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1. European Public Health Conferences, Glasgow 2014, Milan 2015, Vienna 2016

Glasgow 2014: accreditation points

We are pleased to inform you that the 7th European Public Health Conference in Glasgow, UK, was granted **23 European CME credits** (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

Glasgow 2014: don't miss the early registration deadline

Already 1'000 colleagues have preceded you in registering for the 7th European Public Health Conference. Register before the 1st of October to benefit from the early bird fee at Register now!

Milan 2015: first announcement

The first announcement for Milan is now available at: Milan 2015

Vienna 2016: main theme selected

The main theme for Vienna 2016 has just been selected by the main organisers: *All for health – Health for All*' Find out more by downloading the welcome card: Vienna 2016

2. EUPHA update

EUPHA shares concern on decision to decrease DG Health portfolio

EUPHA shares the widespread concern that has been voiced by civil society organisations at the decision to transfer responsibility for drugs policy and the European Medicines Agency back to the Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry, reversing the 2009 transfer of these responsibilities to the Directorate-General for Health. We regard this as an alarming and retrograde step with potentially profound implications for public health, quality of medicines, and the security of European citizens. We have three main concerns. http://www.eupha.org/site/publications.p...

EUPHA supports WHO evidence-based publication on electronic cigarettes

The European Public Health Association (EUPHA), representing 14'000 public health professionals in 40 countries, strongly supports the evidence-based position taken by the World Health Organization (WHO) following publication of its report on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), more commonly known as electronic cigarettes. EUPHA shares the concerns expressed by the WHO about the safety of these products. http://www.eupha.org/repository/publicat...

EUPHA welcomes new EU Commissioner for Health

EUPHA enthusiastically welcomes the nomination of Dr Vytenis Andriukaitis as the next European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety. Dr Andriukaitis has a very distinguished career as a physician and politician and, as Lithuanian Health Minister, has been a powerful advocate for public health. EUPHA looks forward to working with him during his tenure in the Commission.

http://www.eupha.org/site/publications.p...

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Warwick University: Assistant Professor in Health Economics / Decision Modelling 1

Assistant Professor in Health Economics / Decision Modelling Warwick Medical School Division of Health Sciences: Warwick Evidence Salary: £38,511 to £45,954 per annum Deadline: 3 October 2014

Warwick University: Assistant Professor in Health Economics / Decision Modelling 2

Associate Professor in Health Economics / Decision Modelling (75183-094) Warwick Medical School Division of Health Sciences: Warwick Evidence Salary: £47,328 to £58,172

4. Interesting News

e-Cigarettes commentaries in IJPH free online

The use and regulation of e-cigarettes is hotly debated and the World Health Organization WHO, as the global authority for public health, has come under pressure from both pro-ecigarette as well as contra-e-cigarette advocates. In contrast to the traditional tobacco debate with the public health research community arguing on one, and the tobacco industry and its constituencies on the other side, the current stage of the e-cigarette debate finds honest and independent public health scientists on both sides. Although it is obvious which one the tobacco and e-cigarette industries applaud, the more interesting question is why the public health community does not yet speak with "one voice". In this issue, IJPH has invited two commentaries—both written by independent public health scientists—to express their current views. http://link.springer.com/article/

The Nation's Health: Wearing a helmet while cycling can keep you safe

As kids head back to school, college students traverse campuses and the weather starts cooling off, fall is a great time for a bicycle ride. After all, biking is a great way to stay active and healthy. Research shows that it can be good for the environment, too. Whatever reason you decide to ride a bike, there's one important accessory to include: a helmet. Cyclists who ride without helmets are at an increased risk for head injury, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. How many cyclists ride without wearing a helmet? Almost half, CDC says.

http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/

Study: Healthy lifestyle behaviors may prevent 80 percent of heart attacks

Five recommended health behaviors may prevent four out of five heart attacks in men, a new study suggests. Middle-aged and older men were much less likely to have heart attacks over an average of 11 years if they drank moderately, didn't smoke and did everything right on the diet, exercise and weight fronts, the study found.

Only about 1 percent of men involved in the study fit into this ultra-healthy-living category. But they were 86 percent less likely to have heart attacks than those who ate poorly, were overweight, exercised too little, smoked and drank too much alcohol, the researchers said. http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/

Smoke-free building policies cut indoor exposure: study

Apartment dwellers who don't smoke still can't escape second-hand smoke completely, but in smoke-free buildings exposure to the tiny particles in cigarette smoke may be cut by half or more, according to a new study.

Researchers in Boston monitored indoor air at public housing projects transitioning to a smoke-free policy and tracked tobacco smoke as it traveled to adjacent apartments and down common hallways. http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/

E-cigs don't help cancer patients quit smoking

New research raises doubts about the possible benefits of e-cigarettes for people with cancer. Smokers with cancer who used e-cigarettes along with traditional cigarettes were more dependent on nicotine than those who didn't use the devices, a Memorial Sloan-Kettering study found. These patients were also just as likely — or less likely — to have quit smoking than patients who didn't use e-cigarettes.

The study, published online Sept. 22 in Cancer, involved almost 1,100 cancer patients who smoked. Between 2012 and 2013, the patients were enrolled in a tobacco treatment program at a comprehensive cancer center. http://www.webmd.com/cancer/news/

Do you want to learn (more) about public health epidemiology?

Elevate Health offers the online course Public Health Epidemiology: highly suited to epidemiologists or public health workers in universities, hospitals, municipal health services and other governmental health organizations, and to PhD candidates working on epidemiological or public health research.

In only 3 weeks you'll learn about the basic principles, important measures of population health, their interpretation and use in public health policy. Recent cases such as the Ebola outbreak will be discussed. In addition, the effects of an exposure on life expectancy, prevention strategies and the societal, economic and health dilemmas involved in introducing population measures are covered. In this interactive online course, you'll study by means of web lectures and group assignments.

Starts 13 October * 3 weeks, ca. 14h p/w * 1.5 EC * € 785 Are you ready to enroll? http://elevatehealth.eu/PHE

5. EUPHA members update

European Association of Dental Public Health has adopted a Resolution on ecigarettes

http://www.eadph.org

Netherlands Public Health Federation - newsletter

This bi-monthly newsletter is available free of charge. Only available in Dutch. http://www.nphf.nl/actueel/nieuwsbrief/

6. Upcoming courses and conferences

Title:

Global Public Health Doctoral Programme

Date / location: 1 Oct 2014 - 15 Jul 2015 / Porto, Portugal

Organiser: Joint organisation with Portuguese schools of public health

Title:Health settings and developing wellbeing in the communityDate / location:1 Oct 2014 / London, United KingdomOrganiser:Royal Society for Public Health

Title:	The Second International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health
Date / location:	5 Oct 2014 - 8 Oct 2014 / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Title:	Seventh interdisciplinary symposium of Public Health, Social Work, Nursing and Laboratory investigating methods - Healthy ageing 7 Oct 2014 - 8 Oct 2014 / Trnava, Slovakia Trnava University
Date / location: Organiser:	
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	Medizinische Statistik für Nicht - StatistikerInnen (Grundkurs) 8 Oct 2014 - 9 Oct 2014 / Krems, Austria Danube University Krems
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	5th Annual Hospital Management Conference 9 Oct 2014 - 10 Oct 2014 / Vienna, Austria Uniglobal
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	World Conference on Medical Research and Environmental Health 13 Oct 2014 - 17 Oct 2014 / London, United Kingdom WCMREH
Title:	Masterclass: Lifestyle Counselling in Primary Care and Public Health: Nutrition and physical activity guidance by primary care and public health professionals
Date / location: Organiser:	13 Oct 2014 - 15 Oct 2014 / Wageningen, The Netherlands VLAG / NuGO Association
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	WPA Section on epidemiology and public health - 2014 meeting 16 Oct 2014 - 18 Oct 2014 / Nara, Japan WPA
Title:	5th International Conference: Is an ounce of prevention still worth a
Date / location: Organiser:	pound of cure? The economics and value of prevention 16 Oct 2014 - 18 Oct 2014 / Palma de Mallorca, Spain European Society for Prevention Research and European Institute of Studies on Prevention
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	Qualitätssicherung in der Gesundheitsförderung 22 Oct 2014 - 23 Oct 2014 / Krems, Austria Danube University Krems
Title:	Universitaetslehrgaenge Clinical Research und Advanced Clinical Research
Date / location: Organiser:	24 Oct 2014 - 11 Jun 2016 / Zwettl/Rodl, Austria Johannes Kepler University
Title:	AICR Research Conference on Food, nutrition, physical activity and
Date / location: Organiser:	cancer 29 Oct 2014 - 31 Oct 2014 / Washington, DC, US IARC
Title:	2014 AICR Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity
Date / location: Organiser:	and Cancer 29 Oct 2014 - 31 Oct 2014 / Washington, DC, United States AICR

Title:	ESCAIDE 2014	
Date / location:	5 Nov 2014 - 7 Nov 2014 / Stockholm, Sweden	
Organiser:	ECDC	
Title:	ENCR Scientific Meeting and General Assembly: Towards a harmonised cancer information system in Europe 12 Nov 2014 - 14 Nov 2014 / Ispra, Italy ENCR	
Date / location: Organiser:		
Title:	International Conference on Combating Emerging Infectious Diseases (ICCEID)	
Date / location:	24 Nov 2014 - 2 Dec 2014 / Barcelona, Spain	
Title:	EHTEL 2014 Symposium: Innovating for Better Outcomes in Health and Social Care	
Date / location:	n: 25 Nov 2014 - 26 Nov 2014 / Brussels, Belgium	
Organiser:	EHTEL	
Title:	Global Crisis of Depression event	
Date / location:	25 Nov 2014 / London< UK	
Organiser:	The Economist	
Title:	European Obesity Forum	
Date / location:	26 Nov 2014 - 28 Nov 2014 / Lisbon, Portugal	
Organiser:	EPODE International Network	
Title:	Concepts of Epidemiology (5-Day Course)	
Date / location:	8 Dec 2014 - 12 Dec 2014 / Edinburgh, UK	
Organiser:	University of Edinburgh	
Title:	Medizinische Statistik für Nicht-StatistikerInnen in der Anwendung (Aufbaukurs)	
Date / location:	9 Dec 2014 - 10 Dec 2014 / Krems, Austria	
Organiser:	Danube University Krems	
Title:	Health Technology Assessments	
Date / location:	16 Dec 2014 - 18 Dec 2014 / Krems, Austria	
Organiser:	Danube University Krems	

7. European Journal of Public Health

Undiagnosed HIV infection in a population of MSM from six European cities: results from the Sialon project

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

What is the effect of unemployment on all-cause mortality? A cohort study using propensity score matching http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

'By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail': lessons from the 2009 H1N1 'swine flu' pandemic

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Thinness in the era of obesity: trends in children and adolescents in The Netherlands since 1980

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Mental health and alcohol use: a cross-sectional study of the Finnish general population

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Which socio-economic measures are associated with psychological distress for men and women? A cohort analysis http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Beyond public health genomics: proposals from an international working group http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Caesarean section by immigrants' length of residence in Norway: a population-based study

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Multiple chronic health conditions and their link with wealth assets http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

An exploration of beliefs and attitudes regarding healthy lifestyle behaviour in an urban population in the Netherlands: Results from a focus group study in a community-based prevention project

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

The problem of non-response in population surveys on the topic of HIV and sexuality: a comparative study

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

The effect of local policy actions on mortality among homeless people: a before-after study

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

The development of a mental health screening tool and referral pathway for police custody

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Monitoring systems and national surveys on prison health in France and abroad http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Ambient particulate matter and lung cancer incidence and mortality: a meta-analysis of prospective studies

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Remigration of migrants with severe disease: myth or reality?--a register-based cohort study

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Information preferences of the general population when faced with life-limiting illness http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Nothing like Christmas--suicides during Christmas and other holidays in Austria http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Immigrants' health and health inequality by type of integration policies in European countries

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Unemployment, public-sector health-care spending and breast cancer mortality in the European Union: 1990-2009

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

Prevalence of metabolic syndrome among Roma: a comparative health examination survey in Hungary

http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...

8. Interesting publications

Alcohol interventions, alcohol policy and intimate partner violence: a systematic review http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Views and experiences of behaviour change techniques to encourage walking to work: a qualitative study

http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

The effects of a web-based decision aid on the intention to diagnostic self-testing for cholesterol and diabetes: a randomized controlled trial http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Climate change and the emergence of vector-borne diseases in Europe: case study of dengue fever

http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Promoting prudent use of antibiotics: the experience from a multifaceted regional campaign in Greece

http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Alcohol abstinence, non-hazardous use and hazardous use a decade after alcoholrelated hospitalization: registry data linked to population-based representative postal surveys

http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

The impact of the natural environment on the promotion of active living: An integrative systematic review

http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Alcohol segment-specific associations between the quality of the parent-child relationship and adolescent alcohol use http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

The effect of out-of-pocket costs and financial rewards in a discrete choice experiment: an application to lifestyle programs http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

HPV catch-up vaccination of young women: a systematic review and meta-analysis http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Attitudes towards sickness absence and sickness presenteeism in health and care sectors in Norway and Denmark: a qualitative study http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Socioeconomic inequalities in smoking habits are still increasing in Italy http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Nudging children towards whole wheat bread: a field experiment on the influence of fun bread roll shape on breakfast consumption http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Perceptions of HIV/STI prevention among young adults in Sweden who travel abroad: a qualitative study with focus group and individual interviews http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1... Determinants of health check attendance in adults: findings from the cross-sectional German Health Update (GEDA) study

http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Nutrition interventions at point-of-sale to encourage healthier food purchasing: a systematic review

http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Agreement between parent and child report on parental practices regarding dietary, physical activity and sedentary behaviours: the ENERGY cross-sectional survey http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...

Universal Health Protection: Progress to date and the way forward

International Labour Office. Social Protection Department. (Social Protection Policy Papers; 10). 2014 Further information (*información adicional*) : click here

Impatience of health professions students for health equity - Can a new definition help? Joško Miše

Journal of Public Health Policy (2014) 35, 411–413. doi:10.1057/jphp.2014.25 Further information (*información adicional*) : click here

New Eurohealth - Special Gastein Issue on Electing health: the Europe we want http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/part...

Economic crisis, health systems and health in Europe: impact and implications for policy

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/part...

The German health system: challenges for new government

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/part...

Facets of public health in Europe

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/part...

9. European Commission news

What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (23-09-2014)

Major and chronic diseases

First meeting of the Commission Expert Group on Cancer Control: 23-24 September 2014 **Nutrition**

"My healthy family": Project to promote the consumption of fruit and vegetables launches in 4 EU regions

What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (22-09-2014)

Health indicators

Indicators on Life expectancy at birth and at age 65 by sex (ECHI 10) Indicator updated Indicators on Healthy Life Years (HLY) at birth and at age 65 by sex (ECHI 40) Indicator updated

What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (18-09-2014) Alcohol

14th Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action (17-18 June 2014) Summary report

Health-EU Newsleter

Health-EU Newsletter - "Solidarity and equality: European-level cooperation on Health Technology Assessment to help pave the way for equal access to health care" Editorial by By François Houÿez, EURORDIS Treatment Information and Access Director and Health Policy Advisor and Co-chair of the EUnetHTA Stakeholder Forum

What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (17-09-2014) Nutrition and physical activity

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health Agenda

"We Love Eating": Project to promote healthy lifestyles launches in 7 EU cities

What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (16-09-2014) Alcohol Action Plan on Youth Drinking and on Heavy Episodic Drinking (Binge Drinking) (2014-2016)

Ebola

A European-wide response to the Ebola epidemic The EU's response to help fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa

What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (11-09-2014) Rare diseases

Minutes - Commission Expert Group on Rare Diseases (Luxembourg, 03-04 July 2014)

What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (05-09-2014) **Rare diseases**

Implementation report on the Commission Communication on Rare Diseases Europe's action in the field of rare diseases (2009/C 151/02) **Preparedness and response**

Press release: The EU's response to help fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa

What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (04-09-2014) Social determinants and health inequalities

Roma Health Report - Health status of the Roma population Data collection in the Member States of the European Union

European Centre for Disease Prevention and 10. **Control news**

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 34, 28 August 2014

In this issue: Study presenting a comprehensive picture of the epidemiological situation of E. multilocularis in northern Slovakia This week's table of contents:

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Gonococcal infections and emergence of gonococcal decreased susceptibility to cephalosporins in France, 2001 to 2012 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20885 Alveolar echinococcosis in a highly endemic area of northern Slovakia between 2000 and 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20882

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Incidence and hospitalisation rates of Lyme borreliosis, France, 2004 to 2012 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20883 Effectiveness of seasonal trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine in preventing influenza hospitalisations and primary care visits in Auckland, New Zealand, in 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20884

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 35, 04 September 2014

In this issue: Study from Italy confirms that belief vaccinations are effective and safe is positively associated with willingness to vaccinate children **This week's table of contents:**

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

High incidence of Plasmodium vivax malaria in newly arrived Eritrean refugees in Sweden since May 2014

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20890

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Association between temperature, humidity and ebolavirus disease outbreaks in Africa, 1976 to 2014

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20892 Measles virus spread initiated at international mass gatherings in Europe, 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20891 Is it reasonable to abandon obligatory vaccinations in Italy? A 2013 survey http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20889

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20888 ECDC'S latest publications http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20886 Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(34) http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20887

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 36, 11 September 2014

In this issue: Modelling paper suggests that the reproduction number of Ebola is between 1.5–2 in some of the affected countries in West Africa **This week's table of contents:**

EDITORIALS

Containing Ebola virus infection in West Africa http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20899

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Early transmission dynamics of Ebola virus disease (EVD), West Africa, March to August 2014 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20894

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Does the length of specimen storage affect influenza testing results by real-time reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction? An analysis of influenza surveillance specimens, 2008 to 2010

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20893

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Did narcolepsy occur following administration of AS03-adjuvanted A(H1N1) pandemic vaccine in Ontario, Canada? A review of post-marketing safety surveillance data http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20900

NEWS

ESCAIDE 'late-breaker' abstract call open http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20895 Hepatitis A outbreak: Report on results from food trace-back investigation http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20896

MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(35) http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20897 Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(35) http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20898

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 37, 18 September 2014

In this issue: Case-control study from Italy point to berries as responsible for an outbreak of hepatitis A in 2013

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Postsurgical wound infections due to rapidly growing mycobacteria in Swiss medical tourists following cosmetic surgery in Latin America between 2012 and 2014 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20905

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Burden of influenza B virus infections in Scotland in 2012/13 and epidemiological investigations between 2000 and 2012 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20903 Hepatitis A outbreak in Italy, 2013: a matched case-control study http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20906

LETTERS

Letter to the editor: Preventing nosocomial MRSA infections by screening http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?Articleld=20901 Authors' reply: Systematic literature analysis and review of targeted preventive measures to limit healthcare-associated infections by meticillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20902 Letter to the editor: Early transmission dynamics of Ebola virus disease (EVD), West Africa, March to August 2014 - Eurosurveillance 17 September 2014 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20907 Authors' reply: Feedback from modelling to surveillance of Ebola virus disease http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20908

MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(35) http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20904

11. WHO news

Monitoring health inequality: An essential step for achieving health equity World Health Organization (WHO) September, 2014 Download the booklet here!

NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - AUGUST 2014

From Malaria Control to Malaria Elimination

The main purpose of this manual is to raise awareness of the sorts of technical, operational, and financial resources that would be required to reduce and eventually eliminate malaria, the timelines over which such reductions are likely to be achieved, and how they can be sustained.

Birth Defects Surveillance

This manual is intended to serve as a tool for the development, implementation and ongoing improvement of a congenital anomalies surveillance programme, particularly for countries with limited resources. The focus of the manual is on population-based and hospital-based surveillance programmes.

Birth Defects Surveillance: Atlas of Selected Congenital Anomalies

This atlas of selected congenital anomalies is a companion tool to Birth defects surveillance: a manual for programme managers, and is intended to help in the development, implementation

and ongoing improvement of a surveillance programme for congenital anomalies, particularly in countries with limited human and financial resources.

Road Map for Surveillance and Monitoring of HIV Drug Resistance in the Western Pacific Region (2014-2018)

This Road Map 2014-2018 provides a plan for specific and coordinated action to address the potential threat of HIV drug resistance emergence in countries in the Region.

Action Plan for Healthy Newborn Infants in the Western Pacific Region (2014-2020)

This Regional Action Plan identifies bold steps that can be taken to provide all newborn infants with a set of appropriate health-care interventions.

Towards Universal Eye Health

While the main objectives of this publication are aligned with the global action plan for the prevention of avoidable visual impairment, this Regional Action Plan provides a regional context for WHO support to help address specific needs in Asia and the Pacific.

Nurses and Midwives in Action during Emergencies and Disasters

This publication presents fifteen selected case studies which highlights the multitude of roles and contributions of nurses in different settings, in times of emergencies and disasters, and the analysis of community, health system and nursing and midwifery needs during times of ongoing health threats and disasters.

Health in all Policies: Report on Perspectives and Intersectoral Actions in the Western Pacific

The 2010 Adelaide Statement operationalized intersectoral action ISA in the form of the Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach to address the social determinants of health, outlining new governance arrangements to facilitate ISA (WHO and Government of South Australia, 2010). This report considers how the globalized concepts of ISA, and current understandings of the relatively new concept of HiAP, correspond to the diverse local contexts of the Western Pacific Region.

Addressing Diseases of Poverty

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) elimination and control efforts are recognized as one of the most cost-effective interventions in global health today. As a joint production by the World Health Organization Regional Offices for South-East Asia and the Western Pacific, the Asian Development Bank and the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases at the Sabin Vaccine Institute, this publication highlights the need for greater crosssectoral partnership and additional investments.

Health Financing Country Profiles in the Western Pacific Region (1995-2011)

This publication provides concise overviews of the health financing systems of Member States of the Western Pacific Region.

The Health of Older People in Selected Countries of the Western Pacific Region

This report provides an overview of population ageing and the health of people aged 60 years and above in the Western Pacific Region.

Regional Framework for Action on Ageing and Health in the Western Pacific (2014-2019)

All countries are exploring ways to help older people retain their health, functional capacity, social participation and security. Population ageing brings new challenges to health policy and health systems, but also new opportunities and areas for action. This Regional Framework for Action on Ageing and Health in the Western Pacific explores these challenges and areas of action.

Practical Approaches to Risk Minimisation for Medicinal Products

Until this current CIOMS IX document, limited guidance has been available on how to determine which risks need "additional risk minimisation," select the appropriate tools, apply and implement such tools globally and locally, and measure if they are effective and valuable. Included in the report is a CIOMS framework for the evaluation of effectiveness of risk minimisation, a discussion of future trends and developments, an annex specifically addressing vaccines, and examples from real life.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 92, No. 8, 2014

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.

WHO Drug Information, Vol. 28, No. 2, 2014

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.

BOOKS IN GERMAN

European Health Report 2012 (The) (GERMAN)

This report presents the health status of Europe, providing policy-makers and public health professionals with the epidemiological evidence base that underpins Health 2020, the new European policy framework.