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1. European Public Health Conference



Malta 5th Annual European Public Health Conference – 8-10 November 2012

Next week, nearly all of us will meet in Malta. The last minute preparations are ongoing and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the biggest European public health event in 2012.

The programme is now fully available online at:

http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=54

Brussels 2013

Save the date:

The 6th European Public Health Conference will be organised in Brussels, Belgium from 13 to 16 November 2013. The main theme of the conference is:

Health in Europe: are we there yet?

Learning from the past, building the future

2. EUPHA update

EUPHA's 1992-2012 prize contest! Win a dinner with our president!

To celebrate the 20 years of EUPHA, we launched a prize contest in January. All questions are now available at: http://www.eupha.org/site/projects.php?project_page=22.

Please send the 'winning word' to: office@eupha.org by 5 November and have your chance to win a dinner with the EUPHA president.

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



At the end of October 2012, we have 2756 documents included in EUPHApedia, of which 60,6% is abstracts and 36,3% interesting texts. A total of 28 countries have used EUPHApedia to check for information so far.

EUPHA sections

The EUPHA section on Public Health Monitoring and Reporting has a twitter account:

[@PHMRsection](https://twitter.com/PHMRsection)

The website of this section has also been updated at:

http://www.eupha.org/site/section_page.php?section_ref=S_FOR

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

3-year Postdoctoral/Research Fellow Position in health promotion: Rennes, France

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral/research fellow position at the EHESP National School of Public Health (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Santé Publique) in Rennes (France). The fellow will be working under the supervision of the holder of the Chaire Inpes « Promotion de la santé » à l'EHESP and contribute to the development and evaluation of an innovative population health intervention research to address health inequalities. The 3-year project funded by the French National Institute for Cancer (INCa) aims, through a participatory and inter-sectorial approach, to reorient a sub-regional health promotion system in order to address some key social determinants of health. Partnering with national, regional and sub-regional organisations, the EHESP team will provide support (i.e. methodological tools and population needs diagnoses) and training to a group of representatives of NGOs, public health organisations, school and city agencies, etc. in population health strategies to reduce inequalities in health. Evaluation work will adopt a realistic-inspired approach and look at the effect of the program on the population health perspectives of the actors involved and on their activities, practices and decision-making processes.

More information can be found at www.ehesp.fr/jobopenings/ or by contacting: Eric Breton PhD, tel: +33 2 99 02 25 06, Eric.Breton@ehesp.fr

Postdoc in epidemiology : Syddansk University, Esjberg, Denmark

The research areas of the postdoc position must primarily focus on epidemiology in the area of international health research. Planned research activities must be in compliance with the current research areas of the Unit for Health Promotion Research. The position must be filled in as soon as possible.

The postdoc will be expected to teach the SDU public health programs in epidemiology and biostatistics - in particular at the new bachelor program in Health Promotion and Health Education, which the Unit for Health Promotion Research will be running at the Princess Nora Bint Abdul Rahman University (PNU) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The successful candidate for the position must have

- A PhD in public health, epidemiology, biostatistics, or closely related fields,
- Research knowledge in epidemiology and international health research,
- Teaching experience or teaching skills in the respective fields at the bachelor or master level of Public health or similar courses.

Applications will be assessed by an expert committee. Applicants will be individually informed of their assessment. The successful applicant will be appointed for three years. The application – including CV, copies of degree certificates, list of publications, up to 3 publications, and teaching and research plan attached – must be marked “121093” and submitted as Adobe PDF-files to The Faculty of Health Sciences by e-mail to jobs@health.sdu.dk.

The University encourages all interested persons to apply, regardless of age, gender, religious affiliation or ethnic background. However, women applicants might be given priority due to the research unit's participation in the above-mentioned new Saudi Arabian program.

Closing date 6 November, 2012 at 12 noon.

Mark application Job ID 121093 and send it to the Personalekontoret, e-mail: pers@sdu.dk
Further information can be obtained from the Head of the Unit for Health Promotion Research, professor Arja R. Aro, telephone +45 6550 4157, mobile +45 6011 1874, e-mail araro@health.sdu.dk or from the Head of the Institute of Public Health, professor Jesper Bo Nielsen, tel +45 6550 4034, email jbnielsen@health.sdu.dk

Tenure-Track , Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland

The Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, invites applications for a tenure-track position in research on population ageing and its social consequences.

The Faculty of Social Sciences is the most diverse faculty in its field as well as the largest unit focusing on research and teaching in the social sciences in Finland (<http://www.helsinki.fi/socialsciences/>). The tenure-track position will be located in the Department of Social Research (<http://www.helsinki.fi/socialresearch/>), which encompasses the disciplines of sociology, social psychology, social work, media and communication studies, statistics, and social and public policy. The appointee will work within the discipline of sociology, in the specialist option of demography, and as a member of the Centre for Population, Health and Society (CPHS).

The duties of the assistant professor will include research, teaching and supervision of theses and dissertations in the field, as well as involvement in administrative tasks and support, and community relations. The duties also include participation in undergraduate- and postgraduate-level education in demography.

The appointee's previous research, teaching and supervision must relate to the social scientific debate on population aging in the developed countries. He or she must also provide proof of an ability to conduct quantitative research of a high international standard. Special merit will be given for previous research that supplements and connects with one or several themes in which the CPHS research community (<http://blogs.helsinki.fi/cphs-helsinki/>) has solid expertise and know-how. The appointee must have published internationally and is expected to acquire external funding for the research projects under his or her leadership.

Applications must be accompanied by the following English-language documents: a CV, a list of publications, a report on experience and merits relevant to assessing the applicant's teaching skills as well as other documents that may be relevant to the selection; **or**, alternatively, an English-language academic portfolio containing the above-mentioned documents and information (for instructions, see http://www.helsinki.fi/socialsciences/administration/positions/portfolio_english.pdf).

In addition, applicants are requested to enclose with their application a report (max. two pages, in English) on how they intend to develop research in the field, if appointed. Applicants are kindly asked to be ready, upon request from the Faculty, to submit for assessment the 10 publications indicated on their list of publications after the application period. The publications must be submitted via email as PDF files.

Applications addressed to the Faculty of Social Sciences must be delivered, together with the required enclosures, to the following address: Registry of the University of Helsinki, P.O. Box 33 (Yliopistonkatu 4), 00014 University of Helsinki, Finland, or by email to hy-kirjaamo@helsinki.fi. The application period ends on the 30th of November 2012 (The Registry closes at 15.45 local Helsinki time.)

Further information about the position may be obtained from Professor Pekka Martikainen, pekka.martikainen@helsinki.fi, +358 44 286 1946.

Preventive Medicine Call for Population Health Intervention Research Papers

Preventive Medicine in collaboration with Guest Editors Mark Petticrew, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Louise Potvin, Université de Montréal, invite researchers to submit papers on population health intervention research for a themed section of the journal. This themed issue is co-sponsored by Preventive Medicine and the CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health, through the Population Health Intervention Research Initiative for Canada

A working definition of Population Health Intervention Research (PHIR) is:

"...the use of scientific methods to produce knowledge about policy, program, and resource distribution approaches that operate within or outside of the health sector and have the potential to impact health at the population level."

This themed issue will feature conceptual and theoretical papers about the foundations of PHIR, systematic and realist reviews of literature on population health interventions and

related processes/outcomes, and research articles describing the processes and/or results of population health intervention studies using a range of research designs and methods.

We also encourage submissions involving multiple jurisdictions, sectors, disciplines, and communities in high, middle- and low-income countries.

The deadline for submissions is November 30, 2012.

Website: <http://bit.ly/P4Stl4>

4. Interesting News

European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy resigned

On 16 October, European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy resigned following an investigation by OLAF, the EU's antifraud office. Mr Dalli is alleged to try to gain financial advantages from a company in return for seeking to influence a possible future legislative proposal on tobacco products. See: [press release](#) for more information.

Implementing a Public Health Perspective in Research about Vector-borne Infections

The EU-funded EDENext project, 'Biology and Control of Vector-borne Infections in Europe', brings together 46 partner teams from 22 countries to investigate the biological, ecological, epidemiological and social components of vector-borne disease introduction, emergence and spread, and the development of new strategies to control and prevent them. The research is focused on five vector groups: ticks, mosquitos, sandflies, *Culicoides* and rodents. These vertical vector groups are supported by three horizontal groups: modellers to develop predictive models of vector-population dynamics; a data management team to provide reliable data regarding host distribution maps and wind spread models to a broad network of partners and interested groups; and a public health team to determine better public health strategies from the EDENext findings. The entire consortium has committed itself to ensuring their research contributes to public health.

For a better risk governance of vector-borne infections, the public health team has prepared a White Paper, 'Public Health and Vector-Borne Diseases. A New Concept for Risk Governance'. Based on this White Paper, guidelines for working on public health ideas in scientific vector research have been developed. In addition, a public health workshop was held in Montpellier (France) 12th October 2012 in order to implement and integrate public health perspectives into EDENext vector-borne field work and laboratory research, and interpreting the findings. At the workshop keynotes were given by presenters from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the UK Health Protection Agency (HPA) and by the National Dutch Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM). The EDENext public health team is preparing a public health telegram on vector-borne diseases that will regularly report on important findings relevant to public health from the vector groups.

Currently, EDENext seeks to identify meaningful and feasible public health communication strategies based on actual risk perceptions of the human population exposed to the risks.

Special emphasis is being placed on the public health aspects of haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome, caused by hantavirus, transmitted by rodents (examined in France, Finland and Germany), and Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever, transmitted by ticks (examined in Albania and Turkey).

Project website: www.edenext.eu

For EDENext public health team: kerstin.dressel@sine-institut.de

Launch of the Euro Hepatitis Care Index

The European Liver Patients' Association (ELPA) is happy to announce the launch of the Euro Hepatitis Care Index in the context of a high-level multi-stakeholder workshop on 6 November in Brussels, Belgium. Check www.hep-index.eu for more information.

The WFPHA Newsletter is now available online:

<http://www.wfpha.org/online-newsletter/items/wfpha-newsletter-september-2012.html>

Are European projects for us?

As many calls are published now with an autumn/December deadline, we start a blog series on proposal development. We will continue later on with project management phases.

EU projects are excellent chances for organisations to increase their international presence, expand their network base and obtain references on international project participation, all while working toward the common good of the European community. While participating has its advantages, it also has disadvantages. Here are some tips to help organisations decide if the time is right to join e.g. FP7 this last year or Horizon 2020 from 2014.

First, be sure that participating in FP7 fits with the organisation's strategy. It is not worth expending the effort in participating in a project if the project will not benefit the company or is in the future interests of the company. Participating in any FP7 project has advantages, but it also has costs and therefore the project must be beneficial to the organisation.

Make sure the project has a clear focus and can be implemented with relative ease. If the project requires huge investments, make sure the rewards / results will be worth the extra effort.

Taking on new staff in order to run a project is always a great way to increase organisational capacity and is an eligible cost under FP7. An organisation may have the financial resources to participate in a project, but may lack the human resources.

Participating in an FP7 project requires an organisation's own contribution. The funding rates for the Community programmes have increased, but in order to participate an organisation must have the financial capability to implement the project, as the funding rates are typically not 100%. In general an organisation is required to contribute between 25% and 50% depending on the type of funding scheme and participating organisation. Be sure the organisation can cover its contribution!

Become familiar with the entire process, from proposal development to project implementation to final reporting. Participation in an FP7 project is no light-hearted effort.

It takes a lot of time, effort, continuous planning and careful implementation and reporting. If an organisation cannot fully commit to the project in terms of required time and delivery, it should reconsider participation. Beginning with the proposal, the more detail and planned a proposal is, the fewer problems the consortium will have during negotiations and implementation.

More information on Europa Media Ltd on. <https://www.eustrainingsite.com/>

5. EUPHA member updates

Kazakhstan Public Health Association

Has changed its name to: the Central Asian Public Health Association and has elected a new president: Dr. Zhanna Kalmatayeva

Society for Social Medicine in Finland

Has appointed a new secretary:

Reetta Lehto

Folkhälsan Research Center

e-mail: [sihteeri\[@\]socialmedicine.fi](mailto:sihteeri[@]socialmedicine.fi)

French Society of Public Health

Has launched an open consultation on actions to overcome health inequalities. Reactions are possible until 11 November 2012.

Consultation ouverte « Partageons nos expériences pour agir sur les inégalités sociales de santé »

Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SITI)

Has appointed a new secretary general from this October

Dr. Maria Chironna (m.chironna@igiene.uniba.it; maria.chironna@uniba.it)

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 education database »medicine & health«. It contains international courses, master programmes and conferences in the field of medicine and international health. Due to the large number and variety of training events the education 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: 3rd International Conference and Members' Meeting
Date: 06-07 December 2012
Place: Krakow, Poland
Organizer: European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR).
More info: <http://euspr.org>

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: MSc in Research for Public Policy and Practice
Date: January or September start
Place: Online and face-to-face in London
Organizer: EPPI-Centre, Institute of Education, University of London
More info: <http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/msc>

Title: Statistical Methods for Epidemiology
Date: 14 and 15 January 2013
Place: University of Bern, 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: Participative research and policy
Date: 16 January to 30 April 2013
Place: Online
Organizer: EPPI-Centre, Institute of Education, University of London
More info: <http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/msc/prp>

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://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/professional-postgraduate/travellers-health.html>

Title: Introduction to the Statistical Software R
Date: 13 - 14 February 2013
Place: University of Basel, SwissTPH, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en
Title: Conducting Qualitative Research in Health: An Introduction to Qualitative Data Analysis
Date: 18 - 20 February 2013
Place: University of Basel, SwissTPH, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

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-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: 1st Arab world Conference on public health
Date: 4-6 April 2013
Place: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Organiser: WFPHA and Dubai Health Authority
More info: www.wfpha.org

Title: Analysis of Data with Measurements Below the Detection Limit
Date: 06 - 08 May 2013
Place: University of Basel, SwissTPH, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: Annual Conference of the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)
Date: 22 -25 May 2013
Place: Ghent, Belgium
Organiser: ISBNPA
More info: www.isbnpa2013.org

Title: Multilevel Modeling: Analysis of Clustered Data
Date: 22-24 and 27-28 May 2013
Place: University of Basel, SwissTPH, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: Ecole d'été: Méthodes et techniques en santé publique et épidémiologie
Date: 23 May -7 June 2013
Place: Bordeaux, France
Organiser: ISPED
More info: www.isped.u-bordeaux2.fr

Title: 14th Congress of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE)
Date: 5-8 June 2013
Place: Leipzig, Germany
More info: <http://ifpe2013.org/>

Title: How to plan successfully?
Date: 17 June - 5 July 2013
Place: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel/Switzerland
More info: <http://www.swisstph.ch/en/teaching/professional-postgraduate/how-to-plan-successfully-a-focus-on-priority-setting-resource-allocation-and-strategic-planning.html>

Title: EHMA 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: What healthcare can we afford? Better, quicker, lower cost health services
Date: 26-28 June 2013
Place: Milano, Italy
Organiser: EHMA
More info: www.ehma.org

Title: 22nd ETC-PHHP Summer Course 2013 Building Bridges – Creating Synergy For Health
Date: 14-26 July 2013
Place: Girona, Spain
Organiser: European Training Consortium in Public Health and Health Promotion (ETC-PHHP)
More info: www.etc-summerschool.eu
Deadline: for Applications: 12th April 2013

Title: 2013 European Congress of Epidemiology
Date: 11-14 August 2013
Place: Aarhus, Denmark
Organiser: IEA
More info: www.euroepi2013.org

Title: 3rd International Public Health Nursing Conference
Making the Difference: The Public Health Nursing Contribution to Primary Health Care'
Date: 25-27 August 2013
Place: Galway, Ireland
Organiser: Institute of Community Health Nursing (ICHN),
More info: www.iphnc2013.com

7. Interesting publications

Global tuberculosis report 2012
World Health Organization WHO - October 2012
Website: <http://bit.ly/XxBHqU>
Full report PDF [282p.] at: <http://bit.ly/R8k4dT>

Toward a new biology of social adversity
W. Thomas Boyce Marla B. Sokolowski and Gene E. Robinson
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/WoSZs8>

Rigor, vigor, and the study of health disparities

Nancy Adler, Nicole R. Bush, and Matthew S. Pantell

Edited by Gene E. Robinson, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, Urbana, IL

PNAS October 16, 2012 vol. 109 no. Supplement 2 17154-17159

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/TvsnQ5>

**Systems thinking for health systems strengthening in low- and middle-income countries
LMICs: seizing the opportunity**

Guest Editors: Taghreed Adam, Don de Savigny,

Health, Policy and Planning - Volume 27 suppl 4 October 2012

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

**Socioeconomic inequalities in risk factors for non communicable diseases
in low-income and middle income countries: results from the World Health Survey**

Ahmad Reza Hosseinpoor et al.

BMC Public Health - October 28, 2012 - doi:10.1186/1471-2458-12-912

Available online PDF [27p.] at: <http://bit.ly/RrUi4W>

Innovative Cities: Key Challenges for Latin American and Caribbean Cities

A report for the Organization of American States OAS from OXFORD Economics 2012

Available online PDF file [17p.] at: <http://bit.ly/P6hSWA>

Social Epidemiology - Questionable Answers and Answerable Questions

Sam Harper and Erin Strumpf,

Epidemiology: November 2012 - Volume 23 - Issue 6

Website: <http://bit.ly/Rk2pk6>

**The Economist - Special report: The world economy
For richer, for poorer**

The Economist Oct 13th 2012 <http://econ.st/QNGakg>

**Implementing evidence-based programmes in children's services:
key issues for success**

Meg Wiggins, Helen Austerberry & Harriet Ward

Childhood Wellbeing Research Centre – Department of Education UK 2012

Available online PDF [52p.] at: <http://bit.ly/SdPv8L>

Global health and national borders: the ethics of foreign aid in a time of financial crisis

Mira Johri , Ryoa Chung , Angus Dawson and Ted Schrecker

Globalization and Health 2012, 8:19 doi:10.1186/1744-8603-8-19

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/T1ppCe>

**Intersectoral Governance for Health in All Policies
Structures, actions and experiences**

Edited by David V. McQueen et al.

World Health Organization 2012, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Available online PDF [221p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Qjs4II>

**Closing the health equity gap: evidence-based strategies for primary health care
organizations**

Annette J Browne et al.

International Journal for Equity in Health - 13 October 2012

Available online PDF [29p.] at: <http://bit.ly/RuEqgN>

Measuring progress on NCDs: one goal and five targets

Robert Beaglehole et al.

The Lancet, Volume 380, Issue 9850, 13 October 2012

Website: <http://bit.ly/Qi3icN>

Universal health coverage: does anything go? No

Joseph Kutzin - World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

Published online: 10 October 2012

Bulletin of the World Health Organization - Article ID: BLT.12.113654

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/RmhYq7>

WHO-UNICEF led global thematic consultation on health in the post-2015 development agenda

Website: <http://bit.ly/W7AU00>

Inclusive and sustainable development: challenges, opportunities, policies and partnerships

Two challenge papers by Andrew Norton and Andrew Rogerson

Overseas Development Institute, ODI September 2012

Available online PDF [28p.] at: <http://bit.ly/SMEKwv>

Horizontal equity in health care utilization in Brazil, 1998–2008

James Macinko¹ and Maria Fernanda Lima-Costa²

International Journal for Equity in Health 2012

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

Depression A Global Public Health Concern

Developed by Marina Marcus, M. Taghi Yasamy, Mark van Ommeren, and Dan Chisholm, Shekhar Saxena

WHO Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse – <http://bit.ly/T5tK7J>

Promoting Active Transportation: An Opportunity for Public Health

The American Public Health Association APHA – 2012

The Safe Routes to School National Partnership

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through funding from the Healthy Community

Design Initiative within the National Center for Environmental Health.

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

Jobs -- The World Development Report 2013

The World Bank – October 2012

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

Complete report 49MB PDF [420p.] at: <http://bit.ly/O5mndD>

Health System Assessment Approach: A How-To Manual

Partners for Health Reformplus (PHRplus) and Health Systems 20/20 projects, with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Version 2.0 in 2012. available online URL: <http://bit.ly/SuoePS>

PDF [409p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Qj4DQk>

Flourishing, feelings, and fitness: An evolutionary perspective on health capability In A. Poiani (Ed.) -Pragmatic Evolution: Practical Applications of Evolutionary theory

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (pp. 188-210) -Chisholm, J.S. 2011

James S. Chisholm,

Available as PDF [12p] at: <http://bit.ly/SFs35T>

Why do we care about evidence synthesis? An introduction to the special issue on systematic reviews

Howard White & Hugh Waddington

Journal of Development Effectiveness

Volume 4, Issue 3, 2012 -Special Issue: Special Issue on Systematic Reviews

Original Articles at: <http://bit.ly/SxNcJK>

Promoting Social Mobility

James J. Heckman

His article is based in part on his paper “Schools, Skills, and Synapses.” <http://bit.ly/Q9nzkf>

**Who Sets the Global Health Research Agenda?
The Challenge of Multi-Bi Financing**

Devi Sridhar,

PLoS Med 9(9): e1001312. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001312 - September 25, 2012

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

8. European Commission news

The European Commission has issued a call for the expression of interest for experts to join its multisectoral and independent expert panel which will advise the Commission on effective ways of investing in health.

Detailed information on the expert panel which has been set up by Commission Decision 2012/C198/06 can be found at the following internet site:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2012:198:0007:0011:EN:PDF>

Members of the panel will be appointed by the Commission on the basis of their expertise in one or more of the following fields of competence: health planning and budget prioritisation, health services research, hospital and health care management, healthcare provision and health education and promotion as described in detail in Annex I of Decision 2012/C198/06.

The Commission will seek to collectively cover the widest possible range of disciplines.

Members will be appointed for a three-year period, and may serve up to three consecutive terms.

More information on the application procedure and the application form are available at the following address:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/healthcare/consultations/call_expertpanel_healthinnovation_en.htm

Please note that only online applications submitted via the above address will be eligible.

Closing date to submit your application: 23 November 2012

- **Ageing**

[European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing : First Conference of Partners, 6 November 2012 - Draft programme available](#)

- **Alcohol**

[4th Open Alcohol and Health Forum, 23 November 2012 in Brussels, highlights multi-stakeholder initiatives to address alcohol-related harm](#)

- **Blood, tissues and organs**

[Midday express: One step further in cross-border organ traceability](#)

[Commission Implementing Directive laying down information procedures for the exchange, between Member States, of human organs intended for transplantation](#)

[Third Journalist Workshop on Organ donation and transplantation, Brussels, 9 October 2012 - Facts and figures](#)

[2012 Journalist Workshop on organ donation and transplantation - Read the first articles!](#)

- **Communicable diseases**

[Legislation on Communicable diseases updated](#)

[Novel coronavirus: ECDC has issued a rapid risk assessment](#)

- **eHealth**

[New page on eHealth Network](#)

- **EU Health Prize for Journalists**

[EU Health Prize for Journalists: National winners 2012 announced](#)

- **Healthcare**
Commission opens Call for Experts to provide advice on effective ways of investing in health (Deadline is 23 November 2012)
- **Health indicators**
European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) updates reflected on ECHI #21a, 23a, 26a, 27a, 42, 44, 49, 50, 57, 58, 59, 60
New ECHI indicator on Medicine use for 5 diseases (# 74)
New ECHI indicator on Blood pressure by gender and educational level (ECHI # 43)
Indicators on communicable diseases (See ECHI # 18) updated with 2009 data and EU27 aggregates
- **Health programme**
List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated
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- **Nutrition and physical activity**
Plenary meeting of the EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity & Health, Brussels, 20 September 2012
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Health-EU Newsletter 97 - Childhood immunisation: safe and effective prevention
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Epidemiological and microbiological investigation of a large outbreak of monophasic Salmonella Typhimurium 4,5,12:i:- in schools associated with imported beef in Poitiers, France, October 2010

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<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20295>

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Surveillance of travel-associated gastrointestinal infections in Norway, 2009–2010: are they all actually imported? <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20294>

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Sequence-based typing of Legionella pneumophila serogroup 1 clinical isolates from Belgium between 2000 and 2010

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10. WHO publications

What we've achieved together: report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the European Region in 2010–2011

Soon available in French, German and Russian.

In her first report as WHO Regional Director for Europe, Zsuzsanna Jakab describes what has been achieved in 2010–2011 by combining the forces of the WHO Regional Office for Europe and its 53 Member States, to address the gaps in health and health-system development within and between countries, epidemiological changes such as the epidemic of noncommunicable diseases in Europe, and the challenges of the financial crisis, and to take the opportunities offered by the value given to health as a driver of growth, the strength of the scientific knowledge base and developments in information technology.

For more information about the book and a link to the electronic version check:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/what-weve-achieved-together-report-of-the-regional-director-on-the-work-of-who-in-the-european-region-in-20102011>

Young and physically active: a blueprint for making physical activity appealing to youth

(By Paul Kelly, Anne Matthews and Charlie Foster)

Scientific evidence shows that physical inactivity is a leading risk factor for ill health, going well beyond issues related to weight control and influencing both physical and mental well-being. Over the past few years, the promotion of physical activity has increasingly been recognized in Europe as a priority for public health, and many countries have responded by developing policies and interventions.

To support Member States' efforts, the WHO Regional Office for Europe has developed a blueprint for making physical activity appealing to young people. It is intended to be a resource for physical-activity promoters, with a focus on supportive urban environments and settings where children and young people live, study and play.

This report outlines the blueprint, its development and suggested next steps. This publication arises from the Networking for Physical Activity project, which has been co-funded by the European Union in the framework of the Health Programme 2008–2013.

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/young-and-physically-active-a-blueprint-for-making-physical-activity-appealing-to-youth>

New Publications Issued By WHO – October 2012

We are pleased to provide you with the list of WHO information products recently released.

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Please note that our new Autumn 2012 Catalogue of WHO Information Products is now available online:

British Medical Association Medical Book Awards 2012. The following EURO publication has been "highly commended" in the public health category: [Burden of Disease from Environmental Noise, as well as the following UNAIDS book: UNAIDS at 30](#)

[Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases: Guidelines for Primary Health Care in Low Resource Settings](#)

The primary goal of the guideline is to improve the quality of care and the outcome in people with type 2 diabetes in low-resource settings. The guideline provides a basis for development of simple algorithms for management of diabetes with essential medicines and technology available in first-contact health services in low-resource settings.

[WHO Application of ICD-10 to Deaths during Pregnancy, Childbirth and Puerperium. ICD-MM](#)

This classification is based upon the 10th revision of the ICD (ICD-10) and its coding rules. It is intended to facilitate the consistent collection, analysis and interpretation of information on maternal deaths.

[Animal Waste, Water Quality and Human Health](#)

Prepared with contributions from a group of international experts, this book considers microbial contamination from domestic animal and bird sources and explores the health hazards associated with this microbial contamination and approaches to protecting public health.

[WHO Recommendations for the Prevention and Treatment of Postpartum Haemorrhage](#)

The primary objective of this guideline is to provide a foundation for the strategic policy and programme development needed to ensure the sustainable implementation of effective interventions for reducing the global burden of PPH.

[Research Priorities for Zoonoses and Marginalized Infections](#)

This report provides a review and analysis of the research landscape for zoonoses and marginalised infections which affect poor populations, and a list of research priorities to support disease control.

[Bulgaria](#)

[Cyprus](#)

The Health Systems in Transition (HiT) series consists of country-based reviews that provide a detailed description of a health system and of reform and policy initiatives in progress or under development in a specific country.

[Governance for Health in the 21st Century](#)

This study tracks recent governance innovations to address the priority determinants of health and categorizes them into five strategic approaches to smart governance for health.

[Public Health Laboratories for Alert and Response](#)

The purpose of this guidance document is to assist Member States in establishing a public health diagnostic laboratory network to support surveillance activities and enhance rapid detection and response to emerging infectious disease outbreaks.

[Securing Regional Health through APSED. Building Sustainable Capacity for Managing Emerging Diseases and Public Health Events](#)

This report summarizes the progress of APSED (2010) implementation in the Western Pacific Region by documenting key achievements, activities and challenges for each of the eight focus areas for the period January 2011 to June 2012.

[HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections in the Western Pacific Region](#)

This report documents the achievements and challenges of the Region's health sector response to the epidemic over the past decade.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 90, No. 10, 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.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

[Dispositifs médicaux : comment résoudre d'inadéquation?](#)

Ce rapport montre que l'application de la règle des " quatre critères " (disponibilité - accessibilité pratique-adéquation -accessibilité économique) aux 15 maladies à forte charge de morbidité mondiale et à certains problèmes transversaux permet de définir une stratégie pour améliorer l'accès à des dispositifs médicaux appropriés.

LIBROS EN ESPAÑOL

[Control de las leishmaniasis](#)

En el presente informe se ofrecen recomendaciones sobre los nuevos regímenes terapéuticos para las leishmaniasis visceral y cutánea y sobre el uso de las pruebas diagnósticas rápidas.

[Dispositivos médicos: la gestión de la discordancia](#)

En el presente informe se explica el diseño de un programa de mejora del acceso a unos dispositivos médicos idóneos aplicando los cuatro componentes cruciales ,la disponibilidad, la accesibilidad, la idoneidad y la asequibilidad, a las 15 enfermedades con mayor morbilidad mundial y algunas cuestiones transversales.

[Evaluación de las necesidades de dispositivos médicos](#)

El objetivo principal del presente documento es proporcionar orientación a los Estados Miembros para un planteamiento metodológico, así como instrumentos, referencias y ejemplos para una correcta evaluación de su situación actual y sus necesidades futuras en materia de tecnologías sanitarias.

[Formulación de políticas sobre dispositivos médicos](#)

La finalidad del presente documento es concienciar sobre la importancia de elaborar y aplicar políticas sobre tecnologías sanitarias, que abarcan elementos relativos a su reglamentación, gestión y evaluación, en el contexto de un plan nacional de salud.

[Evaluación de tecnologías sanitarias aplicada a los dispositivos médicos](#)

En el presente documento, se establecen los antecedentes del concepto y el programa de ETS en todo el mundo, y se destaca el hecho de que la ETS contribuye al proceso de formulación de políticas y a la toma de decisiones con fundamento, especialmente para los países en desarrollo y emergentes.

[Guía de recursos para el proceso de adquisición](#)

En este documento se citan y resumen las directrices publicadas sobre adquisición de tecnologías sanitarias, y se proporcionan las referencias correspondientes.

[Donaciones de dispositivos médicos: consideraciones relativas a su solicitud y suministro](#)

En el presente documento se examinan las dificultades y retos que conlleva la donación de dispositivos médicos y presenta consideraciones y buenas prácticas que pueden ser útiles a la hora de realizar y solicitar donaciones.

[Introducción a la gestión de inventarios de equipo médico](#)

La finalidad del presente documento es exponer aspectos generales de los inventarios de tecnologías sanitarias que ayuden a las personas interesadas que trabajan en este sector a conocer mejor esta disciplina.

[Introducción al programa de mantenimiento de equipos médicos](#)

El objetivo de este documento es proporcionar información sobre los componentes de un programa eficaz de mantenimiento de equipos médicos.

[Sistema computarizado de gestión del mantenimiento](#)

El presente documento tiene como finalidad proporcionar a los profesionales de la atención sanitaria, en concreto a ingenieros biomédicos y clínicos, un instrumento de orientación para la adopción y puesta en práctica de un método computarizado de gestión del sistema de mantenimiento.

BOOKS IN RUSSIAN[Medical Devices: Managing the Mismatch \(RUSSIAN\)](#)

This report suggests how an agenda to improve access to appropriate medical devices could be devised from applying the crucial 4 components - Availability, Accessibility, Appropriateness, and Affordability, to the 15 global high-burden diseases and some cross-cutting issues.