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1. European Public Health Conference



Malta 2012

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

Abstract submission is now open until 1 May 2012 (midnight CET).

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

Questions? Feel free to contact us at: conferences@eupha.org

2. EUPHA update

EUPHA launches a prize contest!

To celebrate the 20 years of EUPHA, we launched a prize contest in January. Every month, we will give a link to the website with a question on EUPHA. For each answer, you will receive a letter, which – if you have answered everything perfectly – will form a word. Send this word between 1 and 5 November to: office@eupha.org

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

[Click here](#) for the second question!

New EUPHA snapshot

EUPHA is proud to present the newest EUPHA snapshot on The economic crisis and its impact on public health. EUPHA snapshots are based on abstracts presented at our conferences. The snapshots can be downloaded from http://www.eupha.org/site/publications.php?publications_page=2

European Journal of Public Health

A supplement on the Progress on tobacco control in Europe has just been published. If you are a EUPHA member, you can access the full text by logging on to the EUPHA database and then clicking on EJPH.

EUPHA facebook and twitter

Did you know that we are also on  [facebook](#) and twitter <https://twitter.com/#!/EUPHActs>
Join us!

EUPHA section on Urban public health:

We are pleased to announce that the EURO-URHIS 2 final conference will be on 12th-14th September. Please see www.urhis.eu for registration and abstract submission.

EUPHA is collaborating with the following conference:

Title: 4th Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe
Date: 21-23 June 2012
Place: Milan, Italy
More information: www.unibocconi.eu/mighealth2012

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



EUPHApedia

We are pleased to announce that EUPHApedia continues to grow. We have 2562 documents (increase of 33 from January) in the database.

Interesting articles now available in the EUPHApedia database:

27 February, 2012

[Health Policy Toolkit](#)

This publication of the World Bank offers online access to a regularly updated collection of information about policies and practices that can help enhance the contribution of the private sector to important health goals in developing countries.

17 February, 2012

[Marmot Review \(Fair Society Healthy Lives.\)](#)

Two years after the start of the "Marmot Review" an updated report on the monitoring of health inequalities and their social determinants in Europe has been published.

17 February, 2012

[Insights from past millennia into climatic impacts on human health and survival](#)

This publication by Tony McMichael gives an overview of historical experiences of climatic changes.

14 February, 2012

[Jubilee Conference FPH Pleven Bulgaria Abstracts Book](#)

The abstracts of the Jubilee Conference of the Faculty of Public Health in Pleven, Bulgaria have been included in **EUPHApedia** and are now searchable by keywords.

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

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Regional Studies Association European Conference 2012: Call for papers

13th - 16th May 2012 - Delft University of Technology, Delft, Netherlands

Networked regions and cities in times of fragmentation: Developing smart, sustainable and inclusive places

Deadline for Abstract submission: 10th February 2012

Website: <http://bit.ly/zcU381>

Session Organiser: - Erio Ziglio, Head of the WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development

“.....Regions and cities are increasingly interdependent; economically, socially and environmentally. Patterns of interactions between regions are experiencing rapid changes as a result of dramatic shifts in production and consumption patterns, advances in communication technologies and the development of transport infrastructure.

These changes pose many challenges for the analysis and management of regions. They are also leading to new patterns of activities and relationships and new forms of clustering and networking between regions. At the same time, regions are becoming increasingly fragmented in many ways; economically, socially, environmentally and also politically.

The governance of regions faces multi-level, multi-actor and multi-sectoral challenges. New spatial interactions at new scales demand new approaches for consultation and coordination. More flexible ('softer') forms of governance are beginning to emerge which seek to work around traditional governmental arrangements. These new arrangements pose many as yet unresolved dilemmas concerning the transparency, accountability and legitimacy of decision-making.

The 2012 RSA conference in Delft provides a timely opportunity for participants to come together and reflect on the various strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities of networked cities and regions within these different contexts of fragmentation.

Papers that consider these issues in relation to the development of smart, sustainable and inclusive places (the three dimensions of the Europe 2020 Strategy) are particularly encouraged. ...”

Call for innovative health technologies and eHealth solutions for low-resource settings

WHO World Health Organization - GOe - Global Observatory for eHealth

Website: <http://bit.ly/zPYjNS> PDF file: <http://bit.ly/zjOOfX>

Submission of Application Deadlines:

- Dateline for Innovative health technologies - 29 February 2012

- Dateline for eHealth solutions – 30 April 2012

“.....Medical devices and eHealth solutions have the potential to improve lives. However, too many people worldwide suffer because they don't have access to the appropriate health technologies. This call highlights the importance of these innovative technologies towards improved health outcomes and the quality of life.

WHO aims to raise awareness of the pressing need for appropriate design solutions. The Compendium series was initiated to encourage a dialogue between stakeholders and stimulate further development and technology dissemination.

The annual publication serves as a neutral platform to introduce health technologies and eHealth solutions that have the potential to improve health outcomes or to offer a solution to an unmet medical need. The Compendium series specifically focuses on showcasing innovative technologies that are not yet widely available in under-resourced regions.

It is designed to help developing countries becoming aware of appropriate health technologies and eHealth solutions in support of their environment....”

“...Entries must demonstrate the technology's suitability for use in low-resource settings. Technologies are then selected for inclusion in the Compendium if they fulfill at least one of the criteria below:

- The technology or the practice is better suited to **address a health problem or to improve current health systems and services** than existing solutions available. Examples of improvements over existing technologies may include superior effectiveness; enhanced ease of use and maintenance; reduced training requirements; labor saving; improved safety level for user, patient, and/or environment; increased social and cultural acceptability; technical superiority; improved accessibility, better cost-effectiveness and affordability; reduced energy requirements.

- The technology provides an **appropriate solution to a health problem** not yet addressed by any other technology...”

4. Interesting News

High Level Conference on EU Health Programmes

A High Level Conference on EU Health Programmes will be organised in Brussels on 3 May 2012 by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Consumers and its Executive Agency. The results and success stories from the first and second Health Programmes will be presented. There will also be the opportunity to share views and build consensus for the future third programme which is currently under discussion at the Council and in the European Parliament.

EUPHA's Research Lead Mark McCarthy will speak in a plenary panel session at the event on behalf of the research community about priorities for a future health programme.

For more information: http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/docs/ev_20120503_prog_en.pdf

Health impact assessment portal opened at CREIS

The new HIA portal in Spanish, the CREIS, Centro de Recursos de Evaluación de Impacto en Salud is already on line at <http://www.creis.es/>.

The CREIS provides key information and resources in Spanish, as well as links to relevant documents, tools, evidence and other helpful resources available in other specialised websites and HIA portals.

The site was launched last December 2011. It is an ongoing project and its full functionality will evolve throughout this year accordingly to new developments and emerging needs.

It has been created and it is maintained by the Andalusian School of Public Health. Nonetheless, we're planning to build on partnerships and collaboration with other public health institutions at the regional/national level, as well as with the private sector, as part of a wider strategy to promote HIA development and practice across Spain. The idea is to make it also a useful resource in other Spanish speaking countries interested in HIA.

Final Conference of the AIR Project

19th April 2012, Hotel Helia, Budapest, Hungary.

The best practices and recommendations to reduce health inequalities in primary care setting in the European regions

The AIR partners have worked on identifying practices and policies developed to reduce inequalities in primary care settings at regional level in Europe. After identifying and analyzing these practices, the AIR team is proposing recommendations to decision makers and health professionals.

The project began by a systematic review of academic. Then two questionnaires have identified actions which contribute to reduce health inequalities through primary care settings in the regions of the E.U and the specific population targeted in these actions. Finally the interventions have been selected and analysed. The high standard interventions that have met the evaluation criteria have been scrutinized to identify the "key factors" of success. A catalogue of good practices has been developed and recommendations will be disseminated to the policy makers and health professionals. The purpose of the AIR final conference is to present the results of the project and examples of interventions, taking into account their efficiency, cost and target population. This conference will also be an opportunity to discuss the means to reduce health inequalities in Europe as well as to debate the role primary care could play in the reducing of health inequalities. We hope that decision makers in the field of health, health care and social policy will attend, as well as representatives from national and regional organisations concerned by the issues of health inequalities in primary care.

To register online: <http://aquitaine.fr/politiques-regionales/conferences.html>

<http://www.air.healthinequalities.eu/content/final-conference-budapest-programme-and-online-registration>

Survey of National Public Health Associations experience of influencing national public health policy and practice in their country

The Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) is in the process of formulating strategies on engaging more effectively in health policy issues and influencing our national health authorities. We would like to canvass your ideas on how you have been able to engage with government as an independent national Public Health Association.

PHASA has been in operation for 10 years. Our successes include holding an annual conference, being relatively financially viable, and having a regular newsletter and webpage (<http://www.phasa.org.za>). We feel we should be influencing public health policy nationally but we have not had the resources or capacity to do so effectively.

We have also proposed a Satellite Session at the 2012 World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) Meeting entitled: "Increasing policy influence and engagement of national public health associations in Africa: Progress and challenges"

Your responses to questions would make this session much more exciting and useful for those attending.

Please complete this survey by **11 March 2012** by clicking on the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PHASA_Policy

5. EUPHA member updates

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

Call for abstracts: SSM Annual Scientific Meeting, London 2012

Deadline: 19th March 2012, 23.59 GMT.

The Society for Social Medicine's 56th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) will be held in London from Wednesday lunchtime 12th September until Friday lunchtime 14th September 2012, jointly hosted by LSHTM and UCL.

The Society welcomes abstracts on all aspects of social medicine, including health services research, epidemiology, public health, statistics, sociology, psychology, health policy and/or mixed methods research.

Abstracts can only be submitted via the conference website at www.ssmconference.org.uk/.

The word limit is 400 words and the abstract should follow the format specified.

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 Conference: Towards a global health policy?
Celebrating 25 years of health policy research and teaching at the LSE
Date 19-20 March 2012
Place London, UK
Organiser London School of Economics and Political Science
More information <http://bit.ly/zapCqV>

Title Applied Bayesian Statistics in Medical Research and Health-Care Evaluation
Date 26 - 28 March 2012
Place University of Bern, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM), Switzerland
Organiser SSPH + PhD Program in Public Health
More information http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title Ethics in Biomedical and Public Health Research
Date 10 - 13 April 2012
Place University of Basel, Switzerland
Organiser SSPH + PhD Program in Public Health
More information http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis: a Practical Approach
Organiser SSPH + PhD Program in Public Health
Date 24 - 26 April 2012
Place University of Bern, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM), Switzerland
More information http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title Epidemiological Data Analysis: Advanced Methods for Exposure-Response Modeling
Organiser SSPH + PhD Program in Public Health
Date 11 - 15 June 2012
Place University of Basel, Swiss Tropical- and Public Health- Institute, Switzerland
More information http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title EEPE European Educational Programme in Epidemiology
Competing Risks Analysis
Date 18 - 21 June 2012
Place Florence, Italy
Organiser International Epidemiological Association, the WHO Centre for Environment and Health and the Italian Association of Epidemiology
More information <http://bit.ly/wr8Ddc>

Title Summer Program on Global Health Law and Governance
Date 18 - 22 June 2012
Place Washington DC, USA

Organiser O'Neill Institute's inaugural Summer Program on Global Health Law and Governance
More information <http://bit.ly/wDUfl0>

Title 11th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy
Date 25 - 28 June 2012
Place Athens, Greece
Organiser Athens Institute for Education and Research-ATINER
More information www.atiner.gr

Title EEPE European Educational Programme in Epidemiology Residential Summer Course in Epidemiology
Date 25 June - 13 July 2012
Place Florence, Italy
Organiser International Epidemiological Association, the WHO Centre for Environment and Health and the Italian Association of Epidemiology
More information <http://bit.ly/wr8Ddc>

Title Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations – APHES 2012
Date 2 - 13 July 2012
Place Brussels, Belgium
Organiser Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED), Université catholique de Louvain
More information www.aphes.be

Title 4th Well-being in the Information Society conference Exploring the Abyss of Inequalities
Dates 22 - 24 August 2012
Place Turku, Finland
Organiser WIS
Deadline abstracts: 15 March 2012
More information <http://www.wis.fi>

Title 14th International Summer School 2012 "Infectious Disease Epidemiology: Concepts, Methods, Mathematical Models, and Public Health"
and 4th International Summer School 2012 "Spatial-epidemiological modelling in Megacities: Statistical and spatial analysis for urban health under a changing climate"
Date 3 - 7 September 2012
Language English
Place Bielefeld University, Germany
More information <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/gesundhw/ag2/summerschoolide/>
<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/gesundhw/ag2/summerschoolmc/f.fischer@uni-bielefeld.de>
Contact: f.fischer@uni-bielefeld.de

Title Union of Risk Management for Preventive Medicine (URMPM) World Congress for Health and Safety
Date 8 - 9 September, 2012
Place University of London, UK
More information <http://www.urmpm.org/UWC2012/>

Title **Conducting Qualitative Research in Health: An Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods**
Organiser SSPH + PhD Program in Public Health
Date 10 - 12 September 2012
Place University of Basel, Switzerland
More information http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title **Introduction to Mathematical Models of the Epidemiology & Control of infectious diseases**
Short Course for Professionals
Date 10 - 21 September 2012
Place Imperial College London, UK
Organiser Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Imperial College London
More information <http://www.InfectiousDiseaseModels.org>

Title **9th European IUHPE Conference on Health Promotion**
Date 27 - 29 September 2012
Place Tallinn, Estonia
Organiser IUHPE
Deadline early bird registration: 29 February 2012
Abstract submission: 1 April 2012
More information <http://www.conferences.ee/iuheli2012/submission.html>

Title **Inclusion and Innovation Towards Universal Health Coverage**
Date 31 October - 3 November 2012
Place Beijing, People's Republic of China
Deadlines Organized Sessions: 15 March 2012 at 23:59 GMT
Individual Abstracts: 1 May 2012 at 23:59 GMT
More information <http://bit.ly/98rtGV>

7. Interesting publications

Health Policy and Systems Research: A Methodology Reader

Edited by Lucy Gilson

Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, World Health Organization 2012

Available online as PDF file [474p.] at: <http://bit.ly/x7tSkg>

Health Policy Toolkit

The World Bank

Available at: <http://bit.ly/zp8Ysm>

ECOHEALTH Research in Practice

Innovative Applications of an Ecosystem Approach to Health

Dominique F. Charron, Editor

International Development Research Centre, 2012

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Available online as PDF file [305p.] at: <http://bit.ly/so4gkn>

Sustainable Lifestyles: Today's Facts & Tomorrow's Trends

SPREAD Sustainable Lifestyles 2050

J. Backhaus et al.

UNEP/Wuppertal Institute Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP)

Wuppertal, Germany – 2012

Available online PDF [160p.] at: <http://bit.ly/xnUjwX>

Social and Economic Costs of Violence: Workshop Summary

D.M. Patel and R.M. Taylor, Rapporteurs; Forum on Global Violence Prevention; Institute of Medicine
US National Academy of Sciences and the Department of Health and Human Services – 2012
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/z9pi6x>

Environmental health inequalities in Europe - Assessment report

WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, Bonn Office
WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2012
Available online PDF [212p.] at: <http://bit.ly/xA9tmV>

Getting Started with Health in All Policies: A Resource Pack

Health in All Policies: A Snapshot for Ontario
2011 - Report to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Ontario) Canada
Scoping Review of the Literature
Prepared by the Centre for Research on Inner City Health (CRICH) in the Keenan Research Centre of
the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital
K. Shankardass et al.
Available online PDF [88p.] at: <http://bit.ly/wnt2hN>

Fair Enough? Inviting Inequities in State Health Benefits

Jennifer Prah Ruger
New England Journal of Medicine, February 8, 2012; DOI 10.1056/NEJMp1200751.
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/znBMdl>

Health Inequalities Intervention Toolkit

Website: <http://bit.ly/wyoX1t>

The Public Health Observatory Handbook of Health Inequalities Measurement

Roy Carr-Hill and Paul Chalmers
Edited by Jennifer Lin
South East Public Health Observatory - SEPHO
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/yw8bV6>

Health, wealth and ways of life:

What can we learn from the Swedish, US and UK experience?

Social Science & Medicine Volume 74, Issue 5, March 2012
Available at: <http://bit.ly/zKr6AT>

Evaluating and implementing actions for health equity among children and their families

GEF - the Gradient Evaluation Framework
Access the Gradient Evaluation Framework (GEF) - 10MB at: <http://bit.ly/yfKF9m>

Two years on data

Marmot Review (Fair Society Healthy Lives)
Website: <http://bit.ly/zX8U82>

Ethical tensions in dealing with noncommunicable diseases globally

Sridhar Venkatapuram, Martin McKee, & David Stuckler
Bulletin of the World Health Organization
Online First -Published online: 3 February 2012
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/zGC2jk>

Evidence summaries: the evolution of a rapid review approach

S. Khangura et al.
Systematic Reviews 2012, 1:10 doi:10.1186/2046-4053-1-10 - 10 February 2012
Available online PDF [22p.] at: <http://bit.ly/AgrH4N>

Good health at low cost: from slogan to wicked problem

Lincoln C Chen
The Lancet, Volume 379, Issue 9815, Pages 509 - 510, 11 February 2012 at: <http://bit.ly/wceLXg>

Good Health at Low Cost 25 Years On: What Makes a Successful health System?

Dina Balabanova, Martin McKee, Anne Mills

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 2011

Pp 369. Download a free copy from <http://bit.ly/oJiaPA> ISBN-9780902657847

Water for Life

Presented to UK Parliament by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs by Command of Her Majesty

December 2011

Available online PDF file [105p.] at: <http://bit.ly/zHA388>

Insights from past millennia into climatic impacts on human health and survival

Anthony J. McMichael

National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University, Canberra

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences PNAS 2012 ; February 7, 2012,

Available online at; <http://bit.ly/wyHFYG>

Urban Physical Environments and Health Inequalities:

A Scoping Review of Interventions

Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI)

February 7, 2012

Available online PDF [89p.] at: <http://bit.ly/ziWWvP>

Legal frameworks for eHealth

Based on the findings of the second global survey on eHealth

WHO World Health Organization

GOe - Global Observatory for eHealth Series, v. 5, 2012

Available online PDF [89p.] at: <http://bit.ly/xu0VNC>

The Case for Europe as a Leader in Research and Innovation for Global Health

S. Battams, Global Health Programme, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Email: samantha.battams@graduateinstitute.ch

S.A. Matlin, A. Jahn, I. Kickbusch,

Global Health Europe, Geneva, November 2011.

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

The Cost of Universal Health Care in India: A Model Based Estimate

Shankar Prinja¹, Pankaj Bahuguna¹, Andrew D. Pinto^{2,3}, Atul Sharma¹, Gursimer Bharaj¹, Vishal Kumar¹,

Jaya Prasad Tripathy, Manmeet Kaur, Rajesh Kumar

PLoS ONE 7(1) January 27, 2012

Editor: Pieter H. M. van Baal, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/w2PvH6>

Greening Development

Enhancing Capacity for Environmental Management and Governance

OECD -25 Jan 2012

Available online at : <http://bit.ly/Aisz3n>

Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A future worth choosing

United Nations Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (January 2012).

New York: United Nations

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/A53RPs>

The economic burden of child maltreatment in the United States and implications for prevention

Xiangming Fang, Derek S. Brown, Curtis S. Florence, James A. Mercy

Child Abuse & Neglect - 31 January 2012

CDC press release: <http://1.usa.gov/wEPxKc>

PDF file: <http://bit.ly/yD0lui>

Making evaluations matter: A practical guide for evaluators.

Kusters, C.S.L. et al. 2011

Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen University & Research centre, The Netherlands

Available online PDF [120p.] at: <http://bit.ly/zt3quw>

Deadly Sins and Living Virtues of Public Health

H.V. Fineberg et al.

January 2012 *President and staff of the US IOM Institute of medicine

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/wtFg1M>

Living Well with Chronic Illness: A Call for Public Health Action

Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice (BPH)

US Institute of Medicine (IOM) January 31st, 2012

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

Indicators as Interventions: pitfalls and prospects in supporting development initiatives

Rockefeller Foundation, December 2011

Kevin Davis and Benedict Kingsbury

Available online PDF [55p.] at: <http://bit.ly/wnTGHo>

Strengthening Health Systems: Perspectives for economic evaluation

Till Bärnighausen, David E. Bloom, Salal Humair

Harvard Initiative for Global Health - January 2012 - PGDA Working Paper No. 85

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/zcTV3L>

A Framework for Disseminating Evidence-Based Health Promotion Practices

J.R. Harris et al.

Prev Chronic Dis - January 2012 Volume 9:110081.

Available online at: <http://1.usa.gov/ysYbwJ>

World Development Report 2012: The focus of the report is Gender Equality and Development

The World Bank, 2012

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

8. European Commission news

- **Ageing**

Presentation on European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing: from Plan to Action - Information meeting for Member States Health Attachés, 17 February 2012

European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing – from Plan to Action: "invitations for commitment" kick off - 29 February 2012

- **Ageing Tobacco**

Commissioner Dalli presents the "Ex-smokers are unstoppable" campaign to Bulgarian journalists, 16 February 2012 - See the pictures of the event

- **Data collection**

Data protection - page updated

- **EU in the World**

International organisations: OECD - Page updated

- **Healthcare**

Commissioner Dalli delivers speech on Scenarios for Sustainable Health Systems at the World Economic Forum, Davos, 27 January 2012

- **Health indicators**

ECHI - Indicators on Diabetes: self-reported prevalence updated

ECHI - Indicators on selected surgeries updated

- **Healthy environments**

Meeting of the Experts Group on Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), Luxembourg, 9 December 2011 - Minutes and presentations available

- **Health Programme**

High Level Conference on EU Health Programmes: results and future perspectives, Brussels, 3 May 2012 - Register now!

List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated

List of projects updated

- **Health reports**

New EU statistical report added - Eurostat demography report 2010

- **Nutrition and physical activity**

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 28 November 2011 - Minutes available

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 9 February 2012 - Contributions available

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 9 February 2012 - Flash report available

Fourteenth plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 2 February 2012 - Flash report available

Workshop on communication and information of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 25 January 2012 - Contributions now available

Call for Information on the safety of oxidative hair dye substances and hydrogen peroxide in products to colour eyelashes
Deadline: 23 March 2012

Workshop on communication and information of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 25 January 2012 Flash report now available

- **Major and chronic diseases**

Pages on diabetes updated

- **Pharmaceuticals**

Commissioner Dalli visits the European Medicines Agency in London

- **Public health**

Commission announces winners of the 3rd EU Health Prize for Journalists

EU Health Prize for Journalists - Watch the video and pictures of the welcome dinner

- **Preparedness and response**

Proposal for a decision on serious cross-border threats to health - Key documents updated

- **Rare diseases**

World Rare Disease Day (29 February 2012) - Read the dedicated Health-EU newsletter

- **Scientific Committees**

SCCS - Minutes of 19th Working Group on Nanomaterials in Cosmetic Products of 1 February 2012

SCENIHR - Minutes of the First Four Meetings of the Working Group on Security Scanners (October 2011-January 2012)

SCENIHR - Minutes of the three latest Meetings of the Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment (October-December 2011)

SCENIHR - Minutes of the two latest Meetings of the Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light (October-November 2011)

SCCS - Minutes of 10th Working Group on Nitrosamines of 8 February 2012

SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on HC Red No. 3 (CAS 2871-01-4) submission III (B050)

Bringing the results of the Scientific Committees closer to the public - Summary of the scientific opinion on Fluoridation available

Medical devices: European Commission asks for further scientific study and draws first lessons from the recent fraud on breast implants

SCENIHR - Opinion on the Safety of PIP Silicone Breast Implants

Bringing the results of the Scientific Committees closer to the public - Summary of the scientific opinion on Tobacco Additives available

Public consultation on the SCCS preliminary opinion on fragrance allergens in cosmetic products Deadline extended until 29 February 2012

- **Scientific Committees Ageing**

Pre-announcement of the 5th call for proposals of the Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme

- **Tobacco**

Meeting with tobacco suppliers, Brussels, 6 February 2012 - Minutes

Meeting with Tobacco retailers, wholesalers and vending machine operators, Brussels, 12 January 2012 Minutes

9. European Centre for Diseases Control

Rapid risk assessment: Human fatality from highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1) virus infection in Guangdong province, China

Date of publication: 5 January 2012

Following reports of a human fatality due to highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1) virus infection in China's Guangdong province, the European Commission requested an update to the assessment of risk of human-to-human transmission occurring. ECDC does not consider that there is any change to the previous assessments that the risk for EU/EEA countries is very low.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

Joint ECDC and EMCDDA rapid risk assessment: HIV in injecting drug users in the EU/EEA, following a reported increase of cases in Greece and Romania

Date of publication: 12 January 2012

In response to a notified increase in HIV cases among injecting drug users (IDU) in Greece and Romania, the European Commission asked the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) in November 2011 to conduct a rapid inquiry among their network of HIV surveillance- and drug focal points to investigate whether such increases had occurred in other countries.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

Surveillance reports European Monthly Measles Monitoring

Date of publication: 16 January 2012

ECDC monitors measles transmission in the EU and EEA/EFTA countries and produces monthly epidemiological updates. These European Monthly Measles Monitoring (EMMO) reports are based on information from multiple sources including national websites, the EUVAC.NET database, the Early Warning and Response System (EWRS), validated media reports, and personal communication from national authorities.

Read the latest update on the [ECDC website](#)

Weekly Influenza Surveillance Overview

Date of publication: every Friday

The weekly influenza surveillance overview is a collection of timely and relevant information regarding influenza activity in Europe. It provides key statistical data on a variety of issues including the following: sentinel surveillance of influenza like illness (ILI) and acute respiratory illness (ARI); virological surveillance; aggregate numbers of pandemic H1N1 2009; hospital surveillance of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI); mortality surveillance; and qualitative reporting.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

Technical reports

Influenza virus characterisation report December 2011

Date of publication: 6 January 2012

The Community Network of Reference Laboratories (CNRL) for Human Influenza in Europe presents a

summary of the latest results of genetic and antigenic characterisation of influenza viruses received at the WHO Collaborating Centre in London from ECDC-affiliated countries.
Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 5, 02 February 2012

In this issue: Increased *M. pneumoniae* infections in 2011: reports from Finland, Norway and Denmark, and an overview on the European surveillance status.

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Surveillance status and recent data for *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infections in the European Union and European Economic Area, January 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20075>

Increased incidence of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infection in Finland, 2010–2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20072>

Increased incidence of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infection in Norway 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20074>

Epidemic of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infection in Denmark, 2010 and 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20073>

Nationwide outbreak of *Salmonella enterica* serotype 4,[5],12:i:- infection associated with consumption of dried pork sausage, France, November to December 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20071>

Outbreak of cryptosporidiosis in a child day-care centre in Gipuzkoa, Spain, October to December 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20070>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 6, 09 February 2012

In this issue: Reports about ongoing investigations of hepatitis A clusters in the Netherlands and England caused by identical or closely related rare HAV genotype IB strains.

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Mycoplasma pneumoniae: now in the focus of clinicians and epidemiologists

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20084>

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Increased detection of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infection in children in England and Wales, October 2011 to January 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20081>

Antibiotic prescriptions and laboratory-confirmed cases of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* during the epidemic in Sweden in 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20082>

A possible outbreak of hepatitis A associated with semi-dried tomatoes, England, July–November 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20083>

Another possible food-borne outbreak of hepatitis A in the Netherlands indicated by two closely related molecular sequences, July to October 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20079>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Outbreak of salmonellosis after a wedding party, Bavaria, Germany, summer 2010: the importance of implementing food safety concepts

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20076>

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Call for expression of interest for the cohort 2012 of EPIET Member State track

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20080>

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Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2012;17(5)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20077>

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2012;17(5)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20078>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 7, 16 February 2012

In this issue: A report from Romania on an ongoing outbreak of rubella highlighting the importance of rubella vaccination

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Ongoing rubella outbreak among adolescents in Salaj, Romania, September 2011–January 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20089>

Isolation of NDM-1-producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in Ireland, July 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20087>

NDM-1 producing *Acinetobacter baumannii* isolated from a patient repatriated to the Czech Republic from Egypt, July 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20085>

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Microbiological and molecular characteristics of carbapenemase-producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae* endemic in a tertiary Greek hospital during 2004-2010

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Emergence and outbreak of carbapenemase-producing KPC-3 *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in Spain, September 2009 to February 2010: control measures

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20086>

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Experiences from the Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* O104:H4 outbreak in Germany and research needs in the field, Berlin, 28–29 November 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20091>

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Letter to the editor: Screening for *Coxiella burnetii* infection during pregnancy: pros and cons according to the Wilson and Jungner criteria

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The Communicable Diseases Threat Report now published every week on the ECDC website

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20092>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 8, 23 February 2012

In this issue: Survey shows presence of “*Candidatus Neoehrlichia mikurensis*” in ticks in three locations in Denmark

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Ongoing epidemic of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infection in Jerusalem, Israel, 2010 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20095>

First detection of tick-borne “*Candidatus Neoehrlichia mikurensis*” in Denmark 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20096>

Preliminary report: Outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in a hotel in Calp, Spain, update on 22 February 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20093>

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Wellness centres: an important but overlooked source of Legionnaires' disease. Eight years of source investigation in the Netherlands, 1 August 2002 to 1 August 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20097>

Surveillance of acute infectious gastroenteritis (1992–2009) and food-borne disease outbreaks (1996–2009) in Italy, with a focus on the Piedmont and Lombardy regions

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20098>

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In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues

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

10. WHO publications

Environmental health inequalities in Europe Assessment report

The WHO Regional Office for Europe has carried out a baseline assessment of the magnitude of environmental health inequality in the European Region based on a core set of 14 inequality indicators. The main findings indicate that socioeconomic and demographic inequalities in risk exposure are present in all countries, though they vary from country to country. The report reviews inequalities related to housing, injuries, and the environment, identifies gaps in evidence that still need to be filled, and suggests priority action to be taken at both the subregional and the national level, bearing in mind those national variations.

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/environmental-health-inequalities-in-europe.-assessment-report>

Guidance on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events

(Edited by L. Sinisi and R. Aertgeerts)

Extreme weather events, including floods and droughts, are increasing in frequency and intensity. They affect the operation of water-supply, drainage and sewerage infrastructure, and the functioning of wastewater treatment plants, thereby affecting the protection of public health. Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health reviewed experience and good practice in Europe through a broad consultative process, to devise the present guidance.

This publication describes how adaptation policies should consider the new risks from extreme weather events, how vulnerabilities can be identified and which management procedures can be applied to ensure sustained protection of health. It takes an integrated environment-and-health approach and addresses cross-cutting issues, such as the role of the health and environment sectors in extreme weather, the need for policy dialogue and multisectoral partnership to assess and control risks, and the challenges of different settings (such as urban and rural, small and centralized large-scale supplies).

The publication is aimed at a broad audience, including policy-makers; environment, health and water-resources professionals; and water service managers.

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[International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Health Related Problems \(The\) ICD-10. 2010 Edition](#)

This new edition of WHO's International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) has been fully updated for the third time. Originally published in the early 1990s, ICD-10 now incorporates all edits and updates since 1996 up to end of 2010. In addition, the numbering system has changed and now clearly indicates the year that the updates were incorporated.

[Safety and Security on the Internet](#)

This publication explores how the Internet has moved beyond an educational and research tool that once served as a social network for a few elite scientists and has been transformed into a commerce and health care juggernaut now accessible to much of the planet.

[Enterohaemorrhagic Escherichia coli in Raw Beef and Beef Products](#)

This volume and others in this Microbiological Risk Assessment Series contain information that is useful to both

risk assessors and risk managers.

[Guidelines on Optimal Feeding of Low Birth Weight Infants in Low- and Middle-income Countries](#)

The objective of these guidelines is to improve the quality of care received by LBW infants in developing countries through improved capacity of health workers.

[Handbook for Inspection of Ships and Issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificates](#)

This handbook is intended to be used as reference material for port health officers, regulators, ship operators and other competent authorities in charge of implementing the IHR (2005) at ports and on ships

[Human Rights and Gender Equality in Health Sector Strategies](#)

The specific objectives of the tool are to assess the extent to which health sector strategies are consistent with, and promote, human rights standards and principles, including gender equality.

[Housing: Shared Interests in Health and Development](#)

The target audience for this series is public health officers, who are not experts on determinants of health, but who have responsibilities for dealing with a broad range of development issues and partners.

[Education: Shared Interests in Health and Development](#)

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[Transport \(Road transport\): Shared Interests in Health and Development](#)

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[WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization, 57th report](#)

This report presents the recommendations of a WHO Expert Committee commissioned to coordinate activities leading to the adoption of international recommendations to assure the quality, safety and efficacy of vaccines, blood products and other biological medicines, and the establishment of international biological reference standards.

[WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization, 58th report](#)

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[Effectiveness of Tax and Price Policies for Tobacco Control](#)

This new volume of the IARC Handbooks of Cancer Prevention in Tobacco Control presents a critical review and evaluation of the evidence by 25 international experts from twelve countries on the economics, epidemiology, public policy and tobacco control aspects of tax and price policies.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 90, No. 01, 2012](#)

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

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

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[Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 17 No.11, 2011](#)

The EMHJ was launched in 1995 as a peer-reviewed medical journal. Starting January 2010, the Journal has been given a new format and is now published monthly. The EMHJ serves as a forum for the dissemination of biomedical information through the publication of scientific research papers on a range of topics related to public health, with particular relevance to the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

[Lutte contre les leishmanioses](#)

Ce rapport fait des recommandations concernant de nouveaux schémas thérapeutiques contre les leishmanioses viscérale et cutanée, l'utilisation de tests de diagnostic rapide, la prise en charge détaillée de la co-infection

leishmaniose-VIH et la prise en considération de facteurs sociaux et liés aux changements climatiques en tant que facteurs de risque de propagation accrue.

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[International Nonproprietary Names \(INN\) for Pharmaceutical Substances CD-ROM](#)

This CD-ROM lists all International Nonproprietary Names (INN) in Latin, English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Russian published up to November 2011, together with references to the lists of proposed and recommended INN in which they have been published.

[Bugs, Drugs & Smoke](#)

This book is primarily for young people, especially those interested in working in public health. It explains in simple, non-technical language how humankind developed techniques to protect the health of communities, drawing on first-hand interviews with leading public health figures.

[Toxicological and Health Aspects of Bisphenol A](#)

In light of uncertainties about the possibility of adverse human health effects at low doses of BPA, especially on reproduction, the nervous system and behavioural development, and considering the relatively higher exposure of very young children compared with adults, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) jointly organized an Expert Meeting to assess the safety of BPA.

[IARC Biennial Report 2010-2011](#)

A wide range of projects are described in the latest Biennial Report of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

[Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections](#)

These new regional guidelines for STI management take into consideration the new technologies and therapeutics that are now available.

[Guide to Clinical Management and Public Health Response for Hand, Foot and Mouth disease \(HFMD\) \(A\)](#)

This publication provides practical support for the treatment, prevention and control of HFMD based on the most recent scientific literature and the current understanding and experiences of international experts.

[Regional Strategy to Stop Tuberculosis in the Western Pacific Region 2011- 2015](#)

This new Strategy builds upon the previous two regional strategic plans and introduces new, evidence-based interventions and technologies in response to the new and emerging challenges.

[Tuberculosis Control in the Western Pacific Region - 2010 Report](#)

This report presents data on multidrug resistant-TB from various drug resistance surveys from the countries and areas in the Region.

[Strategy to Halt and Reverse the HIV Epidemic among People who Inject Drugs in Asia and the Pacific 2010-2015 \(A\)](#)

This document is a call to action and a road map to ensure that the HIV and hepatitis epidemics among people who use drugs and their sexual partners in the Asia Pacific region will be halted

[Planning for the Health Sector Response to HIV/AIDS](#)

This set of training modules on Planning for the Health Sector Response to HIV/AIDS are intended to assist member countries of WHO to more effectively take up their responsibilities for their national health sector strategic planning.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 90, No. 02, 2012](#)

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[WHO Drug Information, Vol. 25, No. 4, 2011](#)

WHO Drug Information communicates pharmaceutical information that is either developed and issued by WHO or transmitted to WHO by research and regulatory agencies throughout the World. The journal also includes regular presentations of newly proposed and recommended International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceuticals Substances. This volume contains the proposed INN List no. 106.

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