



## **EUPHA Newsletter 6, 2009**

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#### **1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2009: Lodz, Poland**

The preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint European Public Health Conference in Lodz, Poland (25 to 28 November 2009) are well on its way. The decisions on all abstracts have been sent to the submitters. If you have not yet received your decision, please contact [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org).

The preliminary (detailed) programme will be available as of mid-July on the EUPHA and ASPHER websites: [www.eupha.org](http://www.eupha.org) and [www.aspher.org](http://www.aspher.org)

#### **INFORMATION ABOUT LODZ**

##### **The new conference centre in Lodz, Poland**

The Andel's hotel is the newly opened conference centre in Lodz. It is situated in an old textile factory, which is completely renovated and includes a hotel, conference centre, shopping mall, museum, several bars and numerous restaurants.

##### **How to get to Lodz:**

Lodz airport only has few flights arriving per day, mainly from London (STN), Vienna and Copenhagen. Please note that these flights are not on a daily basis. Warsaw airport has more possibilities. The transfer from Warsaw Airport to Lodz can be done:

- **by PKS bus** (leaving a bus stop near front gate of arrival hall of the airport)
- **by train** (leaving Warszawa Centralna railway station which you can reach by taking city bus No. 175. The trip takes 1 hour 30 minutes and the fare is 32 PLN. More info in English at: [www.intercity.pl](http://www.intercity.pl) or [www.rozklad-pkp.pl](http://www.rozklad-pkp.pl))
- **by taxi** (taxi fare from Warsaw to Lodz is about 300 PLN depending on the number of passengers)
- The local organizers are looking into a **bus service** from Warsaw airport directly to the Andel's hotel in Lodz.

## 2. Call for proposals

### **Promising Agriculture & Food policies and innovations to better health and nutrition in Latin America and the Caribbean**

Deadline for the submission of proposals: September 4, 2009

Website: [http://devserver.paho.org/equity/index.php?option=com\\_docman&Itemid=158](http://devserver.paho.org/equity/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=158)

This Request for Proposals will fund 3 research proposals that aim to show how existing or potential agriculture and food policies or technological innovations (e.g. biotechnology) can make a contribution to population health and diet with focus on obesity and non-communicable disease in Latin America and the Caribbean. Proposals that incorporate issues of agriculture sustainability, preservation of culinary traditions or promote collaboration between agriculture and public health professionals are particularly encouraged.

The policies under scrutiny are expected to show potential or actual population impact on health/nutrition by way of modifying one or some of the following aspects: agriculture and trade policies, food security, food and nutrition policies and consumer behaviors (e.g. food-purchasing behavior and food consumption patterns).

Proposals must include:

- Show potential or actual population impact on health/nutrition as a result of manipulating some of the following aspects:
  - agriculture and trade policies, food security issues, food and nutrition policies, food marketing and consumer behaviors;
- Original analysis or interpretation of (existing) data must support project's main thesis or proposition;
- Show collaboration of public health scientists and experts on agriculture or food policy;
- Projects that incorporate issues of agriculture sustainability or preservation of culinary traditions are a plus.

Eligible Applicants: The Principal-Investigator must be an "in-country" professional from any of the region's countries (Latin American & the Caribbean) and must be affiliated to an institution with identifiable research experience; Email applications with a Subject: PAHO RFP FOOD POLICY & HEALTH must be sent to Dr. Enrique Jacoby, email addresses: [jacobyen@paho.org](mailto:jacobyen@paho.org) with copy to [bennette@paho.org](mailto:bennette@paho.org) no later than September 4, 2009, 02:00PM (US Eastern Time).

### **Consultancy on the Social Determinants of Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases**

Call for Expression of Interest in a Consultancy on the Social Determinants of Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases in Latin America and the Caribbean

Deadline for submission of applications: 10 July 2009.

Website:

[http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1508&Itemid=259&lang=en](http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1508&Itemid=259&lang=en)

This Call is an initiative of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), in the context of its Program for the Elimination of Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases. PAHO/WHO Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control Area, Communicable Diseases Project

"...The purpose of the consultancy is to analyze the social determinants of health associated with neglected infectious diseases (NIDs) (i.e. living conditions, cultural factors, etc.), as well as possible key interventions to mitigate them in order to reduce the burden of selected NIDs that can be targeted through mass drug administration (MDA)—i.e. onchocerciasis, lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil-transmitted helminthiasis, and trachoma—as well as other diseases that could be part of an integrated plan, including Chagas disease, rabies transmitted by dogs, plague, leprosy, leishmaniasis, and congenital syphilis, among others.

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## **Consultancy on Disease Mapping and Modeling for Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases**

Call for Expression of Interest in a Consultancy on:

Disease Mapping and Modeling for Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases in Latin America and the Caribbean

Deadline for submission of applications: 10 July 2009

Website:

[http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1509&Itemid=259&lang=en](http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1509&Itemid=259&lang=en)

This Call is an initiative of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), in the context of its Program for the Elimination of Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases. PAHO/WHO Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control Area, Communicable Diseases Project

The purpose of the consultancy is to conduct or improve disease mapping of the selected neglected infectious diseases (NIDs) that can be targeted through mass drug administration (MDA), i.e. onchocerciasis, lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil-transmitted helminthiasis, and trachoma, as well as other diseases that could be part of an integrated plan, including Chagas disease, rabies transmitted by dogs, plague, leprosy, leishmaniasis, and congenital syphilis, among others.

This will require deciding on the level of disaggregation (in consultation with PAHO/HSD/CD), according to the population size that will provide the best information for NID strategy and that will be the most feasible, given the time constraints and technical and financial resources dedicated to this exercise.

## **Consultation on the first phase of the Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England Post 2010 (Marmot Review) is open**

The review team is also asking for submissions of evidence and best practice.

The Review wishes to consult a wide range of Individuals, Groups and Organisations. The views drawn from the consultation will inform the ongoing work of the Review and feed into the second phase of the Review, due to report in September 2009. Responses to the consultation will be considered alongside further evidence and expert and stakeholder views.

The consultation commenced on **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009** and **closes on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2009**.

Responses should be emailed by 5 August 2009 to Ilaria Geddes [i.geddes@public-health.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:i.geddes@public-health.ucl.ac.uk)

Website: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/gheg/marmotreview/consultation> |

### **3. Interesting news**



#### **Open Letter**

Dear:

Commission President, Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso

Commissioner for Environment, Mr. Stavros Dimas

Commissioner for Health, Ms. Androulla Vassiliou

cc: Ministers of Health of Member States of the European Union

#### **RE: Improving health representation in climate change discussions and outcomes Call for EU Health delegation at climate change talks**

The coming days are crucial to the preparations for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting in Copenhagen in December 2009. We call on you to ensure a

high-level delegation of EU Health Ministers and officials take part in the preparatory meetings and in Copenhagen.

Human health is already being seriously affected by climate change. Global warming causes 300,000 deaths per year and increasingly severe heatwaves, floods, storms and forest fires could increase the annual death toll to 500,000 by 2030, according to a report published by the Global Humanitarian Forum, the think tank of former UN secretary general Kofi Annan in May 2009.<sup>1</sup>

Yet, the health benefits of tackling climate change are numerous. For example, our recently co-published report<sup>2</sup> shows that if the European Union increased its target on greenhouse gas emission reductions from the present 20% to 30% then the total savings from health 'co-benefits' could reach an additional 25 billion Euros per year by 2020. These savings are due to cleaner air that would mean fewer premature deaths among people with existing respiratory problems, 5,300 fewer cases of bronchitis, and 2,800 fewer hospital admissions each year.

It is essential that the health sector has a fair chance to bring attention to serious human health concerns and to focus policy solutions on measures that would bring the most benefits to human health and society at large.

The health sector is already taking measures to address its climate footprint while simultaneously promoting health. In a recent document<sup>3</sup> co-produced by the World Health Organisation (WHO), we also call on the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009 to specifically promote and facilitate climate change mitigation by the health sector. Prioritising primary health care and pursuing disease prevention strategies, in order to lower dependence on resource-intensive therapies, can simultaneously reduce the burden of disease and the health sector's fossil fuel consumption.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that health becomes a cornerstone of international and EU climate change policy.

Sincerely,

Genon Jensen, Executive Director Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL)

Anja Leetz Executive Director Healthcare Without Harm Europe (HCWH E)

### **European Medicines Agency (EMA) Patient and Consumer Working Party (PCWP) Developments**

The EMA PCWP ad hoc working group of patient organisations has developed a [Code of Practice between Patient Organisations and the Healthcare Industry](#). All patient groups are invited to adopt and sign up for the Code (see the end of this article) that is intended for guidance on relations between patient organisations and industry. It does not attempt to be exhaustive, but identifies some challenges and solutions based on experiences, and defines a set of basic principles and recommendations. EPF took also part in the development of the Code. Organisations who sign up for the Code will be listed at the end of the document. In January, EMA held a workshop on their developing transparency policy and expectations of different stakeholders for such a policy, transparency being one of EMA's priorities for 2009.

The presentations are available at:

[www.ema.europa.eu/htms/human/transparency/TP\\_workshop\\_220109.htm](http://www.ema.europa.eu/htms/human/transparency/TP_workshop_220109.htm)



Virtual Academy for Health launched: citizens, policy makers, higher education students, research community and health care professionals are invited to join the Virtual Academy now

The international consortium of the EU project [whole](#) has developed and launched a Virtual Academy for Health: a unique virtual space created for exchanging and gaining knowledge on European healthcare issues that fosters the use of ICT for learning, exchange, and collaboration in the healthcare sector, multiplies and furthermore consolidates dialogue arenas among policy makers, students, researchers, healthcare professionals and citizens.

The development of the Virtual Academy is a reaction to recent developments and changes in the field of innovation in European public health systems. Moreover initiatives of the European Union and the World Health Organization, have pinpointed the necessity of fostering cooperation and exchanges

across boundaries in the healthcare sector, so as to enhance the quality, access, openness and innovation of healthcare education. Information technologies have already unfolded their potential and have proven to be successful in achieving these objectives, e.g. through the spectacular development of e-health and communities of practices worldwide. However, it is fundamental to federate and further encourage these innovations by providing a virtual meeting point for the multiplication of their impact, what Virtual Academy for Health is.

Every two weeks a new online discussion with experts on the subject is launched in a form of a public forum on the Virtual Academy. For the discussion themes, please see section "Public forums". Your active contribution to forum discussions will be highly appreciated and of great value, since it will also help defining future European strategies for the exchange of good practices and the creation of solutions for problems.

Moreover, within the project WHOLE "European Master's degree for Intercultural and Societal Healthcare Studies" is being developed: the first Master's degree at international level which aims to explore and provide innovative content in the field of healthcare policies and strategies. Together with the German, Greek, Slovenian, British, Italian universities and research centres (for full details about the partners please visit

[http://hrzserv10.zki.hs-magdeburg.de/moodle/file.php/36/project\\_partners.pdf](http://hrzserv10.zki.hs-magdeburg.de/moodle/file.php/36/project_partners.pdf)), the Master's degree will focus on themes that are the results of a consultation and research at an international level. The objective is to have a modular and flexible Master's degree which addresses the needs of professionals of the sectors and develops solutions applicable in the work environment. Master's level modules will be available from September 2009 onwards. The primary target groups are students and healthcare professionals. For more on modules learning and content structure please visit

<http://hrzserv10.zki.hs-magdeburg.de/moodle/course/view.php?id=47&topic=1>.

For further information please visit [www.whole-academy.eu](http://www.whole-academy.eu).

## 4. Upcoming courses and conferences

Going International (Partner of EUPHA)

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>

<b>Title</b>	<b>NIHES   Erasmus Summer Programme 2009 – Time to get in shape! 4 keynote speeches and 27 courses in just 3 weeks</b>
Date	10-28 August 2009
Place	Rotterdam, Netherlands
Organiser	NIHES, Erasmus University
More information	<a href="http://www.erasmussummerprogramme.nl">www.erasmussummerprogramme.nl</a>

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Leadership in Health Promotion - Complexity, innovation and closing the gap of implementation</b>
Date	17-21 August 2009
Place	Lugano, Switzerland
Organiser	Swiss School of Public Health+ (SSPH+)
More information	<a href="http://www.ssphplus.ch/IMG/pdf/ssph_broch_Summer_2009_course">www.ssphplus.ch/IMG/pdf/ssph_broch_Summer_2009_course</a>

<b>Title</b>	<b>AHRQ's 2009 Annual Conference Research to Reform: Achieving Health System Change</b>
Date	13-16 September 2009
Place	Bethesda, US
Organiser	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
More information	<a href="http://www.ahrq.gov/about/annlconf09.htm">http://www.ahrq.gov/about/annlconf09.htm</a>

<b>Title</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> European Congress on Environmental Pathologies</b>
Date	9-10 October 2009
Place	Zenith of Rouen, France

- Organiser Union Régionale des Médecins Libéraux of Haute Normandie  
 Deadline Poster submission: deadline 30 June 2009  
 More information [www.ecep2009.eu](http://www.ecep2009.eu)
- Title** **Second symposium of public health investigating methods with international involvement - Health and Quality of Life**  
 Date 14-15 October 2009  
 Place Trnava, Slovak Republic  
 Organiser Faculty of Health Care and Social Care Trnava University, Slovak Republic  
 More information [rusnakm@truni.sk](mailto:rusnakm@truni.sk)
- Title** **HIA 09 'On the move!' The 10<sup>th</sup> international HIA conference**  
 Date 14-16 October 2009  
 Place Rotterdam, Netherlands  
 Organiser HIA  
 More information [www.hia09.nl](http://www.hia09.nl), or send an e-mail to: [info@elitazoer.nl](mailto:info@elitazoer.nl)
- Title** **1st Congress of Fatty Liver and Metabolic Syndrome**  
 Date 12-14 November, 2009  
 Place Budapest, Hungary  
 Organiser Semmelweis University  
 Deadline For abstracts: 4 September 2009  
 More information [barabas.edina@akkrt.hu](mailto:barabas.edina@akkrt.hu) or  
[1st Congress of Fatty Liver and Metabolic Syndrome](http://www.1stcongressoffatty.com)
- Title** **4th Nordic Workshop on Health Management and Organization - Change and challenges to Nordic health care**  
 Date 2-3 December 2009  
 Place Trondheim, Norway  
 Organiser SINTEF  
 Deadline Abstracts: 31 August 2009  
 More information <http://www.nohrnet.org/>
- Title** **The Fourth International Jerusalem Conference on Health Policy - Improving Health and Health Care: Who is Responsible? Who is Accountable ?**  
 Date 7-10 December 2009  
 Place Jerusalem, Israel  
 Organiser The Israel National Institute for Health Policy Research  
 More information [www.israelhpr.org.il](http://www.israelhpr.org.il)
- Title** **Concepts of Epidemiology: crash course**  
 Date 7-11 December 2009  
 Place Edinburgh, UK  
 Organiser Edinburgh University  
 More information <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/cpd/courses/medicine?Course=K1594>
- Title** **EPF VALUE+ Conference**  
 Date 9-10 December 2009  
 Place Gothenburg, Sweden  
 Organiser European Patients' Forum  
 More information [www.eu-patient.eu](http://www.eu-patient.eu)
- Title** **International conference on Healthcare & Trade**  
 Date 9-11 December 2009  
 Place Rotterdam Netherlands  
 Organiser Erasmus Observatory on Health Law  
 More information [www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl](http://www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl)



## 5. Interesting publications

### **Theory versus Practice: Discussing the Governance of Health Technology Assessment Systems**

Paul Healy and Dr Meir P. Pugatch  
Stockholm 5 Network 2009

Available online as PDF [63p.] at:

[http://www.stockholm-network.org/downloads/publications/Theory\\_versus\\_Practice.pdf](http://www.stockholm-network.org/downloads/publications/Theory_versus_Practice.pdf)

### **A Quantitative Tool for Workforce Planning in Healthcare: Example Simulations**

Jasmina Behan, Nora Condon, Ivica Milic'evic', Caroline Shally  
Skills and Labour Market Research Unit (SLMRU) - Planning & Research Department, FÁS  
Dublin Ireland – June 2009

Available online as PDF [136p.] at:

[http://www.skillsireland.ie/media/egfsn090617\\_healthcare\\_report.pdf](http://www.skillsireland.ie/media/egfsn090617_healthcare_report.pdf)

### **Health Systems in Transition- Israel Health system review**

Bruce Rosen, Hadar Samuel

Edited by Sherry Merkur, *European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies*

World Health Organization 2009 on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Available online as PDF file [253p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E92608.pdf>

### **Chronic disease management and the use of remote patient monitoring**

LSE Health, London School of Economics and Political Science

Eurohealth Volume 15 Number 1, 2009

Available online at: [http://www.euro.who.int/document/OBS/Eurohealth15\\_1.pdf](http://www.euro.who.int/document/OBS/Eurohealth15_1.pdf)

### **How can European health systems support investment in and the implementation of population health strategies?**

David McDaid, Michael Drummond, Marc Suhrcke.

Policy Brief – Health Systems and Policy Analysis

World Health Organization, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies  
2008

Available online PDF [36p.] at: [http://www.euro.who.int/document/hsm/1\\_hsc08\\_ePB\\_2.pdf](http://www.euro.who.int/document/hsm/1_hsc08_ePB_2.pdf)

### **Public Health Law 101**

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Website: <http://www2a.cdc.gov/phlp/ph101/>

### **Comparative Effectiveness Research and Evidence-Based Health Policy: Experience from Four Countries**

Kalipso Chalkidou, Sean Tunis, Ruth Lopert, Lise Rochaix, Peter T. Sawicki, Mona Nasser, and Bertrand Xerri

The Milbank Quarterly, Vol. 87, No. 2, 2009 (pp. 339–367) June 2009 (Volume 87 Number 2):

Available online at: <http://www.milbank.org/quarterly/8702feat.html>

### **A health disparities perspective on obesity research**

Paula Braveman

Prev Chronic Dis 2009;6(3). Volume 6: No. 3, July 2009

Available at: [http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2009/jul/09\\_0012.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2009/jul/09_0012.htm)

### **How are Canadians Really doing?**

The first report of the Institute of Wellbeing

Available online PDF [41p.] at:

<http://www.ciw.ca/Libraries/Documents/FirstReportOfTheInstituteOfWellbeing.sflb.ashx>

### **Tackling Health Inequities in Chile:**

**Maternal, Newborn, Infant, and Child Mortality Between 1990 and 2004**

Rogelio Gonzalez, Jennifer Harris Requejo, Flavia Bustreo, Jyh Kae Nien, Mario Merialdi and Ana Pilar Betran.

American Journal of Public Health - AJPH 1220-1226 - July 2009, Vol 99, No. 7

Website: <http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/99/7/1220?etoc>

#### **Global status report on road safety**

World Health Organization, Department of Violence & Injury Prevention & Disability (VIP)  
Geneva, Switzerland – June 2009

Available online at:

[http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/road\\_safety\\_status/report/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_safety_status/report/en/index.html)

#### **A Healthy, Productive Canada: a determinant of health approach**

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Final Report of The Subcommittee on Population Health, June 2009

Available online as PDF file [59p.] at:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/40/2/parlbus/commbus/senate/com-e/popu-e/rep-e/rephealth1jun09-e.pdf>

#### **Hygeia's Constellation: Navigating Health Futures in a Dynamic and Democratic World**

Bobby Milstein

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Syndemics Prevention Network - April 15, 2008

Available online PDF [124p.] at:

[http://www.cdc.gov/SYNDEMICS/pdfs/Hygeias\\_Constellation\\_Milstein.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/SYNDEMICS/pdfs/Hygeias_Constellation_Milstein.pdf)

#### **The Australian Health Care System: the potential for efficiency gains: a review of the literature**

Emily Hurley, Ian McRae, Ian Bigg, Liz Stackhouse, Anne-Marie Boxall and Peter Broadhead

Background paper prepared for the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission

Australia, June 2009

Available online PDF [66p.] at: <http://bit.ly/qcUEM>

#### **The Goals of Public Health: An Integrated, Multidimensional Model**

Christian Munthe.

Public Health Ethics 2008 1(1):39-52; doi:10.1093/phe/phn006

Website: <http://phe.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/1/1/39>

#### **Building A High-Value Nurse Workforce**

Recession Is Easing Nurse Shortage, But Longer-Term Shortage Still Looms

Health Affairs - A grant from the Center to Champion Nursing in America, a joint initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, June 12, 2009

You can read all of the studies at <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/hlthaff.28.4.w620/DC2>

#### **Healthy States/Healthy Nation: Essays for a New Administration and a New Congress**

by Members of the Reforming States Group co-published by the Reforming States Group

and the Milbank Memorial Fund - May 2009

Available online PDF [64p.] at:

<http://www.milbank.org/reports/HealthyStates2009/HealthyStates2009.pdf>

#### **Nutritional Research Series:**

##### **Advancing the Role of Evidence-based Reviews in Nutrition Research and Applications**

Volume 1: Application of Systematic Review Methodology to the Field of Nutrition

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - AHRQ Publication No. 09-0025 January 2009

Available online as PDF file [36p.] at:

<http://www.ahrq.gov/downloads/pub/evidence/pdf/nutrition/nuttrtp1.pdf>

#### **Methods for the development of NICE public health guidance**

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, London

(second edition) April 2009

Available online PDF [282p.] at: <http://www.nice.org.uk/media/2FB/53/PHMethodsManual110509.pdf>



Measuring disparities in health status and in access and use of health care in OECD countries  
Michael de Looper and Gaetan Lafortune  
OECD Health Working Papers No. 43  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2009  
Available online as PDF file [55p.] at:  
[http://www.oalis.oecd.org/oalis/2009doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT00000DE2/\\$FILE/JT03260782.PDF](http://www.oalis.oecd.org/oalis/2009doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT00000DE2/$FILE/JT03260782.PDF)

**The obesity epidemic: analysis of past and projected future trend in selected OECD countries**  
Franco Sassi, Marion Devaux, Michele Cecchini and Elena Rusticelli  
OECD Health Working Papers No. 45  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2009  
Available online as PDF file [81p.] at :  
[http://www.oalis.oecd.org/oalis/2009doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT00000EFE/\\$FILE/JT03261624.PDF](http://www.oalis.oecd.org/oalis/2009doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT00000EFE/$FILE/JT03261624.PDF)

**Financial incentives for return of service in underserved areas: a systematic review**  
*BMC Health Services Research* 2009, 9:86 doi:10.1186/1472-6963-9-86  
Till Barnighausen, David E Bloom  
Available online as PDF file [52p.] at: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1472-6963-9-86.pdf>

**Does ratification of human-rights treaties have effects on population health?**  
Alexis Palmer, Jocelyn Tomkinson, Charlene Phung, Nathan Ford, Michel Joffres, Kimberly A  
Fernandes, Leilei Zeng, Viviane Lima, Julio S G Montaner, Gordon H Guyatt, Edward J Mills.  
The Lancet, Volume 373, Issue 9679, Pages 1987 - 1992, 6 June 2009  
Available online at: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60231-2/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60231-2/fulltext)

**Towards a common definition of global health**  
Jeffrey P Koplan, T Christopher Bond, Michael H Merson, K Srinath Reddy, Mario Henry Rodriguez,  
Nelson K Sewankambo, Judith N Wasserheit,  
The Lancet, Volume 373, Issue 9679, 6 June 2009  
Available online at: <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

**Knowledge to policy: Making the Most of Development Research**  
Fred Carden.  
Sage/IDRC ISBN 978-81-7829-930-3 e-ISBN 978-1-55250-417-8  
International Development Research Centre (IDRC), 2009  
Available online at IDRC website: [http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-135779-201-1-DO\\_TOPIC.html](http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-135779-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html)

**Infodemiology and Infoveillance: Framework for an Emerging Set of Public Health Informatics**  
Methods to Analyze Search, Communication and Publication Behavior on the Internet  
Gunther Eysenbach  
Journal of Medical Internet Research, 2009  
Available online at : <http://www.jmir.org/2009/1/e11/HTML>

**Setting priorities for global mental health research**  
Mark Tomlinson , Igor Rudan , Shekhar Saxena , Leslie Swartz , Alexander C Tsai & Vikram Patel e  
Bulletin of the World Health Organization - Volume 87, Number 6, June 2009, 405-484  
Available online at: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/87/6/08-054353/en/index.html>

**Fair tests of health-care policies and treatments: a request for help from readers**  
Andrew D Oxman & Iain Chalmers  
Bulletin of the World Health Organization - June 2009;87:407-407. doi: 10.2471/BLT.09.066787  
Available online at: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/87/6/09-066787/en/index.html>

**The U.S. Commitment to Global Health: Recommendations for the Public and Private Sectors**  
Committee on the U.S. Commitment to Global Health; Institute of Medicine – May 20, 2009  
ISBN: 0-309-13822-1, 280 pages, 6 x 9, (2009)  
Available online at: <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/12642.html>

**Introduction to Evidence-Informed Public Health**  
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National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools (NCCMT)  
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario - Public Health Agency of Canada - 2008  
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<http://www.londonpovertyprofile.org.uk/downloads/LondonPovertyProfile.pdf>  
Summary : <http://www.londonpovertyprofile.org.uk/downloads/CPF-povertysummary7-web.pdf>  
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Sarah Thomson, Thomas Foubister and Elias Mossialos  
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Available online as PDF file [224p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/document/E92469.pdf>

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Sixty Second World Health Assembly - WHA62.14 - Agenda item 12.5  
22 May 2009  
Available online as PDF file at: [http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/A62/A62\\_R14-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/A62/A62_R14-en.pdf)

### **Primary health care, including health system strengthening**

Sixty Second World Health Assembly - WHA62.12 - Agenda item 12.4  
22 May 2009  
Available online as PDF file at: [http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/A62/A62\\_R12-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/A62/A62_R12-en.pdf)

### **Modelling health care expenditures**

Overview of the literature and evidence from a panel time series model  
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CPB Discussion Paper - No 121 - February 2009  
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## **6. European Commission: update**



- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**  
[Scientific Hearing on Nanotechnology - Public Consultation\\_Deadline for submission of comments extended until 30 June 2009](#)
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety**  
[Request for a scientific opinion on Titanium Dioxide UV Filters section](#)
- **Threats to health: HIV/AIDS**  
[Call for the expression of interest to become a member of the EU HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum](#)

- **Overview of health strategy: Health Policy Forum**  
New document: [The EU Health Policy Forum Strategic Priorities Including Specific Priorities for 2009-2010](#)
- **Health determinants: Mental health and Well-being**  
[Statements of support for the Pact are now available](#)
- **Health determinants: Mental health and well-being**  
New regional document available: [Towards a Mentally Flourishing Scotland: Policy and Action Plan 2009-2011](#)
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks**  
[Request for a scientific opinion on the environmental and health risks posed by depleted uranium](#) [Risk Assessment section](#)
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety**  
[New requests for scientific opinions under the UV Filters section](#)
- **Health determinants: Nutrition and physical activity**  
[Salt reduction campaign](#) [National salt initiatives published](#)
- **Threats to health: Communicable diseases**  
[Influenza A\(H1N1\)](#) [Updated](#)
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety**  
[Request for a scientific opinion on Hair dye 2-Hydroxyethylamino-5-nitroanisole \(CAS 66095-81-6; EC 266-138-0; \) Submission III \(B52\)](#) [Hair Dyes section](#)
- **Threats to health: Organs**  
[Summary report of the Experts Meeting on Organ Donation and Transplantation Action Plan, Brussels, 11-12 March 2009](#)
- **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign**  
[The new Help 2.0 campaign invites young people to share their tips](#) [See the videos](#)
- **Health information: Speeches**  
[Androulla Vassiliou at the Working Seminar on the promotion of the health and wellbeing of children and young people](#)
- **Health systems: Patient safety**  
[Council Recommendation on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections](#) [Available in 22 languages](#)
- **Threats to health: Rare diseases**  
[The Council has adopted a Council Recommendation on an action in the field of rare diseases](#)
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**  
[Request for a scientific opinion on Addictiveness and Attractiveness of Tobacco Additives](#) [Public health section](#)
- **Health determinants: Mental health**  
[Round Table "Reducing the Psychosocial Impact of the Financial and Economic Crisis", Brussels, 27 April 2009](#) [Contributions updated](#)
- **Health information: 2005 funded projects**  
[EURONEOSTAT - European Information System to Monitor Short and Long-Term Morbidity to Improve Quality of Care and Patient-Safety for Very-Low-Birth-Weight Infants](#) [2nd interim report](#)
- **Health determinants: 2004 funded projects**  
[RECREATION PREV - Recreational culture as a tool to Prevent risk behaviours](#) [Final reports](#)
- **Health programme: Executive Agency**  
[National Focal Points of the Member States and participating countries](#) [\\_List updated](#)
- **Threats to health: Communicable diseases**  
[Influenza A \(H1N1\)](#) [Media section updated](#)
- **Health information: Developing European Union health indicators**  
[European Community Health Indicators \(ECHI\)](#) [Indicator Age dependency ratio \(number 2\) updated](#)

- **Newsletter: Health & Consumer Voice Newsletter on Food Safety, Health and Consumer Policy from Health and Consumers DG**  
Edition: June 2009
- **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign**  
2009 television and online media plans
- **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign**  
HELP newsletter Edition: May 2009
- **Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets**  
Cancer Page updated
- **Risk assessment: Popularizing risk assessment results**  
Energy-Saving Lamps & Health Available in en, de, es, fr
- **Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets**  
Autistic Spectrum Disorders Section "The European Autism Information System (EAIS) " updated
- **Health determinants: Tobacco**  
World No Tobacco Day: Commission launches new anti-smoking TV campaign, HELP 2.0
- **Executive Agency for Health and Consumers**  
Call for tenders 2009
- **Risk assessment**  
Public consultation 1 on the Risk Assessment Advanced Training Programme (RAAP) Guidelines Deadline for the submission of comments: 24 June 2009
- **Health determinants: Mental health and Well-being**  
Meeting: 'Destigmatisation and Improving the Quality of Care in Psychiatry' in Prague, 28-29 May 2009 - Agenda
- **Risk assessment: Key document**  
Rules of procedure of the Scientific Committees
- **Overview of health strategy: Health Policy Forum**  
Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 14 May 2009 Contributions available
- **Health systems: Health Technology Assessment**  
2nd Meeting of the national HTA appointed bodies, Brussels, 15 April 2009 Minutes and presentation available
- **Health determinants: 2003 funded projects**  
OSIAP – Ordonnances Suspectes Indicateur d'Abus et de Pharmacodépendance Final report and annexes
- **Overview of health strategy: Health Policy Forum**  
Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 21 January 2009 Minutes
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety**  
Call for the submission of data or other information on potential health risks posed by food-imitating and child-appealing chemical consumer products Deadline for submission of information: 3 July 2009
- **Health determinants: Alcohol**  
2nd Open Forum on Alcohol and Health, Brussels, 30 April 2009 Summary report, presentations
- **Threats to health: Communicable diseases**  
European award on NGO combat against tuberculosis The deadline for the nomination procedure will be the 5th of June
- **Health determinants: European Alcohol and Health Forum**  
Fourth plenary meeting, Brussels, 11 March 2009 Summary report, presentations
- **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign**  
The Help 2.0 campaign (2009-2010)

- **Health determinants: European Alcohol and Health Forum**  
5th meeting of the Task Force Marketing Communication, Brussels, 10 March 2009 [Summary report, presentations](#)

## 7. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 21, 28 May 2009**

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

#### EDITORIALS

To baptise a virus and its disease

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19225>

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Cluster of new influenza A(H1N1) cases in travellers returning from Scotland to Greece - community transmission within the European Union?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19226>

New influenza A(H1N1) virus infections in France, April - May 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19221>

Cluster analysis of the origins of the new influenza A(H1N1) virus

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19224>

Trichinellosis acquired in Senegal from warthog ham, March 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19220>

#### PERSPECTIVES

Preparedness for the prevention and control of influenza outbreaks on passenger ships in the EU: the SHIPSAN TRAINET project communication

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19219>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

KPC-2-producing Klebsiella pneumoniae infections in Greek hospitals are mainly due to a hyperepidemic clone

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19218>

#### MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19222>

New issue of EpiNorth Journal is online

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19223>

Full table of contents:

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

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 22, 4 June 2009**

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Transmission potential of the new influenza A(H1N1) virus and its age-specificity in Japan

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19227>

Epidemiology of new influenza A (H1N1) virus infection, United Kingdom, April - June 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19232>

Evaluation of four real-time PCR assays for detection of influenza A(H1N1)v viruses

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19230>

Origins of the new influenza A(H1N1) virus: time to take action

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19228>

Norwegians approve of the health authorities' strategy to communicate worst case pandemic scenarios  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19231>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Autochthonous cystic echinococcosis in patients who grew up in Germany  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19229>

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 23, 11 June 2009**

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Preliminary analysis of influenza A(H1N1)v individual and aggregated case reports from EU and EFTA countries  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19238>

Enhanced influenza surveillance on Réunion Island (Southern hemisphere) in the context of the emergence of influenza A(H1N1)v  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19239>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

A methodological approach to investigating a nationwide clinical specimen contamination problem in England  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19234>

Application of RT-PCR for diagnosis of respiratory syncytial virus and human metapneumovirus infections in Bulgaria, 2006-7 and 2007-8  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19233>

#### NEWS

Pandemic alert level 6: sustained community transmission of influenza A(H1N1)v virus in two different WHO regions  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19237>

Updated Risk areas for tick borne encephalitis in Germany  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19236>

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Call for papers – Eurosurveillance special issue on socio-economic determinants and infectious diseases in Europe  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19235>

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 24, 18 June 2009**

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

#### EDITORIALS

Influenza A(H1N1)v in the southern hemisphere - lessons to learn for Europe?  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19246>

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Shigella sonnei infections in Norway associated with sugar peas, May - June 2009  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19243>

Imported fresh sugar peas as suspected source of an outbreak of Shigella sonnei in Denmark, April - May 2009  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19241>

Virological surveillance of human cases of influenza A(H1N1)v virus in Italy: preliminary results  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19247>

Epidemiology of influenza A(H1N1)v virus infection in Japan, May - June 2009  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19244>

School closure is currently the main strategy to mitigate influenza A(H1N1)v: a modeling study  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19240>

A variety of respiratory viruses found in symptomatic travellers returning from countries with ongoing spread of the new influenza A(H1N1)v virus strain  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19242>



## NEWS

Invitation to become part of the European Travel Medicine Inventory  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19245>

# 8. WHO: New publications

## NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - JUNE 2009

### Just published

You can also consult our information products catalogues in pdf format or select a subject catalogue from our e-commerce web site: [WHO Catalogues](#)

Please note that our new [Spring 2009 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online:

### Global Status Report on Road Safety

This report is the first broad assessment of the road safety situation in 178 countries, using data drawn from a standardized survey.

### Guidelines for trauma quality improvement programmes

The goal of this publication is to give guidance on ways in which health care institutions globally can implement quality improvement programmes oriented to strengthening care of the injured.

### WHO Child Growth Standards. Growth velocity based on weight, length and head circumference

Provides a new set of tools for monitoring the rapid and changing rate of growth in early childhood.

### Guidelines for the Psychosocially Assisted Pharmacological Treatment of Opioid Dependence

These guidelines contain specific recommendations on the range of issues faced in organizing treatment systems, managing treatment programmes and in treating people dependent on opioids.

### The Third Ten Years of the World Health Organization 1968-1977

This volume offers insights into the activities of WHO during this period. It reflects the first five of the "Mahler years", which saw growing support for the primary health care movement.

### Viruses in Food: Scientific Advice to Support Risk Management Activities

This report draws attention to the threat of viruses as a risk to public health when they are present in food.

### Microbiological Hazards in Fresh Leafy Vegetables and Herbs

This meeting report addresses the pathways for contamination, survival and persistence of microbiological hazards associated with leafy vegetables and herbs, and the potential management options from primary production through to the consumer.

### Enterobacter Sakazakii (Cronobacter spp.) in Powdered Follow-up Formula

This report provides a review of documented *E. sakazakii* (*Cronobacter* spp.) infections worldwide in infants and young children as well as the existing surveillance systems and their capacity to capture cases of *E. sakazakii* (*Cronobacter* spp.) infection.

### WHO Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations

In this 43rd report, 25 new monographs for inclusion in The International Pharmacopoeia together with 5 new International Chemical Reference Substances (ICRS) were adopted.

### Financing Health Care in the European Union

This book analyses the organization of health care financing in the Member States of the European Union, discusses the principal financing reform trends of recent years, and assesses their capacity to help ensure fiscal sustainability.

### Measuring Transparency to Improve Good Governance in the Public Pharmaceutical Sector: Jordan

The goal of the WHO Good Governance for Medicines programme is to improve the situation of medicines regulation and supply.

### Tuberculosis: Voices of the Unheard

This book is a pictorial based on a photo shoot conducted by Italian photographer Ricardo Venturi and sponsored by WHO and the Stop TB Partnership in Afghanistan in 2007.

### Revised Framework to Address TB-HIV Co-infection in the Western Pacific Region (A)

This revised framework provides guidance to countries in the Western Pacific Region to step up implementation of TB-HIV collaborative activities.

### HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment for People Who Inject Drugs in Asia and the Pacific

Provides a simplified user-friendly reference guide for the national adaptation on management of HIV infection and antiretroviral therapy for IDUs.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 87, No. 6, 2009

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 RUSSIAN

Atlas of Health in Europe. Second Edition 2008

The second edition of this statistical atlas presents key health figures for the WHO European Region.