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## 1. 6 th European Public Health Conference – Brussels 13-16 November 2013



**Health in Europe: are we there yet?**  
*Learning from the past,  
building the future*

The full programme of Brussels 2013 is now available. For more information:  
[www.eupha.org/Brussels2013](http://www.eupha.org/Brussels2013).

### Call for presenting your publication

During the conference, on Friday 15 November at lunch time, EUPHA is organizing a 60 minute session where the most recent and interesting publications on public health are presented in very short, innovative and creative speeches. Did you or your institute recently publish a ground-breaking book? Are you finalizing a trendsetting report? Do you have cutting-edge results? Then this will be the session to present these!

If you are interested in participating, please send your short summary (200 words) by **1 September** to: [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org). A small expert committee will examine all entries and make a final selection.

### Call for chairs – still a couple of days left

For Brussels 2013, we are planning to organise the parallel programme sessions chaired by two people: an experienced chair combined with a participant who is interested in learning the skills to chair.

- Are you an experienced chair, planning to attend the conference and interested in chairing one of the sessions?
- Are you an early career professional, planning to attend the conference and interested in chairing one of the sessions?

Then you can contact us at [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org) by **31 July 2013** and send us your preferred topics. We will do our best to accommodate you.

### Malta 2012: plenary webcasts now available

The plenary sessions of the Malta 2012 conference are now available on the EPHconference channel of youtube via:

[http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming\\_conference.php?conference\\_page=383](http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=383)

## 2. EUPHA update

### Pre conferences at Brussels 2013

EUPHA and EUPHA sections are organising a large number of pre conference workshops and sessions at the Brussels 2013 European Public Health Conference, including:

[11th Pre conference on social security and health: How to gain knowledge on consequences of sickness absence or disability pension](#)

Organised by EUPHA Section on Social security and health  
Wednesday 13 November (08:30-17:00 including Dinner)

[Migrant health issues \(\*More information to follow\*\)](#)

Organised by EUPHA Section on Migrant and ethnic health  
Location: Catholic University Louvain / Leuven  
Wednesday 13 November (09:00-17:00)

**The burden of mental health in Europe: future needs for monitoring and research**  
Organised by EUPHA Sections on Public mental health, Urban public health and Public health monitoring and reporting  
Wednesday 13 November (9:30-17:30 with optional Dinner)

**Mechanisms of successful knowledge transfer: operating at multiple levels of the science-policy interface**  
Organised by European Commission, Executive Agency for Health and Consumers, DG Health and Consumers, WHO Regional Office for Europe and EUPHA  
Wednesday 13 November (09:00-17:00)

**Supporting a Healthy Nutrition Policy for Europe**  
Organised by EUPHA Section on Food and nutrition, WHO and EPHA  
Wednesday 13 November (09:00-17:00)

**The use of injury data for mainstreaming accident prevention within national and EU-level health and consumer safety policies**  
Organised by EUPHA Section on Injury prevention and safety promotion and EuroSafe  
Wednesday 13 November (09:00-17:00)

**One-day training session for starting HSR researchers**  
Organised by EUPHA Section on Health services research and Health Services Research Europe  
Location: KCE, Brussels  
Wednesday 13 November (09:00-17:00)

**Pre conference: Current approaches to screening and management of communicable diseases, with emphasis on migrants**  
Organised by the EUPHA Section on Infectious diseases control  
Wednesday 13 November (14:00-17:00)

**EUPHA Member Forum**  
Organised by EUPHA  
Wednesday 13 November (14:00-17:00)

**Public Health: the next step (*More information to follow*)**  
Organised by EUPHA Sections on Child and adolescent public health, Chronic diseases, Ethics in public health and Health promotion  
Thursday 14 November (08:30-11:30)

## **EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together**



At the end of July 2013, we have 2970 documents included in EUPHApedia (increase of 10 from last month). All persons in our database have access to search EUPHApedia, all EUPHA members can upload information on to EUPHApedia.

## **3. Call for proposals, job opportunities**

### **Call for papers for the Journal of Obesity**

The journal of Obesity has put out a call for papers with a focus on movement behaviours across the lifespan. As a guest editor, we are interested in original articles or review papers that examine the interplay between the different dimensions of movement behaviours,

anthropometry, and/or body composition at different ages and across age categories. For a list of potential topics please see the link below for details and distribute throughout your networks. <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/jobes/si/247023/cfp/>

## **DG Health and Consumers launched the 5th edition of the EU Health Prize for Journalists**

Journalists writing on health are invited to submit their articles published between 01/08/2012 and 30/09/2013 via the website [http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/journalist\\_prize/](http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/journalist_prize/). The submission deadline is on 30/09/2013. To see all the rules please go to the website.

## **4. Interesting News**

### **EuroSafe newsletter now available**

The July 2013 issue of the quarterly EuroSafe [Alert Newsletter](#) offers information on a wide range of initiatives and actions relevant for injury prevention. As to injury surveillance, this issue puts work of our colleagues in Germany and Iceland into the spotlight.

We are also happy to announce that on 13 November, EuroSafe and the Injury Section of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) will jointly organise a one day seminar on the use of injury data for driving health and consumer policies and actions at local and national". This seminar will be held in Brussels as pre-conference to the 6th European Public Health Conference (14-16 November, also in Brussels). [Online registration](#)

### **HEAL Press release**

#### **WHO report underlines need for stronger EU action on air pollution, says HEAL**

A scientific review on air pollution conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO) shows that the EU needs to step up efforts to improve air quality, according to the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL).

WHO's "Review of evidence on health aspects of air pollution" (REVIHAAP) project (1) provides new and more extensive evidence of harm to health in adults and children, including on prenatal development. The long-term effects on healthy adults are found to be underestimated, and diabetes has been added to the existing list of respiratory and heart disease effects in adults. The review shows additional evidence long-term impact of exposure to air pollution on respiratory health, such as asthma. Twice as many people suffer from asthma today compared to thirty years ago. For children, the report also highlights new and worrying impacts on neurodevelopment and cognitive function, and adverse effects in birth outcomes of babies born to exposed mothers.

The scientists also say that the effects of very hot periods during the summer - associated with climate change in Europe - will make the effects of air pollution worse.

The assessment, carried out by 60 leading international scientists in the field, forms part of the discussions on future EU measures in the EU Year of Air 2013. The findings prompted the scientists to recommend a review of existing WHO guidelines. They also say that the "newfound health effects call for stronger EU air policies", and that EU ambient air quality standards should be revised.

The findings come at an important moment. This autumn will see the launch of proposals on how to improve air quality all over Europe. HEAL calls on the EU Commission, but especially EU member states to increase their political commitment to tackling air pollution, which causes more premature death in Europe than road accidents. (2)

The project reviewed new studies on how particulate matter, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and other pollutants harm our health. On particulate matter (PM) it showed more evidence on both short and long-term effects and greater damage at lower levels.

Studies on nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) also produced new evidence of long-term effects, including harm to health at levels below existing EU limit values. It found that even for healthy and mildly asthmatic people there were small effects on inflammation and airway responsiveness. Such changes would not be detected by clinical doctors but the consequences for the entire population, including people with existing respiratory and heart problems, would be significant.

The research on ozone provided more evidence on short and long-term effects, and suggested effects on cognitive development in children, reproductive health and pre-term births.

Over 60 health and environmental groups recently launched their three priorities for the review of EU air policies. These are: strong emissions reductions across the board in the National Emissions Ceilings Directive; achieving emission reductions in all sectors, also those that are currently unregulated; and a strengthening and further enforcement of the EU ambient air quality standards (3).

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### **EPHA 4th Annual Conference, 4-5 September 2013, Brussels**

In an official event of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) will celebrate, on 4 and 5 September 2013, 20 years of helping shape Europe's public health in a conference entitled [Brave New World: Inclusive Growth and Well-Being or Vested Interests and Lost Generations?](#)

EPHA is using this milestone as an opportunity to look at how we can foster an EU that is coherent in its decisions, in terms of fostering the health and well-being of people living in Europe.

Some of the speakers include: [Tonio Borg](#), European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy (DG SANCO); [Paola Testori Coggi](#), Director-General for DG SANCO; [Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis](#), Lithuanian Minister of Health; ; [Zsuzsanna Jakab](#), WHO Regional Director for Europe; [Yves Leterme](#), Deputy Secretary General of the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); and [Robert Madelin](#), Director-General for DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology.

For more information, contact Javier Delgado at [epha.events@epha.org](mailto:epha.events@epha.org)

## **5. EUPHA member updates**

### **French Society of Public Health – [www.sfsp.fr/](http://www.sfsp.fr/)**

N°2 Supplément 2013 - Revue Santé publique

Éducation pour la santé : une place insuffisante dans la politique de santé ?

Enjeux et pratiques d'une discipline à redécouvrir

### **SESPAS - [www.sespas.es](http://www.sespas.es)**

The Spanish Epidemiological Society (a member of SESPAS) published a statement on promoting cycling as a priority for public health at <http://www.noticiasmedicas.es/informacion/la-bicicleta-un-medio-de-transporte-seguro-y-saludable-que-medidas-tomar-para-su-buen-uso/>

## **6. Upcoming courses and conferences**



Going International promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of Going International is the online education database »medicine & health«. It contains international courses, master programmes and conferences in the field of medicine and international health. Due to the large number and variety of training events the education database enables health professionals to find their educational event at their fingertips. For further information: [www.goinginternational.eu/en/online-datenbank/](http://www.goinginternational.eu/en/online-datenbank/) Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

**Title:** **Actualities and perspectives in acute and chronic diseases epidemiology International Conference**  
**Dates:** 12-14 September 2013  
**Place:** Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
More info: <http://epidemiologie2013.performed-events.ro/>

**Title:** **Spirit possession and mental health**  
**Dates:** 20 September 2013  
**Place:** London, UK  
More info: [www.bmehealth.org](http://www.bmehealth.org)

**Title:** **HaCIRIC International Conference Building Future Healthcare - Radical Approaches**  
**Dates:** 25-26 September 2013  
**Place:** London, UK  
More info: [b.trimcev@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:b.trimcev@imperial.ac.uk)

**Title:** **Medizinische Statistik für Nicht-StatistikerInnen**  
**Date:** 1-2 October 2013  
**Place:** Krems, Austria  
**Organiser:** Dept. for Evidence-based Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology,  
Danube University Krems  
More info: Language: German  
[http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/de/studium/medizinische\\_statistik/index.php](http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/de/studium/medizinische_statistik/index.php)

**Title:** **Dementia Scotland 2013: a national priority**  
**Dates:** 21 October 2013  
**Place:** Edinburgh, Scotland  
More info: [Register Your Place Today](#)

**Title:** **The Ukraine Healthcare Infrastructure & Pharmaceutical Summit**  
**Dates:** 22-23 October 2013  
**Place:** Kiev, Ukraine  
**Organiser:** Euroconvention Global  
**Deadline:**  
More info: [administration@euroconventionglobal.com](mailto:administration@euroconventionglobal.com).

**Title:** **Sharing Patient Information: realising the potential of a paperless NHS**  
**Dates:** 29 October 2013  
**Place:** Birmingham, UK  
More info: [Register Your Place Today](#)

**Title:** **Gender Summit 3 – North America (GS3-NA) - Diversity Fueling Excellence in Research & Innovation**  
**Dates:** 13-15 November 2013  
**Place:** Washington D.C.  
More info: [www.gender-summit.com](http://www.gender-summit.com)

**Title:** **7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Children's Health and the Environment**  
**Dates:** 20-22 November 2013  
**Place:** Jerusalem, Israel  
**Deadline:** for abstracts extended until 1 August 2013  
More info: <http://www.reg.co.il/inches2013/>

**Title:** EHTEL 2013 Symposium -  
"Sustainable Partnerships for Well-being and eHealth"  
**Dates:** 2-3 December 2013  
**Place:** Brussels, Belgium  
**Organiser:** EHTEL  
More info: <http://www.ehtel.eu/symposium2013>

**Title:** Qualitative Research in Health: Where Quantitative Methods Can Not Reach  
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health  
**Date:** 12 - 14 February 2014  
**Place:** University of Basel, Swiss TPH, Switzerland  
More info: [http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd\\_courses&lang=en](http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en)

## 7. Interesting publications

### **Advisory report 8901 - Immunochemical Faecal Occult Blood Tests for Colorectal Cancer Screening**

The Superior Health Council created an advisory report concerning the use of immunological tests in colorectal cancer screening programs.  
The full advisory report: <http://tinyurl.com/SHC-8901-CRC>

### **L'ouvrage Géopolitique de la santé mondiale.**

Leçons inaugurales du Collège de France.  
Collège de France/ Fayard, juin 2013. 86p.,  
Accessible dans son intégralité ici: <http://books.openedition.org/cdf/2291>

### **"A manager in the minds of doctors:" a comparison of new modes of control in European hospitals**

Kuhlmann E, Burau V, Correia T, Lewandowski R, Lionis C, Noordgraaf M, Repullo J, BMC Health Services Research, 2013, 13:246.  
Open access at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/13/246>

### **Bringing a European perspective to the health human resources debate: A scoping study**

Kuhlmann E, Batenburg R, Groenewegen PP, Larsen C,  
Health Policy, 2013, 110:3-16  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.healthpol.2012.11.002>

### **The Palgrave Handbook of Gender and Healthcare, 2nd edition**

Edited by E Kuhlmann and E Annandale, 2012,  
Free download of the Introduction: <http://www.palgrave.com/PDFs/9781137015143.pdf>

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Global Health Diplomacy**

Novotny TE, Kickbusch I, Told M (eds)  
World Scientific Publishers <http://www.worldscientific.com/worldscibooks/10.1142/8178>

### [Oxford Handbook of Occupational Health](#)

Second Edition  
J Smedley, F Dick  
978-0-19-965162-7

**Understanding and Using Health Experiences**  
Improving patient care  
S Ziebland, A Coulter  
978-0-19-966537-2

**Oxford Textbook of Infectious Disease Control**  
A Geographical Analysis from Medieval Quarantine to Global Eradication  
A Cliff, M Smallman-Raynor  
978-0-19-959661-4

**Integrating Health Impact Assessment with the Policy Process**  
Lessons and experiences from around the world  
M O'Mullane  
978-0-19-963996-0

**Protecting the World's Children**  
Immunisation policies and Practices  
S Roalkvam, D McNeill  
978-0-19-966644-7

**Epidemiology and Disease Prevention**  
A Global Approach  
Second Edition  
J Yarnell, Dt O'Reilly  
978-0-19-966053-7

**Advancing the Human Right to Health**  
JM. Zuniga, SP. Marks  
978-0-19-966161-9

**Global Health Metrics & Evaluation: Data, Debates, Directions**  
The Lancet - Volume 381, Supplement 2, Pages S1-S151 (17–19 June 2013)  
Website: <http://bit.ly/19tzJ4s>

**Conference Statement: Health Promotion - Helsinki, Finland**  
Conference Statement: <http://bit.ly/10isNkj>

**Building on our heritage, looking to our future**  
Strengthening Chronic Disease Prevention Programming:  
The Toward Evidence-Informed Practice (TEIP) Program Evidence Tool  
D Albert, R Fortin, C Herrera, B Riley, R Hanning, A Lessio, B Rush  
CDC - Prev Chronic Dis 2013;10:120107. May 2013  
Available at: <http://1.usa.gov/14V4drn>

**Patient Privacy in a Mobile World – A Framework to Address Privacy Law Issues in Mobile Health**  
TrustLaw report  
Editors: Baker & McKenzie, Merck, Thomson Reuters Foundation  
June 2013  
Available online PDF file [99p.] at: <http://bit.ly/10QZzvp>

**Health Equity Through Action - Social Determinants of Health**  
Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute, June 2013  
Summary document: <http://bit.ly/17ygPsr>

**A history of the humanitarian system - Western origins and foundations**  
E Davey, with J Borton and M Foley  
HPG Working Paper - June 2013  
Overseas Development Institute ODI – London, United Kingdom  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/14sGa17>

**Health financing for universal health coverage**  
Bulletin of the World Health Organization - 17 June 2013  
J Kutzin  
Health Systems Financing, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/14T2wuJ>

**Scaling Up Affordable Health Insurance**  
2013 - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/The World Bank  
Editors: AS Preker, ME Lindner, D Chernichovsky, and OP Schellekens  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/11VU2xx>

## 8. European Commission news

### **Ageing**

European Innovation Partnership on Active & Healthy Ageing: 32 EU cities and regions rewarded for their innovative ideas

### **Blood, tissues and organs**

Study on the set-up of organ donation and transplantation in the EU Member States, uptake and impact of the EU Action Plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation (2009-2015)  
Meeting of Competent authorities for blood and blood components, 17-18 April 2013 Summary report now available

### **Health-EU portal**

Health-EU Newsletter survey - Let us know what you think

### **Health reports**

EU Health statistical reports – page updated  
Health reporting systems at national level - Page updated

### **Health strategy**

Experts Group on Health Information, Luxembourg, 29-30 May 2013 - Presentations now available

### **Health technology assessment**

Midday express: Rules established on Health Technology Assessment

### **Interest groups**

EU Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 9 April 2013 - Minutes now available  
EU Health Policy Forum - Investing in health position paper

### **Major and chronic diseases**

Call for tender on prevention strategies for type 2 diabetes - Questions and answers

### **Medicinal products for human use**

Public consultation on the revision of EU Commission guidelines on Good Manufacturing Practice for Medicinal Products

Public consultation on the guideline on the format and content of applications for designation as orphan medicinal products and on the transfer of designations from one sponsor to another  
e-News: Proposal for fees for pharmacovigilance payable to the European Medicines Agency adopted

## **Mental health**

Call for tender on adapted care for adolescents with mental health problems - Questions and answers

## **Nutrition and physical activity**

Special Report on the EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (reference period 2006-2012)

Evaluation of the implementation of the Strategy for Europe on Nutrition, Overweight and Obesity related health issues - Final report and case study reports

Joint meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 20 June 2013 - Flash report available

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 19 June 2013 - Flash report available

Eighteenth plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 20 June 2013 - Flash report available

## **Patient safety**

ECDC's report Point prevalence survey of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial use in European hospitals 2011–2012

## **Preparedness and response**

Exercise Aristaeus - Food-borne outbreak, Luxembourg, 14-15 May 2013 - Final report now available

The European Parliament votes in favour of the EU Decision on serious cross-border threats to health

## **Presidency of the Council of the EU**

Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU – Priorities in health sector Rare diseases

Page on rare diseases registries updated

## **Rare Diseases**

New events on Rare Diseases

# **9. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 26, 27 June 2013**

**In this issue:** Case-control study from China identifies direct contact with poultry or birds, chronic medical conditions), and environment-related exposures as risk factors for human infection with influenza A(H7N9)

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### **EDITORIALS**

Note from the editors: The 2012 impact factors

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20515>

### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Case-control study of risk factors for human infection with influenza A(H7N9) virus in Jiangsu Province, China, 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20510>

### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Hospital-based cluster randomised controlled trial to assess effects of a multi-faceted programme on influenza vaccine coverage among hospital healthcare workers and nosocomial influenza in the Netherlands, 2009 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20512>

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Addendum for Euro Surveill. 2013;18(21)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20514>

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20513>

## **NEWS**

Reminder: Call for Abstracts for the European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) closes on Friday 5 July 2013  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20511>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 27, 4 July 2013**

**In this issue:** Rapid communications on two unrelated hepatitis A outbreaks in Europe: results from a case-control study from four Nordic countries and an outbreak investigation in Italy  
**This week's table of contents:**

### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Ongoing outbreak of hepatitis A in Italy: preliminary report as of 31 May 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20518>

Joint analysis by the Nordic countries of a hepatitis A outbreak, October 2012 to June 2013: frozen strawberries suspected

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20520>

Pet rat harbouring Seoul hantavirus in Sweden, June 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20521>

### **SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**

Distribution of *Salmonella enterica* isolates from human cases in Italy, 1980 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20519>

### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Pilot study to introduce a notification card for partner notification of sexually transmitted infections in Catalonia, Spain, June 2010 to June 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20516>

## **NEWS**

ECDC launches the second version of the EPIS-FWD platform

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20517>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 28, 11 July 2013**

**In this issue:** Survey demonstrating that the epidemiological situation of Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae has deteriorated over the past three years in Europe

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### **EDITORIALS**

Control of recent community-based outbreaks of invasive meningococcal disease in men who have sex with men in Europe and the United States

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20522>

### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

A cluster of invasive meningococcal disease in young men who have sex with men in Berlin, October 2012 to May 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20523>

Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae in Europe: a survey among national experts from 39 countries, February 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20525>

### **SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**

Prevalence of human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis C virus among French prison inmates in 2010: a challenge for public health policy

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20524>

Prevalence of *Coxiella burnetii* in women exposed to livestock animals, Denmark, 1996 to 2002

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20528>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 29, 18 July 2013**

### **In this issue: Leishmaniasis in Europe: Part I**

The first part of the special issue on leishmaniasis presents surveillance data from five endemic countries in southern Europe.

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##### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Note from the editors: Eurosurveillance special issue on leishmaniasis painting a picture of the situation in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20529>

##### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Ongoing outbreak of visceral leishmaniasis in Bologna Province, Italy, November 2012 to May 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20530>

##### **SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**

Geographical distribution and epidemiological characteristics of visceral leishmaniasis in Bulgaria, 1988 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20531>

Epidemiology of human leishmaniasis in Greece, 1981-2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20532>

Asymptomatic Leishmania infantum infections in humans living in endemic and non-endemic areas of Croatia, 2007 to 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20533>

The burden of visceral leishmaniasis in Italy from 1982 to 2012: a retrospective analysis of the multi-annual epidemic that occurred from 1989 to 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20535>

Surveillance of leishmaniasis in France, 1999 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20534>

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

## **10. WHO publications**

### **Health literacy. The solid facts**

(Edited by Ilona Kickbusch, Jürgen M. Pelikan, Franklin Apfel and Agis D. Tsouros)

As societies grow more complex and people are increasingly bombarded with health information and misinformation, health literacy becomes essential. People with strong health literacy skills enjoy better health and well-being, while those with weaker skills tend to engage in riskier behaviour and have poorer health. With evidence from the recent European Health Literacy Survey, this report identifies practical and effective ways public health and other sector authorities and advocates can strengthen health literacy in a variety of settings, including educational settings, workplaces, marketplaces, health systems, new and traditional media and political arenas. The report can be used as a tool for spreading awareness, stimulating debate and research and, above all, for informing policy development and action. For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version:

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