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1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2010: Amsterdam, The Netherlands – Integrated Public Health

EUPHA and ASPHER are pleased to invite you to the 3rd joint European Public Health Conference combining the 18th annual EUPHA meeting and the 32nd annual meeting of ASPHER. The conference will be organised from 10 to 13 November in Amsterdam by the Netherlands Public Health Federation (NPHF). The main theme of the conference is Integrated public health. This conference is a good example of European collaboration. We have a number of very active partners and associates, including the European Public Health Alliance, the European Commission, WHO/EURO, the European Society for Quality in Health Care, the Open Society Institute, the European Society for Prevention Research. A large number of European projects have submitted abstracts. Please note that the deadline to submit your abstracts expires on **SATURDAY 1 MAY at midnight**.

Please find regularly updated information on: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

Important deadlines:

1 May 2010 **Deadline for the submission of abstracts**
3 May 2010 **Registration for the conference is now online**

Pre-conference: Prevention Science, an “outsider inside” Public Health

This pre-conference workshop is dedicated to the constitution of the European Society for Prevention Research (www.euspr.org); a scientific organization with a mission to promote quality and visibility of European research targeting behavioural determinants of health. In the workshop's first session (Wednesday afternoon) keynote lectures and discussions on this theme will take place. The second session (Thursday morning) will focus on issues of organization and action-taking for the EU-SPR.

The workshop is open to scientists, practitioners and decision-makers in this public health area regardless of their participation in the EUPHA conference. Detailed information including the meeting's agenda will be available closer to the date. For more information visit www.euspr.org

2. EUPHA news

EUPHA is looking for:

We would like to invite you to assist EUPHA in the search for a new president-elect and a new treasurer. This search has been prepared by our Advisory Nominations Committee (ANC).

The ANC has an advisory function to the Governing Board. The ANC consists of 3 Governing Board members, 1 Executive council member and 1 member from the Past Presidents Committee. For 2009-2010, the ANC consists of the following members:

- Finn Kamper-Jorgensen, Denmark (chair)
- Zuzana Katreniakova, Slovakia
- Nicola Nante, Italy
- Stan Tarkowski, Executive Council
- Horst Noack, Past Presidents Committee

EUPHA President-elect:

According to the new statutes of EUPHA the governing council of EUPHA in 2009 elected Prof. Walter Ricciardi, Italy, as new EUPHA president for the period November 2010 to November 2012. The ANC has been mandated to look for the EUPHA president for 2012-2014. The president-elect will join the Executive Council as of November 2010 and will continue after 2014 as past president until 2016. Please note that it is also possible to re-elect a president for a second term.

The ANC invites EUPHA members to nominate 1-2 candidates by the 15th of May 2010. The ANC then will analyse the candidates and make a shortlist by June 2010. After discussion with the Executive Council, the ANC will inform the Governing Board of the shortlist and will circulate information. The Governing Board will elect the incoming president at their meeting in November 2010.

The ANC has elaborated a preferred profile for EUPHA president candidates:

- Familiarity with EUPHA organisation, activities and objectives;
- High visibility in European public health, with recognized expertise in at least one of the four pillars (research, policy, practice and training/education);
- Excellent networking ability;
- Capacity to motivate and cooperate;
- Willingness and availability to spend approximately 10-12 days per year in Utrecht/Brussels;
- Commitment to support the organizational and financial development of EUPHA.

EUPHA treasurer:

The ANC has also been mandated to look for the EUPHA treasurer for the period 2011-2014 (with the possibility to re nomination until 2016). The treasurer will join the Executive Council as of November 2010. The ANC invites EUPHA members to nominate 1-2 candidates by the 15th of May 2010. The ANC then will analyse the candidates and make a shortlist by June 2010. After discussion with the Executive Council, the ANC will inform the Governing Board of the shortlist and will circulate information. The Governing Board will elect the incoming treasurer at their meeting in November 2010.

The ANC has elaborated a preferred profile for EUPHA treasurer candidates:

- Familiarity with EUPHA organisation, activities and objectives;
- Interest in financial issues;
- Experience in fundraising;
- Ready to take the political responsibility for EUPHA finances
- Commitment to be an active member of the EUPHA Executive Council;
- Willing and able to spend 10-12 days per year on EUPHA activities and meetings.

Please send your candidate(s) name and short CV by 15th of May 2010 to: office@eupha.org

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Postdoctoral Research Fellow - Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Postdoctoral Research Fellow: Health Law - Institute of Health Policy and Management. Applications are invited for a Post-doctoral Research Fellow to join a NWO (Dutch Scientific Council)-funded research project to study the role of International/European trade law on Dutch health insurance. Experience in areas related to International and European trade law and health law is essential, and expertise in Dutch health law is highly desirable. You will join an active research team studying the concept of health law from a national and international perspective.

The objectives of the study are to examine the influence of international law on organizing and financing (Dutch) social health insurance law, in particular when introducing forms of competition in public health services. Therefore, this research explores the legal foundation of the WTO's and EU's trade in services policy, when liberalizing health insurance services. The comparison aims to present a common framework of the law of the WTO and the EU defining the scope of public services immunity under treaty law.

You will have a PhD in a relevant area, with a legal background. You should be an enthusiastic and well-motivated scientist, a good teamworker.

The post is available immediately for a period up to two years with an estimated start date of 1 July 2010.

For job description and to apply on-line: <http://www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl/Vacancy/>
Application deadline: 1 June 2010.

Lecturer in European Health Policy - London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Department of Public Health & Policy

We are seeking an enthusiastic full-time researcher to join ECOHOST to work on an EU funded project on cross-border health care within the European Union.

This post provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant to be involved in high profile research. It will involve liaising with a network of national and international partners to ensure high quality data acquisition, carrying out analyses, writing reports, and supporting further grant applications. The post is full time for 3 years. Salary will be in the range £41,312 to £47,313 including London weighting.

Applications should be made on-line via our website at <http://jobs.lshtm.ac.uk> The reference for this post is MMCK08. Applications should also include a CV and the names and email contacts of 2 referees who can be contacted immediately if shortlisted. Closing date for applications is midnight 17 May 2010. Any queries regarding the application process may be addressed to jobs@lshtm.ac.uk Please quote reference MMCK08.

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Applications should be made on-line via our website at <http://jobs.lshtm.ac.uk> The reference for this post is MMCK09. Applications should also include a CV and the names and email contacts of 2 referees who can be contacted immediately if shortlisted. Closing date for applications is midnight 17 May 2010. Any queries regarding the application process may be addressed to jobs@lshtm.ac.uk Please quote reference MMCK09.

UNICEF Office in Skopje

would like to invite experienced international experts to apply for conducting the following survey: Technical Assistance to the Institute for Public Health – Conducting National Nutrition (Micronutrient) Survey.

Contract Duration: 9 months

Purpose of assignment: To support the Institute for Public Health (IPH) to develop and implement a nutrition survey among women in reproductive age (15-49 years) and children under five.

For more details please go to:

http://www.unicef.org/tfymacedonia/12156_14113.html

EPOS Postgraduate Public Health Scholarship

The EPOS Postgraduate Public Health Scholarship is for a young professional from a developing country to undertake a Master degree programme in Public Health / Management of Health Systems / Management of Health Facilities and Services at a University in Europe.

The EPOS Postgraduate Public Health Scholarship has been established in 2010 to coincide with EPOS Health Management's 25th Corporate anniversary. The scholarship highlights EPOS' commitment to development cooperation that aims to contribute to the long term capacity building and sustainability of public health systems in developing countries. The scholarship will cover: A) Tuition fees; B) Monthly living allowances up to € 1,000; C) Two return economy tickets for home travel.

Full scholarship information and application procedures can be found at:

<http://www.epos.de/EPOS-Postgraduate-Public-Health-Scholars.1279.0.html?&L=1>

Following a participatory approach, EPOS has implemented during the last 20 years, over 290 projects in nearly 75 countries in the areas of: Health Policy and Financing, Integrated Primary Health Care and Health Facilities and Services

Being part of the GOPA Group, EPOS belongs to one of the strongest consulting groups in Europe.

Call for research proposals from civil society organizations (CSOs):

The WHO Scientific Resource Group on Equity Analysis and Research together with the Global Forum for Health Research and People's Health Movement just opened a call for research proposals from civil society organizations (CSOs) on the theme: "*Advancing health equity through research and practice – identifying what works to reduce health inequities*".

The call is available at: <http://bit.ly/bvtCN3> . Deadline for receipt of entries is 23 May 2010.

Civil Society Organizations CSOs interested in evaluating the interventions they implemented and their impacts both on health outcomes and on health equity are invited to submit research proposals.

The interventions (including policies, programmes, etc) to be evaluated need to address social, economic and political determinants of health. Submission of proposals dealing with interventions and research projects already in progress is strongly encouraged. The application should be emailed as a Word or PDF document to sylvie.olifson@globalforumhealth.org.

In the header of the email, please put "*CSOs advancing health equity*". Receipt of applications will be confirmed by e-mail. The deadline for submission is 23 May 2010.

Call for application for external PhD fellows at CAPHRI

Department of International Health (INTHEALTH), School for Public Health and Primary Care (CAPHRI), Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, PhD network for Southeast Europe (PhD-SEE)

The Department of International Health (INTHEALTH) is the coordinating centre of the *Public Health Research Network for Southeast Europe (PHR-Net)*. Through this call, INTHEALTH invites candidates from Southeast European (SEE) countries (namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia) to apply for 5 (five) external PhD positions at the School for Public Health and Primary Care (CAPHRI), Maastricht University, The Netherlands.

The aim of this call is to offer research possibilities, which would ultimately materialize in PhD defences, to talented and motivated SEE public health professionals who can not leave their countries for work or family reasons, but nevertheless wish to combine work, research and public health practice. This philosophy is in line with the mission and vision of the PHR-Net which, through the support of Maastricht University, is seeking for effective and efficient solutions for reconstructing and strengthening public health research capacities in SEE countries.

Features of the external PhD track at CAPHRI

Successful candidates may obtain the PhD degree after 4 years from the start of their PhD work. End-terms for acquiring the PhD title are made clear from the start of the PhD track and are communicated to the PhD fellows by the (co-)promoters and the PhD coordinator. A provisional publication plan is made in the first three months, and is regularly updated by the PhD fellows and (co-)promoters. Each PhD thesis defended at CAPHRI consists of at least 5 high quality papers (in which the PhD fellow is the first author) that have been submitted to international scientific journals. At least 3 papers have to be accepted for publication at the time of graduation. Apart from a successful defence of the PhD thesis, the Training and Supervision Plan has to be completed successfully to show one has become a well-equipped researcher. The topic of the PhD will be chosen by the candidate and preferably should be in line with the work they are currently doing in their home countries in agreement, however, with the (co-)promoters. PhD topics related to the work of INTHEALTH are also possible. In principle, external PhD fellows are not required to attend additional courses at Maastricht University. Nevertheless, all the external PhD fellows will be invited 2-3 times per year for various lectures/courses which will be tailored in accordance with their needs and preferences. Partial funding for these meetings will be made available by INTHEALTH. The external PhD track at CAPHRI grants to the successful candidates full access to the online University Library (both, Medical and Health sciences) at their home countries for the whole duration of the PhD program. All steps of the research work (including data collection, data analysis and subsequently writing of the thesis and scientific articles) are conducted at applicants' home countries under online supervision of INTHEALTH and CAPHRI (co-)promoters, as well as local supervisor(s). External PhD fellows do not receive wages or other forms of reimbursement from CAPHRI.

Core criteria for selection of applicants – Interested candidates should submit the following documents (please scan all documents and send as e-mail attachments to the following address:

anita.creusen@inthealth.unimaas.nl):

- A letter of motivation
- A short description of the suggested PhD topic

- Curriculum Vitae
- A copy of the Bachelor degree
- A copy of the Master degree (MSc, MPH, MBA, MA, or equivalent degrees), English language proficiency
- Two letters of reference from renowned professors at applicants' home countries.

Preferential criteria – preference will be given to the following candidates:

- Quality of the proposed topic
- Work experience in public health education, research and practice
- Publications in international scientific journals
- Other relevant certificates/proofs

For further questions regarding the application procedures and selection criteria, please contact Genc Burazeri at: genc.burazeri@inthealth.unimaas.nl.

Deadline for submission of the documents is Friday, May 14, 2010.

Decision about acceptance will be done until May 21, 2010.

The first meeting of the PhD-SEE network will take place in Maastricht, The Netherlands, and is scheduled for the week 07.06.2010 – 11.06.2010.

4. Interesting news

Symposium "Life Long learning in Health - Maastricht University The Netherlands

Friday June 11, 2010

We are pleased to announce the symposium on 'Life Long learning in Health' at Maastricht University, The Netherlands. The symposium is a joint effort of the Department of Educational Development and Research and the Department of International Health at the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences of Maastricht University in honour of Dr. Jos Moust and Drs. André Meijer, who will both retire in 2010. The topics addressed during this day include: Problem-based Learning; Generic Competencies and Competencies for Public Health; Instructional Design for Life Long Learning; and Positioning Life Long Learning in the Educational Market.

In the event that you will attend the symposium, please contact Mrs. Lilian Swaen at the following email address: l.swaen@educ.unimaas.nl

For detailed information please visit the homepage of the Department of International Health at <http://inthealth.eu/>

DG Sanco news

DG Sanco's Director General, Robert Madelin, was moved to a different position after six years at the head of the Directorate. He is replacing Fabio Colasanti as Director General for Information Society and Media. Ms. Paola Testori-Coggi, previously Deputy Director General for DG Sanco has been promoted to Director General.

EuroSafe - European Association for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

Its our pleasure to provide you with [Alert Vol 5, issue 2](#), with a Focus article on 'Child Safety Action Plan (CSAP): Update project impact 2004-2010'. If you have any news you would like to include in the next issue please forward this to the attention of Joke Broekhuizen (secretariat@eurosafe.eu.com).

New EuSANH website online



During the last couple of months, the SHC has been working on the development of the new EuSANH website. The new website contains much more information on EuSANH as well as a link to the members page on Sinapse, a calendar and the possibility to subscribe to the newsletter. To discover the new website in more detail, we kindly invite you to visit www.eusanh.eu! Please send your comments and suggestions on this newsletter to ellen.vanhoof@health.fgov.be

The EuSANH-ISA project is supported by funding under the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community.

The European Patients' Forum (EPF) Update



The European Patients' Forum (EPF), the leading umbrella organisation of patient organisations active in the field of public health and health advocacy is pleased to announce that their April issue of the EPF mailing is now available at [EPF Website](#). Find out the latest developments and information on Pharmaceuticals Package, Clinical Trials Directive and Cross Border Healthcare from a patient perspective. The mailing also includes information on current EU projects and the latest news from the Secretariat. All previous issues are available at www.eu-patient.eu/publications

Directory of Grants and Fellowships in the Global Health Sciences

Fogarty International Center - National Institutes of Health, NIH, Bethesda, MD USA

Website: http://www.fic.nih.gov/funding/directory_fellowships.htm

A comprehensive compilation of international funding opportunities in biomedical and behavioral research, separated by category.

5. EUPHA member of the month – Netherlands Public Health Federation

Website: www.nphf.nl/

The Nederlandse Public Health Federatie (NPHF) is an umbrella organisation for public health institutes, funds, associations, etc. in the Netherlands. The NPHF was established in August 2000 with the specific aims to promote and protect public health and to unite the field of public health in the Netherlands.

Main activities of the NPHF are:

- Public health advocacy.
- Organising an annual conference on public health. This year, the conference was organised on Prevention and care: achieving a better balance, which took place on 8-9 April in Rotterdam. There were about 900 participants.
- The 'Healthy Lunch'. This activity is linked to World Health day of WHO and was organised this year by Actiz (health care insurers) with the theme: Care and prevention: from the concept of illness to the concept of health.

And of course in 2010, the main activities include the co-organisation of the 3rd European Public Health Conference in Amsterdam (10-13 November 2010).

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: Priority Setting in Difficult Economic Times
Date: 23-25 April 2010

Place: Boston, US
Organiser: The International Society on Priorities in Health Care
More information: <http://www.organizational-services.com/priorities2010/>

Title: Quality of care for people with complex chronic diseases: new opportunities and challenges

Date: 1 June 2010
Place: Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: Andalusian School of Public Health (EASP)
More information: info@opimec.org

Title: Chronic disease: balancing on the tightrope of health

Date: 4 June 2010
Place: Nijmegen, The Netherlands
Organiser: NCEBP and CaRe
More information: www.umcn.nl/Research/ResearchInstitutes/NCEBP/symposium/Pages/default.aspx

Title: Inequalities in Health and Health Care

Date: 7 to 11 June 2010
Place: Geneva, Switzerland
Organiser: University of Geneva and The Foundation Swiss School of Public Healthplus
Deadline: Registration: 22 May 2010 at phdcourses.hep@unil.ch
More information: www.ssphplus.ch/spip.php?page=ssph_show_cours_details&lang=en&id_course=40

Title: Brocher Summer Academy in Global Population Health 2010
Measurement and Ethical Evaluation of Health Inequalities

Date: 12-16 July 2010
Place: Geneva, Switzerland
Organiser: Brocher
Deadline: application: 7 May 2010
More information: <http://www.brocher.ch/pages/programme.asp>

Title: SSPH Summer School in Public Health Policy, Economics and Management

Date: 9-20 August 2010
Place: Lugano, Switzerland
Organiser: Swiss Schools of Public Health +
Deadline: registration: 15 June 2010
More information: http://www.ssphplus.ch/spip.php?page=ssph_main&lang=de&id_rubrique=16

Title: European Forum on Primary Care

Date: 30-31 August 2010
Place: Pisa, Italy
Organiser: European Forum on Primary Care
Deadline: for abstracts: 1 May 2010
More information: www.euprimarycare.org

Title: European conference 'Dignity for the frail old'

Date: 2-5 September 2010
Place: Bergen, Norway
Organiser: Dignity Center – Care for the Old
More information: www.dignityold.com

Title: 12th International Summer School 2010 "Infectious Disease Epidemiology: Concepts, Methods, Mathematical Models, and Public Health" and 2nd International Summer School 2010 "Spatial Epidemiology in Megacities: Health, climate change and geospatial modelling"
Date: 13-17 September 2010
Language: English
Location: Bielefeld University, Germany
Websites: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/gesundhw/ag2/summerschoolide/>
<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/gesundhw/ag2/summerschoolmc/>
More information: regine.myska@uni-bielefeld.de

Title: 5th Conference of Epidemiological Longitudinal Studies in Europe (CELSE 2010)
Date: 13 - 15 October 2010
Place: Paphos, Cyprus
Organiser: CELSE
More information: www.celse.eu

Title: 2nd Croatian Congress on Preventive Medicine and Health Promotion with international participation
Date: 13-16 October 2010
Place: Zagreb, Croatia
More information: www.preventive-medicine2010.com

Title: Global Symposium on Health Systems Research
Date: 16-19 November 2010
Place: Montreux, Switzerland
Organiser: Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research - An international collaboration based in WHO Geneva
Deadline: Abstracts: 30 April 2010
More information: <http://www.hsr-symposium.org/>

7. Interesting publications

Alimentación, medio ambiente y salud en la Comunidad de Madrid

Diagnóstico de situación 2009. Observatorio de Alimentación, Medio Ambiente y Salud
Subdirección General de Sanidad Ambiental y Epidemiología. C/Julián Camarillo 6A. 3ª planta.
28037 Madrid (España).
www.madrid.org

Narrowing socioeconomic inequality in child stunting: the Brazilian experience, 1974–2007

Carlos Augusto Monteiro, Maria Helena D'Aquino Benicio, Wolney Lisboa Conde, Silvia Konno, Ana Lucia Lovadino, Aluisio JD Barros & Cesar Gomes Victora
Bull World Health Organ 2010;88:305–311 | doi:10.2471/BLT.09.069195
Available online at: <http://www.who.int/entity/bulletin/volumes/88/4/09-069195/en/index.html>

Improving the structure and performance of national health information systems: Operational approach and strategic recommendations

Technical Series on Information for Decision-Making - PWR CHILE/09/HA/03
Cesar Gattini - Advisor on Health Analysis and Statistics, PAHO/WHO Representation in Chile.
Prepared and edited by the Office of the PAHO/WHO Representation in Chile, Santiago: 2009.
Available online at PDF [122p.]
<http://new.paho.org/chi/images/PDFs/national%20health%20information%20%20systems-final%20.pdf>

Implementing national health observatories: Operational approach and strategic recommendations

Technical Series on Information for Decision-Making - PWR CHILE/09/HA/02
Cesar Gattini, Advisor on Health Analysis and Statistics, PAHO/WHO Representation in Chile
Prepared and edited by the Office of the PAHO/WHO Representation in Chile, Santiago: 2009
PDF [70p.] available to download online:
http://new.paho.org/chi/images/PDFs/national%20health%20observatories_final.pdf

National Healthcare Disparities Report

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AHRQ Publication No. 10-0004 March 2010 www.ahrq.gov/qual/qrd09.htm
Full Report (PDF 302p. - 5.7 MB) at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nhdr09/nhdr09.pdf>

Maternal mortality for 181 countries, 1980-2008: a systematic analysis of progress towards Millennium Development Goal 5

Hogan MC, Foreman KJ, Naghavi M, Ahn SY, Wang M, Makela SM, Lopez AD, Lozano R, Murray CJL
The Lancet 2010; published online April 12. doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(10)60518-1.
Website: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(10\)60518-1/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(10)60518-1/fulltext)

The reference price system and socioeconomic differences in the use of low cost drugs

Vrijens France, Van de Voorde Carine, Farfan-Portet Maria-Isabel, le Polain Maïté and Lohest Olivier :
Health Services Research (HSR) - *KCE reports vol 126C*
The Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre (KCE)
PDF [88p.] at: <http://www.kce.fgov.be/Download.aspx?ID=2156>
Website: http://www.kce.fgov.be/index_en.aspx?SGREF=5211&CREF=15353

The Netherlands Health system review

Willemijn Schäfer, Madelon Kroneman, Wienke Boerma, Michael van den Berg, Gert Westert, Walter Devillé, Ewout van Ginneken,.
World Health Organization April 2010, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.
Available online PDF [267p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/Document/OBS/NEThit2010.pdf>

Public financing of health in developing countries: a cross-national systematic analysis

Chunling Lu PhD , Matthew T Schneider BA , Paul Gubbins BAb, Katherine Leach-Kemon MPH , Dean Jamison PhD , Prof Christopher JL Murray MD
Lancet 2010; published online April 8. 2010 - DOI:10.1016/S0140-6736(10)60233-4
Website: <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2810%2960233-4/fulltext#>

Estimating the costs of medicalization

Peter Conrad, Thomas Mackie and Ateev Mehrotra
Social Science & Medicine doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2010.02.019
Website: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6VBF-4YK2F7H-6&_user=1403540&_coverDate=03%2F10%2F2010&_rdoc=1&_fmt=high&_orig=search&_sort=d&_docanchor=&view=c&_acct=C000052610&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=1403540&md5=5d7c646baf2ce2f72411db19aa90f058

Securing Good Care for More People - Options for Reform

Richard Humphries, Julien Forder, José-Luis Fernández.
The King's Fund 2010 – March 2010
<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/document.rm?id=8610>

Colombia: Approaching Universal Coverage

Book Review:
Philip Musgrove, Health Affairs deputy editor.
Health Affairs, Supplement 2010; 29(4): 739-740. - doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2010.0225
Website: <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/29/4/739?rss=1>

Building cities: neighborhood upgrading and urban quality of life

Eduardo Rojas, editor
Inter-American Development Bank, 2010.

Sam Harper, Nicholas B. King, Stephen C. Meersman, Marsha E. Reichman, Nancy Breen, and John Lynch
The Milbank Quarterly, Vol. 88, No. 1, 2010 (pp. 4–29)
Available online at: <http://www.milbank.org/quarterly/8801feat.html>
PDF [26p.] at: <http://www.milbank.org/quarterly/8801feat.pdf>

8. European Commission: update

Public Health

2010 Evaluation of Consumer Policy strategy and programme
[2002-2006 Strategy Council Resolution](#)

2010 Evaluation of Consumer Policy strategy and programme
[2002-2006 Strategy ECOSOC opinion](#)

AH1N1

[Influenza A\(H1N1\) - Information from Member States, Candidate, EEA and EFTA countries \(map\) updated](#)

Alcohol

[Seminar on Youth drinking and binge drinking, 25 February 2010 - Summary report and presentations available](#)

[Seminar on Youth drinking and binge drinking, 25 February 2010 - New presentation added](#)

[6th meeting of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action, Luxembourg, 27-28 January 2010 -](#)

[Presentations available](#)

[Eurobarometer survey published: EU citizen's attitudes towards alcohol](#)

[Sixth plenary meeting of the European Alcohol and health Forum](#)

Antimicrobial resistance

[New Eurobarometer on antimicrobial resistance](#)

[2nd report from the Commission to the Council on the implementation of the Council Recommendation \(2002/77/EC\) on the prudent use of antimicrobial agents in human medicine](#)

Communicable diseases

[Avian influenza in humans - Facts and figures - Data as of 30 March 2010](#)

[Avian influenza in humans - Facts and figures - Data as of 16 March 2010](#)

Europe for Patients

[Commission launches the second EU Health Prize for Journalists](#)

Healthy environments

[Commission launches public consultation on sport](#)

Health and structural funds

[Meeting on Effective Investment in Health from the EU Structural Funds, Brussels, 16 April 2010 Presentations available](#)

Indicators

[ECHI - list of indicators updated](#)

[ECHI - list of indicators - Age dependency ratio updated](#)

Interest groups

[The Health Policy Forum - New documents on the EU 2020 strategy available](#)

Mental health

[EU-Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well being - Reports and studies updated](#)

[European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being - Support statement from Mental and Physical Health Platform \(MPHP\) added](#)

[Conference "Prevention of Depression and suicide - Making it happen", Budapest, 10-11 December 2009 -](#)

[Conclusions from the conference available](#)

[Thematic Conference Mental Health and Well-being in Older People, Madrid, 19-20 April 2010 - Background documents available](#)

Nutrition and physical activity

Plenary meeting of the EU platform for Diet, Physical Activity and Health , Brussels, 11 February 2010 - Summary report available

Patient safety

Commission publishes Eurobarometer on Patient Safety

Public health

No change in current WHO advice on potential health risks of volcanic ash

Volcano eruption in Iceland will have minimal impact on health

Commission appoints new Directors-General for Information Society and Media and Health and Consumers Executive Agency for Health and Consumers has published eight calls for tender in the area of public health

Pharmaceuticals

Public consultation on the legal framework for veterinary medicinal products: "Better regulation of veterinary pharmaceuticals: how to put in place a simpler legal framework, safeguarding public and animal health while increasing the competitiveness of companies"

Rapid Alert System for non-food consumer products (RAPEX)

National Contact Points

Scientific committees

SCCS - New request for a scientific opinion on Other cosmetic ingredients

SCCS - New request for a scientific opinion on Preservatives

SCCS - New requests for a scientific opinion on Fragrances

SCCS - New opinions open for comments Deadline for comments: 14 May 2010

SCCS - Minutes of the 3rd WG on Food Imitating Products meeting of 03 March 2010

SCCS - Minutes of the 5th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 08 December 2009

SCENIHR - Safety of reprocessed medical devices marketed for single-use - Adoption of scientific opinion

SCENIHR - Minutes of 2nd Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light Meeting of 16 March 2010

SCENIHR - Request for a scientific opinion on Health Effects of Artificial Light (Final mandate)

SCHER opinion: Derogation on the Drinking Water Directive 98/83/EC

SCHER - New requests for scientific opinions on water quality

SCHER - Minutes of the 5th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 13 January 2010

Risk assessment training - New trainings added

Minutes of 7th Working Group Meeting of 12-13 April 2010

9. European Centre for Diseases Control

Recent ECDC publications available online (March 2010)

Since 30 April ECDC has been working on a number of documents related to the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic. ECDC now publishes a Weekly Executive Update providing a weekly overview of ECDC's involvement and of the latest trends related to the 2009 pandemic influenza and a Weekly Influenza Surveillance Overview giving an analysis of the latest surveillance data.

Read more: [http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Pages/Influenza_A\(H1N1\)_Outbreak.aspx](http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Pages/Influenza_A(H1N1)_Outbreak.aspx)

Technical document: Climate change and communicable diseases in the EU Member States: Handbook for national vulnerability, impact and adaptation assessments

Climate change rarely acts in isolation. Changes in the incidence and/or geographic range of infectious diseases arise from the interaction of changes in temperature, precipitation and other climate variables with underlying vulnerabilities. These vulnerabilities include the effectiveness of infectious disease surveillance and control programs, access to healthcare, educational levels, economic resources, equity, and social cohesion.

The ability of a nation or community to identify and implement response options to address the additional health risks of climate change depends on a range of factors. Of primary importance are concerns that policy-makers and the public have sufficient knowledge of the health risks that climate change pose and the range of responses needed to reduce current and projected adverse health impacts.

This handbook is intended to be a resource to encourage planning activities that anticipate and address the possible impact of climate change on communicable disease spread. Informed by current climate change science, particularly as it relates to communicable disease spread, this handbook suggests various processes and important points for consideration when conducting vulnerability assessments and developing adaptation strategies for climate change.

Possible target readership: Experts working on climate change, stakeholders

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/1003_TED_handbook_climatechange.pdf

Technical document: Joint European pandemic preparedness self-assessment indicators

Published by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, jointly with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the European Commission, this set of pandemic preparedness indicators is designed to assist Member States with the assessment of their pandemic preparedness in order to identify gaps, prioritise future investment and monitor progress in those areas that, by international consensus, are deemed the most important.

Read more: http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DispForm.aspx?ID=510

Meeting report: Training strategy for intervention epidemiology in the European Union

From 12 to 14 September 2009, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) held a meeting in Uppsala, Sweden, entitled, 'Strengthening Europe's defences against communicable diseases', at which the Competent Bodies for training scheduled a consultation on the training strategy for intervention epidemiology.

The main objective of the consultation on training was to present and discuss the implementation of the ECDC training strategy. It began with a presentation of the ECDC training strategies and work plan for 2010 and was followed by a discussion by participants, including an invitation to suggest new areas of work.

Read more: http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/1003_MER_CB%20training_final.pdf

Surveillance report: TB surveillance in Europe 2008

The joint ECDC/WHO TB surveillance report presents and analyses data collected for 2008 in the European Union, European Economic Area and the additional 24 countries of the WHO European Region. Although the countries of the EU and EEA have continued to experience a steady decrease in overall TB notification rates, that decline is slowing down. Further, there has been no significant improvement in the treatment success rate of TB. The report makes a number of recommendations to improve the monitoring and reporting of TB in order to support effective TB control efforts.

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/1003_SUR_tuberculosis_surveillance_in_europe_2008.pdf

Spotlight: Tuberculosis, a global threat

In addition to the ECDC scientific reports we launched a special webpage Spotlight: Tuberculosis, a global threat. On this page you will find information on the three key messages for the EU/EEA countries selected from the TB report for 2008. The messages highlight issues around treatment outcome and the website provides you with comprehensive information about ECDC's activities related to these key messages. Furthermore, the page contains downloadable ppt slides with graphs on the TB situation in 2008 the EU/EEA countries, a short video illustrating the key messages graphically.

The spotlight page is available for a couple of weeks from our homepage www.ecdc.europa.eu clicking on a specific banner or from:

http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/press/events/spotlight_tuberculosis/Pages/spotlight_tuberculosis.aspx

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This week's contents:

EDITORIALS

Query fever: an opportunity to understand the disease better

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19526>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Q fever in the Netherlands: an update on the epidemiology and control measures

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19520>

Norovirus outbreaks linked to oyster consumption in the United Kingdom, Norway, France, Sweden and Denmark, 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19524>

Substantial increase in listeriosis, Denmark 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19522>

Available online PDF [271p.] at: <http://idbdocs.iadb.org/wsdocs/getdocument.aspx?docnum=35132311>

Effective Ways to Realise Policy Reforms in Health Systems

Jeremy Hurst

Health Working Papers - OECD Health Working papers No. 51

Available online [33p.] at:

[http://www.oilis.oecd.org/oilis/2010doc.nsf/ENGDATCORPLOOK/NT00000F96/\\$FILE/JT03280896.PDF](http://www.oilis.oecd.org/oilis/2010doc.nsf/ENGDATCORPLOOK/NT00000F96/$FILE/JT03280896.PDF)

Knowledge to Policy: Making the Most of Development Research

Fred Carden.

International Development Research Centre 2009 - Sage/IDRC ISBN 978-81-7829-930-3

e-ISBN 978-1-55250-417-8 - 224 pp.

Available online at: http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-135779-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

[Disponible en français](#) - - [Disponible en español](#)

Investing Wisely in Child Survival with the Lives Saved Tool (LiST)

March 29, 2010 - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

LiST Website: <http://www.jhsph.edu/dept/ih/IIP/list/index.html>

A healthy city is an active city: a physical activity planning guide

Peggy Edwards and Agis D. Tsouros

WHO Regional Office for Europe - ISBN 978 92 890 4291 8

Available online PDF [90p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/document/E91883.pdf>

Rose's population strategy of prevention need not increase social inequalities in health

Lindsay McLaren, Lynn McIntyre and Sharon Kirkpatrick

International Journal of Epidemiology 2010 39(2):372-377; doi:10.1093/ije/dyp315

Website: <http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/39/2/372>

An evaluation of gender equity in different models of primary care practices in Ontario

Simone Dahrouge, William Hogg, Meltem Tuna, Grant Russell, Rose Anne Devlin, Peter Tugwell, Elisabeth Kristjansson

BMC Public Health March 2010, 10:151 doi:10.1186/1471-2458-10-151

Available online at: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/10/151>

PDF [28p.] at: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1471-2458-10-151.pdf>

The impact of income inequalities on sustainable development in London

A report for the London Sustainable Development Commission

by Professor (Emeritus) Richard Wilkinson and Professor Kate Pickett on behalf of the Equality Trust

PDF <http://www.equalitytrust.org.uk/docs/londonequality.pdf>

Download the report at <http://www.equalitytrust.org.uk/node/331>

Seven mistakes and potential solutions in epidemiology, including a call for a World Council of Epidemiology and Causality

R S Bhopal, Bruce and John Usher

Emerging Themes in Epidemiology – December 2009, 6:6doi:10.1186/1742-7622-6-6

Available online at: <http://www.ete-online.com/content/pdf/1742-7622-6-6.pdf>

Framework for Action on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice

Health Professions Networks - Nursing & Midwifery - Human Resources for Health

World Health Organization, 2010

Available online: http://www.who.int/hrh/resources/framework_action/en/index.html

PDF [62p.]at: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/2010/WHO_HRH_HPN_10.3_eng.pdf

Facilitating access to pre-processed research evidence in public health

Paula Robeson, Maureen Dobbins, Kara DeCorby, Daiva Tirilis

BMC Public Health 2010, 10:95

Available at: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1471-2458-10-95.pdf>

Implicit Value Judgments in the Measurement of Health Inequalities

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Q fever outbreak in Cheltenham, United Kingdom, in 2007 and the use of dispersion modelling to investigate the possibility of airborne spread

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19521>

PERSPECTIVES

Risk groups and other target groups – preliminary ECDC guidance for developing influenza vaccination recommendations for the season 2010-11

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19525>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19523>

Full table of contents:

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/>

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Spotlight on measles 2010: Preliminary report of an ongoing measles outbreak in a subpopulation with low vaccination coverage in Berlin, Germany, January-March 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19527>

Chikungunya fever in two German tourists returning from the Maldives, September, 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19531>

First evidence of a food poisoning outbreak due to staphylococcal enterotoxin type E, France, 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19528>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Impact of the routine varicella vaccination programme on varicella epidemiology in Germany

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19530>

The new automated daily mortality surveillance system in Portugal

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19529>

8 April

This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

The emergence of oseltamivir-resistant pandemic influenza A(H1N1) 2009 virus amongst hospitalised immunocompromised patients in Scotland, November-December, 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19536>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Cluster of botulism among Dutch tourists in Turkey, June 2008

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19532>

The Russian gonococcal antimicrobial susceptibility programme (RU-GASP) – national resistance prevalence in 2007 and 2008, and trends during 2005-2008

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19533>

LETTERS

Association of D222G substitution in haemagglutinin of 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) with severe disease

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19534>

Author's reply: Association of D222G substitution in haemagglutinin of 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) with severe disease <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19535>

15 April

This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Dengue type 3 virus infections in European travellers returning from the Comoros and Zanzibar, February-April 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19541>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Evaluation of a risk assessment questionnaire to assist hepatitis C screening in the general population

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19539>

NEWS

Eurobarometer on antimicrobial resistance highlights areas for action

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19540>

LETTERS

West Nile virus in Europe: understanding the present to gauge the future

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19538>

MISCELLANEOUS

Job vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19537>

22 April

This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Update: Multinational listeriosis outbreak due to 'Quargel', a sour milk curd cheese, caused by two different *L. monocytogenes* serotype 1/2a strains, 2009-2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19543>

Investigations and control measures following a non-travel-associated case of toxigenic *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, London, United Kingdom, December 2009-January 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19544>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Prevalence and characteristics of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* in humans in contact with farm animals, in livestock, and in food of animal origin, Switzerland, 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19542>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

West Nile virus circulation in Emilia-Romagna, Italy: the integrated surveillance system 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19547>

PERSPECTIVES

Changes to the varicella and pertussis immunisation schedule in Germany 2009: Background, rationale and implementation

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19548>

LETTERS

Occurrence of haemagglutinin mutation D222G in pandemic influenza A(H1N1) infected patients in the West of Scotland, United Kingdom, 2009-10

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19546>

MISCELLANEOUS

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2010;15(15)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19545>

10. WHO publications

Preventing injuries in Europe: from international collaboration to local implementation

(By Dinesh Sethi, Francesco Mitis & Francesca Racioppi)

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

http://www.euro.who.int/InformationSources/Publications/Catalogue/20100311_1

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

http://www.euro.who.int/InformationSources/Publications/Catalogue/20100305_1

Responding to the challenge of financial sustainability in Estonia's health system

(By Sarah Thomson, Andres Võrk, Triin Habicht, Liis Rooväli, Tamás Evetovits and Jarno Habicht)

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

http://www.euro.who.int/InformationSources/Publications/Catalogue/20100305_1

Health in the European Union. Trends and analysis

(By Philipa Mladovsky, Sara Allin, Cristina Masseria, Cristina Hernández-Quevedo, David McDaid, Elias Mossialos)

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

http://www.euro.who.int/InformationSources/Publications/Catalogue/20100211_1

Der Europäische Gesundheitsbericht 2009. Gesundheit und Gesundheitssysteme.

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

http://www.euro.who.int/InformationSources/Publications/Catalogue/20091218_1?language=German

NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - APRIL 2010

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Please note that our new [Spring 2010 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online:

[Practical Handbook on the Pharmacovigilance of Antiretroviral Medicines](#)

This is a detailed manual giving a step by step approach to undertaking the pharmacovigilance of antiretrovirals.

[Management of MDR-TB: A Field Guide](#)

In the context of a national response to MDR- and XDR-TB, health workers in TB clinics (in district hospitals and some accredited health centres) will need to diagnose MDR-TB, initiate second-line anti-TB drugs, and monitor MDR-TB treatment. This Field Guide was created to help health workers carry out these tasks.

[Screening Donated Blood for Transfusion-transmissible Infections](#)

These recommendations are designed to support countries in establishing effective national programmes to ensure 100% quality-assured screening of donated blood for transfusion-transmissible infections.

[WHO Guidelines for the Management of Postpartum Haemorrhage and Retained Placenta](#)

These guidelines include "care pathways" for the management of PPH, as a practical guide for clinicians.

[Progress on Sanitation and Drinking-water: 2010 Update](#)

This report describes the status and trends with respect to the use of safe drinking water and basic sanitation and progress made towards the MDG drinking water and sanitation target.

[Preventing Injuries in Europe](#)

This is the final report of a three-year project between WHO and the European Commission on the progress made in preventing injury and promoting safety.

[Health in the European Union](#)

This book discusses and analyses the relationship between living conditions, socioeconomic factors and health,

with the objective of framing a debate and policy action to create a healthier and fairer society across Europe.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 88, No. 4, 2010](#)

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

[Pour une approche systématique du renforcement des systèmes de santé](#)

Ce rapport tente de déterminer comment l'analyse systématique peut contribuer à étayer les fondements conceptuels et pratiques des initiatives visant le renforcement des systèmes de santé.

[Manuel pour les rédacteurs de revues des sciences de la santé](#)

Ce manuel s'adresse aux rédacteurs de revues des sciences de la santé, qu'elles traitent de médecine, de soins infirmiers et paramédicaux, de santé publique, de santé sociale, de salubrité de l'environnement ou d'autres domaines liés à la santé.

BOOKS IN SPANISH

[Manual para el desarrollo de planes de seguridad del agua](#)

El presente cuaderno didáctico, esperado desde hace largo tiempo, responde a esta demanda, describiendo, de forma clara y práctica, como elaborar y ejecutar un PSA.