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



One more week to go and we hope to welcome you in Copenhagen for the 4th joint European Public Health Conference combining the 19th annual EUPHA meeting and the 33rd 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.

Have you forgotten to register? Please contact: registration@eupha.org

Interested in the programme? Please check: http://www.eupha.org/programme/dynamic_programme.php

Not attending, but still interested in finding out what is happening? Follow us on twitter: EPH Conference

2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

EHMA'S Call for experts

EHMA is issuing a call for expressions of interest in order to set up a list of experts who are willing to participate in an EU level expert and stakeholder workshop on cancer guidelines with a focus on inequalities in 2012.

This call is part of EHMA's involvement in the European Partnership for Action Against Cancer (EPAAC), a Joint Action promoted by the European Commission.

For more information, please click http://www.ehma.org/index.php?q=node/20

EFPC Call for abstracts

We are pleased to announce the call for abstracts for the EFPC 4th bi-annual conference in Gothenburg, 3/4 September with the main theme "Crossing Borders in Primary Care" including a call for research abstracts (researchers),

- policy posters for debate (policy makers) and
- multi-media practice presentations (practitioners);

Deadline for submission 15 April 2012

The template for the conference will be a further improved version of the successful Pisa 2010 conference. We can already announce special workshops of linked networks and projects as the WHO Collaborating Centers on Primary Care, the Active Citizenship Network, the EU QUALICOPC research project, WHO Europe, EuroPharm Forum, etc.

Review of the Social Determinants of Health & the Health Divide in the WHO European Region

Under the leadership of Professor Sir Michael Marmot we are conducting a Review of the Social Determinants of Health & the Health Divide in the WHO European Region, on behalf of WHO Regional Office for Europe. The Review will draw on the best available evidence to propose interventions and policies to tackle health inequities across the whole region. www.marmotreview.org

Based on the emerging findings from evidence reviews we are preparing a consultation document. This contains proposals for the key themes to be covered by our final recommendations. We are seeking views on these proposals and examples of successful interventions and policies in these areas.

We are planning to consult a wide range of stakeholders, including organisations and individuals within and outside the health sector, on these emerging proposals. This includes social care, social welfare, the early years, education, employment, housing, the community and social environments and public health. Organisations in the public and private sectors, NGOs, international organisations and civil society will be consulted.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance: in the process of identifying as wide a range of these stakeholders as possible. We would welcome your suggestions on whom to contact and how to do this most effectively.

Ellen Bloomer, Research Fellow, The Marmot Review, University College London http://www.marmotreview.org or e.bloomer@ucl.ac.uk

Geneva Health Forum 2012: Call for Submissions

Geneva Health Forum invites you to make a submission to its fourth edition, to be held from 18 – 20 April 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The theme for the 2012 edition is : A Critical Shift to Chronic Conditions: Learning From the Frontliners. We welcome your submission revolving around this theme or its subthemes Share your insights!

We provide participants with a new submission format. You can either submit a traditional scientific abstract or highlight your field experiences with the submission of a project implementation. To enhance the impact of your submission you can add photos, a short video, or audio footage. Shape the debate on global access to health!

Share your research findings and experiences in the field with an international audience. On-line submission is now open.

Important dates

30 October 2011: Closing date submissions

17 October 2011: Opening early bird registrations GHF12

20 February 2012: Closing date early bird registration

Please feel free to circulate information about the Geneva Health Forum in your networks.

Visit our website: www.ghf12.org

Tenure-track Faculty Position: Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Location: Beer-Sheva, Israel

The Department of Health Systems Management of the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, is seeking applicants for a full-time, tenure-track faculty position open to all ranks (Lecturer, Senior lecturer, Associate professor, or Full professor). Applicants in all areas of Health Policy and Management, Health Services Research, Health Economics, Medical Informatics, and related fields are encouraged to apply.

The appointment is expected to begin April 1, 2012 or October 1, 2012.

The ideal candidate should have:

- A Ph.D. or equivalent degree in Health Policy and Management, Health Services Research, Health Economics, Evaluations of Health Services and Programs, Medical Informatics, or a related discipline.
- A strong publication record in peer-reviewed journals.
- Ability to conduct both independent and collaborative research and ability to receive competitive research grants.
- A strong interest and competence in teaching both graduate and undergraduate students and the ability to develop and teach courses relevant to the Department's needs.

Interested individuals should submit the following materials:

- A cover letter including a statement of research and teaching interest
- Curriculum vitae and list of publications
- Selected publications in peer-reviewed journals

• Contact information of three references who may be asked to submit a letter of recommendation Applications should be sent to:

Professor Dan Greenberg (Chair), Department of Health Systems Management Guilford-Glazer School of Business and Management, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev P.O. Box 653 Beer-Sheva 84105, Israel

E-mail: dangr@bgu.ac.il

Review of applications will begin November 1, 2011 and continue until the position is filled. http://www.healtheconomics.org/jobs/2011/11/26/tenuretrack-faculty-posit-5.html

World Federation of Public Health Associations-WFPHA

The WFPHA Environmental Health Work Group aims to influence international policy on environmental health by bringing environmental health issues to the public health community and a public health approach to the environmental advocacy community. Through work with partners including WHO, UNEP, SAICM, Healthcare without Harm, World Medical Association, IPEN, Global Network For Incineration Alternatives, Toxics Link, Sustainlabour, the Pesticide Action Network, and others the Work Group focus attention on human health effects of environmental hazards and help shape global environmental health and protection policies.

The main programmatic areas are Climate Change, Safe Management of Chemicals, Mercury in Health Care, Asbestos, DDT/Malaria, and Children's Environmental Health.

The Environmental Working Group invites new members, representatives of national public health associations, individual public health professionals, and students. Meetings will take place by phone/computer.

Activities currently planned for the next year will include policy development for WFPHA, participation in the Strategic Approach To International Chemicals Management in Health Care of UNEP, Mercury treaty negotiations and advocacy for decreased use in health care, and advocacy for improving children's environmental health in collaboration with WHO.

For more information, please read the Environmental Working Group Report 2011 attached to this message or contact porris@uic.edu.

We now would like to ask you for nominations of a focal person in your PHA, which you could recommend as member of this working group.

Please tell us the name and e-mail of the person nominated at the latest by the 30th of November 2011. The nominees name should be transmitted to secretariat@wfpha.org

3. Interesting news

Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam selected by the European Commission to lead an international partnership of 11 universities in medicine and the health sciences

Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam has been selected by the European Commission's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to lead a partnership of 11 universities centered on the Western Balkan region. Under the framework of the Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window (ECW), this partnership will foster cooperation, and ensure the exchange of students and academic staff between EU Member States and countries in the Western Balkans. Dedicated to study, teaching, training and research in medicine and the health sciences, it will involve five universities in EU countries and six in the Western Balkans.

launch of the ERAWEB programme:

http://www.nihes.nl/eraweb/downloads/ERAWEB_Media_Alert_03-11-2011.pdf

Breaking News: European Child Safety Alliance Wins European Health Award 2011

We write to announce that on October 7 2011 the European Child Safety Alliance was honoured to receive the Award of the European Health Forum Gastein for a (Health) Policy Initiative of European Importance. The European Jury selected ECSA's Child Safety Report Card initiative as the winner of this year's award.

The European Health Award honours initiatives for the improvement of medical care in Europe. The main criteria are that more than one European country be involved in a project and that the results be transferable to other states and directly benefit a substantial part of the population or relatively large patient groups.

Nine cross-border health projects were short listed for the European Health Award 2011, covering child injuries, cardiovascular risk, osteoporosis, the strengthening of primary care, education about sexual diseases, and diabetes prevention.

The Child Safety Report Card initiative is a component of ECSA's Child Safety Action Plan project which launched in 2007, and the initiative will be continued under ECSA's new TACTICS project with the support of the European Commission.

Please visit the European Child Safety Alliance website for further details about the award and the winning initiative, as well as other news from our recent Alliance meeting in Rome. The European Child Safety Alliance (ECSA)

ECSA is hosted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

4. EUPHA update





The STEPS Report **Public Health Research – Europe's Future** is published on-line at http://www.steps-ph.eu/wp-content/uploads/STEPS_Report.pdf

The Report calls for ministries of health to lead support for public health research, and collaborate to develop a European Public Health Research Area.

Summary

Health research and innovation provide the evidence base for health policies and practice. Public health draws on research at population and organisational level, using statistical, social and behavioural science methods, linking with laboratory and clinical medicine, and with wider fields including environment, nutrition and economic sciences.

Health is achieved through public health interventions as much as through medical treatment. Yet the EU's current Framework Research Programme allocates just 5% of all Health research funding to public health research – the rest is for biomedical and biotechnology research. And the EU member states, which provide most of all European health research funding, have equivalent patterns.

STEPS has described public health research systems across all EU member states, held workshops between civil society organisations, research organisations and ministries of health in the 12 EU new member states (which have the lowest levels of research), investigated the use of the Structural Funds for research, and created debate on the importance of public health research and innovation for Europe.

While the EU proposes the value of industry in research and innovation in general, public health research needs greater engagement of civil society organisations – acting as not-for-profit small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) – for social innovation.

EU policy is promoting research and innovation forwards to 2020 for economic development and to address Grand Challenges for society – including 'active and healthy ageing'. This requires collaboration towards a European Public Health Research Area.

STEPS recommends leadership by European ministries of health in developing public health research:

- national strategies for research on public health (including health systems and services) to meet the major health challenges
- a minimum of 25% of all health research funding allocated to public health research, both by member states and the European Union
- coordination between ministries of science, education and finance, including use of the national Structural Funds, to develop public health sciences in universities and institutes of public health
- better engagement with public health researchers, users and partners, especially through civil society organisations
- greater coordination and leadership of public health research within the European Union research and innovation programmes

Notes

STEPS (Strengthening Engagement in Public Health Research) was funded by the European Union's Science in Society programme. It held workshops of stakeholders, including civil society organisations, researchers and ministries of health, in the 12 EU new member states, and has described health research systems across all 27 EU member states.

STEPS collaborating partners:

Mark McCarthy (Coordinator): University College London Floris Barnhoorn, Dineke Zeegers: European Public Health Association Agnese Knabe, Cláudia Conceição, Dace Beinare: Bedrieba Skalbes, Latvia Petko Salchev, Lidia Georgieva, Club Economica 2000, Bulgaria Constantinos Phellas, Christina Loizou: RUBSI, University of Cyprus Jitka Bouskova, Kateřina Ivanová, Zdenek Kucera: Healthy Cities of the Czech Republic Gerli Paat, Heli Laarmann, PRAXIS Centre for Policy Studies, Estonia Zsuzsanna Füzesi, László Tistyán, Katalin Szőke: Fact Foundation, Hungary Anita Villerusa: Latvian Public Health Association Jurgita Poškevičiūtė: "Galiu Gyventi" Coalition, Lithuania Nicola Critien, Monique Falzon: SOS Malta Krzysztof Krajewski-Siuda, Krzysztof Kaczmarek, Medical University of Silesia, Poland Florentina Furtunescu: National Institute of Public Health, Romania Zuzana Katreniaková, Iveta Rajničová-Naygová: Slovak Public Health Association Mojca Gabrijelčič, Matej Košir, Maja Zorko,: Slovenian National Institute of Public Health

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European Journal of Public Health

www.eurpub.oxfordjournals.org

This multidisciplinary journal publishes contributions from social medicine, epidemiology, health services research, management, ethics and law, health economics, social sciences, and environmental health. It provides a forum for discussion of current international public health issues with a focus on Europe. An annual subscription offers you six issues full of refereed, original scientific articles, policy articles, reviews on major themes, editorials, commentaries, book reviews, conference announcements, news and letters.

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5. EUPHA member updates

Welcome to this new section of the EUPHA newsletter, in which we summarize the activities of our members. At the start of this new item, we 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.

EUPHA is interacting with its members at the EUPHA Member Forum at Copenhagen 2011 on 9 November from 14:00-17:00 We will discuss: member support; the PHIRE project and collaboration with our members; and the WHO Health 2020.

6. Upcoming courses and conferences

GOING@INTERNATIONAL

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:	ESCAIDE 2011
Organizers:	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
Date:	6-8 November 2011
Place:	Stockholm, Sweden
More information: www.escaide.eu	

Title:	Exclusive Webinar on Disaster Preparedness and the Public Health Agenda
Organizers:	University of Liverpool
Date:	November 8, 2011
Place:	online
More information:	https://ohecampus.webex.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=ohecampus

Title:	Can an ageing Europe stay competitive in a globalised world
Organizers:	European Voice
Date:	9 November 2011
Place:	Royal Museum of Art and History of the Cinquantenaire
More information: www.europeanvoice.com/ageing europe	

Title:	"Effective cross-border care: Next Generation"	
Organizers:	Euregio II (funded by the European Commission (DG SANCO))	
Date:	November 16 th , 2011	
Place:	Maastricht, the Netherlands	
Deadline:	Extended Deadline for Early Registration Monday, November 14, 2011	
More information: www.euregio2-conference.eu		

Title:	Healthcare Abroad and Medical Tourism - 3rd International TEMOS Conference
Date:	November 20-23, 2011
Place:	Cologne / Germany
More information:	http://www.temos-
	worldwide.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=303&Itemid=217

Title:	European Health Literacy Conference	
Organizers:	Department of International Health Maastricht University,	
Date:	22nd and 23nd November 2011	
Place:	European Parliament in Brussels	
Deadline	Registration before 14 November 2011	
More information: www.health-literacy.eu		

Title:	5th Symposium on Global Health Diplomacy-	
	The Future Agenda at the Interface of Public Health, innovation and Trade	
Organizers:	EURO-URHIS 2 project	
Date:	23 November 2011	
Place:	World Trade Organization, Geneva	
More information: http://bit.ly/od3UGg		

Title:	"Seamless Integration for Personal Health Services –
	Evidence and Sustainability –"
Organizers:	EHTEL, Project Partner in RENEWING HEeALTH
Date:	30 November and 1 December 2011
Place:	Brussels, Belgium
More information:	https://www.ehtel.eu/symposium2011

Title: Organizers:	Concepts of Epidemiology (5-Day Course) University of Edinburgh, UK	
Date:	5-9 December 2011	
Place:	Edinburgh, UK	
More information:; http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/epidemiology		

Title:	The World Congress on Debates & Consensus in Bone, Muscle & Joint
	Diseases (BMJD)
Date:	January 19-22, 2012
Place:	Barcelona, Spain
Deadline:	Extended Deadline for Early Registration Monday, November 14, 2011
More information:	http://www.congressmed.com/bmjd/contact.html

Title:	TILEC- Tranzo Annual Conference 'Does competition in healthcare harm solidarity?'
Organizers:	Tilburg Law and Economics Center (TILEC) and Scientific Center for Care and
-	Welfare (Tranzo)
Date:	26 January 2012
Place:	Tilburg, The Corpac House (http://www.corpac.nl/)
Deadline:	Registration before 15 January 2012.
More information:	http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/research/institutes-and-research-
	groups/tilec/events/26-january-2011/

Title: Organizers:	The 18th Swiss International Short Course on Travellers' Health Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute
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Dates:	30 January - 3 February 2012
Place:	Basel / Switzerland
More info:	http://www.swisstph.ch/en/teaching/advanced-studies-in-internat-health/travellers-health.html

 Title:
 Sustaining and Implementing universal health coverage: 4 perspectives for 5 continents

Organizers:Bocconi UniversityDate:10 February 2012Place:Milano, ItalyMore information:http://www.sdabocconi.it/en/universal_health_coverage/

Title:2012 EHMA/MCI European Winter SchoolOrganizers:Euregio II (funded by the European Commission (DG SANCO))Date:29 February -2 March 2012Place:Innsbruck, AustriaDeadline:Early registration fees till 15 December 2011More information:http://www.ehma.org/index.php?q=node/20u

Title:	Health Care and Management in Tropical Countries (HCMTC)
Organizers:	Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute
Date:	12 March - 15 June 2012
Place:	Basel / Switzerland
More info:	http://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/advanced-studies-in-internat-health/health-care- and-management-in-tropical-countries.html

Title:	"Special patient groups - hospital pharmacists creating standards for care"	
Organizers:	European Association of Hospital Pharmacist (EAHP)	
Date:	21-23 March 2012	
Place:	Milan, Italy	
More information: http://www.eahp.eu/Congresses/2012-Congress-Milan-Italy		

Title:	6 th Annual European Nutrition and Lifestyle Conference
Date:	27 – 28 MARCH 2012
Organizers:	Forum Europe
Place:	Brussels, Belgium
More information: http://www.forum-europe.com/	

Title:	Population health – methods and challenges
Organizers:	Pure Vision Events Ltd
Date:	24 - 26th April 2012
Place:	Birmingham, UK
More information: www.purevisionevents.com	

Title:	IFEH 12 th World Congress on Environmental Health
Organizers:	AIM Group International – Vilniusw Office
Date:	22-27 May 2012
Place:	Vilnius, Lithuania
Deadline:	Abstract submission: 15 February 2012.
	Early bird registration until 1 March 2012
More information: www.ifeh2012.org	

Title:	21 st ETC-PHHP Summer Course 'Strategies for Health in Europe'
Organizers:	ETC Summercourses
Date:	July 29 – August 11, 2012. starting 1 st May 2012 with the Distance Learning part
Place:	
Deadline:	for applications: 16 April 2012
More information	www.etc-summerschool.eu

7. Interesting publications

Health professional mobility and health systems – Evidence from 17 European countries Health Prometheus - the research project on health professional mobility coordinated by EHMA and co-financed through the Seventh Framework Programme. Available online at: http://www.ehma.org/index.php?g=node/46

Study protocol: QUALICOPC, a multi-country study evaluating quality, costs and equity in primary care

Schäfer, W.L.A. et al. BMC Family Practice 2011, 12:115. Link:http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2296/12/115

Health and its determinants in Scotland and other parts of post-industrial Europe: the 'Aftershock of Deindustrialisation' study - phase two

Martin Taulbut et al. http://www.gcph.co.uk/publications/271 health and its determinants in scotland and other parts of europe

How Cumulative Risks Warrant A Shift In Our Approach To Racial Health Disparities: The Case Of Lead, Stress, And Hypertension

Health Affairs October issue

Health in Megacities and Urban Areas

Krämer A, Khan, MH, Kraas. Springer Verlag, Heidelberg, 2011 http://www.springer.com/medicine/book/978-3-7908-2732-3

Santé Internationale - les enjeux de santé au Sud

Ed.: D. Kerouedan Français: http://www.pressesdesciencespo.fr/fr/livre/?GCOI=27246100635150 English:anglais: http://www.pressesdesciencespo.fr/en/livre/?GCOI=27246100635150

Uncertainty, evidence and irrecoverable costs:

Informing approval, pricing and research decisions for health technologies Karl Claxton et al. University of York - October 2011 Available online as PDF file [81p.] at: http://bit.ly/pIOd2h

Hospitals and Care Systems of the Future

American Hospital Association AHA, September 2011 Report available online at: http://bit.ly/qtZfrD

Rio Political Declaration on Social Determinants of Health

World Conference on Social Determinants of Health Rio de Janeiro Brazil. October 21. 2011 Available online at: http://bit.ly/q5anfm

The welfare state is the best medicine against growing health inequalities

Press release 177/2011 Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland Available online at: http://bit.ly/oOZSs3 Atlas of Health Statistics - 2011 - Africa Region Available online PDF at: http://bit.ly/oajjoK

New Norwegian Public Health Act – institutionalizing action on Social Determinants of Health in Norway

Available online at: http://bit.ly/nigpQV

Addressing inequities in access to health care for vulnerable groups in countries of the European region

Xenia Scheil-Adlung, Catharina Kuhl. GESS Global Extension of Social Security - International Labor Organization ILO, 2011 Available online PDF file [39p.] at: http://bit.ly/n9Mfnl

Migrants in an irregular situation:

Access to healthcare in 10 European Union Member States 11 October, 2011 - European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) Available online PDF file [68p.] at: http://bit.ly/p64dvg

Case studies on social determinants of health

Background papers: WHO - World Conference on Social Determinants of Health, 19-21 October 2011, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Available online at: http://bit.ly/pfKNIH

WHO Mental Health Atlas 2011

World Health Organization 2011 Available online PDF [82.p] at: http://bit.ly/rocbFH

WHO interactive atlases on health equity in Europe

Website: http://bit.ly/rceVa5

How can we get the social determinants of health message on the public policy and public health agenda?

Translating data into a Social determinant of health SDH Information Tool to inform policy and public health Len B. Novilla et al. Brigham Young University; Provo, Utah, USA. Available online PDF [24p.] at: http://bit.ly/nLMfk3

Tackling the global clean air challenge

World Health Organization WHO - Press release September 2011: http://bit.ly/p90Y2g Website: http://bit.ly/q2wM3T Database: outdoor air pollution in cities at: http://bit.ly/oksxcp

European review of social determinants of health

Interim second report on social determinants of health and the health divide in the European Region WHO - EUR/RC61/Inf.Doc./5 Drafted by a team based at University College London and led by Sir Michael Marmot – 2011 Available online PDF [75p.] at: http://bit.ly/gwzKh0

Return on Investment Mental Health Promotion and Mental Illness Prevention

Canadian Policy Network at the University of Western Ontario Canadian Institute for Health Information. CIHI 2011 Available online PDF file [76p.] at: http://bit.ly/o0cTEd

Expert Review and Proposals for Measurement of Health Inequalities in the European Union Spinakis A et al.

Full Report. (2011) European Commission Directorate General for Health and Consumers. Luxembourg. ISBN 978-92-79-18528-1 Full Report available online PDF file [202p.] at: http://bit.ly/n9mSVI

Setting priorities in health

A study of English primary care trusts Research report: Suzanne Robinson et al. Health Services Management Centre, University of Birmingham and the Nuffield Trust Available online PDF [84p] at: http://bit.ly/nJstO4

Action on social determinants of health is essential to tackle noncommunicable diseases Kumanan Rasanathan & Rüdiger Krech

Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights, World Health Organization, Geneva. Bulletin of the World Health Organization October 2011;89:775-776. doi: 10.2471/BLT.11.094243 Available online at: http://bit.ly/nlxOak

Social determinants of health: practical solutions to deal with a well-recognized issue Rüdiger Krech

Bulletin of the World Health Organization 2011;89:703-703. doi: 10.2471/BLT.11.094870 Available online at: http://bit.ly/mTvy7F

Global action on social determinants of health

Michael Marmot Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London, London, England. Bulletin of the World Health Organization October 2011;89:702-702. doi: 10.2471/BLT.11.094862 Available online at: http://bit.ly/onSHJx

Good health at low cost' 25 years on. What Makes a successful health system?

Editors: Dina Balabanova; Martin McKee; Anne Mills Website: <u>http://bit.ly/oJiaPA</u> GHLC full book PDF [399p] at: http://bit.ly/tyGuzr

Social and Economic Costs of Violence - Workshop Summary

US Board on Global Health IOM Available online at: http://bit.ly/vFW1du

Open Development

World Bank Institute's (WBI) magazine Development Outreach Available online at: http://bit.ly/tTvawJ

Pay-for-performance in disease management: a systematic review of the literature

BMC Health Services Research 2011, 11:272 doi:10.1186/1472-6963-11-272 Simone R. de Bruin Caroline A. Baan, Jeroen N. Struijs Available online PDF [36p.] at: http://bit.ly/sxjbMD

8. European Commission news

Ageing

2nd Steering Group Meeting of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing, Brussels, 16 September 2011 Draft minutes and presentation of the 2nd steering group 14th European Health Forum Gastein, Bad Hofgastein,5-8 October 2011 - Presentation of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

Alcohol

Plenary Meeting of the European Alcohol and Health Forum, Brussels, 19 October 2011 Flash Report available Alcohol abuse: Commissioner John Dalli urges stakeholders to strengthen efforts to protect young people from alcohol-related harm Midday Express

Blood, tissues and organs

Second Journalist Workshop - Organ donation and transplantation Programme and list of contact points available Second Journalist Workshop on organ donation and transplantation, Brussels, 18 October 2011 Articles published after the workshop and Dutch donor and recipient testimony available Summary report of the meeting of Competent authorities for tissues and cells, Brussels, 23-24 June 2011

Cross-border care

Public consultation on measures for improving the recognition of prescriptions issued in another Member State (Deadline for submissions: 8 January 2012)

Video on Patients' Rights in Cross-border Healthcare New short version available in all EU official languages

Electromagnetic fields

Public health and electromagnetic fields: overview of European Commission activities Extract from the quarterly journal "EMF Spectrum" (Issue 2/2011), published by the working group "EMF and Environment" of the Scientific Institute for Infrastructure and Communication Services (WIK), Germany

EU Health Prize for Journalists

National finalists of the EU Health Prize for Journalists 2011 9th meeting of the Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum, 15 September 2011 Summary report and scientific opinion

Health indicators

ECHI - Indicators on population below poverty line and income inequality updated ECHI - Indicators on influenza vaccination rate in elderly, self-reported visits to a dentist or orthodontist and equity of access to dental care services updated

Health programme

List of National Focal Points for Health Programme Updated

Health strategy

Report on the mid-term evaluation of the EU Health Strategy 2008-2013

Interest groups

Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 12 October 2011 Presentations available Commissioner Dalli delivers speech at the European Health Forum, Gastein, Austria, 07 October 2011 - "Health by design – The road to wellbeing"

Major and chronic diseases

Alzheimer - events updated Alzheimer disease and other dementias - page updated Oral health - Other useful information updated Statement by John Dalli, Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy, on the occasion of World Heart Day (29 September 2011)

Medicinal products for human use

Commission Call for Expression of Interest

Mental health

Mental Health Europe Conference 2012- Call for contributions

Nutrition and physical activity

Plenary meeting of the EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 13 May 2011 Summary report available Plenary meeting of the EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity & Health, Brussels, 6 October 2011 New contributions available Plenary meeting of the EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity & Health, Brussels, 6 October 2011 Flash report - Conclusions of the Chair available

Population groups

The State of Men's Health in Europe: leaflet now available in French

Rare diseases

New events on Rare Diseases

Orphanet Report on rare disease research, its determinants in Europe and the way forward New publication EUCERD Report: Health indicators for rare diseases II - Conceptual framework for monitoring quality of care New publication

EUROPLAN - Recommendations for the Development of National Plans for Rare Diseases New

EUROPLAN - Selecting Indicators to evaluate the Rare Diseases Initiatives New publication

RDTF Report: Health indicators for rare diseases I - Conceptual framework and development of indicators from existing sources New

Cluster meeting of projects in the area of rare diseases (Luxembourg, 25 – 26 October 2011) Programme of the meeting

Scientific Committees

Bringing the results of the Scientific Committees closer to the public - Summary of the scientific opinion on triclosan and antibiotics resistance

SCCS - Opinion on 1,3,5-Triazine, 2,4,6-tris[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl- open for comments (Deadline for comments: 11 November 2011)

SCCS - Addendum to opinion n° SCCP/1202/08 on Camphor benzalkonium methosulfate COLIPA n° S57

SCCS - Minutes of 5th Working Group on Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC) of 20 October 2011 SCCS - Minutes of 23rd Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients of 25 October 2011 SCENIHR - Minutes of 11th Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment of 20th September 2011 Request for a guidance document: Guidance on Safety Assessment of Nanomaterials in Cosmetics

Sexually transmitted diseases

Event: FEMP 2011 - Men, Men, Sex and HIV, Stockholm, 10-11 November 2011

Tobacco

"Ex-smokers are unstoppable" in Kosice, Slovakia, 01-02 October 2011. Two days of campaign activities. Watch the pictures

"Ex-smokers are unstoppable" in the VITAL Expo and Berlin marathon, 22-25 September 2011 Watch the video of the campaign

European Commission provides € 5.2 million to help lower income countries in tobacco control

9. European Centre for Diseases Control

Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 39, 29 September 2011

In this issue: Increasing numbers of TBE cases are reported for Sweden in 2011, and TBE prevalence and control measures in place in Europe between 2007 and 2009 are surveyed.

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Do European doctors support measles, mumps, rubella vaccination programmes enough? http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19979

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Tick-borne encephalitis increasing in Sweden, 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19981

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Tick-borne encephalitis in Europe, 2007 to 2009 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19976 Measles in Geneva between 2003 and 2010: persistence of measles outbreaks despite high immunisation coverage

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19980

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Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 40, 06 October 2011

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Trends in yearly prevalence of third-generation cephalosporin and fluoroquinolone resistant Enterobacteriaceae infections and antimicrobial use in Spanish hospitals, Spain, 1999 to 2010 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19983

Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, 13 October 2011

In this issue: cases of West Nile virus (WNV) transmission following organ donations from a single donor in Italy despite no errors in the implemented WNV safety protocols

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West Nile virus: the Italian national transplant network reaction to an alert in the north-eastern region, Italy 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19991 Detection of Citrobacter koseri carrying beta-lactamase KPC-2 in a hospitalised patient, Greece, July 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19990

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Invasive Group A streptococcal disease in Ireland, 2004 to 2010 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19988 Mumps epidemic in orthodox religious low-vaccination communities in the Netherlands and Canada, 2007 to 2009 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19989

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Letter to the editor: HIV-1 outbreak among injecting drug users in Greece, 2011: a preliminary report http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19986 Authors' reply: HIV-1 outbreak among injecting drug users in Greece, 2011: a preliminary report http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19987 NEWS ECDC and EMCDDA joint guidance report on reducing infections among people who inject drugs http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19992

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In this issue: Research from France points to the impact of viral temperature sensitivity on the genetic diversification of the pandemic influenza virus in the first year after its introduction into humans.

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First Neisseria gonorrhoeae strain with resistance to cefixime causing gonorrhoea treatment failure in Austria, 2011

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19998

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Highly heterogeneous temperature sensitivity of 2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1) viral isolates, northern France http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19999

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10. WHO publications

Health professional mobility and health systems. Evidence from 17 European countries (Edited by Matthias Wismar, Claudia B. Maier, Irene A. Glinos, Gilles Dussault, Josep Figueras) The mobility of health professionals affects the performance of health systems, and increasingly so since the European Union (EU) enlargements in 2004 and 2007. This publication presents research on the gaps in knowledge about the numbers, trends, impacts and policy responses to this dynamic situation, in particular in Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Conducted within the framework of the European Commission's Health PROMeTHEUS project, the research posed and answered a set of questions of key interest to policy-makers, offering evidence of the nature and extent of health professionals' mobility in the EU, analysing its impact on country health systems and outlining some major policy strategies to address mobility.

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/health-professional-mobility-and-healthsystems.-evidence-from-17-european-countries

Roadmap to prevent and combat drug-resistant tuberculosis. Implementation of the Consolidated Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Multidrug- and Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in the WHO European Region 2011–2015

By: Masoud Dara and Hans Kluge

This publication presents a roadmap to scale up a comprehensive response to the alarming problem of drug-resistant tuberculosis in the WHO European Region. Designed to prevent and control both multidrug- and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (M/XDR-TB) in the Region, the Consolidated Action Plan has six cross-cutting strategic directions and seven areas of intervention. Aligned with the Global Plan to Stop TB, implementation of the Action Plan will save 120 000 lives and billions of US\$. The roadmap includes a monitoring and evaluation framework, analysis of the costs and benefits of implementation, and summaries of the situation in the 15 countries in the Region with a high burden of MDR-TB. This publication is aimed primarily at those responsible for TB control in the Region, including ministries of health and other government bodies responsible for health in penitentiary services, health financing, health education and social services. It should also help intensify the involvement of civil society and communities affected by the disease, professional societies, partners and donors, national and international technical agencies and all stakeholders engaged in TB control in the Region. 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/roadmap-to-prevent-and-combat-drug-resistant-tuberculosis

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Global Atlas on Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Control

This Atlas is the second Atlas on the worldwide epidemic of cardiovascular diseases published by the World Health Organization.

Mental Health Atlas 2011

Results from Mental Health Atlas 2011 reinforce the urgent need to scale up resources for mental health care within countries.

Collaborative Framework for Care and Control of Tuberculosis and Diabetes

This framework aims to guide national programmes, clinicians and others engaged in care of patients and prevention and control of diabetes and TB on how to establish a coordinated response to both diseases, at organizational and clinical levels.

Keeping Promises, Measuring Results

This is the report of the Commission for Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health to the United Nations.

Addressing Health of the Urban Poor in South-East Asia Region

This publication provides an overview of the health of the urban poor in member-states of the WHO South-East Asia region.

Healthy Urbanization

This regional framework provides a reference point for action primarily for national governments and for WHO as to how they can support scaling up and expanding healthy Cities within their countries and Region.

APSED and Beyond in the Western Pacific Region

In this report, the results of the 2010 assessment are measured against 2007 baseline data to evaluate the progress of Member States towards achieving APSED minimum standards and core capacity requirement in the five PASED programme areas.

Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation Programmes for Women of Reproductive Age This document outlines the best practices, as demonstrated in 10 WIFS for WRA programmes in six different countries.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 89, No. 09, 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.

Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health

The Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH) is an open-access, peer-reviewed monthly journal, published as the flagship scientific and technical periodical publication by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), headquartered in Washington, D.C., the United States of America. Its mission is to serve as an important vehicle for disseminating scientific public health information of international significance, mainly in areas related to PAHO's essential mission to strengthen national and local health systems and improve the health of the peoples of the Americas.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

Tenir les promesses, mesurer les résultats

Ceci est le rapport de La Commission de l'information et de la responsabilisation en matière de santé de la femme et de l'enfant présenté aux Nations Unies.

BOOKS IN SPANISH

Manteniendo promesas, evaluando los resultados

Este es el informe final de la Comisión de información y rendición de cuentas sobre la salud de las mujeres y los niños transmitido a las Naciones Unidas.

BOOKS IN RUSSIAN

Keeping Promises, Measuring Results

This is the report of the Commission for Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health to the United Nations.

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Psychological First Aid

This guide - endorsed by many international agencies - reflects the emerging science and international consensus on how to support people in the immediate aftermath of extremely stressful events. Health in the Green Economy

WHO's Health in the Green Economy series reviews the evidence about expected health impacts of climate change mitigation strategies for key economic sectors, both in terms of health "co-benefits" and risks.

CDROM Quality Assurance of Pharmaceuticals. Updated 2011

This CD-ROM includes the entire set of current WHO guidelines relating to quality assurance. All guidelines included in this collection have been prepared in consultation with the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on The International Pharmacopoeia and Pharmaceutical Preparations, with specialists from industry, national institutions, nongovernmental organizations, etc., through a vast global consultative process.

Patient Safety Assessment Manual

This manual from the WHO regional office for the Eastern Mediterranean contains the patient safety standards and a set of patient friendly hospital assessment tools, which is intended for use by trained evaluators in assessing hospital patient safety programmes.

Research in Selected Areas of Public Health, 1997-2002

This publication reviews a number of health research studies supported by the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean during the period 1997-2002

CDROM Publications of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean

This digital library brings together 26 years of Regional Office health information products, some of which are no longer available in print.

Eastern Mediterranean Status Report on Road Safety

This report from the WHO regional office for the Eastern Mediterranean is part of a joint global initiative that resulted in the Global status report on road safety - the first worldwide analysis of how well countries are implementing effective road safety measures.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 89, No. 10, 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.

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Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 17 No.9, 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.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

Agir pour réduire l'impact mondial des maladies tropicales négligées

*** Ce livre a gagné le Premier prix du concours des livres médicaux de la British Medical Association en 2011, dans la catégorie santé publique.*** Ce rapport présente des données et des faits qui démontrent que les activités conduites pour prévenir et combattre les maladies tropicales négligées produisent des résultats significatifs - et que ceux-ci sont reconnus.

Directives sur l'enrichissement des aliments en micronutriments

Les Directives ont pour principal objet d'aider les pays dans l'élaboration et la mise en oeuvre de programmes appropriés d'enrichissement des aliments. Elles s'adressent aux gouvernements et aux organismes qui envisagent ce type de programmes ou qui les ont déjà mis en oeuvre, et serviront de source d'information pour les secteurs scientifiques et technologiques ainsi que dans l'industrie agroalimentaire.

Sécurité sanitaire de l'eau dans les bâtiments

Destiné à favoriser l'amélioration de la sécurité sanitaire de l'eau dans les bâtiments, le présent texte fait partie d'une série de documents d'aide à l'application des Directives de qualité pour l'eau de boisson.

11. 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.

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EUPHApedia NEWS section:

25 October, 2011 New Norwegian Public Health Act – institutionalizing action on Social Determinants of Health in Norway This new legislation in Norway places reducing health inequalities through action on social determinants of health at the heart of Public Health nationally, regionally and locally. 13 October, 2011 WHO Mental Health Atlas 2011 The Atlas presents data from 184 WHO Member States, covering 98% of the world's population. Facts and figures presented in Atlas indicate that resources for mental health remain inadequate. 13 October, 2011 WHO interactive atlases on health equity in Europe This interactive atlas aims to improve availability of and access to evidence on inequalities in health system performance, including quality of care and the structural determinants of such inequalities across countries and regions in Europe. The data contained here is based on EUROSTAT databases 04 October, 2011 Setting priorities in health This document maps the priority-setting activities taking place across the National Health Service (NHS) in England, and explores and assesses the effectiveness of these practices within specific local contexts.

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