

# **EUPHA Newsletter 9, 2008**

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# 1. Job vacancies

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Bern is one of five medical faculties in Switzerland. The Faculty's Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM) provides under-graduate and post-graduate education and carries out research in a range of disciplines relevant to Public Health. ISPM offers a lively, interdisciplinary environment with excellent computing and library facilities. We are looking for an Assistant / Associate Professor in Medical Sociology / Social Epidemiology Applicants are expected to have a promising academic record and teaching experience in one or several of the following areas: social epidemiology, medical sociology or other social science disciplines in public health. Experience in theory-guided empirical research as well as advanced competencies for the analysis of empirical data is essential. Previous work on social resources and capabilities for health and health behaviours would be an advantage.

The successful candidate will build up competitive research activities on social inequalities in prevention and health promotion, supervise PhD and MPH students and contribute to postgraduate teaching in the Swiss School of Public Health.

Applicants should have a University degree and a PhD or equivalent training in a field relevant to Public Health. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. The position is supported by the Swiss School of Public Health+. Initial appointment is for four years with the possibility of qualifying for a permanent position. Starting date is approximately January 1, 2009.

The deadline for applications is October 24, 2008.

For further information please contact Professor Thomas Abel, Tel. +4131 631 35 12; e-mail abel@ispm.unibe.ch.

With a view towards increasing the proportion of female professors, the University of Bern specifically encourages female candidates to apply.

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# 2. Interesting news:

### Massive health benefits from stronger climate policies, shows new study

Brussels, Belgium, 2 October 2008 – Health savings of up to 25 billion euros could be achieved every year in Europe if the European Union immediately opted for stronger climate policies, says a new study published by health and environment NGOs.

The report, commissioned by the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), Climate Action Network Europe (CAN-E) and WWF, analyses the health benefits brought about by reduced climate pollution if the European Union increased without any delay its 2020 target for domestic greenhouse gas emission cuts from 20 to 30 per cent. The findings show that raising the target to 30% in line with recommendations of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) would produce savings resulting from better health valued at between 6.5 and 25 billion euros per year.

The estimates are based on economic evaluations of loss of life and health, working days lost and hospital costs. The findings show reductions in hospital admissions of 8,000 per year and two million fewer work days lost per year by moving to the higher 30% target. These health savings are over and above the benefits of the European Union's existing scenario of a 20 per cent target. The report shows that raising the target to 30 per cent would increase the savings by 25 billion, or 48%, from 51 to 76 million euros. Génon Jensen, Executive Director of Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) says: "Data clearly show that action to control global warming by reducing carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions brings major benefits to health. This potential alone makes a case for immediately moving the European target to at least 30 per cent domestic cuts of greenhouse gases by 2020. The European Union should be showing leadership on this crucial determinant of our future." The European Commission's impact assessment estimated that currently every year 369,000 people die prematurely due to air pollution, and that premature deaths, health care and medication associated with air pollution amount to 3-9 per cent of EU Gross Domestic Product. "Until now the discussion on climate change has been all about costs to industry and the economy, while costs of climate pollution to the society have largely been neglected", adds Delia Villagrasa, Senior Advisor to WWF. "It is essential to see that measures to promote cleaner sources of energy and reduce fossil fuel consumption will not only contribute to control climate change but will also cut air pollution and improve quality of life for European citizens."

With the current debate on the "EU climate and energy package", a set of measures to cut greenhouse gases in Europe, the European Union has the opportunity to lead to way to keep global warming below 2 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels. NGOs call on the European Parliament to be ambitious and lift the bar for a 30 per cent cut of greenhouse gases by 2020.

"The report clearly demonstrates what scientists, economists, academics and NGOs have said before: action on climate change produces win-win-win scenarios. Tougher targets means a win for the planet, a win for European citizen's health and a win for industry in reducing air pollution control cost," stated Tomas Wyns ETS Policy Officer, Climate Action Network Europe.

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### EHMA's new website - coming soon

We are pleased to announce that EHMA's new website will soon be up and running. The new website will include an events calendar, which will show members' events as well as EHMA's own events. If you have events that you would like to have included on the calendar please send details to Diana Kappler in the EHMA office (diana.kappler@ehma.org). On the new website your current website login

and password will no longer be valid, and prior to the switchover you will be sent new login and password details. The website address will remain the same www.ehma.org.

### **EU Shortcuts**

August's EU Shortcuts are available on the website.

Contents summary: Commission Agenda for Autumn/Winter 2008; DG SANCO Seeks Views on Priorities for 2009; EU Doctors' Organisation Splits; EU Week of Regions and Cities: Health Events; EU to Relax Ban on Direct Advertising of Medicines? www.ehma.org

# **Upgrading NGO Lobbying Practices**

October 22 November 26

The European Training Institute presents its new training module for NGOs: New Decision-Making Process, Comitology Procedures, New Actors, New Alliances, New Communication Spirit: a specific training seminar [more info -pdf-]

### International Master's Degree in Health Economics and Pharmacoeconomics

We are pleased to send you information about the online, organised by IDEC-Universitat Pompeu Fabra in association with CRES (Economy and Health Research Centre).

The programme objective is to provide specialised training in the economics and management of health services and pharmaceutical products. It meets the needs and requirements both of experienced professionals and of recent graduates who wish to increase their knowledge of these areas. The international edition of this programme is taught entirely in English.

For additional information, please contact us by e-mail at info@idec.upf.edu. You can also consult the programme at www.idec.upf.edu/mesiol.

# Adrisk launch pre-announcement Tackling injuries in adolescence

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2008 the EU AdRisk project, "Community Action on adolescents and injury risk", will launch its results providing new resources, reports, strategy recommendations and tools on how to tackle injuries among young people aged 15-24.

The AdRisk project has created a range of materials that have an innovative vision and can serve to fill the gaps in tackling injuries among 15-24 year olds. Working together with youth and seeing them as a resource is central to the project vision. In this respect the materials focus on strengthening youth competence to tackle risks and cope with challenges.

The AdRisk package comprises:

- Studies concerning injuries on European level (*Injuries and risk-taking among young people in Europe The European Situation Analysis*)
- Good practices (Good Practices Guide to Prevention of injuries among Young People)
- Guidelines for national action (Guide for initiating national action on adolescents and injury prevention in Europe);
- A strategy (Tackling Injuries among Adolescents and Young Adults in the EU: Strategy and Framework for Action)
- Tools for implementation (Online *Toolbox*). This toolbox is aimed at practitioners in the field and contains videos, leaflets, fact sheets, manuals, clips, teacher's tools, campaign materials, brochures, questionnaires, guidelines, briefings etc. The tools can be used for inspiration to help initiate activities or intervention at the local or national levels or to implement one of the examples.

All reports and tools are compiled for your use and inspiration and will be available for free on 25 September 2008 on the AdRisk website http://www.adrisk.eu.com.

### **INCHES Launches International Film Competition**

As part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations starting from 15 September 2008, the International Network on Children's Health, Environment and Safety (INCHES) is launching an International Film Competition on Health and Environment, sponsored by several organisations.

The competition, called "Focus on Children in a Healthy Environment" and centred on the themes "Climate" and "Environmental Health" will run until 1 March, 2009 and is open to all nationalities and ages.

Full details of the competition's rules and regulations; information on how to submit films and an application form can be read and downloaded at www.inchesnetwork.net/filmcompetition.html.

# e-Forum on the main objectives and key themes of the 2008 Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health

The Health Research for Development - HR4D-net http://www.dgroups.org/groups/hr4d-net/ discussion list has just launched an http://www.globalforumhealth.org/shlinks/bamako2008en.php/ which is to take place in Bamako, Mali from 17-19 November 2008.

Why not join in an international discussion and network with professionals from around the world who have been involved in the Forum's preparatory consultations?

Set up in 2006 as collaboration between the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications - INASP http://www.inasp.info/ and the Global Forum for Health Research http://www.globalforumhealth.org/, HR4D-net is moderated by the Global Healthcare Information Network - GHI-net http://www.ghi-net.org/.

# 4. Upcoming courses and conferences

<b>Title</b> Date1 Place Organiser More information	Das Bild des Arztes im 21. Jahrhundert October 10, 2008 Köln, Germany Universität Köln, Institut für Medizinrecht http://www.medizinrecht.uni-koeln.de/symposion
<b>Title</b> Date Place More information	<b>4th International Course on Health Systems Development</b> October 12-31, 2008 Managua, Nicaragua http://www.lachsr.org/documents/events/nicaragua08/Curso_Internac_Desarrollo_Si st_Salud_America_Latina_08.pdf
Title	25th International conference: Healthcare quality and safety: meeting the next
Date Place Organiser More information	challenges 19-22 October 2008 Copenhagen, Denmark ISQUA www.isqua.org
<b>Title</b> Date	European developments in public health: Ageing, obesity, emerging diseases 30 - 31 October, 2008
Place Organiser More information	Paris, France École des hautes études en santé publique EHESP school of public health www.ehesp.fr
<b>Title</b> Date Place Organiser More information	Inspiring Leaders October - November 2008 (repeated again in January - March 2009) Salford, Greater Manchester, UK Manchester Institute of Sport and Physical; Activity (MISPA) www.inspiringleadersnow.net
Title	5th Annual Fall Johns Hopkins Fall Institute in Health Policy and
Date Place More information	Management November 3-21, 2008 Barcelona Spain http://www.jhsph.edu/dept/hpm/continuing_ed/fall_institute/

Title	The 2008 Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity & Cancer
Date	November 6-7, 2008
Place	Washington DC, USA
Organiser	American Institute for Cancer Research
More information	www.aicr.org

Title	Multilevel modelling for public health and health services research
Date	November 10-14, 2008
Place	Lisbon, Portugal
Organiser	Health in Context
More information	http://www.healthincontext.com/

Title	South Eastern Europe Conference on Health Service Management
Date	November 20 - 22, 2008
Place	Belgrade, Serbia.
More information	www.ehma.org

Titel	Building Research Capacity to Bridge the Gap From Science to Service
	2nd Annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation:
Date	January 28-29, 2009
Place	Bethesda, Maryland, USA
Organiser	The Hill Group
More information	http://conferences.thehillgroup.com/obssr/di2008/index.html

# 5. Interesting publications

## Basic Biostatistics for Geneticists and Epidemiologists A Practical Approach Elston, Robert C. / Johnson, William http://www.wiley-vch.de/publish/en/books/bySubjectST00/bySubSubjectST35/0-470-02490-9/?sID=4il4lap0iojb0u95cipll9mb03

## Accounting For Health Spending In Developing Countries

Dorota Raciborska, Patricia Hernández, Amanda Glassman, Health Affairs, September/October 2008 Volume 27, No. 5 (2008): 1371-1380 http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/abstract/27/5/1371

## **Diseases Know No Frontiers:**

### How effective are Intergovernmental Organisations in controlling their spread? Volume I: published 21 July 2008

Published by the Authority of the House of Lords – UK London : The Stationery Office Limited PDF file [79p.] at: http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200708/ldselect/ldintergov/143/143.pdf Available online at:

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/Id200708/Idselect/Idintergov/143/14302.htm

### COHRED - Council on Health Research for Development Alignment and Harmonisation of Health Research - 2008

The 'AHA – study' by COHRED and Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). A Synthesis report and five country reports of: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mozambique, Uganda and Zambia.

PDF [72p.] at: http://www.cohred.org/AHA/files/resources/Synthesis\_web.pdf

# Best practices in health research policy development, lessons from an expert consultation, 2008

Country experiences: Brazil, Mexico, Mongolia, Philippines, South Africa, Tunisia, Uganda and United Kingdom.

### Record Paper 8. 2008 PDF [17p.] at:

http://www.cohred.org/main/publications/recordpapers/COHREDRP8\_Best\_Practices\_in\_Health\_Rese arch-Policy\_Development.pdf

### Afri Health - Meeting of African Schools of Public Health. 2007

Mapping of public health education in Africa PDF [54p.] at: http://www.cohred.org/main/publications/recordpapers/COHREDRP7\_Meeting\_of\_African\_Schools\_of \_Public\_Health.pdf

# The Voluntary Code of Ethical Conduct for the Recruitment of Foreign-Educated Nurses to the United States

http://www.fairinternationalrecruitment.org/

Health Equity Through Intersectoral Action: An Analysis of 18 Country Case Studies World Health Organization (WHO) and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) – 2008 Available online PDF [52p.] at: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/2008/hetia18-esgai18/pdf/hetia18esgai18-eng.pdf

# The Canadian Best Practices Portal for Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention

A central component of the Canadian Best Practices System. Public Health Agency of Canada, 2008 http://cbpp-pcpe.phac-aspc.gc.ca/about/index\_e.cfm

# Preventing and controlling emerging and reemerging transmissible diseases in the homeless

Sékéné Badiaga, Didier Raoult, and Philippe Brouqui Emerg Infect Dis - Volume 14, Number 9–September 2008. - DOI: 10.3201/eid1409.080204 Available from http://www.cdc.gov/EID/content/14/9/1353.htm

# Tackling Health Inequalities An All-Ireland Approach to Social Determinants

Compiled by Clare Farrell, Helen McAvoy, Jane Wilde and Combat Poverty Agency Combat Poverty Agency in association with the Institute of Public Health in Ireland, 2008 Available online PDF [64p.] at: http://www.publichealth.ie/files/file/Tackling%20health%20inequalities.pdf

### Tackling health inequities

WHO report calls for global action to ensure health equity within and between countries George Davey Smith and Nancy Krieger http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/337/sep03\_3/a1526

## Addressing the inequities in health: a new and vital mandate

The Lancet, Volume 372, Number 9640, 30 August 2008 http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673608612829/fulltext

# The impact of the social sciences on public policy and the impact of evidence-based policy on the social sciences

Sarah Morton, Sandra Nutley and Tobias Jung University of Edinburgh, July 2008 Available online PDF [44p.] at: http://www.crfr.ac.uk/norface/Report%20on%20seminar%202.pdf

## Framework for primary care organizations: the importance of a structural domain

William Hogg, Margo Rowan, Grant Russell, Robert Geneau and Laura Muldoon International Journal for Quality in Health Care, doi:10.1093/intqhc/mzm054 http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/mzm054v3

## Health for all? A critical analysis of public health policies in eight European countries

Editors: Christer Hogstedt, Henrik Moberg, Bernt Lundgren and Mona Backhans Swedish National Institute of Public Health 2008 Available online PDF [358p.] at: http://www.fhi.se/shop/material\_pdf/R200821\_Health\_for\_all0808komp.pdf

### Delivering on the Global Partnerships for Achieving the Millennium Development 8 United Nations, New York - 4 September 2008

MDG Gap Task Force Report 2008

Available online full text at: Arabic [pdf 1.56Mb] | Chinese [pdf 2.02Mb] English [pdf 1.67Mb] | French [pdf 1.42Mb] Russian [pdf 1.45Mb] | Spanish [pdf 1.56Mb]

## EUROTHINE - Tackling Health Inequalities In Europe: an integrated approach

Anton Kunst, Albert-Jan Roskam and national representatives EMC (Erasmus MC) Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam -University Medical Center Rotterdam PDF at: http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\_projects/2003/action1/docs/2003\_1\_16\_frep\_en.pdf

# Comparison of educational inequalities in general health in 12 European countries: application of an integral measure of self-assessed health

Anton Kunst, Albert-Jan Roskam and national representatives EMC (Erasmus MC) Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam -University Medical Center Rotterdam PDF at: http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\_projects/2003/action1/docs/2003\_1\_16\_frep\_en.pdf

# Educational differences in self assessed health in 18 European countries: the role of smoking and overweight

Anton Kunst, Albert-Jan Roskam and national representatives EMC (Erasmus MC) Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam -University Medical Center Rotterdam PDF at: http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\_projects/2003/action1/docs/2003\_1\_16\_frep\_en.pdf

## Development of health inequalities indicators for the Eurothine project

Anton Kunst, Erasmus MC Rotterdam, 2008 EMC (Erasmus MC) Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam -University Medical Center Rotterdam PDF at: http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph projects/2003/action1/docs/2003 1 16 frep en.pdf

# Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health. Final Report of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health

CSDH August 2008 - Geneva, World Health Organization Executive summary English [pdf 5.34Mb] | French [pdf 5.41Mb]Spanish [pdf 5.42Mb] | Arabic [pdf 8.63Mb] Chinese [pdf 6.06Mb] | Russian [pdf 5.40Mb] Full report online PDF [256p.] at: http://www.who.int/entity/social\_determinants/final\_report/csdh\_finalreport\_2008.pdf

# Neglected Tropical Diseases of Latin America and the Caribbean:

A Review of Disease Burden and Distribution and a Roadmap for Control and Elimination Peter J. Hotez, Maria Elena Bottazzi, Carlos Franco-Paredes, Steven K. Ault, Mirta Roses Periago PLoS Negl Trop Dis 2(9): e300. doi:10.1371/journal.pntd.0000300 Available online at: http://www.plosntds.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pntd.0000300

# The James Lind Library: explaining and illustrating the evolution of fair tests of medical treatments

J R Coll Physicians Edinb Volume 38 Issue 3 - 28 August 2008 The Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh Available online at: http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/publications/articles/journal\_38\_3/james\_lind.pdf

# Public hearings on the draft code of practice on the international recruitment of health personnel

World Health Organization – WHO 2008 Download full text Arabic [pdf 87kb] | Chinese [pdf 480kb] | English [pdf 55kb] | French [pdf 27kb] | Russian [pdf 243kb] | Spanish [pdf 72kb]

# Atlas of health in Europe, 2nd edition 2008

WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark 0 ISBN 978 92 890 1410 6 – 2008 Available online PDF [138p.] at: http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E91713.pdf

# Diseases Know No Frontiers: How effective are Intergovernmental Organisations in controlling their spread?

Volume I: published 21 July 2008 Published by the Authority of the House of Lords – UK London : The Stationery Office Limited PDF file [79p.] at: http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200708/ldselect/ldintergov/143/143.pdf Available online at:

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200708/ldselect/ldintergov/143/14302.htm

# The Voluntary Code of Ethical Conduct for the Recruitment of Foreign-Educated Nurses to the United States

AcademyHealth, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and a taskforce of diverse stakeholders Washington, D.C. September 2008 Website: http://www.fairinternationalrecruitment.org/ Available as PDF: Full Text of the Code

### Making Sense of Health Rankings

Canadian Institute for Health Information, (Ottawa, Ont.: CIHI, 2008). Available online PDF [29p.] at: http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/products/MakingSense\_HealthRankings\_web\_secure\_e.pdf

## 6. European Commission: update



- Risk assessment: Key document Report from the commission on the application of council Recommendation of 12 july 1999 (1999/519/ec) on the limitation of The exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz) Second Implementation Report 2002-2007
- Health determinants: Nutrition
   EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health member organisations List updated
- Executive Agency
   New website of the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC)
- Overview of health strategy: Event
  Invitation to the EU Open Health Forum conference: "Developing and Implementing Health in the European Union" (Brussels, 10-11 December 2008)
  Register now!
- Health determinants: European Alcohol and Health Forum 3rd meeting of the Task Force Marketing Communication, Brussels, 16 July 2008 Summary report
- Health determinants Mental health Page updated
- New website for health promotion videos pre-view and share your clips! Following an initiative of DG Health and Consumers of the Commission, this new web site aims to share ideas and best practice and to show what has been done in public health campaigns in European countries. The website is now on-line for pre-viewing - it will be officially launched at the IUHPE Conference in Turin on 10 September. Before the launch, you have a chance to put your videos on-line or just give us feedback on the site – check it in!
- Health determinants: Mental health
   EU high-level conference: "Together for Mental Health and Well-being", Brussels 13 June 2008 Conference report
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks
   Draft agenda for the 26th plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR), Brussels, 23
   September 2008
- Threats to health: Rare diseases
   Events Page updated
- Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets Cancer Page updated

- Health determinants: Mental health
   EU high-level conference: "Together for Mental Health and Well-being", Brussels 13 June 2008 Conference report
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks
   Draft agenda for the 26th plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR), Brussels, 23
   September 2008
- Threats to health: Antimicrobial resistance
   18 November 2008 1st European Antibiotic Awareness Day ECDC Website
- Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets
   Neurodegenerative, neurodevelopment and non-psychiatric brain diseases Updated
- Health information: Improving the mechanisms for health reporting Recommendations for a European Health Examination Survey in the European Union Section updated
- Health information
   European Community Health Indicators (ECHI) Indicator MRI units, CT scans updated
- Health information
   European Community Health Indicators (ECHI) Indicator Expenditures on health updated
- Health determinants: Alcohol
   1st Meeting of the Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum, Brussels, 30 june 2008 Summary report
- Health information: 2003 funded projects
   EUROTHINE Tackling Health Inequalities In Europe: an integrated approach Outcomes
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committees
   The European Commission is planning to invite soon scientists to join its Scientific Risk Assessment Advisory Structure of Scientific Committees, Pool
   of Advisors, and Database of Experts

# 7. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 35, 28 August 2008

### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Nationwide outbreak of Salmonella enterica serotype Kedougou infection in infants linked to infant formula milk, Spain, 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?Articleld=18963

Outbreak of measles in two private religious schools in Bourgogne and Nord-Pas-de-Calais regions of France, May-July 2008 (preliminary results)

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18961

### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Impact of infant pneumococcal vaccination on invasive pneumococcal diseases in France, 2001-2006 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18962

### PERSPECTIVES

EUREGIO MRSA-net Twente/Münsterland – a Dutch-German cross-border network for the prevention and control of infections caused by methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18965

#### MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18964

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 36, 4 September 2008

SPECIAL ISSUE ON RECENT HIV INFECTIONS TESTING

### EDITORIALS

Monitoring HIV epidemiology using assays for recent infection: where are we? http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18967

### **REVIEW ARTICLES**

Assays for the detection of recent infections with human immunodeficiency virus type 1 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18966

Principles and uses of HIV incidence estimation from recent infection testing - a review http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18969

### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Four years of surveillance of recent HIV infections at country level, France, mid 2003 - 2006: Experience and perspectives http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18968

### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Settings for identifying recent HIV infections: the Portuguese experience http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18974

#### PERSPECTIVES

Country-wide HIV incidence study complementing HIV surveillance in Germany http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18971

### MEETING REPORTS

Workshop on the Serological Testing Algorithm for Recent HIV Seroconversion (STARHS) and HIV Incidence Estimates, Stockholm, 11-12 March 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18972

#### NEWS

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention release incidence estimates for HIV http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18973

### MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill 2008;13(35) http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18970

### Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 37, 11 September 2008

### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Two severe cases of botulism associated with industrially produced chicken enchiladas, France, August 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18978

### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Surveillance of giardiasis in Northwest England 1996-2006: impact of an enzyme immunoassay test http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18977

Outbreak of Salmonella serovar Stanley infections in Switzerland linked to locally produced soft cheese, September 2006 -February 2007

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18979

### LETTERS

Q fever in the Netherlands - what matters is seriousness of disease rather than quantity http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18975

Authors reply: Q fever in the Netherlands - what matters is seriousness of disease rather than quantity http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18976

### NEWS

EpiWords: a new online English-Russian glossary of medical, statistical, microbiological and epidemiological terms http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18980

WHO Regional Office for Europe and UNAIDS report on progress since the Dublin Declaration http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18981

### Eurosurveillance, Volume 13, Issue 38, 18 September 2008

### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Public health implications of influenza B outbreaks in closed settings in the United Kingdom in the 2007/08 influenza season http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18986

'Chlamydia Monday' in Sweden http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18984

A cluster of Legionnaires' disease linked to an industrial plant in southeast Norway, June-July 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18985

### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Changes in prevention and outbreak management of Legionnaires' disease in the Netherlands between two large outbreaks in 1999 and 2006

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=18983