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# 1. European Public Health Conference



## Malta 2012

The 5th ANNUAL EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE 2012, co-organised with the Maltese Association of Public Health Medicine and ASPHER, will be organised from 8 to 10 November 2012. The main theme of the conference is All Inclusive Public Health.

Abstract submission is open until 1 May 2012 (midnight CET). We are still receiving abstracts at the publication of this newsletter and the number has increased from last year.

Malta 2012 website: [http://eupha.org/site/upcoming\\_conference.php](http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php)

Malta 2012 has also just created a page on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/5th-European-Public-Health-Conference-Malta-2012/213687192050284>

# 2. EUPHA update

## EUPHA's 1992-2012 prize contest!

To celebrate the 20 years of EUPHA, we launched a prize contest in January. Check out the April question at: [http://www.eupha.org/site/projects.php?project\\_page=19922012](http://www.eupha.org/site/projects.php?project_page=19922012).

For each answer, you will receive a letter, which – if you have answered everything perfectly – will form a word. Send this word between 1 and 5 November to: [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org)

From the correct entries, we will draw 4 winners. The prize to win is the Malta 2012 Conference dinner (free of charge) at the EUPHA president's table.

## Does the world need a scientific society for research on how to improve healthcare?

Was the question asked in (and title of) an article published at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3292444/?tool=pubmed> on 29 February 2012. What do you think? Feel free to send your comments to: [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org)

## EUPHA section on public health economics:

Is pleased to announce the ongoing collaboration with the [Spanish Association of Health Economics](#).

## EUPHA section on Health Services Research:

Has distributed their April newsletter to their network.

## EUPHA is collaborating with the following conference:

Title: **4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe**

Date: 21-23 June 2012

Place: Milan, Italy

More information: [www.unibocconi.eu/mighealth2012](http://www.unibocconi.eu/mighealth2012)

The online programme for this conference will be available from Monday 7 May at: [www.unibocconi.eu/mighealth2012](http://www.unibocconi.eu/mighealth2012).

## **EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together**



There are now 2638 documents available in the database (increase of 23 from March) in the database. In March, 37 documents were downloaded.

The most recent interesting articles can be found on our opening page: [www.eupha.org](http://www.eupha.org).

Please feel free to send your feedback to: [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org)

## **3. Call for proposals, job opportunities**

### **New posts in joint team Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and the University of Warwick in Applied Health Research and Delivery**

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and the University of Warwick have established a new £3 Million collaboration that will create a joint team of 12 researchers from a range of disciplines to study the science, policy and economics of applied health research and delivery. Our vision is that this research will translate into cost-effective, affordable and scalable interventions for the world's poorest populations.

We are looking to recruit both established and potential world leaders in areas of biomedical science, health sciences and related disciplines that are of relevance to the mission of both institutions in global health research, to a number of key appointments; at LSTM, Chair, Senior Lecturer and Lecturer and at the University of Warwick Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor.

LSTM is a leading innovator in global health with a £268 million research portfolio. This initiative will build on LSTM's considerable reputation and provide the springboard for larger scale interdisciplinary operational and translational research programmes that draw on the strengths of the University of Warwick. Warwick is one of the UK's leading research universities with established expertise in cross-disciplinary areas such as epidemiology, biological sciences; systems modelling, digital healthcare, health economics and translational research.

Support for the new posts has been provided by the Wellcome Trust.

We are searching for world-class talent to join our outstanding institutions in this collaboration.

Applications are invited for the following posts:

- [Health Economics - Chair/Professor](#)
- [Health Economics - Lecturer/Assistant Professor](#)
- [Capacity Development – Lecturer/ Assistant Professor](#)
- [Epidemiology – Lecturer/ Assistant Professor or Senior Lecturer/ Associate Professor](#)
- [Tropical Diagnostics - Lecturer/ Assistant Professor or Senior Lecturer/ Associate Professor](#)
- [Complex Interventions \(Statistics of Applied Health Research\) – Chair/ Professor](#)
- [Non Communicable Diseases - Chair/ Professor](#)
- [Research Synthesis - Lecturer/ Assistant Professor or Senior Lecturer/ Associate Professor](#)
- [Nursing and Midwifery – Chair/ Professor](#)
- [Child Health – Lecturer/ Assistant Professor or Senior Lecturer/ Associate Professor](#)
- [Neglected Tropical Diseases – Chair/ Professor](#)
- [Quality of Care - Lecturer/ Assistant Professor or Senior Lecturer/ Associate Professor](#)

The closing time and date for applications is midnight (UK time) on 8th May 2012.

### **ERAWEB – Erasmus Mundus Western Balkans – Academic mobility program**

Erasmus Mundus Western Balkans – ERAWEB – is an international academic mobility program involving five EU universities and six Western Balkan universities, focusing on the Health and Life Sciences. With a continuing education program in health technology assessment and decision science, modern infrastructure and internationally acknowledged researchers and scholars, the Department of Public Health and HTA at UMIT – University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology positions itself as strong partner for the ERAWEB academic exchange project.

ERAWEB stimulates the development of Western Balkan countries by raising the academic skills of students, researchers and teachers working in the health sciences via students exchange. Master, PhD and post-doc students as well as staff members from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia will receive research training in partner universities in Austria, Italy, Germany and the Netherlands to allow for scientific development in their home universities. Further, ERAWEB supports research divisions that focus on identifying influencing factors for population health or develop interventions to improve public health in their home countries. Additionally, newly forged collaborations between the ERAWEB partner universities will build up capacity and strengthen the quality of healthcare systems in Western Balkan countries.

#### **ERAWEB at UMIT**

The Department of Public Health and HTA at UMIT- University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology has the experience and capacity in the fields of public health, health economics, decision sciences and health technology assessment to mentor multiple students (e.g., master or doctorate candidates) and post-doc training staff. Exchange students from ERAWEB can enroll for several programs at UMIT – either for a full master program in Health Sciences or HTA & Decision Science or a PhD program in Public Health or Health Technology Assessment. It is also possible to take only specific program modules (HTA, Health Economics, Markov modeling) Further, participants can register for classes from the HTADS continuing education program ([www.umat.at/htads](http://www.umat.at/htads)).

Additionally, students can participate in ongoing international research projects at the department, i.e. EU-funded research projects, HTAs for governmental institutions or projects for Oncotyrol – Center for Personalized Cancer Medicine. All research at the Department of Public Health and HTA is conducted in English. Teaching language in courses and programs is mostly English.

During the three-year period of the student-exchange program ERAWEB there will be three calls for applications. The first one closes on April 10, 2012. Teaching staff can apply anytime. Scholarships will be awarded to cover the cost of tuition fees, travel, a monthly subsistence allowance and insurance. All applications must be submitted online through [www.erasmus-westernbalkans.eu](http://www.erasmus-westernbalkans.eu)

#### **Call for Manuscript Submissions for a Special Issue of the journal Health Policy on: International Comparison of Health System Performance**

The Special Issue is scheduled to be published for June 2013 by Health Policy in collaboration with the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.

You are kindly invited to submit a manuscript before October 2012. To make sure your idea for a manuscript fits within the scope of this Special Issue, please first send (before submission) a summary of your manuscript to [i.n.papanicolas@lse.ac.uk](mailto:i.n.papanicolas@lse.ac.uk)

In case of any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **4. Interesting News**

#### **WHO/EURO launched its website for the European Action Plan**

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/Health-systems/public-health-services/policy/european-public-health-action-plan>

#### **International signature campaign and international petition “Health professionals for a tobacco free World**

The aim of the campaign has two objectives:

1. to trigger increased engagement of professionals working in health care and health care services for tobacco control through signature of a PACT for health care organisations) and /or a Charter (for health care professionals) with a view to foster implementation of a tobacco free environment
2. to submit a petition of professionals in health care services to national and international policy makers to call for an effective implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in all countries. We plan to issue press releases at the WNTD2012 and at the next Conference of the Parties to the FCTC in November in Korea.

So far 35 countries have shown interest in the campaign and have collected signatures through the ENSH campaign website <http://ensh.gargatek.com/ftu-form.php>. Feel free to join this initiative!

## 5. EUPHA member updates

### **German Society of Social Medicine and Prevention – DGSMP: [www.dgsmp.de](http://www.dgsmp.de)**

The administrator of the DGSMP, Mr Horst Schumann, has died unexpectedly.

The DGSMP office has now been moved to Hannover Medical School (MHH):

DGSMP c/o

Sekretariat Prof. Dr. phil. Ulla Walter

Institut für Epidemiologie, Sozialmedizin und Gesundheitssystemforschung

Medizinische Hochschule Hannover

Carl-Neuberg-Str. 1

OE 5410

D - 30625 Hannover

### **UK Society of Social Medicine – <http://www.socsocmed.org.uk/>**

Registration for the The Society for Social Medicine's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, taking place on Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 September 2012 at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine will open early May. The programme is available at: [www.ssmconference.org.uk](http://www.ssmconference.org.uk)

### **Landesinstitut für Gesundheit und Arbeit NRW – [www.lzg.gc.nrw.de](http://www.lzg.gc.nrw.de)**

This institutional member has been reorganised. The newly established Landeszentrum Gesundheit Nordrhein-Westfalen will have its location at Westerfeldstrasse 35/37, 33611 Bielefeld.

## 6. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International (GI) promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of GI is the international course catalogue "medicine & health", a unique annual publication listing courses and congresses in the fields of biomedicine, public health and development cooperation. For further information: <http://www.going-international.at/index.php?lang=EN> Global International is an official partner of EUPHA.

**Title: Master in Epidemiology**

Place: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel/Switzerland

Deadline: Application deadline: 30 April 2012

More info: <http://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/graduate/msc-in-epidemiology.html>

**Title: Master in Infection Biology**

Place: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel/Switzerland

Deadline: Application deadline: 30 April 2012

More info: <http://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/graduate/msc-in-infection-biology.html>

**Title: EPHA Annual Conference 2012 Restructuring health systems:  
How to promote health in times of austerity?**

Dates: 6 June 2012

Place: Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: EPHA

More info: <http://www.eph.org/a/5080>

**Title: International Q fever symposium - An update on research findings and lessons  
learned from the epidemic in the Netherlands**

Dates: 7 June 2012

Place: Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Organiser: National Institute for Public health and the Environment

More info: [www.onehealth.nl/agenda/nationaal.aspx](http://www.onehealth.nl/agenda/nationaal.aspx)

**Title:** Health District Management: Planning and Programme Design  
**Dates:** 18 - 29 June 2012  
**Place:** Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel/Switzerland  
**More info:** <http://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/professional-postgraduate/health-distr-management-planning-and-programme-design.html>

**Title:** 9<sup>th</sup> HTAi meeting – HTA in integrated care for a patient centered system  
**Dates:** 25-27 June 2012  
**Place:** Bilbao, Spain  
**Organiser:** Health Technology assessment international  
**More info:** [www.htai2012.org](http://www.htai2012.org)

**Title:** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy  
**Dates:** 25-28 June 2012  
**Place:** Athens, Greece  
**Organiser:** Athens Institute for Education and Research-ATINER  
**More info:** [www.atiner.gr/health.htm](http://www.atiner.gr/health.htm).

**Title:** Health District Management: Priority Setting and Resource Allocation  
**Dates:** 2 - 13 July 2012  
**Place:** Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel/Switzerland  
**More info:** <http://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/professional-postgraduate/health-distr-management-priority-setting-and-resource-allocation.html>

**Title:** Health and Society Summer School: Social Determinants of Health  
**Dates:** 9 - 13 July 2012  
**Place:** London UK  
**Organiser:** UCL Department of Epidemiology and Public Health  
**More info:** <http://bit.ly/HisSdG>

**Title:** Second edition of the international advanced course “Exposure Assessment in Nutrition Research”  
**Dates:** 27-31 August 2012  
**Place:** Wageningen, Netherlands  
**Organiser:** Wageningen University  
**More info:** <http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/courses/expo-nut.htm>

**Title:** European Congress of Epidemiology  
**Dates:** 5-8 September 2012  
**Place:** Porto, Portugal  
**Organiser:** International Epidemiological Association – European Epidemiology Federation (IEA-EEF)  
**More info:** <http://www.euroepi2012.com>

**Title:** Taking cities to a healthier future - Final conference of the Urhis 2 project  
**Dates:** 12-14 September 2012  
**Place:** Amsterdam, Netherlands  
**Organiser:** URHIS  
**Deadline:** for abstracts: 13 May 2012  
**More info:** <http://www.urhis.eu/>

**Title:** Nordic-Baltic Impact Assessment Conference 2012  
**Dates:** September 13-14, 2012

Place: Kuressaare, Estonia  
Deadline: Abstract submission is now open  
More info: <http://www.ekki.ee/conference2012/>

**Title:** 9th European IUHPE Conference on Health Promotion  
**Dates:** 27-29 September 2012  
**Place:** Tallinn, Estonia  
**Organiser:** IUHPE  
**More info:** [www.conferences.ee/iuheli2012](http://www.conferences.ee/iuheli2012)

**Title:** **15th European Health Forum Gastein: Crisis and Opportunity  
Health in an age of austerity**  
**Dates:** 3-6 October 2012  
**Place:** Gastein, Austria  
**Organiser:** EHFG  
**More info:** [www.ehfg.org](http://www.ehfg.org)

**Title:** **City Health 2012**  
**Dates:** 22-23 October 2012  
**Place:** London, UK  
**More info:** <http://www.cityhealth.org.uk/programme>

**Title:** **2012 European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology  
(ESCAIDE)**  
**Dates:** 24-26 October 2012  
**Place:** Edinburgh, Scotland, UK  
**Organiser:** ECDC  
**More info:** <http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/escaide/Pages/ESCAIDE.aspx>

**Title:** **7th World Congress on Prevention of Diabetes and its Complications**  
**Dates:** 11-14 November 2012  
**Place:** Madrid, Spain  
**More info:** [www.wcpd2012.com](http://www.wcpd2012.com)

**Title:** **Genes - Are They Key to Public Health?**  
**Date:** 27 November 2012  
**Place:** University of Basel, SwissTPH, Switzerland  
**Organiser:** SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health  
**More info:** [http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd\\_courses&lang=en](http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en)

## 7. Interesting publications

**The New Global Health Agenda - Universal Health Coverage**  
Oren Ahoobim, Daniel Altman, Laurie Garrett, Vicky Hausman, and Yanzhong Huang  
The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) – April 2012  
Available online PDF [39p.] at: <http://on.cfr.org/K68bPP>

**Health system performance comparison: an agenda for policy, information and research**  
Peter C. Smith and Irene Papanicolas  
Joint Policy Summary #4: 2012  
World Health Organization, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies  
Available online PDF [50p.] at: <http://bit.ly/J7r179>

**The Science of Research on Racial/Ethnic Discrimination and Health**

The National Cancer Institute's Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences  
Supplement to the American Journal of Public Health (May 2012; 102(5):930-1034)  
Website: <http://bit.ly/J5KRVw>

**Improving safety in maternity services. A toolkit for teams**

Vinice Thomas, Anna Dixon  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/HNMBRC>

**Global health funding and economic development**

Greg Martin, Alexandra Grant and Mark D'Agostino  
Globalization and Health 2012, 8:8 doi:10.1186/1744-8603-8-8 - Published: 10 April 2012  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/l93h6A>

**UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) 2012 Report**

UN-Water and the World Health Organization (WHO)  
New York, Apr 12 2012  
Available online PDF [112p.] at: <http://bit.ly/lzOd0F>

**Dementia: a public health priority**

World Health Organization and Alzheimer's Disease International -2012  
Available online PDF [112p.] at: <http://bit.ly/lA5zhJ>

**Equity in maternal, newborn, and child health interventions in Countdown to 2015: a retrospective review of survey data from 54 countries**

Aluísio JD Barros et al.  
The Lancet, Volume 379, Issue 9822, Pages 1225 - 1233, 31 March 2012 doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(12)60113-5  
Website: <http://bit.ly/lALEgS>

**Research and Development to Meet Health Needs in Developing Countries: Strengthening Global Financing-Coordination**

WHO - Report of the Consultative Expert Working Group –EWG – on:  
Research and Development: Financing and Coordination  
Available online PDF file [226p.] at: <http://bit.ly/HiWC7y>

**Epidemiology, epigenetics and the 'Gloomy Prospect': embracing randomness in population health research and practice**

George Davey Smith MRC  
International Journal of Epidemiology doi:10.1093/ije/dyr117  
Website: <http://bit.ly/HnSQxk>

**Epidemiology in Latin America and the Caribbean: current situation and challenges**

Sandhi M Barreto et al.  
Oxford University Press on behalf of the International Epidemiological Association  
International Journal of Epidemiology 2012;41:557–571doi:10.1093/ije/dys017 March 2012  
Website: <http://bit.ly/lilklg>

**The Role of Public Health Institutions in Global Health System Strengthening Efforts: The US CDC's Perspective**

Peter Bloland et al.  
PLoS Med 9(4): e1001199. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001199 - April 3, 2012  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/HKXoMP>

**Nutrition Report on Biochemical Indicators of Diet and Nutrition in the U.S. Population**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - CDC  
Available online at: <http://1.usa.gov/HM0WAp>

**Mobile Technologies and Empowerment:  
Enhancing human development through participation and innovation**

UNDP's Bureau for Development Policy, New York  
United Nations Development Programme UNDP 2012  
Available online PDF [58p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Hh2Q6E>

**Earth Institute: World Happiness Report**

Edited by John Helliwell, Richard Layard and Jeffrey Sachs  
The Earth Institute, Columbia University – 2012  
Available online PDF [158p.] at <http://bit.ly/H7LRqG>

**Country-Level Decision Making for Control of Chronic Diseases. Workshop Summary**

Alexandra Beatty, Rapporteur  
Board on Global Health; Institute of Medicine – IOM 2012  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/H8QUFs>

**Private versus public strategies for health service provision for  
improving health outcomes in resource-limited settings**

Dominic Montagu et al.  
Global Health Sciences, University of California, San Francisco, CA - July 2011  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/s5PnT0>

**The 4th edition of the UN World Water Development Report (WWDR4)  
Managing Water under Uncertainty and Risk**

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
UNESCO Paris, France, 2012

Volume 1: Managing Water under Uncertainty and Risk

PDF file [407 p.] at: <http://bit.ly/H3IX6p>

Volume 2: Knowledge Base

PDF file [406p.] at: <http://bit.ly/HoL47Y>

Volume 3: Facing the Challenges

PDF file [98p.] at: <http://bit.ly/HunpzD>

**Primary Care and Public Health:**

**Promoting Integration to Improve Population Health**

Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice (BPH)  
US National Academy of Sciences 2012  
Available online at: <http://t.co/NC3ckflo>

**Monitoring Inequalities in the Health Workforce:**

**The Case Study of Brazil 1991–2005**

Angelica Sousa, Mario R. Dal Poz, Cristiana Leite Carvalho  
PLoS ONE 7(3): e33399. March 27, 2012  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/GVD1vg>

**Migration and health in the European Union**

Editors: B. Rechel, P. Mladovsky, W. Devillé, B. Rijks, R. Petrova-Benedict, M. McKee  
World Health Organization 2011 on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and  
Policies

Available online PDF [282p.] at: <http://bit.ly/HILJ1>

**Alcohol in the European Union**

**Consumption, harm and policy approaches**

WHO Regional Office for Europe - 2012  
Copenhagen, Denmark

Available online PDF [161p.] at: <http://bit.ly/HfRKAK>

**Social Cities**

Kelly, J-F.; Breadon, P.; Davis, C.; Hunter, A.; Mares, P.; Mullerworth, D.; Weidmann, B.,  
Grattan Institute Melbourne. - Report No. 2012-4, March 2012

Available online PDF [68p.] at: <http://bit.ly/H0DSwT>

### **Evaluation for equitable development results**

UNICEF, in partnership with UNDP, UNWomen, ILO, IDRC, IOCE, IDEAS and the International Organisation for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE); CONEVAL in Mexico  
Website: <http://bit.ly/GTSURL>

### **Shifting Paradigm: How the BRICS are Reshaping Global Health and Development**

Global Health Strategies Initiatives (GHSi) March 2012  
Available online PDF [108] at: <http://bit.ly/H9hi0Q>

## **8. European Commission news**

### **Ageing**

Commissioner Dalli delivers speech on "How to make healthy ageing a reality"

[Health-EU newsletter 88 - 2012 World Health Day: Ageing and health](#)

[European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing - The Marketplace for Innovative Ideas is 'open for business'!](#)

[E-News: The European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing goes from plan to action](#)

### **Antimicrobial resistance**

[Video message from Commissioner Dalli - Conference: combatting Antimicrobial Resistance - Time for joint action 14 March 2012](#)

### **Communicable diseases**

[ECDC special report: European Commission's HIV action supports expanded Services for key populations](#)

### **Cross-border care**

[Results of the public consultation on measures for improving the recognition of prescriptions issued in another Member State now available](#)

### **European Patients' Rights Day**

[Message by Commissioner Dalli on the occasion of the European Patients' Rights Day](#)

### **EU in the world**

[Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 22 March 2012 - Summary of discussions](#)

### **EC/WHO cooperation**

[9th annual EC/WHO Senior Officials Meeting, Brussels, 7 March 2012 - report, roadmaps and global agreements](#)

### **Healthcare**

[Commissioner Dalli delivers speech on Is the economic crisis an opportunity for better efficiency in healthcare?](#)

### **Health indicators**

[ECHI - 3 new indicators on self-reported chronic diseases \(Depression, asthma and Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease\)](#)

### **Nutrition and physical activity**

[Implementation of the EU Salt Reduction Framework - Results of Member States survey](#)

### **Health programme**

[Commission staff working document - Mid-term evaluation of the Health Programme 2008-2013](#)

[Call for tender concerning the organisation of exercises, training and assessment implementing the draft Decision on cross-border threats to health](#)

[Call for tender concerning Action to prevent and reduce harm from alcohol](#)

### **Health workforce**

[Action Plan for the EU health workforce adopted as part of the Commission Communication for a job rich recovery in Europe E-news](#)

## Major and chronic diseases

[Page on diabetes updated - New data on policy frameworks and economic costs available](#)

## Medicinal products for human use

[Draft template for the written confirmation for active substances imported into the European Union for medicinal products for human use Public consultation](#)

## Nutrition and physical activity

[EU platform for action on diet, physical activity and health - List of members updated](#)

## Rare diseases

[Orphanet Activity Report 2011](#)

[EUROCAT Statistical Monitoring Report 2009: European Surveillance of congenital anomalies](#)

[Evaluating population newborn screening practices for rare diseases - Page updated](#)

[National plans or strategies for rare diseases - Information on The Netherlands and United Kingdom updated](#)

# 9. European Centre for Diseases Control

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 13, 29 March 2012

In this issue:

[Ongoing outbreak of non-travel-related Shigella flexneri serotype 3a infections in MSM in England and Wales: epidemiological data from 2009–2011](#)

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<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20137>

[Severe leptospirosis in a Dutch traveller returning from the Dominican Republic, October 2011](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20134>

### RESEARCH ARTICLES

[Risk perception and information-seeking behaviour during the 2009/10 influenza A\(H1N1\)pdm09 pandemic in Germany](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20131>

### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

[An outbreak of severe respiratory tract infection caused by human metapneumovirus in a residential care facility for elderly in Utrecht, the Netherlands, January to March 2010](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20132>

### MISCELLANEOUS

[In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20133>

[Job vacancy at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#)

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### **Health effects of black carbon**

Black carbon is a good indicator of combustion-related air pollution, and was only recently recognized as a short-lived climate-forcer, which contributes to warming the Earth's atmosphere.

This report presents the results of a systematic review of evidence of the health effects of black carbon in ambient air. Epidemiological studies provide sufficient evidence of the association of cardiopulmonary morbidity and mortality with exposure to black carbon. Toxicological studies suggest that black carbon may operate as a universal carrier of a wide variety of chemicals of varying toxicity to the human body. Although black carbon may not be a major, directly toxic component of fine particulate matter, reducing people's exposure to particulate matter containing black carbon should reduce its effects on their health, as well as helping to mitigate climate change.

This review is of particular interest to environmental health professionals concerned with assessing and reducing the health effects of air pollution, as well as to those who use scientific evidence in support of climate change mitigation policies.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version check:  
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/health-effects-of-black-carbon>

### **Alcohol in the European Union. Consumption, harm and policy approaches**

(Edited by: Peter Anderson, Lars Møller and Gauden Galea)

This new report uses information gathered in 2011 to update key indicators on alcohol consumption, health outcomes and action to reduce harm across the European Union (EU). It gives an overview of the latest research on effective alcohol policies, and includes data from the EU, Norway and Switzerland on alcohol consumption, harm and policy approaches. The data were collected from a 2011 survey, carried out as part of a project of the European Commission and the WHO Regional Office for Europe. The report provides policy-makers and other stakeholders with useful information to guide future actions in reducing the harm done to health and society by excessive drinking. Alcohol is one of the world's top three priority areas in public health. Even though only half the global population drinks alcohol, it is the world's third leading cause of ill health and premature death, after low birth weight and unsafe sex. In Europe, alcohol is the third leading risk factor for disease and death after tobacco and high blood pressure.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version check:  
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/sections/latest-books/alcohol-in-the-european-union.-consumption,-harm-and-policy-approaches>

### **NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO – APRIL 2012**

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Please note that our new [Spring 2012 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online:

#### [Evolving Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance \(The\)](#)

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is not a recent phenomenon, but it is a critical health issue today. This book examines the experiences with implementing some of the recommendations ten years on, the lessons learnt along the way and the remaining gaps.

#### [World Malaria Report 2011](#)

The World Malaria Report 2011 summarizes information received from 106 malaria-endemic countries and territories and from malaria control partners. It highlights continued progress made in malaria prevention and control.

#### [Report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on the Risks and Benefits of Fish Consumption](#)

Seventeen experts in nutrition, toxicology, epidemiology, dietary exposure and risk-benefit assessment discussed the risks and the benefits of fish consumption. Their task was to review data on levels of nutrients and specific chemical contaminants (methylmercury and dioxins) in a range of fish species, as well as recent scientific literature covering the risks and benefits of fish consumption.

#### [Electronic Recording and Reporting for Tuberculosis Care and Control](#)

Adopting electronic recording and reporting is not simply about choosing a piece of software: it is also about changing how people work. This is not a simple undertaking. This document introduces the key questions to be considered.

#### [Alcohol in the European Union](#)

This new report uses information gathered in 2011 to update key indicators on alcohol consumption, health outcomes and action to reduce harm across the European Union (EU).

### [Legal Frameworks for eHealth](#)

Given that privacy of the doctor-patient relationship is at the heart of good health care, and that the electronic health record (EHR) is at the heart of good eHealth practice, the question arises: Is privacy legislation at the heart of the EHR?

### [WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Guidelines for Implementation of Article 5.3, Articles 8 to 14](#)

This book contains the guidelines adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its second (2007), third (2008) and fourth (2010) sessions.

### [Interagency Emergency Health Kit 2011](#)

The Interagency Emergency Health Kit, now in its fourth edition, explains how to use standardized packages of essential medicines, supplies and equipment in emergency circumstances.

### [Progress on Drinking Water and Sanitation: 2012 update](#)

This 2012 report is based on data gathered from household surveys and censuses, including both recent and older data sets that have come to the attention of the JMP. It reports every two years on access to drinking water and sanitation worldwide and on progress towards related targets under Millennium Development Goal 7.

### [Roadmap to Prevent and Combat Drug-resistant Tuberculosis](#)

This publication presents a roadmap to scale up a comprehensive response to the alarming problem of drug-resistant tuberculosis in the WHO European Region.

### [Profile on Implementation of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in the South-East Asia Region](#)

This profile on the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in the South-East Asia Region provides an overview of the status of the implementation of the convention in the eleven Member States of the SEA Region.

### [Tax Policies on Tobacco Products in Thailand: the Way Forward](#)

This document reports on tax policies on tobacco products in Thailand in its efforts to control tobacco use.

### [Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 90, No. 04, 2012](#)

As the flagship periodical of WHO, the Bulletin is a leading international voice on public health issues. This peer-reviewed monthly draws on the expertise within WHO to provide a vital resource for those interested in research, policy issues and debate on international public health, particularly the problems confronting developing countries.

### [Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health](#)

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

## **BOOKS IN FRENCH**

### [Pratique chirurgicale de base dans les structures à moyens limités](#)

Pratique chirurgicale de base se veut un guide aussi complet que possible sur les interventions pratiquées en routine au niveau de l'hôpital de première référence. Les interventions décrites dans cet ouvrage sont basées sur les informations scientifiques les plus récentes. Elles ont été mise à jour chaque fois que nécessaire dans cette adaptation française du célèbre « Surgical care at the district hospital ».

### [Kit sanitaire d'urgence interinstitutions 2011](#)

Le contenu du présent kit a été à nouveau amélioré et il prend en compte le besoin de soins de santé mentale dans les situations d'urgence ainsi que les besoins particuliers des enfants. On trouvera dans le présent document les informations de base sur le contenu et l'utilisation du kit sanitaire d'urgence.

## **BOOKS IN SPANISH**

### [Botiquín médico interinstitucional de emergencia de 2011 \(EI\)](#)

El Botiquín Médico Interinstitucional de Emergencia de 2011 mejora el contenido de la versión anterior y tiene en cuenta la necesidad de atención de salud mental en circunstancias de emergencia, así como las necesidades especiales de los niños. El presente documento proporciona información básica sobre la composición y el uso del botiquín.

## **BOOKS IN RUSSIAN**

### [Treatment of Tuberculosis \(The\). Fourth Edition \(RUSSIAN\)](#)

This new edition strongly reaffirms prior recommendations for supervised treatment, as well as the use of fixed-dose combinations of anti-TB drugs and patient kits as further measures for preventing the acquisition of drug resistance.