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

EUPHA, ASPHER and the Local organising Committee 2010 are working hard on the preparations for the Amsterdam 2010 conference. There are already a number of pre conferences planned, including:

- the 8th pre conference of the EUPHA section on social security and health
- European food and nutrition, from field to fork? (EUPHA section on food and nutrition)
- 1st International Pre conference integrating the patient's perspective in public health and health care
- 3rd European meeting of EHESP – French School of Public Health
- ASPHER's Young Researchers Forum

Next week, there will be some planning sessions taken place in Brussels with all the main partners.

Please note the following important dates:

1 March 2010	Abstract submission opens
1 May 2010	Abstract submission closes
15 June 2010	Decision on abstracts are communicated
15 September 2010	Deadline for early conference registration

Please visit our website www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php for the most up-to-date information.

2. Interesting news

New website Public Health Directorate of the European Commission

The Public Health Directorate of the European Commission launched its website, fully renovated both in the content and in the form. **150 new texts** and **14.000 documents** are organised in a thematic approach, while the information is presented by topic.

[From the homepage](#) you will access easily to various topics under the 8 main themes:

- Steering EU Public Health
- Ensuring Health security
- Taking Action against Diseases
- Health in the Society
- Fostering Good Health
- Improving Healthcare
- Indicators and Data
- Assessing Risks

The dynamic information such as press material, videos, events, key documents, publications and consultations are gathered under the 'Related information' section.

Enjoy the navigation! http://ec.europa.eu/health/index_en.htm

EuroSafe's alert is out

The latest issue of EuroSafe's Alert, Vol. 5, Issue 1 is available at:

[http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwNewsletterCurent/1A12932D44C65CE8C12571770035F47C/\\$file/Alert.pdf](http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwNewsletterCurent/1A12932D44C65CE8C12571770035F47C/$file/Alert.pdf) This newsletter brings you up to date with information and developments in the field of injury prevention and safety promotion. If you have any news you would like to include in the next issue please forward this to the attention of Joke Broekhuizen (secretariat@eurosafe.eu.com).

Sixty years of WHO in Europe

This booklet tells the story of the WHO Regional Office for Europe from its beginnings to its state in 2010. A way of keeping alive and handing on the history of this Office and its vital work, it covers five WHO regional directors for Europe and thousands of dedicated staff, not to mention the hundreds of programmes and policies they helped to create and carry out. An earlier book covered the first 40 years in detail; this booklet focuses more on the last 20 years. It is a story of how the Regional Office has spent the past 60 years working to help improve the health of the people in the vast area that it serves.

For more information about the book and how to order check:

http://www.euro.who.int/InformationSources/Publications/Catalogue/20100122_2

WFPHA – statement on the earthquake in Haiti

We have posted a statement on the WFPHA website (<http://www.wfpha.org>) regarding the recent earthquake in Haiti. The page includes links to organizations that are involved with the relief efforts.

The European health report 2009. Health and health systems

Investing in health and health systems is especially important during times of crisis, such as the severe economic crisis and pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza. To address these issues, governments and policy-makers need information that is current, accurate, comparable and user-friendly.

What were the trends in public health indicators over the last four years? What factors influence health, and what are the challenges for the future? What contribution can health systems make to improve population health in the WHO European Region? In addressing these questions, this report illustrates the wide-ranging reforms countries have undertaken to strengthen performance in four core functions of health systems: service delivery, resource generation, financing and stewardship.

This report presents essential public health information to support countries in choosing sound investments in health. It should encourage the successful implementation of effective health system reforms and policies, and help countries improve their health systems' performance to provide efficient, patient-centred, high-quality health care. The annex provides some of the data used in the analysis.

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

http://www.euro.who.int/InformationSources/Publications/Catalogue/20091218_1

NB: Coming soon in French, German and Russian too.

EFPC 3rd bi-annual conference in Pisa, 30/31

August; call for abstracts

Call for research abstracts (researchers), policy posters for debate (policy makers) and multi-media practice presentations (practitioners); Deadline for submission 1 May 2010



The biannual conference of the European Primary Care Forum in 2010 will explore a number of critical themes for primary care. Its aim is to enable participants to identify, define and appreciate the significance of questions -ranging from policy to organization, management and clinical care - which are likely to determine the future of primary care in Europe. The Forum is looking to support contributions which address, in particular, issues of equitable access, cost-effectiveness, service delivery, clinical quality and the maintenance of continuity of care. Both urban and rural settings are relevant, with their differing but equally important modern pressures.

The conference scientific committee invites [submissions of abstracts for oral, poster and multi-media presentations](http://www.nivel.nl/oc2/page.asp?PageID=12284). <http://www.nivel.nl/oc2/page.asp?PageID=12284>

Conference themes, ([programme page for more detailed information](http://www.nivel.nl/oc2/page.asp?PageID=12287)):

<http://www.nivel.nl/oc2/page.asp?PageID=12287>

- Chronic disease management
- Interdisciplinary collaboration & leadership development
- Managing properly the medicalization of health problems
- Monitoring primary care performance
- Health indicators including patient-related health outcomes and experiences
- Research, funding and service improvement in primary care

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Health Professionals Global Network (HPGN) invite you to join the

[Virtual Global Discussion Forum on Interprofessional Collaboration in Education and Practice: 1 - 12 February 2010](#)

Interesting topics are:

- 5th Feb: Do you think that IPC/E can enhance the implementation of primary health care programmes?
- 8th Feb: How can IPC/E contribute to patient centred care?
- 9th Feb: Share your experience on what steps are needed to improve IPC/E at the primary health care level?

To participate in the discussion and to join the HPGN, visit www.hpgn.org and click on Join Today.

3rd Conference of Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe

This is a reminder that the deadline for the submission of proposals for the 3rd Conference of Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe, Pécs, Hungary is fast approaching. The deadline for receipt of abstracts has been extended until 15 FEBRUARY

For further details, please visit the conference website at <http://www.mighealth2010.net/>

In case of need for more detailed information, please direct enquiries to the conference coordinators:

Center for Health Policy and Public Health Newsletter- **CONNECT**

The Center for Health Policy and Public Health of the Babes-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca publishes a newsletter. For any suggestions or inquiries please contact the Newsletter Editor at: editor@healthpolicy.ro

3. EUPHA member of the month - The Faculty of Public Health

Website <http://www.fphm.org.uk/>

Annual conference: **The Next Decade: What is the Future of Public Health?** 7 July 2010 – Imperial College, London

The Faculty is the standard setting body for specialists in public health in the UK. They are a joint Faculty of the three Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom (London, Edinburgh and Glasgow). The Faculty was established as a registered charity in 1972 as a result of a recommendation of the Royal Commission on Medical Education (1965-68).

The Faculty aims:

- to promote, for the public benefit, the advancement of knowledge in the field of public health.
- to develop public health with a view to maintaining the highest possible standards of professional competence and practice.
- to act as an authoritative body for consultation in matters of education or public interest concerning public health.

To fulfill its role in standard setting and supporting the public health profession the Faculty of Public Health works in three key areas:

- Education and standards
- Professional affairs
- Advocacy and policy contribution

The UK Faculty of Public Health kindly hosted the EUPHA strategy steering committee meeting at its headquarters in London on 11 January 2010. This also provided a good opportunity to have informal discussions with the president of the Faculty and the officer responsible for international affairs during lunch.

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>

Title: International Conference "Health: how to reduce the impact of inequalities in the Regions of Europe?"
Date: 18 February 2010
Place: Bordeaux, France
More information: <http://aquitaine.fr/actualites/conference-sante-comment-reduire-l-impact-des-inegalites.html>

Title: 4th Annual European Nutrition & Lifestyle Conference - Enabling healthy choices - where does the regulatory balance lie?
Date: 23-24 February 2010

Place: Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: www.forum-europe.com
More information: www.nutrition-lifestyle.eu

Title: **CPP 2010 – cardiac problems in pregnancy**
Date: 25-28 February 2010
Place: Valencia, Spain
More information: www.cpp2010.com

Title: **International Conference on Early Disease Detection and Prevention (EDDP)**
Date: 25-28 February 2010
Place: Munich, Germany
More information: www.paragon-conventions.com/eddp2010

Title: **Optimising Health through Application of EU Structural Funds - Learning lessons to inform regions in the 2007-2013 period and beyond**
Date: 8-12 March 2010
Place: Kaunas, Lithuania
Organiser: Euregio
More information: Suewoolf@liv.ac.uk

Title: **PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE 2010: PREPARING THE NATION**
Date: 25 March 2010
Place: London, UK
Organiser: PSCA International

Title: **5th ORPHEUS conference - The Advancement of European Biomedical and Health Science PhD Education by Cooperative Networking**
Date: 8-10 April 2010
Place: Vienna, Austria
Deadline: abstracts: 15 February 2010
More information: <http://www.meduniwien.ac.at/orpheus2010>

Title: **Geneva Health Forum 2010 - Globalization, Crisis, and Health Systems: Confronting Regional Perspectives**
Date: 19-21 April 2010
Place: Geneva, Switzerland
Organiser: Geneva Health Forum
More information: <http://www.ghf10.org/reports/131>

Title: **Optimising Health through Application of EU Structural Funds - Learning lessons to inform regions in the 2007-2013 period and beyond**
Date: 26-30 April 2010
Place: Krakow, Poland
Organiser: Euregio
More information: Suewoolf@liv.ac.uk

Title: **1st European Congress on Physical Activity and Health among 0 – 6 years old Children**
Date: 28-29 May 2010

Place: Epinal, France
Organiser: University of Metz
More information: http://www.epinal.fr/actualites/evenements/centre_congres.shtml

Title: **13th Biennial European Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making (SMDM)**
Date: 30 May – 2 June 2010
Place: Tyrol, Austria
Organiser: SMDM
Deadline: Abstracts: 12 February 2010 to esmdm@umit.at
More information: www.umit.at/esmdm2010

Title: **9th International Conference on Health Economics, Management and Policy**
Date: 28-30 June 2010 & 1 July 2010
Place: Athens, Greece
Organiser: Athens Institute for Education and Research
More information: www.atiner.gr/docs/Health.htm

Title: **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - Dignity for the Frail Old From dilemmas to solutions**
Date: 2-5 September 2010
Place: Bergen, Norway
More information: www.dignityold.com

Title: **10th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion**
Date: 21-24 September 2010
Place: London, UK
More information: www.safety2010.org.uk

Title: **EHFCN Annual Conference 2010 - The real cost of fraud and corruption in healthcare: How to reduce it**
Date: 28-29 September 2010
Place: Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: EHFCN
More information: conference@ehfcn.org

Title: **Second Croatian Congress on Preventive Medicine and Health Promotion with international participation**
Date: 13-16 October 2010
Place: Zagreb, Croatia
More information: <http://www.preventive-medicine2010.com/en/index.php>

5. Interesting publications

The Global Health System: Linking Knowledge with Action—Learning from Malaria
Gerald T. Keusch^{1*}, Wen L. Kilama², Suerie Moon³, Nicole A. Szlezák³, Catherine M. Michaud⁴
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PLoS Med 7(1): e1000179. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000179
Available online at:
<http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000179>

Who owns health inequalities?

Constance A Nathanson, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York USA
The Lancet, Volume 375, Issue 9711, 23 January 2010
Website: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(10\)60119-5/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(10)60119-5/fulltext)

From Social Safety Net to Social Policy? The role of conditional cash transfers in welfare state development in Latin America

Francesca Bastagli
Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE), London School of Economics and Political Science
Working Paper number 60 December, 2009 -International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC - IG)
Poverty Practice, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP
Available online PDF [35p.] at: <http://www.ipc-undp.org/pub/IPCWorkingPaper60.pdf>

Mapping, monitoring, and surveillance of neglected tropical diseases: towards a policy framework

MC Baker a, E Mathieu b, FM Fleming c, M Deming b, JD King d, A Garba e, JB Koroma f, Prof M Bockarie g, A Kabore h, DP Sankara a, Prof DH Molyneux g
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c Schistosomiasis Control Initiative, Imperial College, London, UK
d The Carter Center, Atlanta, GA, USA
e NTD Control Program, RISEAL, Niamey, Niger
f National Onchocerciasis Neglected Tropical Diseases Control Program, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Freetown, Sierra Leone
g Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, UK
h Liverpool Associates of Health, Liverpool, UK
The Lancet, Volume 375, Issue 9710, 16 January 2010
[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)61458-6/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)61458-6/abstract)

Poverty, Near-Poverty, and Hardship around the Time of Pregnancy

Paula Braveman, Kristen Marchi ; Susan Egerter Center on Social Disparities in Health, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of California, San Francisco
Soowon Kim, Health Improvement Program, Stanford Prevention Research Center, Stanford University, Stanford
Marilyn Metzler, Division of Adult and Community Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta
Tonya Stancil, Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention, and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta
Moreen Libet, Epidemiology, Assessment and Program Development, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program, Center for Family Health, California Dep. of Public Health, Sacramento, CA
Maternal and Child Health Journal - Matern Child Health J (2010) 14:20–35
Available online at: <http://www.springerlink.com/content/r161186rx520h647/fulltext.pdf>
URL:

Economic Arguments for addressing the social determinants of health inequalities Working Document No.4 - 2009

DETERMINE - EU Consortium for Action on the Socioeconomic Determinants of Health (SDH).

Available online PDF [31p.] at: <http://www.health-inequalities.eu/pdf.php?id=25d4fa63460c83d64115e80cd65980d3>

State of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Division for Social Policy and Development
UN Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues – January 14, 2010
Available online as PDF file [250p.] at
http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/SOWIP_web.pdf

The EXODUS of Public Health What History Can Tell Us About the Future

Amy L. Fairchild, David Rosner, James Colgrove, Ronald Bayer, and Linda P. Fried
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January 2010, Vol 100, No. 1 | American Journal of Public Health 54-63
Abstract at: <http://ajph.aphapublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/100/1/54> [Requires subscription]

The Global Health System: Actors, Norms, and Expectations in Transition

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PLoS Medicine | www.plosmedicine.org 1 January 2010 | Volume 7 | Issue 1 | e1000183
Available online <http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info:doi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000183>

Public health, innovation and intellectual property

WHO Report of the Expert Working Group on Research and Development Financing
December 23rd, 2009
Available online PDF [19p.] at: http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB126/B126_6Add1-en.pdf

A historical reflection on research evaluation studies, their recurrent themes and challenges

Sonja Marjanovic, Stephen Hanney, Steven Wooding
2009 RAND Corporation
Available online PDF [55p.] at: http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/2009/RAND_TR789.pdf

Global health Risks - Mortality and burden of disease attributable to selected major risks

World Health Organization – December 2009
Available online PDF [70p.] at:
http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global_burden_disease/GlobalHealthRisks_report_full.pdf

Addressing financial sustainability in health systems

Sarah Thomson, Research Fellow, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, and LSE Health, London
Tom Foubister, Research Officer, LSE Health, London
Josep Figueras, Director, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Brussels
Joseph Kutzin, Regional Adviser, Health Systems Financing, and Head of the WHO Office, Barcelona
Govin Permanand, Programme Manager/Technical Officer, Health Evidence Network, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen

Lucie Bryndová, Adviser to the Minister of Health, Cabinet of the Minister, Prague
World Health Organization 2009 on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and
Policies 2009

Available online PDF [49p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E93058.pdf>

Exploring the determinants of unsafe abortion: improving the evidence base in Mexico

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Health Policy and Planning, doi:10.1093/heapol/czp061 - December 15, 2009

Available at:

<http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/czp061?ijkey=OA1CVURLq1MxBuk&keytype=ref>

Health Capability: Conceptualization and Operationalization

Jennifer Prah Ruger, PhD

School of Public Health, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

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Journal URL- Abstract: <http://ajph.aphapublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/100/1/41>

Also PDF available at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1508006

Global Health Justice

Jennifer Prah Ruger, Yale University

PUBLIC HEALTH ETHICS VOLUME 2 • NUMBER 3 • 2009 • 261–275

Available online at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1502810

The European health report 2009. Health and health systems

WHO Regional Office for Europe

Copenhagen, Denmark – December 2009

ISBN 978 92 890 1415 1

Available online PDF [141p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E93103.pdf>

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SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP)

Guides Edited by Andy Oxman and Stephen Hanney

Health Research Policy and Systems 2009, 7(Suppl 1):11 (16 December 2009)

Website: <http://www.health-policy-systems.com/supplements/7/S1>

6. European Commission: information, calls, tenders

(A) Call 2010: New funding opportunities in health.

The European Commission has published the Work Plan for 2010 for the implementation of second programme of Community action in the field of health.

The publication of the Work Plan was followed by the calls for proposals. The [Executive Agency for Health and Consumers \(EAHC\)](#) published calls for proposals for projects, operating grants, conferences and joint actions.

The financial contributions may, where appropriate, include joint financing by the Community and one or more Member states or by the Community and the competent authorities of other participating countries.

The Calls present new funding opportunities for the European organisations active in the area of public

health. The total budget available for the execution of the 2010 Work Plan is 47.1 million euro.

All proposals should address important problems in the European public health and be in line with the Commission's priorities expressed in the Work Plan.

The successful proposals should concentrate on aspects of public health that cannot be achieved on a national level. They should ensure a significant impact across the EU.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 19 March 2010.

- [More about funding for projects](#)
- [More about funding for conferences](#)
- [More about operating grants](#)
- [More about joint actions](#)

(B) Call for proposals to develop and coordinate a network of nursing educators and regulators - Deadline 31 March 2010

The objective of this call for proposal is to create a pilot network of nurse educators and regulators in order to exchange best practices and thus to improve the qualifications of healthcare workers, healthcare assistants and lower-skilled nurses.

There is a need to examine and find solutions to the current employment situation in the health sector, particularly in relation to professional qualifications and duties carried out by healthcare workers, healthcare assistants and lower-skilled nurses and to examine the effects of cross-border mobility both in the host country and the country of origin.

This has synergy with the topics contained in the Commission's Green Paper on the European workforce for Health which started a process of detailed consideration of health workforce planning and supply and the impact of health worker mobility within Member States and within the EU.

- [Call for proposals](#)  [62 KB] .
- [Commission Decision C\(2009\)6096 concerning the financial contribution by the Community, for the year 2009, towards a pilot project in the field of health professionals](#)  [31 KB] .
- [Application form](#)  [115 KB] .

Contact between the Commission and the applicants is forbidden, save, exceptionally, in cases where clarification of the call for proposals dossier is necessary. Should the applicant require any clarification prior to the deadline for submission of applications, the request should be addressed to SANCO-health-workforce@ec.europa.eu.

(C) Mobility of researchers

Stimulating knowledge exchange through mobility of researchers has become a key priority to national and European policy makers. However, a lot is still not fully understood and more evidence is needed to develop effective policies on this topic. To this end, the European Commission has launched a large scale study (known as the MORE-study - www.researchersmobility.eu) focusing on mobility patterns and career paths of researchers.

We would like to invite you to participate to our survey (about 10-15 minutes of your time) in order to collect your experiences with respect to mobility. Your opinion on the problems, needs and attitudes will help the European Commission (and other Governments) to develop better targeted policies on this subject.

All completed surveys shall remain strictly private and confidential and shall only be used for the purposes of this study.

7. European Commission: update

Public Health

- **Mental health**

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

- **Population groups**

[New publication: Data and Information on Women's Health in the European Union](#)

- **AH1N1**

[Pandemic \(H1N1\) 2009 - WHO weekly update 15/01/2010](#)

- **Preparedness and response**

[Health Security in the European Union and Internationally - Citizens' summary available in 22 languages](#)

- **Health Programme**

[List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated](#)

- **Blood, tissues and organs**

[Summary Table of Responses from Competent Authorities for Tissues and Cells: Questionnaire on the transposition and implementation of the European Tissues and Cells regulatory framework \(Year 2008\)](#)

- **Mental health**

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

- **Blood, tissues and organs**

[Communication from the Commission COM \(2009\) 708 on the application of Directive 2004/23/EC on setting standards of quality and safety for the donation, procurement, testing, processing, preservation, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells](#)

- **Alcohol**

[European Alcohol and Health Forum - First Monitoring Progress Report](#)

- **Mental health**

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

- **Communicable diseases**

[Council Recommendation on seasonal influenza vaccination adopted on 22 December 2009](#)

- **Influenza A(H1N1)**

[Pandemic H1N1 2009 - WHO weekly update](#)

- **Scientific committee on health and environmental risks**

[SCHER Request for a scientific opinion on Possible improvements in risk assessment approaches in view of risk management needs and effective risk communication](#) [Risk assessment section](#)

- **Influenza A(H1N1)**

[Pandemic \(H1N1\) 2009 vaccine deployment update - 23 December 2009](#)

- **Europe in action for healthier, safer, more confident citizens**

[See the brochure, watch the videos](#)

- **Health and Consumer Voice Newsletter**

[January - 2010 Edition](#)

- **The European Consumer Consultative Group**

[ECCG Opinion on Complaints Handling in Energy : 11 December 2009](#)

- **Weekly overview report of RAPEX notifications**

[week 49 - 2009](#)

- **Health determinants: Mental Health**

[EU Database of policies and good practices on mental health and well-being](#) [New templates added: Mental health in older people](#)

- **Health determinants: The Help 2.0 campaign (2009-2010)**
[Help 2.0 2009: Executive summary available](#)

- **Health determinants: The Help 2.0 campaign (2009-2010)**
The 2009 Empreintes Awards, which aims to reward the best health publicity campaigns, took place last night, Monday 14th December, at the Marigny Theater, Paris

7. European Centre for Diseases Control

Recent ECDC publications available online (December 2009)

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

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

In addition, the following publications have been updated:

Influenza (H1N1) 2009: Current pandemic risk assessment:
http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Documents/0908_Influenza_AH1N1_Risk_Assessment.pdf
(updated on the 17/12/2009)

Q&A for health professionals on vaccines and vaccination in relation to the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic:
[http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Documents/0911_Pandemic_Influenza_\(H1N1\)_QA_on_Vaccines_and_Vaccination_Experts.pdf](http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Documents/0911_Pandemic_Influenza_(H1N1)_QA_on_Vaccines_and_Vaccination_Experts.pdf)
(updated on the 18/12/2009)

Q&A for the general public on vaccines and vaccination in relation to the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic:
[http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Documents/0911_Pandemic_Influenza_\(H1N1\)_QA_on_Vaccines_and_Vaccination_General_Public.pdf](http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Documents/0911_Pandemic_Influenza_(H1N1)_QA_on_Vaccines_and_Vaccination_General_Public.pdf)
(updated on the 18/12/2009)

Technical Document:

Protocol for cluster investigations to measure influenza vaccine effectiveness in the EU/EEA

This publication presents a core European protocol describing methods for investigation of clusters to measure influenza vaccine effectiveness. It is intended to be used by teams from national or local public health institutions that have to investigate a cluster of influenza. Given the main study designs in cluster investigation situations, the methods section is divided into cohort study and case-control study. Possible target readership: public health officials, policymakers, clinicians

Key words: influenza; pandemic influenza.

Read more:

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Joint ECDC/EUPHA meeting on health communication for innovation in the EU: a focus on communicable diseases

Individuals and organisations interested in health communication practice and research gathered in Stockholm on 18–19 May 2009 to discuss the current status of practice and research dedicated to promoting health literacy in the EU.

They initiated a network focused on sharing innovation to improve health communication and identified opportunities and challenges associated with developing communicable diseases-related health communication based on published research and evidence on effectiveness.

Possible target readership: health communication experts, public health experts, policymakers

Keywords: health communication

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Ensuring quality in public health microbiology laboratories in the EU: Quality control and areas in need of strengthening

In September 2009, ECDC convened a meeting of its National Microbiology Focal Points (NMFPs), a group of experts that provide technical and strategic input on overarching questions in microbiology.

During the meeting, representatives from national and international quality assurance organisations explained the relevant systems and structures currently in place, and the participating NMFPs elaborated on the quality assurance systems in use in their countries. The participants agreed that ECDC could promote quality assurance by reinforcing collaboration, stimulating the exchange of good practices, and by providing relevant information resources.

Possible target readership: meeting participants; experts in microbiology laboratory operations and processes; microbiologists; laboratory personnel; public health officials

Keywords: microbiology, laboratory, surveillance, quality control

Read more:

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