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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. The preliminary programme is now available online at: http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=54.

There is still time to become an active partner to the biggest public health even in Europe. Check out the possibilities at http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=53

Malta 2012 website: http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

Malta 2012 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 July question at: 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

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.

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



There are now 2719 documents available in the database (increase of 19 from June). In July, 16 documents were downloaded.

The most recent interesting articles can be found on our opening page: www.eupha.org

Please feel free to send your feedback to: office@eupha.org

EURO-URHIS - Taking cities to a healthier future

Final conference of the EURO-URHIS 2 project.

The EURO-URHIS 2 project will present the results of their extensive research into individual level urban health indicators. The project has spanned 44 cities in 14 countries to create the largest depository of individual level urban health data in the world.

This is the first project of its kind that has comparable data between the different cities and countries.

The EURO-URHIS 2 Project will welcome delegates with an interest in urban health from around the world, with guest speakers from WHO, International Society for Urban Health and EUPHA.

Date: 12-14 September 2012

Place: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Organiser: EURO-URHIS Consortium

More info: http://www.urhis.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=114&Itemid=73

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

World Health Organization Call for Proposals for Implementation Research Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research

Deadline for Submission of Proposals: 15 September 2012

Interested applicants should pre-register online by 20 August 2012

For full details and submission guidelines, please go to: <http://bit.ly/MWHEq6>

CARPHA - Director, Surveillance & Risk Assessment

CARPHA - Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)

CARPHA is the Health Agency of the Caribbean region with a collective response to strengthen and reorient the health system and approach to address the changing nature of public health challenges, particularly in relation to communicable diseases such as HIV / AIDS and Non-Communicable Diseases, such as obesity, cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

Vacancy Notice No: CARPHA/12/FT259

Application Deadline: 31 July 2012

Duty Station: Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

URL: https://erecruit.who.int/public/hrd-cl-vac-view.asp?so=C&jobinfo_uid_c=26272&vaclng=en

CARPHA - Executive Director

Vacancy Notice No: CARPHA/12/FT260

Application Deadline: 31 July 2012

Duty Station: Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

CARPHA - Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)

Under the supervision of the CARPHA Executive Board the incumbent assists in the planning, organization, operation and evaluation of CARPHA's administrative services

URL https://erecruit.who.int/public/hrd-cl-vac-view.asp?so=C&jobinfo_uid_c=26275&vaclng=en

CARPHA - Director, Corporate Services

Vacancy Notice No: CARPHA/12/FT261

Application Deadline: 31 July 2012

Duty Station: Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

URL: https://erecruit.who.int/public/hrd-cl-vac-view.asp?so=C&jobinfo_uid_c=26273&vaclng=en

WHO - submission of proposals

to support implementation research that contributes to the scale-up of effective health interventions related to MDGs 4, 5 and 6 in one of the three priority areas described in the following section. The research proposals may be submitted for one of the following priority areas:

1. Strategies to facilitate the integration of services to result in improved health outcomes and greater efficiencies
2. Strategies to improve the performance of health workers (through strengthened supervision and increased motivation) to deliver quality services
3. Strategies for community engagement to increase awareness of, access to, and utilization of health services, and provision of appropriate services at the community level.

The proposed research should seek to adopt a systems perspective which may require a multi-disciplinary research team and the need to engage multiple stakeholders, including the women and men at whom the services are ultimately directed. In addition to ensuring a systems perspective, research-study supported through this call should incorporate the following considerations:

- Equity – the proposed research should consider the potential benefit and empowerment of vulnerable populations, particularly women and children.
- Innovation – the proposed research should to respond to implementation issues not previously addressed by other research and strive to use new methods and approaches or apply existing methods in new ways.

- Capacity building – the proposed research study should provide opportunities to strengthen capacity for the conduct of research and use of evidence for the implementation and scale up of effective interventions. It should also ensure a gender balance in its capacity building activities.

The size of the budget for each grant should be based on the scope and focus of each research study appropriate for the setting the study will be carried out. The budget for the 2-year research study cannot exceed US\$ 350 000. Additional funding from other sources should be sought if the budget is anticipated to exceed this amount.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 15 September 2012.

Lydia Bendib, Technical Officer

Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research

World Health Organization - Geneva Switzerland

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Warwick Evidence – two new posts

Assistant Professor Health Economics

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AEV877/assistant-professor-in-health-economics/>

Research Associate Clinical Effectiveness Systematic Reviewer

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AEU610/research-associate/>

We are a very friendly clinical and cost effectiveness reviewing team - so come and work with us yourself - or please kindly send this email round your networks!

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OPTH – research job opportunity – Atlanta USA

A project is available in the Office of Prevention through Healthcare (OPTH) in the Office of the Associate Director for Policy (OADP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Through partnerships and leveraging opportunities presented both inside and outside of the federal health system, OPTH develops strategy to further the linkages between public health and the broader healthcare system.

The Research Participation Program for CDC is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). The appointment is for one year and may be renewed upon recommendation of CDC and subject to availability of funds. The participant will receive a monthly stipend depending on educational level and experience. The participant must show proof of health insurance. The appointment is full-time at CDC in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. Participants do not become employees of CDC or the program administrator, and there are no fringe benefits paid.

Qualifications:

Masters of Public Health or similar relevant educational background required, with major study in an academic field related to the public health policy, is strongly preferred. Applicant must have received his/her degree within the last five years, or must expect to complete all requirements for such a degree prior to starting the fellowship. Training and experience in population health assessment, public health impact, and program evaluation methods is beneficial.

U.S. Citizenship is preferred.

How to Apply:

To be considered, send a current resume, one writing sample and two professional references to: Tasha Powell at Tasha.Powell@orau.org. Please reference Project # CDC-OADP-2012-0043 in all communications. For more information visit: <http://orise.orau.gov/cdc/default.html>

EPF, European Patients' Forum is looking for a Programme Officer

with the opportunity to progress and to integrate in a young, dynamic and multi-cultural team in European environment

Job Description

The Programme Officer will be responsible for the day-to-day coordination of a large-scale European Joint-Action, "European Union Network for Patient Safety and Quality of Care". The Joint Action aims to strengthen cooperation between EU Member States, stakeholders and international organisations on quality of health care, including patient safety and patient involvement.

Qualified candidates should submit, only via email (mail subject: "Application for programme officer"), a cover letter and CV in English to: recruitment@eu-patient.eu by 16th August 2012 at the latest. More information: <http://www.iefpd.org/>

4. Interesting News

HEIDI : A new way of sharing and storing health information in the EU

In May, HEIDI – an internet based wiki that presents reliable and comparable data about health in the EU – was launched by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health & Consumers. Although Heidi has been set up by the Commission, the content is written by European health experts – who are responsible for their contributions and can directly upload and edit information. HEIDI stands for Health in Europe: Information and Data Interface. It is a dynamic tool that collects, updates and shares information about health in Europe, for example on health status, health determinants, systems and policies. The abundance of health data and indicators in the HEIDI wiki is constantly being added to and updated. The data can be sorted per year, by country and by region, allowing at-a-glance comparisons across the years and between Member States and regions in the EU. For a selection of health topics, the tool allows for the data to be presented in a variety of graphs - line chart, bar chart, map chart and table chart.

For more information on EU health indicators: http://ec.europa.eu/health/indicators/policy/index_en.htm

Miniature Cities film

The Glasgow Centre for Population Health (GCPH), in collaboration with Swedish partners and the International Future Forum (IFF), have developed a new Miniature Cities film. The film compares Glasgow and Gothenburg using the miniature city concept – imagining a city as a community of a hundred people. The film uses data from surveys and administrative sources to compare aspects of health, lifestyle, culture and the environment between the two cities.

The attached information sheet provides more details about the film. The film is available as a DVD and on-line at <http://www.europeinminiature.com>.

If you do use the film we would be very interested in any comments and feedback you can provide on it.

On-line public consultation by DG INFSO

The on-line public consultation by DG INFSO on a "Code for Effective Open Voluntarism: Good design principles for self- and co-regulation and other multistakeholder actions" is available at

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda/actions/consultation/

EUnetHTA Joint Action 2 Grant Agreement

The EUnetHTA Joint Action 2 Grant Agreement has been signed by the EU Executive Agency for Health and Consumers and the Coordinator (Danish Health and Medicines Authority) on behalf of 37 partners in 26 EU Member States, Croatia and Norway to start its activities on October 1, 2012. For the next 3 years EUnetHTA will focus on strengthening the practical application of tools and approaches to cross-border HTA collaboration bringing it to a higher level of understanding (both for the Commission and the EU Member States) of ways to establish a sustainable structure for HTA work in the EU.

For more information: <http://www.eunetha.eu/>

2012 European Gender Summit, European Parliament 29-30 November, Brussels

Earlier this year we sought your support with regard to signing the Manifesto for Integrated Action on Gender in Research and Innovation. So far nearly 4200 of you have added your signature and as a result we have been able to persuade the European Parliament to host the 2nd European Gender Summit on 29-30 November in Brussels.

You can see the programme and speakers' details on <http://www.gender-summit.eu>.

Based on the success of the first summit and the [Manifesto for Integrated Action on the Gender Dimension in Research and Innovation](#), the Summit will bring together 400 participants and 30 top-level policy makers, science leaders and innovation stakeholders to present and discuss the latest evidence, to align science and policy agendas and to identify the best ways for integrating the gender dimension in research and innovation.

Registration for the Summit is already open and offers an excellent 'early bird' rate. In the mean time, we would be most obliged if you could encourage colleagues in your networks to add their name to the list of the current Manifesto signatories and visit the Summit website, <http://www.gender-summit.eu>.

Mental Health and Vulnerable Groups: Call for submission of papers

Emerald Group Publishing, one of the 2012 EHMA Annual Conference Media Partners is welcoming open submissions for a number of journal in Mental Health and Vulnerable Groups. For the list of the journals and further information, please click [here](#)

5. EUPHA member updates

Due to the holiday season there are no EUPHA member updates in this newsletter.

6. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of Going International is the online edu db mh with international course, masterprogrammes and conf in the field of medicine and international health. Due to the large number and variety of training events the edu database enables health professionals to find their educational event at their fingertips For further information:

www.goinginternational.eu/en/online-datenbank/. Going international is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: EURO-URHIS - Taking cities to a healthier future

Date: 12-14 September 2012

Place: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Organiser: EURO-URHIS Consortium

More info: http://www.urhis.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=114&Itemid=73

Title: Allgemeiner Tropenkurs (ATK)

Date: 17 September - 9 November 2012

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

More info: <http://www.swisstph.ch/?id=94>

Title: Baby an Bord. Mutter über Bord? Gesundheitliche und psychosoziale Herausforderungen von Schwangerschaft und Geburt

Date: 17 September 2012

Place: Wien, Austria

Organisers: Wiener Programm für Frauengesundheit

More info: www.frauengesundheit-wien.at/konferenz

Title: NHS Informatics 2012: delivering a successful information revolution
Date: 19th September 2012,
Place: The Barbican, London
Registration: [Register to attend NHS Informatics 2012](#)
More info: [View full details of the programme and speakers here](#)

Title: Transforming Healthcare Infrastructure and Services in an Age of Austerity
Date: 19-21 September 2012
Place: Cardiff
Organisers: HaCIRIC (Health and Care Infrastructure Research and Innovation Centre)
More info: <http://www.haciric.org/>

Title: EFPA Expert Conference Psychology for Health
Date: 20-21 September 2012
Place: Brussels
Organiser: European Federation of Psychologists Associations EFPA
More info: www.efpa.eu/PsyforHealthCongress2012

Title: “Complementary and Alternative Medicine-Innovation and Added Value for European Healthcare”
Date: 9 October 2012
Place: European Parliament, Brussels; room: P7C050
Organiser: EPP-Romania, EUROCAM, EPHA
More info: <http://www.epha.org/a/5243>

Title: II International Symposium on Wellness & Chronic Care
Date: 17 October 2012
Place: Atlanta, Georgia, United States
Organizer: Care Continuum Alliance
More info: http://www.carecontinuumalliance.org/theforum12/program_international.html

Title: XIVth Humanitarian Congress:
Tough Choices – Ethical Challenges in Humanitarian Action
Date: 12-13 October 2012
Place: Berlin, Germany
Organisers: Medecins sans Frontieres, Medecins du Monde, German Red Cross, Berlin Chamber of Physicians and Charite Universitätsmedizin
More info: www.humanitarian-congress-berlin.org

Title: The Forum 12: Population Health Management
Date: 18-19 October 2012
Place: Atlanta, Georgia, United States
Organizer: Care Continuum Alliance
More info: <http://www.carecontinuumalliance.org/theforum12/index.html>

Title: Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research
Inclusion and Innovation Towards Universal Health Coverage
Date: 31 October- 3 November 2012
Place: Beijing, People's Republic of China
Registration: Marketplace and Satellite session registrations remain open until August 15, 2012
More info: <http://bit.ly/LiL5It>

Title: 2012 AICR Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer
Date: November 1-2, 2012
Place: Washington DC, USA
Organiser: American Institute for Cancer Research
Deadlines: September 7: Scholarship Application; September 10: Poster Abstracts Due
More info: <http://www.aicr.org/cancer-research/conference/>

Title: Short-term, intensive educational courses in a variety of public health disciplines
Date: 2 - 30 of November of 2012
Place: Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and Public Health Agency of Barcelona (Agència de Salut Pública de Barcelona),

More info: http://www.jhsph.edu/dept/hpm/continuing_ed/fall_IMAS/index.html

Title: Concepts of Epidemiology (5-Day Course)
Date: 10-14 December 2012
Place: Edinburgh, UK
Organiser: University of Edinburgh
More info: <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/epidemiology>

Title: The 19th Swiss International Short Course on Travellers' Health
Date: 28 January - 1 February 2013
Place: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel/Switzerland
More info: <http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=43dc0544fb6732990588a55f8&id=8ea528a4a1&e=7997dbeaff>

Title: Applied Bayesian Statistics in Medical Research and Health-Care Evaluation
Date: 18-20 March 2013
Place: ISPM Bern, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: WPA Regional Congress on Facilitating Mental Health, Primary Care & Public Health Integration for Southeast Europe and Eurasia
Date: April 10-13, 2013
Place: Bucharest, Romania
Organiser: World psychiatric Association
Deadline: for abstract and symposium/workshop proposal submission is September 10, 2012.
More info: <http://www.wpa2013bucharest.org/>

Title: The 8th Global Conference on Health Promotion (8GCHP)
Date: 10 – 14 June 2013
Place: Helsinki, Finland
Organisers: World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland
Website: http://www.stm.fi/en/ministry/international_cooperation/who/healthpromotion2013

Title: 12th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy
Date: 24-27 June 2013
Place: Athens, Greece
Organiser: Athens Institute for Education and Research-ATINER
Deadline: Abstract submission: 26 November 2012
More info: <http://www.atiner.gr/health.htm>

7. Interesting publications

Public health bureaus: new players in health improvement in Lithuania

Ramunė Kalėdienė, Audrius Ščeponavičius, Andrius Kavaliūnas, Loreta Ašoklienė
Acta Medica Lituanica. 2011. Vol. 18. No. 4. P. 183–189

UNAIDS report: Together we will end AIDS

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 2012

Available online at:

http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/epidemiology/2012/20120718_togetherwewillendaids_en.pdf

The measurement of relative efficiency of general practice and the implications for policy makers

Pelone F et al.

Health Policy (2012), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.healthpol.2012.05.005>

Accessible at: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0168851012001492>

Health Policy and Planning -June 20, 2012

Published by Oxford University Press in association with The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Website: <http://bit.ly/MJQSJf> . PDF at: <http://bit.ly/O00tOc>

Social determinants of health. Resolution: Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly 2012 WHA65.8

Agenda item 13.6 26 May 2012 A65/16

Social determinants of health: outcome of the World Conference on Social Determinants of Health

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/QefRVO>

Español: <http://bit.ly/MyDb0q>

French : <http://bit.ly/KLk5EK>

The Right Start to a Healthy Life

Levelling-up the Health Gradient Among Children, Young People and Families in the European Union – What Works?

Edited by Ingrid Stegeman and Caroline Costongs

EuroHealthNet - Brussels, Belgium - March 2012

Now online in a ZIP file at: <http://bit.ly/L1PJPE>

Developmental origins of non-communicable disease:

Implications for research and public health

Robert Barouki, Peter D Gluckman, Philippe Grandjean, Mark Hanson and Jerrold J Heindel

Environmental Health - Published: 27 June 2012

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/MUsK5e>

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Selected articles from Universal Coverage: Can We Guarantee Health For All?

Proceedings from Universal Coverage: Can We Guarantee Health For All?

BMC Public Health 2012, Volume 12 Supplement 1 (22 June 2012)

Website: <http://bit.ly/N38z6Q>

Socioeconomic inequality in the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases in low- and middle-income countries: Results from the World Health Survey

Ahmad Reza Hosseinpoor et al.

BMC Public Health – 22 June 2012, 12:474 doi:10.1186/1471-2458-12-474
Available online PDF [26p.] at: <http://bit.ly/LGmhwJ>

Pillars for progress on the right to health: Harnessing the potential of human rights through a Framework Convention on Global Health

Eric A. Friedman and Lawrence O. Gostin
Health and Human Rights: An International Journal 14(1) (June 2012)
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/LyKICZ>

Health and Illness in a Connected World: How Might Sharing Experiences on the Internet Affect People's Health?

Sue Ziebland, Sally Wyke
The Milbank Quarterly, June 2012 - Vol. 90, No. 2, 2012 (pp. 219–249)
Available online PDF [31p.] at: <http://bit.ly/LkAVvV>

Why do we always end up here? Evidence-based medicine's conceptual cul-de-sacs and some off-road alternative routes

Trisha Greenhalgh
J Prim Health Care - 2012; 4(2):92–97 <http://bit.ly/O01QYX>

Adolescent mental health: mapping actions of nongovernmental organizations and other international development organizations

World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). June 2012
Chiara Servili,
Available online PDF [50p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Nd2KnJ>

National eHealth Strategy Toolkit

World Health Organization WHO and the International Telecommunication Union ITU – 2012
Available online
Website at: <http://bit.ly/MxzXal>
PDF full text [223p.] at: <http://bit.ly/MxAFEO>

Implementation research evidence uptake and use for policy-making

Ulysses Panisset et al.
Health Research Policy and Systems – July 2012, 10:20 doi:10.1186/1478-4505-10-20
Available online PDF [13p.] at: <http://bit.ly/MbJvNV>

Child Development Index 2012: Progress, Challenges and Inequality

Save The Children
Available online PDF [36p.] at: <http://bit.ly/P6Pfmi>

Latest issue of Eurohealth is now available on-line - main focus on Gender and Health

Eurohealth Observer - Volume 18 | Number 2 | 2012
Quarterly of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
Available online PDF [44p.] at: <http://bit.ly/NV3e2H>

8. European Commission news

- **Ageing**

Commissioner Dalli delivers speech at a meeting with The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Washington, 27 June 2012

- **Communicable diseases**

London 2012 - Keep updated on relevant health events with ECDC weekly Communicable Disease Threat Report (CDTR)

Commissioner Dalli delivers speech on Cross Border Health Threats in the EU and Neighbouring Countries, Nicosia, 5 July 2012

- **eHealth**

Commissioner Dalli delivers speech at the Annual Meeting of the Global eHealth Ambassadors' Programme (GeHAP)

Commissioner Dalli delivers speech on eHealth, Washington, 28 June 2012

- **Health-EU portal**

Reminder - Last week to take part in the survey and help us improve the "Health-EU Portal"!

Health-EU newsletter 94 - Injury prevention: better data needed for EU-wide benchmarking and effective action

- **EU Health Prize for Journalists**

EU Health Prize for Journalists 2012 – Only 12 days left for submitting articles! Choose translations of the previous link

- **Healthcare**

Commission Decision 2012/C 198/06 on setting up a multisectoral and independent expert panel to provide advice on effective ways of investing in health

Midday express: Panel of independent experts to work on the improvement of health care systems

- **Health information**

Health-EU newsletter 93 - Heidi health wiki

- **Health programme**

Migration and health in Nowhereland - a new publication, produced by the NowHereCare project and funded under the Second EU Health Programme

Health for Growth Programme: the Report was adopted unanimously by the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee of the European Parliament on 20 June

List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated

2nd Health Programme (2008-2013): Awarding of grants for proposals for 2012

List of 2011 projects updated

Executive Agency for Health and consumers launches a Call for Expression of Interest for Project Officers (Deadline for submission of applications: 17 September 2012)

- **Health programme Ageing**

Press release: European Innovation Partnership: Strong stakeholder support for action on active and healthy ageing

- **Health workforce**

Call for proposals for the development of EU sector skills alliances in the healthcare sector (Deadline for Applications: 16 August 2012)

- **Health workforce**

Commission feasibility study on EU level collaboration on forecasting health workforce needs, workforce planning and health workforce trends - June 2012

- **Major and chronic diseases**

2nd Open Forum of the European Partnership for Action Against Cancer, Rome, 19-20 June 2012 - presentations, biographies of the speakers and panelists available

- **Pharmaceuticals**

Importation of active substances - Template for the written confirmation, "Questions and Answers" document
Commission adopts Proposal for a 'Clinical Trials Regulation'
Press release: Fostering EU's attractiveness in clinical research: Commission proposes to revamp rules on trials with medicines
Proposal for a Clinical Trials Regulation - Questions and answers

- **Public health**

Midday express: Commissioner Dalli visits the US
Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union - Priorities in the field of health
Commissioner Dalli delivers speech on US-EU Health, Washington, 27 June 2012
New publication: Health in the EU - What is in there for you? Recent achievements

- **Rare diseases**

National plans or strategies for rare diseases - Information on Ireland and Slovenia updated
New events added
2012 Report on the State of the Art of Rare Diseases Activities in Europe - European Union Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases

- **Scientific Committees**

Newsletter of the European Commission Scientific committees - June 2012 edition available
SCCS/SCHER/SCENIHR opinion on the use of the Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC) Approach for Human Safety Assessment of Chemical Substances with focus on Cosmetics and Consumer Products
List of Members - Working Group on the use of the Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC)
SCCS - 4 new opinions open for comments (Deadline for comments: 17 August 2012)
Guidance on the safety assessment of nanomaterials in cosmetics
SCCS - New opinion on Methylene glycol open for comments (Deadline for comments: 24 August 2012)
SCCS - 3 new opinions open for comments (Deadline for comments: 24 August 2012)
SCCS - New opinion on Tetrabromophenol Blue COLIPA n°C183 open for comments (Deadline for comments: 24 August 2012)
SCCS - List of Members - Working group on Nitrosamines
SCHER - Request for a scientific opinion on Cadmium in fertilisers – additional request for a SCHER opinion on a risk assessment report from the Kingdom of Sweden
SCENIHR - 3 new requests for a scientific opinion on medical devices
SCCS - Minutes of the 14th plenary meeting, Brussels, 27 March 2012
SCHER - Opinion on Assessment of the Tolerable Daily Intake of Barium

- **Scientific Committees Communicable diseases**

Cypriot Presidency conference on "Communicable Diseases: A Cross Border Health Threat", Nicosia, 5 July 2012 - Programme

- **Social determinants and health inequalities**

WHO working document on Potential Criteria for the Review of the health component of the National Roma Integration Strategies
Meeting of the Expert Group on Social Determinants and Health Inequalities, Luxembourg, 19-20 June 2012 - Minutes available

- **Tobacco**

Meeting on the revision of the Tobacco products Directive with ECITA, Brussels, 20 June 2012 Minutes available
"Ex-smokers are Unstoppable" at the Open Forum of the European Partnership for Action Against Cancer (EPAAC) in Rome, 19-20 June 2012
Approved tobacco testing laboratories in European Union member states - Data updated for Greece
Special eurobarometer on attitudes of Europeans towards tobacco - Country factsheets available

- **Travelling**

Memo: Holiday season: useful tips for a worry-free summer

- **Vaccination**

Conference on childhood immunisation: progress, challenges and priorities for further action, Luxembourg, 16-17 October 2012

9. European Centre for Diseases Control

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Infectious diseases among travellers and migrants in Europe, EuroTravNet 2010

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The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control launches a public consultation. Send your comments!

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This book explains how travellers can stay healthy and provides WHO guidance on vaccinations, malaria chemoprophylaxis and treatment, personal protection against insects and other disease vectors, and safety in different environmental settings.

[Medical Equipment Maintenance Programme Overview](#)

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[Laboratory Quality Management System](#)

This handbook is intended to provide a comprehensive reference on Laboratory Quality Management System for all stakeholders in health laboratory processes, from management, to administration, to bench-work laboratorians. This handbook covers topics that are essential for quality management of a public health or clinical laboratory.

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[WHO QualityRights Tool Kit](#)

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[WHO Handbook for Guideline Development](#)

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[Evaluation of Certain Veterinary Drug Residues in Food](#)

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[Molecular Epidemiology](#)

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[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 90, No. 07, 2012](#)

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[WHO Drug Information, Vol. 26, No. 2, 2012](#)

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.

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[Control of the Leishmaniasis \(RUSSIAN\)](#)

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[Centre International de Recherche sur le Cancer. Rapport biennal 2010-2011](#)

Le dernier rapport biennal du Centre international de Recherche sur le Cancer (CIRC), la branche de recherche sur le cancer de l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé passe en revue un grand nombre de projets de recherche.

[Directives pour le traitement du paludisme. Deuxième édition](#)

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