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## 1. EUPHA update

# EUPHA co-signs the position paper on Implementing the General Data Protection Regulation [2016/679]

EUPHA joins over 60 other NGOs in signing this Position of research and patient organisations – September 2016

"Personal data is a vital resource for research that can save and improve lives. The Data Protection Regulation provides a strong basis for the safe use of personal data in research. Member States now have a crucial role to play in implementation.

Member States should:

• introduce clear laws for research with safeguards and exemptions that support research while respecting people's privacy;

• work across national ministries and with the research community to ensure that laws and guidance are practical, proportionate to any risks, and build on current good practice; and

• work together to promote harmonisation and compatibility between national systems where possible, to facilitate cross-border research."

#### **EUPHAnxt publishes its September Flash**

EUPHAnxt just published its September newsletter aimed at the younger generation of public health professionals.

Read the Flash by clicking here. Join EUPHAnxt via the website.

#### EUPHAnxt: workshop at the Injury World congress

EUPHAnxt workshop on self harm and drunk driving among young adults was a great success. Thanks to our great speakers! @ Safety2016 @ EUPHActs.

#### EUPHA advocacy 29 September 2016

EUPHA supporting #WorldHeartDay: walk the extra mile today to stay healthy!

#### EUPHA president-elect at WHO Regional health network meeting

Representing #EUPHA at #WHO regions for health network in #Kaunas @EUPHActs - exciting programme - healthy sustainable societies

#transport #green spaces at the top of the #publichealth agenda - renewing environmental health @WHO\_Europe\_RHN

Excellent demonstration of #publichealth practice to implement #Health2020 at regional level @WHO\_Europe\_RHN @euphacts

#### **EUPHA at the WHO Regional Committee Meeting**

From 12-15 September, EUPHA was present at the WHO Regional Committee Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. EUPHA was very pleased with the updated information on the important WHO EURO progress in different areas:

"@WHO\_Europe: Hans Kluge presents framework for action on integrated #healthservices delivery #integratedcare #RC66" INSPIRATIONAL

"@WHO\_Europe\_RHN: 10 facts on #HIV/#AIDS —> http://www.who.int/features/factfiles/hiv/en/ ... #RC66" The Health Evidence Network reports continue! Congratulations.

### 2. European Public Health Conference





9th European Public Health Conference: All for Health, Health for All Austria Centre Vienna, 9 - 12 November 2016

#### Programme update

# Preconference: Enhancing evidence-informed decision-making to support resilient and sustainable health systems in Europe

Wednesday 9 November, 09:00-17:00, Room M1

This day-long preconference looks at challenges and opportunities arising from EU level cooperation in creating resilient and sustainable health systems.

Key note speaker is Nick Fahy who will speak on 'Evidence-informed decision-making in public health – leveraging EU collaboration as a facilitator'. The introduction is followed by two rounds of parallel sessions, enabling audiences to select two topics of their choice:

Round 1: Adoption of integrated care models for the chronically ill; Policies and care models for rare disease patients

Round 2: Ensuring access to care for migrants and refugees; Innovation and collaboration in cancer control policies

Read the programme here.

#### Lunch Symposium Andrija Štampar Award Ceremony for Richard Horton, The Lancet

Friday 11 November, 12:50 - 13:50, Room L4

Each year, ASPHER awards the Andrija Štampar Medal to a distinguished person for excellence in the field of Public Health. This year the Award is presented to Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief of the prestigious journal The Lancet. The laudation will be delivered by Martin McKee. Read the programme here.

## Lunch Symposium Health for All: Accelerating Prevention in Health Care Systems, the Role of Adult Vaccination

#### Friday, 11 November 2016, 12.50 – 13.50 Breakout Room L7

Can vaccination provide a valuable preventative public health measure to address the challenges of Europe's ageing demographic? Global health experts present their perspectives. With Jane Barratt, International Federation on Ageing, Canada and David Bloom, Harvard School of Public Health, United States This session is organised by EUPHA and Pfizer Vaccines and funded by Pfizer Vaccines.

Read the programme here.

#### Registration

Online registration does not close, but delegates registering after 27 October 00.00 CET will not be added to the list of participants. Onsite registration in Vienna opens Wednesday 9 November. Please note that cash payment in Vienna is not possible, only by credit card and PayPal online.

## 3. EUPHA members update

#### Belgian Association of Public Health annual conference

The Belgian Association of Public Health annual conference, taking place in Namur on the 13th October 2016, is approaching rapidly. Exceptionally this year, the conference is organized in partnership with the Belgian Statistical Society (BSS), holding its annual conference 12 - 14 October.

## 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 2016, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.751. The 5-year impact factor is 2.512. The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

#### Eur J Public Health Advance Access for September 19, 2016

Direct marketing of parenting programs: comparing a promotion-focused and a prevention-focused strategy

Raziye Salari and Anna Backman

Eur J Public Health published 18 September 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw149

#### [Abstract]

Eur J Public Health Advance Access for September 4, 2016 Viewpoint Public Health competences: Prioritisation and leadership Katarzyna Czabanowska Eur J Public Health published 30 August 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw127 [Extract]

#### Articles

Suicide attempts and self-harm during a dramatic national economic transition: a population-based study in Iceland Hildur G. Ásgeirsdóttir, Tinna L. Ásgeirsdóttir, Ullakarin Nyberg, Thordis K. Thorsteinsdottir, Brynjólfur Mogensen, Páll Matthíasson, Sigrún H. Lund, Unnur A. Valdimarsdóttir, and Arna Hauksdóttir Eur J Public Health published 31 August 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw137 [Abstract]

Living in stressful neighbourhoods during pregnancy: an observational study of crime rates and birth outcomes Tom Clemens and Chris Dibben Eur J Public Health published 29 August 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw131 [Abstract] OPEN ACCESS

#### Short Report

Employment status and income as potential mediators of educational inequalities in population mental health

Srinivasa Vittal Katikireddi, Claire L Niedzwiedz, and Frank Popham Eur J Public Health published 4 September 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw126 [Abstract] **OPEN ACCESS** 

Validity of home-measured height, weight and waist circumference among adolescents Catharina Sarkkola, Trine B Rounge, Sabina Simola-Ström, Stephanie von Kraemer, Eva Roos, and Elisabete Weiderpass Eur J Public Health published 29 August 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw133

[Abstract]

## 5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

#### Max Planck Research Groups

Announcement 2016/17

The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) is highly interested in hosting up to two independent Max Planck Research Groups.

We invite you to work with us and apply for a position as Max Planck Research Group Leader. Applications will need to be directed to the Max Planck Society. Detailed information as well as application instructions can be found in the official announcement: https://www.mpg.de/career/max-planck-research-groups/applications.

With this call for applications, MPG und Technische Universität München (TUM) combine their respective career opportunities to a highly attractive career option for international top talents: Successful candidates will be offered a Max Planck Research Group Leader position accompanied by the excellent research conditions in a Max Planck Institute of their choice, and additionally - in case of interest - also the opportunity to apply for a Tenure Track Assistant Professor at TUM with doctorate granting rights and career options via Associate to Full Professor according to the TUM Faculty Tenure Track system. This offer is independent of the location of a chosen Max Planck Institute. The successful candidates will be offered a Max Planck Research Group for a period of five years. This includes a W2 position equivalent to assistant or associate professor level and additional resources for research positions, budget, and investments. The cumulative amount of funding is competitive with top class start-up packages of international career development programs. Start of funding is in 2017, with a lead time of up to three months.

Excellent research and teaching is irrespective of gender. However, the MPG and the TUM still lack female scientists and hereby explicitly welcome applications from highly skilled women in all disciplines. The MPG and the TUM Munich Dual Career Office provide support for dual career couples and families.

The Max-Planck-Gesellschaft and the Technische Universität München are committed to equal opportunities and to employing individuals with disabilities, and explicitly encourage them to apply. The deadline for application is **October 26, 2016**.

It is recommended to contact us in case you plan to apply for leading a group at the MPIDR. Please direct your inquiries to MPRG@demogr.mpg.de.

## 6. Interesting news

#### EuroHealthNet's Call on promoting health for a more social and sustainable society

EuroHealthNet is launching a statement on the role and contribution of health promotion to achieving sustainable development and social progress – and thereby greater health and wellbeing in the coming decade. The call comes in the wake of the 30th anniversary of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion, which provided the EuroHealthNet partnership with an opportunity to reflect on how the values and approaches it embraces can be applied in the context of our present day challenges. The Health Promotion Statement – *Promoting Health and Wellbeing towards 2030: taking the Ottawa Charter Forward in the context of the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030* – presents the REJUVENATE Framework: Ten steps to promote health in a rapidly changing world to create a healthier, more equitable and sustainable future.

The Statement presents top ten approaches by which health promotion can contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Urgent discussion is needed on how to transform these SDGs into concrete policies, strategies and practices, at all levels of government in Europe. For example, the potential EU Pillar of Social Rights and the opportunities it presents to act on the "causes" of the causes of ill health" and improve the wellbeing of European citizens is extremely relevant and its implementation will be supported by the health promotion community, as reflected by the Statement. Nicoline Tamsma, EuroHealthNet's President: "As the leading European partnership for improving health, equity and well-being we call on international, national and local leadership to rejuvenate health promoting values and efforts. The 30th anniversary of the WHO Ottawa Charter, the UN 2030 Agenda and the potential EU Pillar of Social Rights are all important opportunities to step up action and commitment across policies and to foster sustainable health promoting systems and societies. Caroline Costongs, Managing Director at EuroHealthNet, adds: "Tackling the increasing health and social inequalities requires a multi-sectoral and across-society approach which is one of the core principles of the EuroHealthNet Statement made by our partners and members. In this light, we hope that the discussions on the EU Pillar of Social Rights at the EMPL Committee of the European Parliament today will acknowledge this as a key EU policy priority."

The EuroHealthNet Health Promotion Statement is available here.

The background document for the statement is available here.

More information on the 30th anniversary of the Ottawa Charter is available on the 9th Global Conference on Health Promotion.

For further inquiries, please contact Caroline Costongs (c.costongs@eurohealthnet.eu) or Cristina Chiotan (c.chiotan@eurohealthnet.eu).

#### Polluted air affects 92% of global population, says WHO

Nine out of 10 people on the planet breathe polluted air, even outdoors, the World Health Organisation said. Some 92% of the population live in places where air pollution exceeds WHO limits, which can contribute to lung cancer, heart disease, and strokes. The south-east Asia and western Pacific regions account for nearly two out of every three such deaths, it said, with poorer countries "getting worse". Around three million deaths every year are linked to outdoor air pollution. http://www.bbc.com/news/health-37483616

#### School sex education often negative, heterosexist, and out of touch

School sex education is often negative, heterosexist, and out of touch, and taught by poorly trained, embarrassed teachers, finds a synthesis of the views and experiences of young people in different countries.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

#### European standards to prevent repeat heart attacks have been released

European standards to prevent repeat heart attacks have now been released. The consensus document outlines the steps patients and healthcare professionals can take to prevent recurrent heart attacks.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

#### Tobacco industry tactics influential in e-cigarette policy

By employing the same tactics it used to drive policymaking from the 1970s-1990s, the tobacco industry has become successful in influencing pro-industry e-cigarette laws at the state level, according to a new study.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

#### European region most skeptical in the world on vaccine safety

Public confidence in vaccines varies widely between countries and regions around the world, and the European region is the most skeptical about vaccine safety, according to the largest ever global survey of confidence in vaccines. With recent disease outbreaks triggered by people refusing vaccination, the authors believe the findings provide valuable insights, which could help policymakers identify and address issues.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

## 7. Upcoming courses and conferences

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Title: Date / location: Organiser:	The Third International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health 2 Oct 2016 - 5 Oct 2016 / Amsterdam, The Netherlands Centre of Law Enforcement and Public Health
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	The International Nutrition and Diagnostics Conference - INDC 2016 3 Oct 2016 - 6 Oct 2016 / Prague, Chech Republic INDC
Title:	IV Congreso Internacional y X Nacional de la Asociación de Enfermería Comunitaria (AEC)
Date / location: Organiser:	5 Oct 2016 - 7 Oct 2016 / Burgos, Spain Asociación Enfermería Comunitaria
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	Aging and Society: Sixth International Conference 6 Oct 2016 - 7 Oct 2016 / Norrköping, Sweden National Institute for the Study of Ageing and Later Life (NISAL) and Linköping University
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	Public health research in real-life settings 24 Oct 2016 - 25 Oct 2016 / Wageningen, The Netherlands Wageningen University
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	<b>7th EUSPR Conference and Members' Meeting</b> 31 Oct 2016 - 2 Nov 2016 / Berlin, Germany European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR)
Title: Date / location: Organiser:	Maastricht University Health Care Leadership Course 2 Nov 2016 - 5 Nov 2016 / Maastricht, The Netherlands Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, Maastricht University

Title:	<b>13th Annual Health Policy and Management Fall Institute</b>
Date / location:	7 Nov 2016 - 26 Nov 2016 / Barcelona, Spain
Organiser:	John Hopkins Bloomberg school of Public Health
Title:	How to plan succesfully? A focus on priority setting, resource allocation and
Date / location: Organiser:	strategic planning for health 14 Nov 2016 - 2 Dec 2016 / Ifakara, Tanzania Swiss TPH
Title:	AICR Research Conference
Date / location:	14 Nov 2016 - 16 Nov 2016 / North Bethesda, United States
Organiser:	American Institute for Cancer Research
Title:	International Conference on advances in medical and health science
Date / location:	23 Nov 2016 - 25 Nov 2016 / Chaing Rai Provice, Thailand
Organiser:	Mae Fah Luang University (host), WHO (co-host)
Title:	<b>One Health EcoHealth 2016</b>
Date / location:	4 Dec 2016 - 7 Dec 2016 / Melbourne, Australia
Organiser:	International Association for Ecology and Health
Title:	Pregnancy and programming and later risk of obesity related disease
Date / location:	12 Dec 2016 - 16 Dec 2016 / Frederiksberg, Denmark
Organiser:	Graduate school of Health and Medical Sciences
Title:	Trajectoires Migratoires et santé Autour de la Naissance - Regards croisés sur les pratiques et la recherche
Date / location:	2 Feb 2017 - 3 Feb 2017 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser:	University of Montreal, University of Geneva and the Free University of Brussels
Title:	31st International Papillomavirus Conference and Clinical and Public Health Workshops (HPV 2017)
Date / location:	28 Feb 2017 - 4 Mar 2017 / Cape Town, South Africa
Organiser:	International Papillomavirus Society
Title:	Hospital-based interventions to contain antibiotic resistance in low-resource settings
Date / location:	6 Mar 2017 - 24 Mar 2017 / Antwerp, Belgium
Organiser:	Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp
Title:	<b>15th World Congres on Public Health</b>
Date / location:	3 Apr 2017 - 7 Apr 2017 / Melbourne, Australia
Organiser:	WFPHA and Tunisian Association of Health Promotion
Title:	Health Promoting Health Care in times of crises – lessons from the past, directions for the future
Date / location: Organiser:	12 Apr 2017 - 14 Apr 2017 / Vienna, Austria Austrian HPH-Network and WHO-CC for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care at Austrian Public Health Institute
Title:	European Training Consortium summer school - Public Health Assets
Date / location:	16 Jul 2017 - 29 Jul 2017 / Alicante, Spain
Organiser:	European Training Consortium in Public Health and Health Promotion

Title:	The Sixth ESWI Influenza Conference
Date / location:	10 Sep 2017 - 13 Sep 2017 / Riga, Latvia
Organiser:	ESWI
Title:	Healthy aging at the crossroads: challenges and need for further action
Date / location:	21 Sep 2017 - 23 Sep 2017 / Istanbul, Turkey
Organiser:	The Healthy Community Association
Title:	8th International Conference of EBHC Teachers and Developers
Date / location:	25 Oct 2017 - 28 Oct 2017 / Taormina, Italy
Organiser:	GIMBE Foundation
Title:	1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health - Diversity and health
Date / location:	17 May 2018 - 19 May 2018 / Edinburgh, Scotland
Title:	The future of healthy living
Date / location:	19 Jan 2019 / Salford, United Kingdom
Organiser:	University of Salford

### 8. Interesting publications

Mapping public health research across the National Institute for Health Research 2006-2013 http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Determinants of organised sports participation patterns during the transition from childhood to adolescence in Germany: results of a nationwide cohort study http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

#### Concepts of Epidemiology

Raj S. Bhopal https://global.oup.com/academic/product/...

Burnout among Swedish school teachers - a cross-sectional analysis http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Young people's perceptions of smartphone-enabled self-testing and online care for sexually transmitted infections: qualitative interview study http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Zika virus: ethics preparedness for old and new challenges Carla Saenz The Lancet, v. 4, October, 2016, Published online: September, 2016 http://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/l...

Advisory report on Dietary guidelines for Belgium Advisory report 9285 Title:Dietary guidelines for Belgium - 2016 Full advisory report: only available in Dutch or French

What incentives influence employers to engage in workplace health interventions? http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Adolescents' psychological health during the economic recession: does public spending buffer health inequalities among young people? http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com... Objectively measured sedentary behavior and physical activity in a sample of Finnish adults: a cross-sectional study

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

Development of a computer-tailored nutrition and physical activity intervention for lowereducated women of Dutch, Turkish and Moroccan origin using content matching and ethnic identity tailoring

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

Acceptability of financial incentives for health behaviour change to public health policymakers: a qualitative study

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

More than 57,000 children become overweight or obese during primary school https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

## 9. European Commission news

Latest publications released by the European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC) Team

Presence, characteristics and equity of access to breast cancer screening programmes in 27 European countries in 2010 and 2014. Results from an international survey. Paper published in "Preventive Medicine" (open access).

Psycho-oncological support for breast cancer patients: A brief overview of breast cancer services certification schemes and national health policies in Europe. Paper published in "The Breast" (open access), also available as audioslide.

And the reports, all available at: http://ecibc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/reports:

2015 working groups' meetings guidelines development group and quality assurance scheme development group. Kick-off and the second meeting of the two ECIBC working groups established to develop the *European Breast Guidelines* and the *European QA scheme*.

Organisation of project guiding and support meetings report – 2015. A summary of the 2015 ECIBC networking activity and meetings.

Putting Science into Standards: evidence-based quality assurance - an example for breast cancer. Dialogue between breast cancer care and standardisation communities.

ECIBC Plenary 2015: Improving breast cancer screening, diagnosis and care in Europe

#### **Antimicrobial Resistance**

Preparatory meeting of the Joint Action on action on antimicrobial resistance and health care associated infection (Luxembourg, 29-30 September 2016) Agenda of the meeting

#### **Cross-border care**

Patients without Borders: report from the Benelux Secretariat General on cross-border mobility of patients between Benelux countries, France and Germany

#### **European Reference Networks**

Board of Member States on ERNs (07 March 2016) Minutes of the meeting

#### **Health indicators**

The European Core Health Indicators (ECHI) Factsheet available

#### Health technology assessment

Inception Impact Assessment on Strengthening of the EU cooperation on Health Technology Assessment (HTA)

#### Nutrition and physical activity

EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health 2016 Annual Report

#### Social determinants and health inequalities

'Find and Treat Unit' helps TB patients of socially disadvantaged groups in London – 1st case study of VulnerABLE pilot project

'Health4LGBTI' focus groups discussed barriers to equal access to healthcare

#### Tobacco

Call for expression of interest - Independent Advisory Panel on characterising flavours in tobacco products Deadline for submitting applications extended to 12:00 CET on 20 October 2016

#### Zika virus

Zika virus infection: plasma- and urine-derived medicines safe to use European Medicines Agency Press Release

# 10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 38, 22 September 2016

In this issue: Congenital rubella syndrome: 28 cases identified during rubella outbreak in Romania 2011-12

#### EDITORIAL

Decreased effectiveness of the influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 strain in live attenuated influenza vaccines: an observational bias or a technical challenge? http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22591

#### RAPID COMMUNICATION

South-east Asian Zika virus strain linked to cluster of cases in Singapore, August 2016 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22588

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Effectiveness of the live attenuated and the inactivated influenza vaccine in two-year-olds – a nationwide cohort study Finland, influenza season 2015/16 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?Articleld=22589 Effectiveness of seasonal influenza vaccine for adults and children in preventing laboratory-confirmed influenza in primary care in the United Kingdom: 2015/16 end-of-season results http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?Articleld=22592 Community-wide outbreak of haemolytic uraemic syndrome associated with Shiga toxin 2-producing *Escherichia coli* O26:H11 in southern Italy, summer 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?Articleld=22583

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Epidemiological and molecular investigation of a rubella outbreak, Romania, 2011 to 2012 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22587 Lack of virological and serological evidence for continued circulation of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N8 virus in wild birds in the Netherlands, 14 November 2014 to 31 January 2016 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22590

MISCELLANEOUS Job vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22585 Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2015;20(45) http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22586

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 37, 15 September 2016

In this issue:

Eight years of integrated West Nile virus surveillance in Italy supporting preventive measures

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Outbreak of trichinellosis related to eating imported wild boar meat, Belgium, 2014 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22581 West Nile virus transmission: results from the integrated surveillance system in Italy, 2008 to 2015 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22580 National survey of colistin resistance among carbapenemase-producing *Enterobacteriaceae* and putthered have adjusted and applications (Viewarticle.aspx?ArticleId=22580)

outbreak caused by colistin-resistant OXA-48-producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, France, 2014 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22579

#### MEETING REPORTS

Towards a consensus on genotyping schemes for surveillance and outbreak investigations of *Cryptosporidium*, Berlin, June 2016 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22578

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 36, 8 September 2016

In this issue: Surveillance data over nearly two decades shows absence of pertussis resurgence in Denmark but increase in the proportion of confirmed pertussis in adults

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Chikungunya virus infections among travellers returning to Spain, 2008 to 2014 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22576 Epidemiology of pertussis in Denmark, 1995 to 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22574

#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

Antimicrobial resistance of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* isolates in south-west Germany, 2004 to 2015: increasing minimal inhibitory concentrations of tetracycline but no resistance to third-generation cephalosporins

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22575

#### NEWS

The European Commission Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA) call for tender concerning studies on vaccination closes on 13 September http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22577

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 35, 01 September 2016

**In this issue**: Study indicates possibility of airborne transmission of avian influenza viruses among poultry or from poultry to humans in live poultry markets.

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

*Culex* mosquitoes are experimentally unable to transmit Zika virus http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22573 Experimental investigation of the susceptibility of Italian *Culex pipiens* mosquitoes to Zika virus infection

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22568

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Descriptive epidemiology of *Escherichia coli* bacteraemia in England, April 2012 to March 2014 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22569

Isolation of H5N6, H7N9 and H9N2 avian influenza A viruses from air sampled at live poultry markets in China, 2014 and 2015

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22570

#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

Hepatitis E in blood donors: investigation of the natural course of asymptomatic infection, Germany, 2011

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22571

MISCELLANEOUS In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22572

ECDC's latest publications http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22567

## 11. WHO news

#### **HEN Synthesis Reports**

#### Recognition for HEN Synthesis reports

This week HEN Synthesis reports are being made discoverable via PubMed for the first time. This is a significant development for anyone commissioning a HEN report, as well as for the Division of information, evidence, research and innovation (DIR) that produces them. It means HEN reports are no longer grey literature but are now recognized as official source material.

#### Q: What is a HEN Report?

A: Produced by the Health Evidence Network (HEN), the HEN synthesis reports are summaries of the best available evidence on particular health topics. They are written with public health decision-makers, particularly policy-makers, in mind in order to make it easier for them to base their decisions on evidence and to strengthen that all important link between evidence and health policy. HEN reports package a large body of evidence into a user-friendly format, tell the story of what the evidence says about a policy issue and outline the possible implications of different policy actions.

#### Q: What kind of topics do they cover?

A: All kinds of health topics have been covered by HEN Reports from noncommunicable diseases to migration and health. Upcoming HEN Reports include maternal health and migration and shared financial mechanisms for intersectoral action.

#### Q: Who uses them?

A: HEN synthesis reports are written primarily for policy-makers and public health decision-makers who need an evidence base to formulate their own recommendations and policies. However they are also available to and used by researchers, academics, students and members of the public.

#### Q: Where can I get them?

A: The HEN reports published in 2015 and onwards can now be found in PubMed as well as on the WHO/Europe website. Hard copies of HEN reports are available for purchase from the WHO Press. **Q: How can I commission a HEN report about my technical area?** 

# A: The HEN Secretariat in DIR's Evidence and Information for Policy Unit welcomes enquiries about new HEN Reports. In the first instance contact Ryoko Takahashi, Technical Officer, takahashiry@who.int for a preliminary discussion.

We are pleased to provide you with a list of titles published this month.

Some publications are available in electronic format and through electronic subscriptions and thematic catalogues are also available.

#### Towards improving access to medical devices through local production

This report aims to identify the current issues, challenges and opportunities in low-resource settings regarding the production and lifecycle of medical devices. It builds on the findings from phase I, which elaborated on the general barriers and challenges to accessing medical devices in low-resource settings.

# WHO Compendium of Innovative Health Technologies for Low-resource Settings 2011-2014

The objective of this series is to provide a neutral platform of innovative medical devices, assistive devices and eHealth solutions, which are likely to be suitable for use in less resourced settings. This volume includes 127 technologies from 36 countries

#### Evidence Synthesis and Meta-Analysis for Drug Safety

This CIOMS report gives the rationale for why and when a meta-analysis should be considered at any point during the drug development process, all in the context of regulatory decision-making, and the tasks, data collection, and analyses that need to be carried out to inform those decisions.

#### Development and Rational Use of Standardised MedDRA Queries (SMQs), 2nd edition

This CIOMS study draws from the experiences of 34 countries to assess VHI's contribution to health spending and to understand its role in Europe and in relation to publicly financed coverage. It looks at who sells VHI, who purchases it and why. It also reviews public policy towards VHI at national and EU levels and the related national policy debates.

#### Bulletin of WHO Vol. 94, No. 8, 2016

This 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. 30 No. 2, 2016

WHO Drug Information communicates pharmaceutical information that is either developed and issued by WHO or transmitted to WHO by research and regulatory agencies throughout the World. The journal also includes regular presentations of newly proposed and recommended International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceuticals Substances. This volume contains the proposed INN List No.115.

#### Public Health Panorama Vol. 2, No. 2, 2016

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