIV/AIDS prevention.

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DisForm.aspx?ID=591

This publication will be also available in print. In the coming weeks, you will be able to order a hard

copy directly on the EU-Bookshop: <http://bookshop.europa.eu/uri?target=EUB:AUTHOR:ECDP:EN>.

Alternatively, you can send us an email to publications@ecdc.europa.eu

TECHNICAL REPORT

External quality assurance scheme for *Salmonella* typing

This report describes the first external quality assurance (EQA) scheme on typing of *Salmonella* subspecies, organised for the laboratories of the Food- and Waterborne Diseases and Zoonoses network by ECDC. In the EQA scheme, three procedures for typing of *Salmonella* subspecies were tested: serotyping, phage typing and antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST). The main objective of this EQA scheme was to evaluate whether typing of *Salmonella* strains by different laboratories within and outside the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) was carried out uniformly and whether comparable results were obtained.

Possible readership: Laboratory technicians, health professionals.

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DisForm.aspx?ID=582

SPECIAL REPORT

Progressing towards TB elimination

Two years after the launch of the *Framework action plan to fight tuberculosis in the European Union*, a follow-up report has been prepared. It looks at the current European situation regarding TB control, putting it into the global context, and goes on to present a monitoring framework that can be used to assess Europe's progress towards the elimination of TB. The framework comprises four epidemiological and eight operational indicators, all of which relate to the eight strategic areas of the *Action Plan*.

Possible readership: Public health officials, policymakers

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DisForm.aspx?ID=576

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SPECIAL REPORT

The 2009 A(H1N1) pandemic in Europe, a review of the experience

This extended report aims to provide a broad overview of the epidemiology and virology of the 2009 pandemic in the European Union and European Economic Area countries. The main trends and information are derived from the analysis and interpretation of the epidemiological and virological data and other analyses provided to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control's European Surveillance system through the European Influenza Surveillance Network.

Possible readership: Policy makers, vaccination officials, virologists.

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DisForm.aspx?ID=575

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Weekly influenza surveillance overview

Published every Friday, the weekly influenza surveillance overview is a collection of timely and relevant information regarding influenza activity in Europe. It provides key statistical data on a variety of issues including the following: sentinel surveillance of influenza like illness (ILI) and acute respiratory illness (ARI); virological surveillance; aggregate numbers of pandemic H1N1 2009; hospital surveillance of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI); mortality surveillance; and qualitative reporting.

<http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/activities/surveillance/EISN/Pages/home.aspx>

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This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

The current state of introduction of human papillomavirus vaccination into national immunisation schedules in Europe: first results of the VENICE2 2010 survey

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19730>

Type 1 wild poliovirus and putative enterovirus 109 in an outbreak of acute flaccid paralysis in Congo, October–November 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19723>

Two cases of verified clinical failures using internationally recommended first-line cefixime for gonorrhoea treatment, Norway, 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19721>

PERSPECTIVES

Seasonal influenza vaccination and the risk of infection with pandemic influenza: a possible illustration of non-specific temporary immunity following infection

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19722>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Phylogenetic analysis in a recent controlled outbreak of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever in the south of Iran, December 2008

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19720>

NEWS

Eurosurveillance reader satisfaction survey now online

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19727>

New research results on EU consumers' perceptions on food-related risks

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19728>

MISCELLANEOUS

Deadline for submissions for the special issue on Chagas disease in Europe extended until end of February 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19724>

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19729>

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2010;15(45)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19725>

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2010;15(46)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19726>

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<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/>

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Take the opportunity to help us shape our journal and tell us what you think of *Eurosurveillance*.

Please take a moment to complete our reader satisfaction survey available on our website

(<http://www.eurosurveillance.org>) and at the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ECDC-SURVEY>.

In this issue: Focus on World AIDS Day.

EDITORIALS

Know, treat, prevent – HIV testing, a key strategy in the prevention and control of the HIV/AIDS epidemic

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19736>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

HIV and AIDS in the European Union, 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19737>

A foodborne outbreak of *Salmonella* Bareilly in the United Kingdom, 2010

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This is the last issue in 2010 and concludes our 'Spotlight on measles 2010' series. We will be back on 6 January 2011.

Best wishes for 2011 from the *Eurosurveillance* team.

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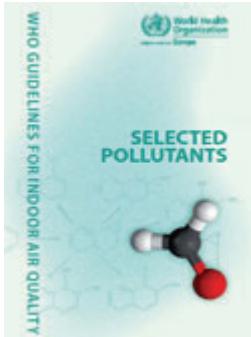
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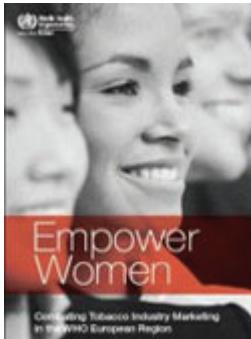
WHO guidelines for indoor air quality: selected pollutants



This book presents WHO guidelines for the protection of public health from a number of chemicals commonly present in indoor air. For each substance, the chapter covers a general description, the sources and pathways of exposure, the indoor-outdoor relationship, kinetics and metabolism, the health effects, a health risk evaluation, the guidelines, a summary box and references. These guidelines are targeted at public health professionals involved in preventing the health risks of environmental exposures, as well as at specialists and authorities involved in the design and use of buildings, indoor materials and products. They provide a scientific basis for legally enforceable standards.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version check:
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/who-guidelines-for-indoor-air-quality-selected-pollutants>

Empower women – Combating tobacco industry marketing in the WHO European Region



Over the last two decades, smoking by women and girls in many parts of the WHO European Region has increased, largely owing to skilful and successful marketing by the tobacco industry. It has tailored campaigns to target women and girls, and the tobacco control community needs to do the same. The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) expresses alarm at the increase in women and girls' use of tobacco. This monograph uses examples of action taken in the Region to provide countries with a guide and ideas about what action could and should be taken, in the context of the WHO FCTC's articles and guidelines.

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