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1. EUPHA update

EUPHA joins the European Health Information Initiative (EHII)

EUPHA has joined the Steering Group of the European Health Information Initiative (EHII). EHII is a multi-stakeholder WHO network aimed at creating an integrated, harmonized health information system for the entire European Region by fostering international cooperation.

EUPHA will be represented by the President of the EUPHA Section on Public Health Monitoring and Reporting, Dr Nicole Rosenkötter from the NRW Centre for Health in Germany. Other members of the EHII Steering Group are Member States of the WHO European Region, WHO-collaborating centres, multi-country information networks. In addition, the European Commission and OECD participate in the Steering Group. The Steering Group is chaired by Annemiek van Bolhuis, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, The Netherlands.

More information: click here

6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, EUPHA MEMH 2016



Oslo, 23-25 June 2016

Theme of the 6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health is '**Equity – the Policy Practice Gap**'. Plenary sessions and presentations will focus on socio-demographic and political determinants for health and the policy environment with relevance for migrants, ethnic minorities, asylum seekers, refugees, undocumented migrants. Other topics include: access and quality of health care services; disparities and inequities, social exclusion and marginalization, health system responsiveness to diversity empowerment and levers for change, etc. **More information: EUPHA MEMH 2016**.

2. European Public Health Conference

Vienna 2016: the place to be





Abstract Submission opens 1 February

Abstract submission does not have to be confined to the conference theme 'All for Health – Health for All'. Abstracts are invited for workshops, oral presentations, pitch presentations and posters. Prizes will be awarded for the best oral, poster and early career professional's presentation. Do not miss the opportunity to be recognised for your hard work. Abstracts and workshop proposals can be submitted here.

Preconferences, Lunch Symposiums, Exhibition

The EPH Conference offers interesting opportunities for preconferences and lunch symposiums. If you have ideas for a lunch symposium, preconference or an exhibition stand at the conference, please contact office@ephconference.eu

Registration

Registration for the 9th EPH Conference opens 1 March 2016. We are expecting over 1,100 delegates. Don't miss the biggest public health event in Europe and register early to benefit from the reduced rates.

The 9th EPH Conference is held in the modern Austria Center Vienna, only a few U-Bahn stops from the centre of Vienna.

3. EUPHA members update

SFSP

Prochaine Assemblée générale de la SFSP, Mardi 29 mars 2016 de 14h00 à 18h00. For more information: http://www.sfsp.fr/activites/detail.php?cid=302

NIVEL

The new executive director NIVEL is Prof Dr Cordula Wagner. She succeeded Prof Dr Peter Groenewegen per 1 January 2016. For more information click here.

4. European Journal of Public Health



The European Journal of Public Health is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public health. The EJPH is published bimonthly. The journal provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region. In 2014, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.591. The 5-year impact factor is 2.512. The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

Open Access Articles

Natural environments and physical activity: Exploring the mediation effect of nature related beliefs

G Calogiuri [PDF]

5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

International Society for Urban Health

Two-Part Call for Papers 13th International Conference on Urban Health, April 1-4, 2016 Hotel Nikko, San Francisco, California Click here for more information.

Chafea call for tenders

Call for tender No Chafea/2015/Health/08

The contract consists of a study which will look at three issues:

1) Analysis of the level of penetration or adoption of integrated care models in health systems;

2) Analysis of the readiness of health systems to successfully implement integrated care;

3) Development of a framework of indicators to use for assessing the performance of integrated care. As for the first part, the contractor is expected to illustrate the level of penetration or implementation of integrated care models or interventions by mapping out existing national strategies, policies etc. for the implementation of such integrated care models or interventions.

As regards the second part, the analysis could build on existing tools used for assessment of readiness of health systems for integrated care. However, the contractor is expected to develop a specific analytical framework for the purposes of the present contract.

As for the third part, the contractor is to develop a framework of indicators to use for assessing the performance of integrated care implementation. As a basis, the contractor may take into consideration the OECD's Heath Care Quality Indicators concept with its effectiveness, safety,

responsiveness/patient's centeredness, accessibility and **cost/expenditure dimensions; still, the** contractor is expected to develop a specific assessment framework for the purposes of the present contract.

Deadline: 1 March 2016

Call for tender No Chafea/2015/Health/05

The tender aims to provide services in support of the implementation of the Decision no 1082/2013/EU on serious cross-border threats to health", by creating conditions to strengthen and enhance coordination between Member States, international level and the Commission in order to ensure a coherent and consistent policy approach to effectively manage responses to serious cross-border threats to health across the EU. The tender addresses the three following areas of the above-mentioned decision:

Preparedness and response planning Risk monitoring and assessment Risk management and crisis communication The activities to be carried out will be implemented through 4 separate lots, as follows: Lot 1: Organization of exercises Lot 2: Organization of events Lot 3: Organization of trainings Lot 4: Production of dissemination materials Deadline: 9 February 2016

Call for tender No Chafea/2015/Health/06

This action has two main objectives:

 Strengthening capacity of Members States' health authorities to effectively use ESIF in health, by:
supporting exchange of information, innovative ideas and processes, and success factors among Member States on effective use of ESIF and other funding for health; and

(ii) providing health-specific assistance and expertise to participating Member States;

2) Study: Building knowledge on, and assessment of, ESIF interventions in health within the period 2014-2020 by:

(i) furthering knowledge on Member States' health-specific interventions co-financed with ESIF and, as relevant, other identifiable funding, to translate policy priorities into investments;

(ii) developing lessons learned on health investments; and

(iii) elaborating conclusions and recommendations on investments in health, in view of evolving policy priorities.

Deadline: 9 February 2016

Call for tender No Chafea/2015/Health/38

The objective of this call for tender is to provide sound evidence about the sexual health, including new behaviour trends in life style and behaviour of men who have sex with men (MSM) in Europe. And at same time, to assess and define the knowledge, attitudes and practices that should be employed to ensure the effective implementation of targeted prevention strategies by community based health workers (CHW), when providing health services for men who have sex with men. This call is a relaunch of Chafea/2015/Health/04

Deadline: 9 February 2016

Call for tender No Chafea/2015/Health/37

The objective of this call for tender is to carry out 2 studies:

a study on the added value of a strategic and life-course approach to vaccination. This study shall provide evidence that immunisations against some of the more specific age-related health challenges – such as pneumococcal disease, herpes zoster, and others – are economically feasible investments that can create large public health benefits, contributing to healthy ageing by limiting the burden of illness linked to vaccine-preventable diseases.

a study on shortcomings related to low vaccination coverage in health care workers. This study shall identify evidence and best practice in order to provide guidance for establishing health care worker (HCW) immunisation policies which defines the minimum immunisation standards for health service

employers to adopt in their workplace to protect employees and patients from the potential threat of exposure to vaccine-preventable diseases.

These studies are intended to inform on-going explorations regarding the Commission's future vaccination policy referred to the background of the Council conclusions on vaccinations, as an effective tool in public health

Deadline: 9 February 2016

6. Interesting news

Health Europe

Health Europe - a multimedia conference bringing together healthcare policy, theory and practise from across Europe, featuring case studies and innovations has a limited number of FREE PLACES available to publically funded organisations for either attending on the day or e-delegates. Call +44 (0)161 743 4544 for more information. The offer applies to the following job titles: Director; Head; Lead; Commissioner for attendees, or any management level for e-delegates. Health Europe will be held 25 May 2016 in London, UK. More information: www.healtheurope.eu

Project INTEGRATE

Developing a framework to guide managers on the key factors for success in integrated care initiatives. For more information, click here.

EP votes for regulations on baby foods

The European Parliament today voted to reject draft EU rules on baby food, which would have allowed baby foods to contain high levels of sugar and products to be labelled for use from 4 months of age. The European Commission (the EU's civil service) now has to bring the regulations into line with the sugar recommendations from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the World Health Assembly's requirement that baby foods are not marketed for use before 6 months of age (WHA) and resubmit them.

Interesting articles from Science Daily

Chronic kidney disease prevalence varies greatly across Europe

The prevalence of chronic kidney disease varies across European countries, ranging from 3 percent to 17 percent. Differences in rates of diabetes, hypertension, and obesity -- which are risk factors for chronic kidney disease -- do not account for this variation. http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

Almost three-quarters of weekend emergency care caseload linked to alcohol consumption

Almost three quarters of the weekend emergency care caseload is linked to excess alcohol intake, finds an activity analysis of one large inner city hospital in England, and published online in Emergency Medicine Journal.

United Kingdom http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

Virtual colonoscopy an alternative to FOB test, colonoscopy for colorectal cancer?

Colorectal cancer is the third most diagnosed cancer in the world, with population screening being recommended for early disease detection, however, the most optimal method to screen for the disease remains unknown.

Italy

http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

Sharing of research data and findings should be the norm in public health emergencies

Opting in to data sharing should be the default practice during public health emergencies, such as the recent Ebola epidemic, and barriers to sharing data and findings should be removed to ensure those responding to the emergency have the best available evidence at hand, according to Vasee Moorthy and colleagues from the World Health Organization (WHO) in a Policy Forum article published in PLOS Medicine.

http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

Does urban living make us gain (or lose) weight?

The citizens of Lausanne may provide some insight into the causes of obesity. The extra weight carried by people living in the working-class neighborhoods of the western side of the city defies the usual explanations, and urbanism may have something to do with it. Switzerland

http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

The science: Is there any way to stop people from gorging on sugary drinks?

The ants in my kitchen, unable to resist, have clustered around a drop of sugar water spiked with poisonous levels of boric acid. They drink until they die. Humans are similar, except we don't need the boric acid; the sugar water itself — in the form of juice, energy drinks, and soda — is the poison. At least it's poisonous when we suck it down in heroic quantities, until we gain weight, develop type 2 diabetes, and descend into metabolic malfunction. http://grist.org/food/the-science-is-the...

Deadliest Ebola outbreak on record is over, W.H.O. says

The World Health Organization declared on Thursday the end to the deadliest Ebola outbreak on record, which killed and sickened tens of thousands of people in West Africa, even as it cautioned that more flare-ups of the disease were likely.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/15/world/...

Link between food advertising, child food consumption

Unhealthy food advertising does increase food intake in children, new research confirms. The analysis showed that unhealthy food advertising exposure significantly increased food consumption in children, but not adults. Television and Internet advertising were equally impactful. United Kingdom

http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

7. Upcoming courses and conferences

GOINGEPINTERNATIONAL »medicine & health«

Education, Training & Career

Going International is the first source for finding courses, seminars, congresses and other events in the fields of medicine & health. Going International is Europe's biggest service provider and information platform and serves as an interface between organisers and participants of events. Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title:	Annual meeting
Date / location:	4 February, Madrid, Spain
Organiser	JA-Chrodis
Title:	European Summer School in Evidence-based Public Health (EBPH)
Date / location:	4 to 8 July 2016, Munich, Germany
Organiser:	EbPH
Title:	11th edition of the Europubhealth 2 year Master course
Date / location:	Deadline 1st feb 2016
Organiser:	Europubhealth
Title:	Health in context: a course in multilevel analysis for public health and health services research
Date / location:	11-15 April 2016, Utrecht, Netherlands
Organiser	NIVEL
Title:	Management of substance misuse in Primary Care
Date / location:	8-9 February 2016, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Organiser:	Royal College of General Practitioners
Title:	The Future of Healthy Living Conference
Date / location:	16 Jan 2016 / Salford, United Kingdom
Organiser:	University of Salford
Title:	Winter School in Clinical Epidemiology
Date / location:	15 Feb 2016 - 20 Feb 2016 / Tyrol, Austria
Organiser:	UMIT - University for Health Sciences
Title:	Better Food for Better Health workshop
Date / location:	16 Feb 2016 / European Parliament, room P7C050
Organiser:	World Health Organisation
Title:	2nd EU Falls Festival and EU-Stakeholders meeting
Date / location:	23 Feb 2016 - 24 Feb 2016 / Bologna, Italy
Organiser:	ESA on Falls
Title:	Palliative and End of Life Care: Collaboration, Compassion, Choice
Date / location:	23 Feb 2016 / Manchester, United Kingdom
Organiser:	Open Forum Events
Title:	Health Care and Management in Tropical Countries (HCMTC)
Date / location:	7 Mar 2016 - 10 Jun 2016 / Basel, Switzerland
Organiser:	Swiss TPH
Title:	PREPAREing for (Re-)Emerging Arbovirus Infections in Europe, workshop -
Date / location: Organiser:	PREPARE/ESCMID 7 Mar 2016 - 9 Mar 2016 / Thessaloniki, Greece ESCMID
Title:	Mental Health: Moving Forwards – The Five Year Plan
Date / location:	10 Mar 2016 / Manchester, United Kingdom
Organiser:	Open Forum Events
Title:	25th International Childhood Education Symposium
Date / location:	13 Mar 2016 - 16 Mar 2016 / Oxford, United Kingdom
Organiser:	Oxford Round Table
Title:	Health Economics for Public Health Practice and Research
Date / location:	14 Mar 2016 - 16 Mar 2016 / Bangor, Gwynedd, United Kingdom
Organiser:	Bangor University
Title:	International Conference Tunisian Association for the Promotion of Health
Date / location:	17 Mar 2016 - 19 Mar 2016 / Touzeur, Tunesia
Organiser:	World Federation of Public Health Associations

Title:	5th Annual Middle East Congress on Clinical Nutrition
Date / location:	22 Mar 2016 - 24 Mar 2016 / Cairo, Egypt
Organiser:	Pure Spot Congress and Event Congress
Title:	Dementia 2020 - Transforming care, support and research
Date / location:	12 Apr 2016 / London, United Kingdom
Organiser:	Govconnects Dementia 2020
Title:	The Geneva Health Forum
Date / location:	19 Apr 2016 - 21 Apr 2016 / Geneva, Switzerland
Organiser:	GHF
Title:	XIII International Congress on Obesity (ICO)
Date / location:	1 May 2016 - 4 May 2016 / Vancouver, Canada
Organiser:	World Obesity Federation
Title:	mHealth: Taking your Health in Hand Conference
Date / location:	19 May 2016 / Manchester, United Kingdom
Organiser:	University of Salford
Title:	IUHPE's 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion
Date / location:	22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil
Organiser:	IUHPE
Title:	The 6th International Jerusalem Conference On Health Policy
Date / location:	23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Jerusalem, Israel
Organiser:	The Israel National Institute For Health Policy Research
Title:	Health policy: from local experience to global patterns and back again
Date / location:	23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Jerusalem, Israel
Organiser:	The Israel National Institute For Health Policy Research
Title:	Health Europe 2016
Date / location:	25 May 2016 / London, United Kingdom
Organiser:	healtheurope.eu
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	The VII Conference on Childhood Studies: Childhood in Everyday Life 6 Jun 2016 - 8 Jun 2016 / Turku, Finland Finnish Society for Childhood Studies and the Child and Youth Research Institute CYRI
Title:	Determinants of Unusual and Differential Health Expectancy
Date / location:	8 Jun 2016 - 10 Jun 2016 / Vienna, Austria
Organiser:	28th REVES Meeting
Title: Date / location:	EHMA 2016 Annual Confernce "New models of care. Reinventing Healthacare: Why, What, How" 14 Jun 2016 - 16 Jun 2016 / Istanbul, Turkey

Organiser:	EHMA
Title:	15th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management and Policy
Date / location:	20 Jun 2016 - 23 Jun 2016 / Athens, Greece
Organiser:	The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)
Title:	8th Nordic Health Promotion Research Conference
Date / location:	20 Jun 2016 - 22 Jun 2016 / Jyvaskyla, Finland
Organiser:	Nordic Health Promotion Research Network
Title:	6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health
Date / location:	23 Jun 2016 - 25 Jun 2016 / Oslo, Norway
Organiser:	The Norwegian Center for Minority Health Research
Title:	Healthy lives: technologies, policies and experiences
Date / location:	27 Jun 2016 - 29 Jun 2016 / Geneva, Switzerland
Organiser:	The European Society for Health and Medical Sociology
Title:	Summerschool on Health Law and Ethics 2016
Date / location:	30 Jun 2016 - 8 Jul 2016 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser:	Erasmus University Rotterdam
Title:	2nd Annual International Conference on Public Health
Date / location:	28 Jul 2016 - 29 Jul 2016 / Colombo, Sri Lanka
Organiser:	ICOPH
Title:	ETC- PHHP Summer Course
Date / location:	31 Jul 2016 - 13 Aug 2016 / Wageningen, Netherlands
Organiser:	Health and Society group, Wageningen University
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	28th Annual International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Conference 1 Sep 2016 - 4 Sep 2016 / Rome, Italy The Department of Epidemiology, Lazio Regional Health Service, Rome - ASL Roma E - and the Italian Epidemiological Association - AIE
Title:	28th annual conference. Old and new risks: challenges for environmental epidemiology
Date / location:	1 Sep 2016 - 4 Sep 2016 / Rome, Italy
Organiser:	ISEE
Title:	12th World Conference on Injury prevention and safety promotion (from research to implementation)
Date / location:	18 Sep 2016 - 21 Sep 2016 / Tampere, Finland
Organiser:	National Institute for Health and Welfare
Title:	Healthy aging at the crossroads: challenges and need for furhter action
Date / location:	22 Sep 2016 - 26 Sep 2016 / Istanbul, Turkey

Organiser: The Healthy Community Association

Title:	How to plan succesfully? A focus on priority setting, resource allocation and strategic planning for health
Date / location:	14 Nov 2016 - 2 Dec 2016 / Ifakara, Tanzania
Organiser:	Swiss TPH
Titler	One Health Fachlastic 2016
Title:	One Health EcoHealth 2016
Date / location:	4 Dec 2016 - 7 Dec 2016 / Melbourne, Australia
Organiser:	International Association for Ecology and Health
Title:	The future of healthy living
Date / location:	19 Jan 2019 / Salford, United Kingdom
Organiser:	University of Salford

8. Interesting publications

Health Policy Journal Special Issue

Edited by E Kuhlmann, R Batenburg and Prof. G Dussault The Special Issue of Health Policy on Health Workforce Governance in Europe is now published. Click here for the special issue

New Health Systems in Transition (HiT) report for Switzerland: balancing quality and cost Life expectancy in Switzerland (82.8 years) is the highest in Europe after Iceland. The Swiss health system offers a high degree of choice and direct access to all levels of care with virtually no waiting times. The HiT was launched at Bern in Switzerland in collaboration with the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health.

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Space, body, time and relationship experiences of recess physical activity: a qualitative case study among the least physical active schoolchildren

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Health promotion interventions in social economy companies in Flanders (Belgium) http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Predicting condom use in adolescents: a test of three socio-cognitive models using a structural equation modeling approach http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

One size does not fit all-qualitative process evaluation of the Healthy School Start parental support programme to prevent overweight and obesity among children in disadvantaged areas in Sweden

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Comparing the quality of pro- and anti-vaccination online information: a content analysis of vaccination-related webpages

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Predictors of Chlamydia Trachomatis testing: perceived norms, susceptibility, changes in partner status, and underestimation of own risk

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Exposure to different lengths of sick leave and subsequent work absence among young adults http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Impact of exercise changes on body composition during the college years - a five year randomized controlled study

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Practising Public Health: A Guide to Examinations and Workplace Application helps public

health professionals in the UK and elsewhere to optimise their everyday public health practice. The book incorporates theory, skills, tips, and examples that illustrate communication skills, listening skills, information assimilation, and how to make appropriate public health judgements in given situations. It also provides comprehensive support for those taking the UK Membership of the Faculty of Public Health (MFPH) Objective Structured Public Health Examination (OSPHE).

9. European Commission news

The Commission has just published a number of roadmaps concerning some of the policy areas you selected when registering your organisation in the Transparency Register.

The roadmaps concern the following policy areas:

- Food Safety
- Public Health

To consult all the existing roadmaps please refer to the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/roadmaps/index_en.htm For further information please consult the following links:

- Mid-term evaluation report on the Health Programme 2014-2020
- Evaluation of fee system of EMA
- 2nd Evaluation of the Scientific Committees

European Reference Networks

European Reference Networks: January news Board of Member States - ERN implementation strategies

Health-EU Newsletter

Special Edition - Scientific Committees: "How safe is the use of surgical mesh in urogynaecological surgery?" Editorial by Professor Christopher Chapple, MD, Secretary General of the European Association of Urology and Rapporteur of the SCENIHR Opinion on Surgical Meshes

Health indicators

Indicators on Use of illicit drugs updated with most recent EMCDDA data (ECHI 48) Indicator on perinatal mortality updated with 2013 WHO data (ECHI 12) Indicator on low birth weight updated with 2013 WHO data (ECHI 28) Indicators on Income inequality by sex and age updated with 2014 data (ECHI 9b)

Health Programme

Refugee crisis: Commission grants €5.6 million to Health projects to support Member States' actions The funds are meant to help addressing common health challenges in the most affected Member States. The Health Programme is also supporting longer-term actions on refugees and migrants' health and integration.

Health systems performance assessment

System of health accounts (SHA) Pages updated

Health technology assessment

5th meeting of the HTA Network (29 October 2015) Minutes and presentations of the meeting

Nutrition and physical activity

'We love eating' pilot project offers guidance to those planning similar projects – Read about lessons learnt from its methodology, tools and activities

My healthy family pilot project shares experiences and lessons learnt to inspire similar projects

Preparedness and response

Video - Crisis Management for health threats in the EU Available in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Polish

Video - Crisis Management for health threats in the EU Available in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Polish

Scientific committees

SCCS - Minutes of Working Group Meeting on Nanomaterials in Cosmetic Products of 26 January 2016

SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on the report of the ICCR Working Group: Considerations on Acceptable Trace Level of 1,4-Dioxane in Cosmetic Products

SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Ethylzingerone with INCI name 'Hydroxyethoxyphenyl Butanone' (HEPB) Cosmetics Europe (P98)

Indicators on Population below poverty line by sex and age updated with 2014 data (ECHI 9a) SCCS - Memorandum on use of Human Data in risk assessment of skin sensitisation

SCCS - Revised opinion on o-Phenylphenol, Sodium o-phenylphenate and Potassium o-phenylphenate

SCCS - Opinion open for comment on HC Yellow No. 16 (B123) deadline for comments: 4 March 2016 Request for a scientific opinion on the revision of the 'Memorandum on weight of evidence and uncertainties'

Request for a scientific opinion on the guidance on the structure and content of SCHEER opinions SCCS - Opinion open for comment on HC Red No. 18 (B124) deadline for comments: 4 March 2016 The science factsheet on 'SCCS Notes of Guidance for the testing of cosmetic ingredients and their safety evaluation' is now available in English, French, German and Spanish

SCCS - Revised Opinion on Cetylpyridinium chloride - Submission II (P97)

SCCS Opinion on Tagetes minuta and Tagetes patula extracts and essential oils in cosmetic products was published in the journal "Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology"

SCCS - Minutes of Working Group Meeting on Nanomaterials in Cosmetic Products of 26 January 2016

SCCS - Minutes of joint Working Group Meeting on Cosmetic Ingredients and Hair Dyes of 19-20 January 2016

SCCS Opinion on the safety of the use of Methylisothiazolinone in cosmetic products was published in the journal "Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology"

SCCS - Minutes of the 12th Plenary meeting, Luxembourg, 15 December 2015

Public consultation on the Preliminary Opinion on the Health Effects of Sunbeds E-News

Sexually transmitted diseases

European Union Joint Action on HIV and Co-infection Prevention and Harm Reduction launched with participation of 23 partners in 18 EU Member States

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 1, 07 January 2017 In this issue:

EDITORIALS

The year past and the year ahead – some facts and figures about *Eurosurveillance* http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21346

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Imported cholera with acute renal failure after a short business-trip to the Philippines, Germany, October 2015

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21345 Evidence for a permanent presence of schistosomiasis in Corsica, France, 2015 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21344 Effectiveness of seasonal influenza vaccine in preventing influenza primary care visits and hospitalisation in Auckland, New Zealand in 2015: interim estimates http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21342

MISCELLANEOUS

Eurosurveillance reviewers in 2015 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21341 In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21347 ECDC's latest publications http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21343

Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 2, 14 January 2017 In this issue:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Zika virus infection in a traveller returning from the Maldives, June 2015 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21349 Multidrug-resistant bacteria in unaccompanied refugee minors arriving in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, October to November 2015 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21352 Multidrug-resistant organisms detected in refugee patients admitted to a University Hospital, Germany June–December 2015 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21353 Respiratory diphtheria in an asylum seeker from Afghanistan arriving to Finland via Sweden, December 2015

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21348

RESEARCH ARTICLE

In-season and out-of-season variation of rotavirus genotype distribution and age of infection across 12 European countries before the introduction of routine vaccination, 2007/08 to 2012/13 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21350

LETTER

Three vole species and one (?) novel arvicolid hantavirus pathogen: Tula virus revisited http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21351

Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 3, 21 January 2017 In this issue:

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT International linkage of two food-borne hepatitis A clusters through traceback of mussels, the Netherlands, 2012 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21356

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Mutations acquired during cell culture isolation may affect antigenic characterisation of influenza A(H3N2) clade 3C.2a viruses http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21355

Genotyping and strain distribution of *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *hominissuis* isolated from humans and pigs in Belgium, 2011–2013

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21354

11. WHO news

Ending Childhood Obesity

25 January 2016 -- The Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity launched its final report today, to address the alarming levels of childhood obesity and overweight globally. The report proposes a range of recommendations for governments to reverse the rising trend of children aged under 5 years becoming overweight and obese. Currently, 41 million children in this age group are obese or overweight.

http://www.who.int/end-childhood-obesity/final-report/en/

New publications

Promoting rights and community living for children with psychosocial disabilities http://www.who.int/mental_health/publications/promoting_rights_and_community_living/en/