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## 1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2011: Copenhagen, Denmark – Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Public Health



EUPHA and ASPHER are pleased to invite you to the 4<sup>th</sup> joint European Public Health Conference combining the 19<sup>th</sup> annual EUPHA meeting and the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of ASPHER. The conference will be organised from 10 to 12 November in Copenhagen by the Danish Society of Public Health (DSOPH). The main theme of the conference is Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Public Health.

By 1 May 2011, we had 755 single abstracts from 55 countries submitted as well as 68 workshops. At the moment, 52 members of the International Scientific Committee have just finished scoring these abstracts. This weekend, the preparatory and planning meeting will take place just outside of Copenhagen. Here, decisions on the abstracts, workshops as well as a preliminary programme will be discussed.

#### Interesting dates:

Mid-June	decisional information on submitted abstracts and workshops
1 July	preliminary programme online

Registration is now open

Please find regularly updated information on: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming\_conference.php

## 2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

#### World Conference on Social Determinants of Health

Consultation on Draft Technical Paper from 9 May - 3 June 2011 Comments welcome by Friday 3 June 2011

Conference website: www.who.int/sdhconference/

Consultation page: www.who.int/sdhconference/consultation

The World Conference on Social Determinants of Health (WCSDH) is being convened by WHO and kindly hosted and supported by the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

The World Conference will take place in Rio de Janeiro from 19 to 21 October 2011.

WHO is currently undertaking a public consultation on the current draft of the Technical Paper for the Conference to elicit comments and feedback.

The Technical Paper aims to provide policy-makers with an overview of key strategies to implement action on social determinants of health to reduce health inequities and contribute to broader development, organized by the five Conference themes. The final version of this paper will inform discussions at the Conference.

Comments on this current draft are welcome by **Friday 3 June 2011** and can be submitted at the Consultation webpage above. In particular, comments are sought on whether the draft fulfils its aims to inform the five themes of the Conference, and whether any major strategies for implementation of action on social determinants have been omitted.

The main themes that will be tackled during the Conference are:

Governance to tackle the root causes of health inequities: implementing action on social determinants of health

- The role of the health sector, including public health programmes, in reducing health inequities
- Promoting participation: community leadership for action on social determinants
- Global action on social determinants: aligning priorities and stakeholders

• Monitoring progress: measurement and analysis to inform policies on social determinants The aim of the Conference is to bring Member States and other actors together to catalyze high level political support for national policies to address social determinants of health to reduce health inequities. Its specific objectives are to:

- strengthen political commitment by Member States to develop and implement national policies on social determinants of health to reduce health inequities;
- share experiences, challenges and technical knowledge on addressing social determinants of health, taking into account the need for strengthening governance arrangements and learning from different contexts.

## 3. Interesting news

#### **I2sare results**

New Euro-wide regional health profiles for the first time show how the regions of Europe can be compared to one another. This is the first major study to compare health inequalities across Europe at a regional level. It is a timely and essential tool to support better health policies and improve health outcome in the EU countries.

The profiles could play an important role in supporting the regional authorities and the governments' plans to reduce health inequalities. Countries and regions will now be able to benchmark effectively against Europe.

A total of 265 Regional Health Profiles have been produced by the European project I2SARE. Each profile provides a concise overview of health in a defined area. The European project I2SARE's (Health Inequalities Indicators in the Regions of Europe) main objective is to assist decision makers in developing their health policies, through a better understanding of the health status of the population and of health inequalities at regional level. I2SARE's new tools give a quick and concentrated overview about the health situation in a region in comparison with other European regions. The data can be viewed on the ISARE website www.i2sare.eu

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#### ENCePP Guide on Methodological Standards in Pharmacoepidemiology

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) would like to inform you that the ENCePP Guide on Methodological Standards in Pharmacoepidemiology was adopted by the ENCePP Steering Group on 3 May 2011.

The document is now available on the following link:

http://www.encepp.eu/standards\_and\_guidances/documents/ENCePPGuideofMethStandardsinPE.pdf The guide has been developed by a dedicated ENCePP Working Group consisting of experts in

pharmacoepidemiological and pharmacovigilance research and has been subject to a public consultation. We would like to thank those of you who submitted their comments to this consultation and which were taken into consideration in drafting the final version of the guide. An overview of comments received and how each was addressed will also be available on the ENCePP website (www.encepp.eu) from next week. This guide is an important tool that reviews and gives direct electronic access to methodological guidance for research in pharmacoepidemiology and pharmacovigilance. It is planned that updates of the electronic document will be performed regularly with a view to maintaining the dynamic nature of the guide.

#### The European Patients' Forum Annual Report 2010

The European Patients' Forum is pleased to share its Annual Report 2010 which was approved by the AGM on 12 April.

The report is now available on our website at: www.eu-patient.eu/Publications/Annual-Reports

## World Health Assembly adopts resolution targeted at saving the lives of children from injury

The Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly has adopted a resolution on child injury prevention, the first ever on the topic. The resolution, spurred by the WHO/UNICEF *World report on child injury prevention*, provides a platform to support action on preventing child injuries, which are the leading cause of death

for children over the age of 5 years. More than 830,000 children die each year from road traffic crashes, drowning, burns, falls and poisoning.

The resolution urges Member States to prioritise the prevention of child injuries; implement the recommendations of the *World report on child injury prevention*; and develop and put into practice a multi-sectoral policy and plan of action with realistic targets. It calls upon the WHO Director-General to collaborate with Member States in establishing science-based policies to prevent child injury; to encourage research, build capacity, and mobilise resources for child injury prevention; and to continue providing technical support to countries to develop and implement child injury prevention measures and strengthen emergency and rehabilitation services. The resolution also calls upon the WHO Director-General to establish a network with organisations of the United Nations system, international development partners and nongovernmental organizations to ensure effective coordination and implementation of activities for child injury prevention.

In adopting the resolution, around 20 Member States voiced their strong support for the initiative, many making note of the toll that injuries take on the lives of children in their countries. The delegate from Bangladesh noted that child injury is a "national catastrophe", while the delegate from the United States stated that child injury prevention should be part of each country's plan for child and adolescent health and that child injury prevention should be integrated within child survival programming. The adoption of this historic resolution by the World Health Assembly is a landmark accomplishment, as it firmly frames child injury as a major child survival issue and highlights the need to expand child survival programming and financing streams to include child injury prevention. Related links:

World report on child injury prevention http://www.who.int/violence\_injury\_prevention/child/injury/world\_report/en/index.html European report on child injury prevention http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/disease-prevention/violence-andinjuries/publications/pre-2009/european-report-on-child-injury-prevention European Child Safety Alliance www.childsafetyeurope.org

## 4. EUPHA update

#### Agency for Accreditation of Public Health Education in Europe

Press Release Brussels, 15 April 2011

Setting up an Agency for Accreditation of Public Health Education in Europe

April 1, 2011 marked the launching of the Agency for Public Health Accreditation in Europe (APHEA). APHEA, started by a consortium of prominent European organisations in public health, is the first European agency of its kind to accredit the Master of Public Health degree and its equivalent, seeking to promote high quality standards for public health education at the graduate level. The consortium includes The European Association of Schools of Public Health in Europe (ASPHER), the European Public Health Association (EUPHA), the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), and the European Health Management Association (EHMA).

This event, held at the ASPHER Office in Brussels where the agency will be based, was attended by all consortium members as well as numerous representatives from schools of public health across the European region. The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Kazakhstan School of Public Health have indicated interest in being in the first group to undergo accreditation of their programmes. The accreditation process will entail eligibility, self-evaluation, and external evaluation phases and take approximately one year to complete.

This agency will contribute to the development and harmonisation of public health education throughout Europe, provide an added value with regard to national quality assurance and accreditation, and ultimately improve the quality of the public health workforce in Europe and its competitiveness globally.

Programmes leading to a Master of Public Health are at present evaluated or accredited by national education authorities in most countries within the European Region. However, there is presently no specific accreditation system for education in public health at the European level. A programme accredited by national authorities alone, no matter how rigorously the accreditation process is carried out, still lacks the international recognition that may come from a European accreditation system. European accreditation will therefore serve as an additional proof of quality for students, academics, partner institutions, and funding bodies.

Establishment of the European system will help many institutions to improve their quality and raise their profile. A degree from a European accredited programme potentially provides the graduate with better opportunities for employment internationally and allows for transferability of qualifications. It also allows for greater benefit to foreign students who may wish to study in a particular country and will now be able to bring home an internationally recognized degree.

The accreditation process of the first two applicants will begin in September of this year.

#### **Graz Summer school on Health Impact Assessmment**

EUPHA is very pleased to once again be a partner of the Graz Summer school organised at the medical university of Graz from 5 to 10 September. More information on content and registration can be found at: http://www.medunigraz.at/HIAsummerschool2011

### 5. EUPHA member updates

Welcome to this section of the EUPHA newsletter, in which we summarize the activities of our members. We continue to summarize information we have received directly from our members in different languages. We hope to include more and more of our members in this new section.

#### Icelandic Public Health Association: www.publichealth.is

The Icelandic Public Health Association has elected a new chairman: Jórlaug Heimisdóttir. Email: jorlaug@lydheilsustod.is

#### Netherlands Public Health Federation: www.nphf.nl

The Netherlands Public Health Federation elected a new chairman: Willem Vermeend. Email: nphf@nphf.nl

#### **CSISP's Summer school**

The Center for Public Health Research (CSISP) is a public organisation affiliated to the Valencian Regional Government, Spain, with its own legal status, created under Valencian Public Health Law. It is responsible for implementing the Regional Health Department's policy regarding research into public health. Among its objectives, the CSISP has to develop training programs for scientific and technical personnel. In this sense, and given the extraordinary quality of the teaching activities carried out by its researchers during this year, 2011, the CSISP is now facing one of its most important educational projects: the first CSISP Summer School.

#### http://www.csisp.gva.es/c/document\_library/get\_file?uuid=eed545f1-1ec2-4a09-b373-3d50f17785b2&groupId=10305

The CSISP summer school is addressed to the needs of graduate students, professionals and practitioners of biomedical research, public health and other biological and health sciences. It is intended as an overview of diverse fields of research bearing on Public Health, with a strong hands-on component and offers direct experience in a Public Health research center. The school will consist of 7 independent weeklong modules that may be taken individually and will include theoretical lectures, research seminars, and practical sessions.

The official language will be English.

Given that our institutions have common interests in the field of Public Health Research, I would like to share with you the enthusiasm with which our Centre is embracing this event and request your cooperation in making the summer school known to as many potentially interested students as possible.

More detailed information can be found on CSISP's website (www.csisp.gva.es) but, if you have any further questions or suggestions please contact us by phone (+34 96 192 59 09) or email (summerschool\_csisp@gva.es).

#### French Society of Public Health: www.sfsp.fr

*Colloque* « Le développement des programmes d'éducation thérapeutique du patient 2 ans après la loi Hôpital, patients, santé, territoire : quel bilan ? » - 29 juin 2011, Paris.

Ministère chargé de la santé, Paris 7<sup>e</sup> - Salle 1320.

Organisé par la Société française de santé publique avec le soutien de la Direction générale de la santé.

## 6. Upcoming courses and conferences

GOING OIN Services

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:	Conference on the rights and needs of older patients
Dates:	12-13 July 2011
Place:	Warsaw, Poland
•	The European Patients Forum and The Federation of Polish Patients events2010@eu-patient.eu

Title:	European Summer School in Evidence-Based Public Health
Dates:	25-29 July 2011
Place:	Liverpool, UK
Organiser:	Department of Public Health and Policy, The University of Liverpool, UK
More info:	www.evidencebasedpublichealth.co.uk

#### Title: 2nd Annual World Congress of Virus and Infection (WCVI)

Dates:	July 30-August 1, 2011
Place:	Beijing, China
More info:	http://www.bitlifesciences.com/wcm2011/

#### Title: ESCAIDE 2011

 Dates:
 6-8 November 2011

 Place:
 Stockholm, Sweden

 Organiser:
 ECDC

 More info:
 http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/escaide/Pages/ESCAIDE2011\_Home.aspx

#### Title: Concepts of Epidemiology (5-Day Course)

Date: 5-9 December 2011

Place: Edinburgh, UK

Organiser: University of Edinburgh

More info: http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/epidemiology

## 7. Interesting publications

A snapshot of the organization and provision of primary care in Turkey. Kringos DS, Boerma WGW, Spaan E, Pellny M. BMC Health Services Research 2011, 11:90. http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/11/90

#### **International Health**

Healthcare Issues of the Global South Language French ISBN-10 2-7246-1172-1; ISBN-13 978-2-7246-1172-4 January 2011 http://www.pressesdesciencespo.fr/en/livre/?GCOI=27246100635150

#### Migration and Health: A Framework for 21st Century Policy-Making

Cathy Zimmerman, Ligia Kiss, Mazeda Hossain PLoS Med 8(5): e1001034. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001034 – May 2011 Available online at: http://bit.ly/k0nFNU

#### Health in Brazil - towards sustainability and equity in health

The Lancet – Website http://bit.ly/iAayVm Compendium of OECD well-being indicators OECD May 2011 Website: http://bit.ly/iZ41bq PDF at: http://bit.ly/jYuhRo

#### Growth, well-being and social policy in Europe: trade-off or synergy?

European Policy Center - 19 May 2011 Available online PDF [108p.] at: http://bit.ly/k8k78v

#### Human Rights and Gender Equality in Health Sector Strategies

How to Assess Policy Coherence World Health Organization 2011 Available online PDF [163p] at: http://bit.ly/itKCAr

#### Help Wanted? Providing and Paying for Long-Term Care

OECD, 2011 Website: http://bit.ly/iK6KEI

#### Epidemiology and the People's Health Theory and Context

Krieger, Nancy, Oxford Scholarship Online: May 2011 Website: http://bit.ly/ko0GOJ

#### World Health Statistics 2011

World Health Organization – WHO Website: http://bit.ly/kb0XA5 Available in 3 languages English pdf, 4.28Mb French pdf, 5.50Mb Spanish pdf, 5.89Mb

#### **Evidence for Social Policy and Practice**

Perspectives on how research and evidence can influence decision making Public and Social Innovation, NESTA UK April 2011 Available online PDF [36p.] at: http://bit.ly/lLzpxp

#### Chronic diseases - A clinical and managerial challenge

HOPE - European Hospital and Healthcare Federation Available online PDF [56p.] at: http://bit.ly/In7i7s

**Global Public Health Legal Responses to H1N1** Using law, policy, and research to improve the public's health Journal of law, medicine & ethics - Spring 2011 Available online at: http://bit.ly/lxwvTL

#### Realizing the International Human Right to Health: The Challenge of For-Profit Health Care

Eleanor D. Kinney, Williams S. and Christine S. Hall Available online as PDF [18p.] at: http://bit.ly/ixnHNt

#### The hidden inequity in health care

Barbara Starfield, MD, MPH -International Journal for Equity in Health April 2011, 10:15 doi:10.1186/1475-9276-10-15 Available online PDF [8p.] at: http://bit.ly/ma1rhG

#### Growing income inequality in OECD countries: What drives it and how can policy tackle it? Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) May 2011

Available online PDF [14p.] at: http://bit.ly/mgMh9b

## Using evidence: Advances and debates in bridging health research and action Renée Lyons,

This monograph grew out of a symposium on health and knowledge translation (KT) held at 13 Norham Gardens at Green Templeton College, University of Oxford Website: http://bit.ly/lgj4Wa PDF: http://bit.ly/lwflKf

#### Towards better use of evidence in policy formation: a discussion paper

Sir Peter Gluckman April 2011 – Office of the Prime Minister's Science Advisory Committee - New Zealand Available online PDF [17p.] at: http://bit.ly/mu3fbV

## Interventions Encouraging The Use of Systematic Reviews by Health Policymakers and Managers: A Systematic Review

Laure Perrier, Kelly Mrklas, John N. Lavis and Sharon E. Straus Implementation Science – 27 April 2011, 6:43 doi:10.1186/1748-5908-6-43 Available online at: http://bit.ly/kgXImv

#### Social determinants approaches to public health: from concept to practice

Edited by Erik *Blas, Johannes Sommerfeld* and *Anand Sivasankara Kurup* ISBN 978 92 4 156413 7 World Health Organization 2011 Available online PDF [222p.] at: http://bit.ly/jGKRYq

#### Global status report on noncommunicable diseases 2010

Description of the global burden of NCDs, their risk factors and determinants World Health Organization WHO April 2011 ISBN: 978 92 4 156422 9 Website: http://bit.ly/m8SKBz PDF [176p.] at: http://bit.ly/lu32oS

#### **Doing Better for Families**

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development ISBN 978-92-64-09872-5 - OECD 2011 Available online as PDF file [279p.] at: http://bit.ly/iDT06q

### 8. European Commission news

#### Ageing

Active and Healthy Ageing: EU sets up group to steer innovation Press release

#### Alcohol

7th Meeting of the Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum, Brussels, 25 October 2010 - Summary report available Corrigendum: the date of the event is 25 October 2010 and not 25 October 2011, as announced in our edition of yesterday

European Alcohol and Health Forum List of members updated

8th meeting of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action, Luxembourg, 1-2 March 2011 Summary report and presentations available

#### EU in the world

Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 12 May 2011 Draft agenda available

Eight meeting of senior officials of the European Commission and WHO: minutes and exchange of letters

Health programme

List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated

#### **Health strategy**

Experts Group on Health Information (EGHI) Page updated

#### Indicators

Data on Low birth weight updated

#### Interest groups

Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 19 May 2011 Contributions available

Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 21 October 2010 Minutes available

#### Major and chronic diseases

European Week Against Cancer 2011, 25-31 May 2011

#### Medicinal products for human use

Press release: Traditional herbal medicines: more safety for products put on EU market EU adopts ambitious measures to fight against falsified medicines Press release

#### Mental health

EU-compass - List of reports and studies on Mental Health updated EU-compass - List of reports and studies on Mental Health in Workplace updated

#### Nanotechnology

4th annual nanotechnology Safety for Success Dialogue Workshop, 29-30 March 2011 New presentations added

#### Nutrition and physical activity

Twelfth Plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 12 May 2011 Draft agenda available

In the framework of the EU platform for diet, physical activity and health, DG SANCO sponsors the 20 km of Brussels (29 May 2011)

#### **Preparedness and response**

Stakeholder consultation on health security in the European Union - Deadline for submission of comments extended to 31 May 2011

#### **Public health**

One year with EC Directorate for Health - Key Achievements 2010

#### Reports

Report on Long-term Care published today!

#### Scientific Committees

Commission Decision of 16 May 2011 amending Decision 2009/146/EC as regards the replacement of members of the Scientific Committees by members from the Pool of scientific advisors

SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Kojic acid EC No 207-922-4 CAS No 501-30-4. Submission III

SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Soytrimonium chloride

SCCS - Opinion on HC Red n°13 COLIPA n°B31 (Revision of 22 March 2011)

SCCS - Opinion on HC Yellow n° 13 COLIPA n° B102 (Revision of 22 March 2011)

SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Benzoisothiazolinone

SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on 4-Formyl-1-methylquinolinium, 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid salt

SCHER - Draft Agenda for the 13th plenary meeting, Brussels, 25 May 2011

#### Tobacco

Detailed overview of Member States' smoke-free regulations

Q&A: The Fight Against Tobacco in the EU

Approved tobacco testing laboratories in European Union member states updated Lithuania and Spain

### 9. EU Health Policy Forum – NEWS –

http://ec.europa.eu/health/interest\_groups/eu\_health\_forum/policy\_forum/index \_en.htm

The aim of the Health Policy Forum is to bring together umbrella organisations representing stakeholders in the health sector to ensure that the EU's health strategy is open, transparent and responds to the public concerns. The intention is to provide an opportunity to organise consultations, to exchange views and experience on a wide range of topics, and to assist in implementation and follow-up of specific initiatives. In new section of our newsletter, we present you with the latest news of the EU Health policy forum. For more information, please visit the website of the Forum.

## Call for new members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

A call for new members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has been launched. The Commission is organising a selection procedure to replace seven members of the EFSA Management Board whose mandates will expire on 30 June 2012. This call, the application form and the declaration of Interest form has now been published and can be found at : http://ec.europa.eu/food/efsa/efsa\_management\_board\_en.htm

The Management Board meets four to six times per year. The Management Board is responsible for the general monitoring of the work of the Authority to ensure that it carries out its mission and performs the tasks assigned to it in accordance with its mandate and within a culture of independence and transparency. The Management Board also appoints the Executive Director and members of the Scientific Committee and the ten Scientific Panels. Details of the EFSA Management Board are available at: http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsawho/mb.htm

Please note that the final deadline for submission of applications is 15.07.2011. Applications must be sent to the European Commission at the address set out in OJ C144 of 14.05.2011.

#### **European Week Against Cancer**

In order to mark the return of the European Week Against Cancer, the Association of European Cancer Leagues would like to invite you to two events to be held in Brussels on the 25th and 26th May. The first conference will be addressing the critical issue of healthy lifestyles and cancer prevention, and the second event is a scientific seminar on cancer prevention research.

A large proportion of major cancers such as breast and colorectal cancer is linked to obesity and physical inactivity.....Globally, of the 58 million deaths that occurred in 2005, approximately 35 million, or 60%, were due to chronic causes. Most deaths were due to cardiovascular disorders and diabetes (32%), cancers (13%), and chronic respiratory diseases (7%) (Obesity and the Economics of Prevention, Fit not Fat, Franco Sassi, OECD, 2010). The aim of the prevention work package within the European Partnership Action Against Cancer is to reduce the incidences of cancer across Europe by raising awareness about healthy lifestyles and cancer prevention. In order to do this, the European Week Against Cancer will now be held every year from the 25th to the 31st May, we hope that you will be able to join us for these events.

### **10. European Centre for Diseases Control**

Please find below our monthly update on the latest ECDC electronic publications that could be of interest to you. This month you will find: ECDC corporate Summary of key publications 2010 Technical report External quality assurance scheme for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* 2010 - As part of the IBD-Labnet surveillance network Mission report

West Nile virus infection outbreak in humans in Romania - October 2010; Joint ECDC/WHO Regional Office for Europe mission report

#### Risk assessment

Situation in northern Africa/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the influx of migrants to Europe

#### Web items Weekly influenza surveillance overview

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 17, 28 April 2011

In this issue: Several articles explore factors that influence people's attitudes to vaccination This week's table of contents:

#### **EDITORIALS**

Are European immunisation programmes recession proof? http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19855

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Appearance of a novel measles G3 strain in multiple European countries within a two month period, 2010

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19852

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

The impact of the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic on attitudes of healthcare workers toward seasonal influenza vaccination 2010/11 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19854

#### PERSPECTIVES

Innovations in communication: the Internet and the psychology of vaccination decisions http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19849

#### NEWS

European institutes for disease prevention and control collaborate to improve public health surveillance http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19851

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19853

Call for papers for a special issue on immunisation registries in Europe http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19850

#### Full table of contents: http://www.eurosurveillance.org/

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 18, 5 May 2011

In this issue: Two imported cases in Germany are a reminder that tularaemia is an important differential diagnosis to be considered in travellers returning from Turkey

This week's table of contents:

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS** Tularaemia in Berlin – two independent cases in travellers returning from central Anatolia, Turkey, February 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19860

Molecular detection and phylogenetic analysis of West Nile virus lineage 2 in sedentary wild birds (Eurasian magpie), Greece, 2010 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19862

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Web query-based surveillance in Sweden during the influenza A(H1N1)2009 pandemic, April 2009 to February 2010 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19856

#### PERSPECTIVES

Prioritisation of infectious diseases in public health: feedback on the prioritisation methodology, 15 July 2008 to 15 January 2009 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19861

MISCELLANEOUS Call for papers for a special issue on Creutzfeldt–Jakob Disease http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19857

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2010;15(47) http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19858

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2011;16(14) http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19859

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 19, 12 May 2011

In this issue: A report on two cases of diphtheria caused by toxigenic *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* diagnosed in France in March 2011 This week's table of contents:

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Increased incidence of Mycoplasma pneumoniae infection in England and Wales in 2010: multiocus variable number tandem repeat analysis typing and macrolide susceptibility http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19865

Diphtheria in the south of France, March 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19867

Yersinia enterocolitica O:9 infections associated with bagged salad mix in Norway, February to April 2011

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19866

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS An outbreak of Salmonella Typhimurium traced back to salami, Denmark, April to June 2010 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19863

MISCELLANEOUS New issue of EpiNorth Journal is online http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19864

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 20, 19 May 2011

In this issue: Three cases of listeriosis in hospitalised adults in England in February 2011 and discussion of the risk that consumption of ready-to-eat foods may pose to certain immunocompromised individuals This week's table of contents:

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

A cluster of Listeria monocytogenes infections in hospitalised adults, Midlands, England, February 2011

#### http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19869

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Toxin producing Vibrio cholerae O75 outbreak, United States, March to April 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19870

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Long term trends introduce a potential bias when evaluating the impact of the pneumococcal conjugate vaccination programme in England and Wales

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WHO urges polio-endemic countries to completely halt the transmission of the wild polio virus by 2012 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19872

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 21, 26 May 2011 In this issue:

A preliminary account of the ongoing outbreak of enterotoxin-producing Escherichia coli in Germany

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Large and ongoing outbreak of haemolytic uraemic syndrome, Germany, May 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19878

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Outbreak of hand, foot and mouth disease caused by Coxsackie A16 virus in a childcare centre in Croatia, February to March 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19875

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## **11. WHO publications**

#### Palliative care for older people: better practices

(Edited by Sue Hall, Hristina Petkova, Agis D. Tsouros, Massimo Costantini and Irene J. Higginson) Populations around the world are ageing and more people are living with the effects of serious chronic illness towards the end of life.

This publication provides examples of better palliative care practices, from or relevant to the WHO European Region, that range from a whole health system perspective down to individual examples of better education or support in the community and elsewhere.

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/palliative-care-for-older-people-better-practices

## Cross-border health care in the European Union. WHO/European Observatory on health systems and policies, 2011.

Tackling antibiotic resistance from a food safety perspective in Europe. WHO, 2011. Ensuring balance in national policies on controlled substances – guidance for availability and accessibility for controlled medicines. WHO, 2011. World health statistics 2011. WHO, 2011.

#### **NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - MAY 2011**

We are pleased to provide you with the list of WHO information products recently released. Please click on Just published

You can also consult our information products catalogues in pdf format or select a subject catalogue from our e-commerce web site: WHO Catalogues

Please note that our new Spring 2011 Catalogue of WHO Information Products is now available online:

#### Guide to Ship Sanitation

The WHO Guide to Ship Sanitation is referenced in the International Health Regulations and has become the official global reference on health requirements for ship construction and operation.

#### Manual for the Laboratory Diagnosis and Virological Surveillance of Influenza

WHO has developed this manual in order to strengthen the laboratory diagnosis and virological surveillance of influenza infection by providing standard methods for the collection, detection, isolation and characterization of viruses.

#### World Health Statistics 2011

The World Health Statistics series is WHO's annual compilation of health-related data for its 193 Member States, and includes a summary of the progress made towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and associated targets.

#### Ensuring Balance in National Policies on Controlled Substances

This book provides guidance on policies and legislation with regards to availability, accessibility, affordability and control of medicines made from substances regulated under the international drug control conventions.

#### Telemedicine

This module examines the current level of development of four fields of telemedicine: teleradiology, telepathology, and telepsychology, as well as four mechanisms that facilitate the promotion and development of telemedicine solutions in the short- and long-term.

#### Atlas of Headache Disorders and Resources in the World 2011

This Atlas presents the findings of the first global enquiry into headache disorders and health-care resource allocation to headache, providing the most comprehensive compilation of information on these matters, gathered from 101 countries.

#### Global Status Report on Noncommunicable Diseases 2010

This report reviews the current status of noncommunicable diseases and provides a roadmap for reversing the epidemic by strengthening national and global monitoring and surveillance.

#### WHO Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations

This report gives recommendations and provides independent international standards and guidelines in the area of quality assurance.

#### Evaluation of Certain Contaminants in Food

This report represents the conclusions of a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee convened to evaluate the safety of various food contaminants, with the aim to advise on risk management options for the purpose of public health protection.

#### Evaluation of Certain Food Additives and Contaminants

This report represents the conclusions of a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee convened to evaluate the safety of various flavouring agents.

#### Urbanization and Health

The five case-studies from the Eastern Mediterranean Region from Egypt, Morocco, Pakistan, Sudan and Tunisia presented in this publication provide a brief overview of the formidable health challenges faced in urban areas in the Region.

#### Cancer Survival in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Central America

This report presents in-depth cancer survival data from 27 population-based cancer registries in 14 low- and middle-resource countries.

#### Alcohol Consumption and Ethyl Carbamate

Provides a reassessment of the carcinogenicity of alcoholic beverages and of ethyl carbamate (urethane), a frequent contaminant of fermented foods and alcoholic beverages.

#### Management of National Blood Programmes

This book will serve as a useful reference for public officers and professionals involved in the management of national blood services.

#### Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases 2010

APSED (2010) seeks to provide a common framework for countries, WHO and partners to work together to enhance regional defence against public health threats.

#### European Status Report on Alcohol and Health 2010

This report presents the latest data from the WHO European Region on alcohol consumption and harm and the responses made to them in countries.

#### **AIDS Scorecards**

This report provides a quick snapshot of the state of the AIDS response, key findings and action points.

#### Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 89, No. 05, 2011

As the flagship periodical of WHO, the Bulletin is a leading international voice on public health issues. This peer-reviewed monthly draws on the expertise within WHO to provide a vital resource for those interested in research, policy issues and debate on international public health, particularly the problems confronting developing countries.

## Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal/La Revue de Santé de la Méditerranée orientale, Vol. 17, No. 04, 2011

The EMHJ was launched in 1995 as a peer-reviewed medical journal. Starting January 2010, the Journal has been given a new format and is now published monthly. The EMHJ serves as a forum for the dissemination of biomedical information through the publication of scientific research papers on a range of topics related to public health, with particular relevance to the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

#### WHO Drug Information, Vol. 25, No. 1, 2011

WHO Drug Information communicates pharmaceutical information that is either developed and issued by WHO or transmitted to WHO by research and regulatory agencies throughout the World. The journal also includes regular presentations of newly proposed and recommended International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceuticals Substances. This volume contains the recommended INN List no. 65.

#### **BOOKS IN FRENCH**

Guide d'intervention mhGAP pour lutter contre les troubles mentaux, neurologiques et liés à l'utilisation de substances psychoactives dans les structures de soins non spécialisées Ce quide est un outil technique pour la mise en œuvre du Programme d'action mhGAP.

#### Assurer l'équilibre dans les politiques nationales relatives aux substances sous contrôle

Ce livre donne des orientations en matière de politiques et de législation concernant la disponibilité, l'accessibilité, l'abordabilité et le contrôle des médicaments élaborés à partir de substances régies par les conventions internationales de contrôle des drogues.

#### Surveillance des soins obstétricaux d'urgence

Ce guide traite de la surveillance de la disponibilité et de l'utilisation des services obstétricaux.

#### Stratégie mondiale visant à réduire l'usage nocif de l'alcool

La stratégie mondiale définit également des domaines prioritaires où l'action mondiale est destinée à promouvoir, soutenir et compléter les mesures prises aux niveaux local, national et régional.

#### **BOOKS IN SPANISH**

Normas sobre agua, saneamiento e higiene para escuelas en contextos de escasos recursos Este documento ofrece orientación sobre agua, saneamiento e higiene en escuelas.

#### Informe mundial: Informe del ONUSIDA sobre la epidemia mundial de SIDA 2010

Los nuevos datos del informe 2010 recopilados en 182 países, junto con una vasta aportación de la sociedad civil y otras fuentes, muestran con claridad que se está progresando con firmeza hacia la consecución del acceso universal a la prevención, el tratamiento, la atención y el apoyo relacionados con el VIH.

#### Outlook

Preparado para la edición de 2010 de la Conferencia internacional sobre el sida celebrada en Viena, OUTLOOK está lleno de datos, fuertes testimonios y valoraciones sobre el futuro de la respuesta mundial al sida.

#### Seguimiento de los servicios obstétricos de urgencia

El propósito del manual es describir los indicadores y ofrecerles a las personas que trabajan en este campo orientaciones para la realización de estudios.

#### Estrategia mundial para reducir el uso nocivo del alcohol

La estrategia mundial establece áreas prioritarias para la actuación mundial dirigida a promover, apoyar y complementar la medidas pertinentes en los niveles local, nacional y regional.

#### **BOOKS IN CHINESE**

Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol Provides information on the Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol.

#### **BOOKS IN RUSSIAN**

Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol Provides information on the Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol.

WHO Medical Eligibility Criteria Wheel for Contraceptive Use. 2008 Update. Pack of 20 wheels (Russian)

This wheel contains the medical eligibility criteria for starting use of contraceptive methods.

#### **BOOKS IN ARABIC**

Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol Provides information on the Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol.

# 12. EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



We take the liberty of providing you with an update on our new project EUPHApedia - a search engine for all public health issues, whereby we actively invite our members to upload their experiences (practice, policy, research and training/education) in the system to be shared with all our members.

There are now 1974 documents (increase of 32 documents) in EUPHApedia. Three countries are uploading information and 16 countries have accessed the information. We hope more will follow! To upload information, please contact office@eupha.org

#### **EUPHApedia NEWS section:**

#### 30 May, 2011

#### Migration and Health: A Framework for 21st Century Policy-Making

Summary Points of this report include: - Migration is a global phenomenon that influences the health of individuals and populations. - Population mobility is wholly compatible with health-promoting strategies for migrants if decision-makers coordinate across borders and policy sectors. - Policies to protect migrant and public health will be most effective if they address the multiple phases of the migratory process, including pre-departure, travel, destination, interception, and return. Health intervention opportunities exist at each stage.

#### 30 May, 2011

#### Compendium of OECD well-being indicators

This Compendium provides evidence on:  $\hat{a} \in \phi$  the well-being of people in each country, rather than on the macro-economic conditions of economies;  $\hat{a} \in \phi$  the well-being of different groups of the population, in addition to average conditions.  $\hat{a} \in \phi$  well-being achievements, measured by outcome indicators;

#### 30 May, 2011

#### Growth, well-being and social policy in Europe: trade-off or synergy?

This report is published within the framework of the 'Well-being 2030' project, co-financed by the European Commission and addresses the question of how to turn social policy into an effective productive factor, enabling well-being of Europeans and economic growth.

#### 23 May, 2011

#### World Health Statistics 2011

This yearly updated report contains a compilation of health-related data for WHO's 193 Member States, and includes a summary of the progress made towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and associated targets.

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