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1. EUPHA – ASPHER conference 2008

The registration for the Lisbon Public Health Event is now online (www.eupha.org). Hotel accommodation can be directly booked at www.healthinnovation2008.com.pt

The preliminary programme is now available online.

2. Job vacancies

Universität Hamburg

In der Medizinischen Fakultät der Universität Hamburg/ Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf
Zentrum für Psychosoziale Medizin - Institut für Medizin-Soziologie
ist **01.10.2009** zu besetzen: Eine Stelle KzF.: FAK03-87/W2

Universitätsprofessorin bzw. Universitätsprofessor auf Zeit in der Wertigkeit der Besoldungsgruppe W 2 für GESUNDHEITSWISSENSCHAFTLICHE VERSORGUNGSFORSCHUNG
(für 6 Jahre gem. § 16 Abs. 2 Nr.4 Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, eine Entfristung kann nach positiver Evaluation erfolgen.)

Die Universität will den Anteil von Frauen an den Professuren erhöhen. Sie ist deshalb an Bewerbungen von Frauen besonders interessiert. Frauen werden nach dem Hamburgischen Hochschulgesetz bei gleichwertiger Qualifikation vorrangig berücksichtigt.

Aufgabengebiet:

Die Stelleninhaberin/Der Stelleninhaber soll in der Lage sein, den Direktor zu vertreten. Sie/Er beteiligt sich an der vorklinischen und klinischen Lehre des Instituts. Der wissenschaftliche Schwerpunkt liegt in der Versorgungsforschung und ihrer Weiterentwicklung. Die Stelleninhaberin/Der Stelleninhaber sollte mindestens in einem Schwerpunkt der Versorgungsforschung ausgewiesen sein (insbesondere Gesundheitsökonomie, Prävention, international vergleichende Versorgungsforschung).

Die Beteiligung am Aufbau innovativer Studienangebote (zum Beispiel Graduiertenkolleg, psychosoziale Zusatzqualifikation) wird erwartet.

Darüber hinaus wird die Bereitschaft zur interdisziplinären Zusammenarbeit und zur Weiterentwicklung des Forschungsschwerpunktes Versorgungsforschung des UKE sowie zur Mitarbeit in Verbünden der Versorgungsforschung voraus gesetzt .

Lehrverpflichtung:

8 Lehrveranstaltungsstunden gem. § 10 LVVO. Eine Reduktion regelt sich nach § 15 LVVO.

Einstellungsvoraussetzungen:

Es gilt § 15 Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz vom 18. Juli 2001 in der jeweils geltenden Fassung einschließlich des Nachweises der Habilitation oder gleichwertiger wissenschaftlicher Leistungen. Die Bewerberin / Der Bewerber soll ein Studium der Medizin und/oder ein gesundheits-, sozial- oder wirtschaftswissenschaftliches Studium vorweisen können.

Vorausgesetzt werden international ausgewiesene und anerkannte Forschungsleistungen im Bereich sozialmedizinischer/medizinsoziologischer Themen.

Besondere Fähigkeiten und Leistungen in der Lehre finden Berücksichtigung. Zu diesem Zweck sind Lehrerfahrungen und Vorstellungen zur Lehre schriftlich darzulegen.

Nachweise über die persönlich eingeworbenen Drittmittel sind beizufügen.

Schwerbehinderte haben Vorrang vor gesetzlich nicht bevorrechtigten Bewerbern gleicher Eignung, Befähigung und fachlicher Leistung.

Die Stelle steht unbefristet zur Verfügung. Es ist vorgesehen, das Dienstverhältnis zunächst auf sechs Jahre zu befristen. Hiervon kann abgewichen werden, wenn die Bewerberin/ der Bewerber bereits eine Lebenszeitprofessur innehatte.

Bewerbungen mit tabellarischem Lebenslauf sowie strukturierter Publikationsliste, Lehrverzeichnis einschließlich Lehrkonzept, Drittmittelnachweise werden, **jeweils in dreifacher Ausfertigung**, unter Angabe der Kennziffer FB 04- bis zum xx.xx.2008 erbeten an den Dekan der Medizinischen Fakultät der Universität Hamburg, Fakultätsservice, Martinistraße 52, 20246 Hamburg.

3. Interesting news:

New website: WWW.EUPHA.ORG

EUPHA has just launched a new website. The website is user-friendly and completely updated. Please visit: www.eupha.org to check it out!

EUPHIX website launch

On Friday June 20 in Leiden, the Netherlands, the official launch symposium was held for the EUPHIX website prototype. EUPHIX is short for: European Union Public Health Information, Knowledge and Data Management System. The launch symposium was opened and chaired by Martin McKee, professor of European Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He pointed at the many relevant and desirable features of the EUPHIX system and its potential value for EU health policy making by providing the evidence base. Later, the Director of the Danish National Public Health Institute, Finn Kamper-Jorgensen, also illustrated the current achievements and future potential of EUPHIX, e.g. to also function as a platform for results from EU projects. He pointed, as often before, at the political necessity of a sustainable way to finance EU health monitoring activities, which is currently lacking. Later, Marc Sprenger, Director General of RIVM, the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, officially 'launched' the EUPHIX website.

Partners in this EUPHIX project were representatives from national and regional public health institutes throughout the EU who have added expertise in the area of national and regional health monitoring and web-reporting. The EUPHIX project has been led in turn by RIVM's Peter Achterberg, Pieter Kramers and Hans van Oers.

The current EUPHIX website has a highly variable content, although not completely filled yet. It contains two sorts of texts: EUphact and EUphocus. Interestingly, EUPHIX also contains information on national and international health policies.

EUphacts are either texts plus indicators for a relatively small content area (one disease, one risk factor, one specific policy) or they contain indicator data sets only. For the EUphacts, the EUPHIX content maintains strong links to the EU Health Indicators (ECHI-shortlist). Interactive data tools have been included in EUPHIX with which data may be handled for optimal presentation needs.

EUphocus contributions are addressing broader agenda-issues, such as 'mental health' or 'health inequalities'. Some of the EUphocus texts are focusing on outcomes from EU projects. In this way EUPHIX may become a platform for EU health monitoring projects. DG Sanco's Health-EU Portal in the meantime has included various links to parts of the EUPHIX website.

With the launch of EUPHIX a prototype website is now in orbit that may become the backbone of a future health monitoring system for the EU. EUPHIX, moreover, also has major potential for teaching European public health. The EUPHIX website is found at: www.euphix.org

Global Smokefree Partnership

The Global Smokefree Partnership (GSP: www.globalsmokefreepartnership.org) is launching a campaign to strengthen global awareness and support for a strong and sustainable tobacco-free Olympics policy at the summer 2008 Olympic games in Beijing, China: www.smokefreeolympics.com

For this purpose, the GSP has developed an Open Letter to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) requesting the introduction of a compulsory 100% smokefree policy for all Olympic Games. GSP is now gathering signatures from international organisations working on health, sport and youth issues, before presenting the letter to the IOC.

To learn more about the Smokefree Olympics campaign and smokefree sports, visit: www.smokefreeolympics.com

European Child Safety Alliance EuroSafe

The European Child Safety Alliance and EuroSafe today launched a document entitled "Protecting children and youth in water recreation: safety guidelines for service providers" in cooperation with Commissioner of Consumers, Meglena Kuneva, and Chair of the Internal Market and Consumers Protection Committee, Arlene McCarthy. Drowning is the second leading cause of injury death to children in Europe. Children and youth are at increased risk of drowning or being injured in the water while on holiday. Yet according to the European Child Safety Alliance, most these injuries are preventable with basic safety measures that can be supported by water-related service providers.

The press release, the document plus more information are available at:

<http://www.childsafetyeurope.org>

The WHO European Ministerial Conference on Health Systems in Tallinn, Estonia

See information on the conference at <http://www.whoconference2008.org/news>

Interviews:

- * Dr Marc Danzon, WHO Regional Director for Europe
- * Mary Robinson, President, Realizing Rights: the Ethical Globalization Initiative and Co-Chair, Health Worker Global Policy Advisory Council
- * Professor Uwe E. Reinhard, James Madison Professor of Political Economy and Professor of Economics, Princeton University
- * Professor Sir Michael Marmot, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London
- * Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Health for the European Union, (on the website in 60mins)

See these at

<http://www.whoconference2008.org/interviews>

The speech of WHO Director-General, Dr Margaret Chan is now also available on demand . All sessions that have been streamed live are all on demand, including the session that just finished. The service will continue tomorrow and the material will continue to be available after the Conference. More details of the Conference also at <http://www.euro.who.int/healthsystems2008>

Alliance for Health and the Future

The Alliance for Health and the Future is pleased to announce the release of its new policy brief, "Health as an Investment? Reframing the policy debate in Europe". This paper is the starting point for a research programme which will result in a series of publications exploring the economic value of health care spending in Europe.

Attached to this email is a document introducing "Health as an Investment" and a link to the full

document on The Alliance for Health and the Future website (www.healthandfuture.org). Please find the link below:

http://www.healthandfuture.org/healthandfuture/images/stories/Documents/haai_brief.pdf

HealthQuest final report

HealthQuest, the acronym standing for "Quality in and Equality of Access to Healthcare Services", was a tender financed by the European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and run by EHMA and the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research. The study, carried out between January and December 2007, had three main purposes:

- To identify and analyse barriers of access to health care services which are faced by vulnerable groups in society, and especially those most exposed to social exclusion;
- To review the various policy initiatives taken by the Member States to realise the objective of access for all, including the analysis of good practice examples;
- To highlight and describe the most effective policy measures to ensure access to health care to the most disadvantaged (including a case study on people with mental health problems);
- To help to determine the extent to which increased access to and quality of health care services can make to combating poverty and social exclusion and increasing social inclusion.

The research focused on three vulnerable groups that are particularly affected by these barriers: older people, immigrants (including undocumented migrants and asylum seekers) and people with mental health disorders.

The main report as well as the summary are available at the European Commission's website.

Report: http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/spsi/docs/social_inclusion/2008/healthquest_en.pdf; Summary:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/spsi/docs/social_inclusion/2008/summary_healthquest_en.pdf

Besides the final report, eight country studies analyse the following countries:

Finland, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Romania, and United Kingdom.

Project partners / consortium leader:

European Health Management Association (EHMA), Brussels

European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna

Finland: Kristian Wahlbeck, University of Helsinki

Germany: Anette Riesberg, Technical University of Berlin

Greece : John Kyriopoulos, National School of Public Health Athens

The Netherlands: Nicoline Tamsma, Netherlands Institute for Care and Welfare

Poland: Stanislawa Golinowska, Jagiellonian University, Public Health Institut

Romania: Mirosa Predescu

Spain: Ines Garcia-Sanchez

United Kingdom: Maria Goddard, University of York, Centre for Health Economics

EuroHealthNet: Clive Needle, Caroline Costongs

For further information please contact federico.torres@ehma.org

4. Upcoming courses and conferences

Title	The “Policy Impact” of Health Reporting: Opportunities and Challenges
Date	4 September 2008
Place	Düsseldorf, Germany
Organiser	NRW Institute of Health and Work (LIGA.NRW) and the European Public Health Centre NRW (EPHZ)
More information	http://www.pia-phr.nrw.de

Title	Conference on Quality Measurement and Quality Management based on Administrative
Date	15-16 September, 2008
Place	Potsdam, Germany

Organiser HELIOS Kliniken, Berlin; Institut für Chirurgische Forschung und Spitalmanagement, Universitätsspital Basel; AOK-Bundesverband, Bonn
More information <http://www.qmr-kongress.de>

Title **Key Topics in Hospital Infection Control and Cleaning**
Date Tuesday 16 September 2008
Place London, UK
Organiser The Royal Institute of Public Health, Portland Place, London
More information <http://www.riph.org.uk/pdf/hospital-infections-flyer.pdf>

Title **8th Regional Congress on Health Sciences Information (CRICS 8)**
Date 16-19 September 2008
Place Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Organiser The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) and the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME/PAHO/WHO)
More information Website: <http://www.crics8.org/php/index.php?lang=en>

Title **3rd Annual Conference Health ClusterNET**
"Delivering added value health sector investment in European Regions"
Date 9 October 2008
Place Bilbao, Spain
Organiser Health ClusterNET
More information https://www.tisasa.es/congresos/ca_congresosabiertos.asp

Title **International city break conference on Social Sciences & Human research**
Development
Date 17-20 October 2008
Place Athens, Greece
Organiser ATINER
More information <http://www.atiner.gr/shd.htm>

Title **Legionella Update 'Just when you thought it was safe to get out of the shower'**
Date Tuesday 4 November 2008
Place London, UK
Organiser The Royal Institute of Public Health, Portland Place, London
More information http://www.riph.org.uk/pdf/legionnaires_flier.pdf

Title **ESCAIDE: European scientific conference on applied infectious disease epidemiology**
Date 19-21 November 2008
Place Berlin, Germany
Organiser ECDC

Title: **Two-week Course Applied Public Health**
Dates: 30 November - 13 December, 2008
Location: The Hague, The Netherlands
Organiser: Netherlands School of Public & Occupational Health
More information: <http://www.nspoh.nl/page.ocl?pageid=32&id=310>

Title Concepts of Epidemiology: crash course
Date 8-12 December 2008

Place Edinburgh, UK
Organiser University of Edinburg
More information <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/cpd/courses/medicine?Course=K1457>

Title **HaCIRIC International Conference 2009**
Health and Care Infrastructure Research and Innovation Centre
Date 2-3 April 2009
Place Brighton, UK
Organiser Tanaka Business School
Deadline abstracts 8 September 2008
More information www.haciric.org

Title 12th World Congress on Public Health
Date 27 April - 1 May 2009
Place Istanbul, Turkey
Organiser WFPHA
More information www.worldpublichealth2009.org

Title **8th International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy**
Date 29-30 June 2009 & 1-2 July 2009
Place Athens, Greece
Organiser ATINER
More information <http://www.atiner.gr/docs/health.htm>

5. Interesting publications

Nutrition education in children and adolescents

Italian Journal of Public Health, vol. 5(1), Spring 2008. For more information: www.ijph.it

The Aftershock of Deindustrialisation - trends in mortality in Scotland and other parts of post-industrial Europe.

David Walsh, Martin Taulbut and Phil Hanlon. Glasgow Centre for Population Health, April 2008.

Available from: <http://www.gcphe.co.uk/content/view/144/68/>

Monitoring concentrations of persistent organic pollutants in the general population: The international experience.

Miquel Porta, Elisa Puigdomènech, Ferran Ballester, Javier Selva, Núria Ribas-Fitó, Sabrina Llop and Tomàs López

Environment International 2008; 34: 546-561.

Challenges and Successes in Reducing Health Disparities: Workshop Summary

Jennifer A. Cohen, Rapporteur, Roundtable on Health Disparities

Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice (BPH)

US Institute of Medicine (IOM) [210p.] 2008

Available online at: http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12154

Reducing the Impact of Poverty on Health and Human Development: Scientific Approaches

Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences

Volume 1136, June 2008

Website: <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/toc/nyas/1136/1>

Thomas McKeown, Meet Fidel Castro: Physicians, Population Health and the Cuban Paradox

Robert G. Evans, Professor of Economics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC Canada

Healthcare Policy / Politiques de Santé, 3(4) 2008: 21-32

Website: <http://www.longwoods.com/product.php?productid=19916>

6. European Commission: update



- **Health determinants: Mental health**
EU high-level conference: "Together for Mental Health and Well-Being", Brussels, 13 June 2008 [Filmed versions from the conference and presentations of the speakers available](#)
- **Health determinants: Sexual health**
Workshop Towards a European Strategy on Sexual Health for Young People - Realities, Gaps and Needs -, Brussels, 22 May 2008 [Contributions](#)
- **Pharmaceutical forum**
[Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Steering Committee, Brussels, 3 April 2008](#)
- **Health determinants: Mental health**
[Mental Health Briefing sheets - Facts and Activities in Member States](#) [Updated](#)
- **Health information**
[European Community Health Indicators \(ECHI\)](#) [Dementia/Alzheimer updated](#)
- **Overview of health strategy**
[Come to the Open Days 2008 – registration is now open!](#)
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Products**
[Minutes of the 15th Plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee on Consumers Products \(SCCP\), Brussels, 15 April 2008](#)
- **Health determinants: Drugs**
[Eurobarometers Page updated](#)
- **International: EU Neighbourhood and third countries**
[Networking of the regional cooperation in public health: NDPHS - SEEHN - EC meeting, Brussels, 30 january 2008](#)
[Minutes, presentations](#)
- **International: EU Neighbourhood and third countries**
[Multicountry Workshop on Health workforces needs and mobility in the EU and SEE countries, Brussels, 30 june - 01 july 2008](#) [Summary report, presentations](#)
- **Health information: 2004 funded projects**
[PPRI - Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information](#) [PPRI Report](#)
- **Newsletter: Health & Consumer Voice Newsletter on Food Safety, Health and Consumer Policy from Health and Consumer Protection DG**
[Edition: July 2008](#)
- **Health information: Working Parties**
[Meeting of the Working Party on Health Systems, Luxembourg, 19/20 November 2007](#) [Minutes, contributions](#)
- **Cross-border healthcare**
[COM \(2008\) 414 final: Proposal for a Directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare](#) [Available in 21 languages](#)

- **Cross-border healthcare**
[COM \(2008\) 415 final: A Community framework on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare](#)
Available in 21 languages
- **Risk assessment: Event**
[2nd Annual Nanotechnology Safety for Success Dialogue Workshop, Brussels, 2-3 October 2008](#)
- **Health determinants: European Alcohol Health Forum**
[Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum](#) Updated
- **Health determinants: Tobacco**
8th meeting of the Regulatory Committee established under Article 10 of the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC [Summary record](#)
- **Health determinants: Mental health**
EU high-level conference: "TOGETHER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING", Brussels, 13 June 2008
[Presentations](#)
- **Cross-border Healthcare**
Presentation of Ms. Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Health, at the press conference on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare
- **Health determinants: European Alcohol and Health Forum**
Task Force on Youth-Specific aspects of Alcohol [Composition updated](#)
- **Cross-border healthcare**
Commission adopts draft directive on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare [Press release](#)
- **Cross-border healthcare**
Background: Cross-border healthcare Available in de, en, es, fr
- **Health information**
Analysing and reporting on health [What's new section updated](#)
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**
Minutes of the 24th Plenary Meeting Brussels, 21 May 2008
- **Health information: Developing European Union health indicators**
[ECHI Section Health status updated](#)
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**
Public Consultation on the SCENIHR preliminary report on Potential health risks of exposure to noise from personal music players and mobile phones including a music playing function [Deadline for the submission of comments: 27 August 2008](#)
- **Health determinants: Drugs and substances**
The 26th of June International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking [Press release and MEMO](#)
- **Health Programme: Executive Agency**
National Focal Points of the Member States and participating countries [List updated](#)
- **Health determinants: Mental health**
European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being [Consolidated version after the conference](#)
- **Health Programme: Executive Agency**
National Focal Points of the Member States and participating countries [List updated](#)
- **Health information: 2005 funded projects**
Quality Labelling of Medical Web content using Multilingual Information Extraction [2nd interim report](#)
- **Risk assessment: Popularizing risk assessment results**
Indoor Air Quality Available in en, de, es, fr
- **Health information: 2005 funded projects**
EUCID - EUropean Core Indicators in Diabetes Mellitus [Final report](#)

- **Overview of health strategy: The Health Policy Forum**
[EU Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 28 november 2007 Minutes](#)
- **Overview of health strategy: The Health Policy Forum**
[EU Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 30 May 2008 Contributions](#)

7. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 26, 26 June 2008

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Increased mumps incidence in the Netherlands: Review on the possible role of vaccine strain and genotype
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18914>

Update on the new variant of Chlamydia trachomatis: Prevalence and diagnostics
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18913>

REVIEW ARTICLES

Tick-borne encephalitis in Europe and beyond – the epidemiological situation as of 2007
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18916>

PERSPECTIVES

The surveillance of communicable diseases in the European Union – a long-term strategy (2008-2013)
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18912>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18911>

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2008;13(25)
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18915>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 27, 3 July 2008

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Onychomadesis outbreak in Valencia, Spain, June 2008
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18917>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

A cluster of hepatitis B infections associated with incorrect use of a capillary blood sampling device in a nursing home in the Netherlands, 2007
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18918>

NEWS

Measles once again endemic in the United Kingdom
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18919>

LETTERS

Mumps Vaccination in the Czech Republic
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18920>

MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for: Euro Surveill 2008;13(26)
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18921>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 28, 10 July 2008

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Large ongoing outbreak of infection with *Salmonella Typhimurium* U292 in Denmark, February-July 2008
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18923>

Isolating Asian enterovirus 71 subgenogroup C4 in two Austrian clinical samples from 2004
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18922>

Publication of report on chlamydia control activities in Europe
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18924>

EUROROUNDUPS

Situation of hantavirus infections and haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome in European countries as of December 2006
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18925>

NEWS

EpiNorth Data updated for 2007
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18926>

MISCELLANEOUS

Eurosurveillance and EpiNorth Journal sign Memorandum of Understanding
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18927>