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We wish you a relaxing summer break!

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

EUPHA and ASPHER are pleased to invite you to the 3rd joint European Public Health Conference combining the 18th annual EUPHA meeting and the 32nd annual meeting of ASPHER. The conference will be organised from 10 to 13 November in Amsterdam by the Netherlands Public Health Federation (NPHF). The main theme of the conference is Integrated public health.

The preliminary programme will be available on the website early July. The conference website will be reorganised when the programme is put online, making it possible to organise your personal programme before coming to Amsterdam. We hope this new service will be to your liking.

For your information, we are attaching the short overview of the preliminary conference programme. The parallel programme is organised in 10 full tracks (7 sessions) and 6 half tracks (3-4 sessions):

1. Integrating research, policy and practice
2. European research and innovation
3. Integrated health services
4. Health services – the individual perspective
5. Health inequalities
6. Public health competencies
7. Food and obesity
8. Environment and public health
9. Health promotion
10. Innovative public health issues

And:

1. Occupational health
2. Infectious diseases
3. Chronic diseases
4. Mental health
5. Adolescent health
6. Migrant and ethnic minority health

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

Subsidized places

Together with our partners:

- Open Society Institute
- European Commission
- European Public Health Alliance
- ASPHER
- And other partners

We have limited possibility of offering subsidized places. If you are in need of financial support to attend the conference in Amsterdam, please send an email indicating why, how much and for what you need financial assistance, we will do our best to assist. Send your request to: h.vandenbrink@nivel.nl by **1 August 2010**.

2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Team Leader, Surveillance and Public Health Response, Immunization Safety Office

The Immunization Safety Office (ISO), Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID proposed) is seeking qualified candidates to serve as Team Leader for Surveillance and Public Health Response (SPHR). ISO monitors adverse events after immunization through passive and active surveillance systems, conducts research to determine the association of suspected events with implicated immunizations, and works with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Defense (DoD), and other Federal Partners to identify directions for studying possible biological mechanisms of established associations. CDC and FDA jointly co-administer the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System

(VAERS), a post-marketing safety surveillance program, collecting information about adverse events that occur after the administration of US licensed vaccines. ISO has been a leader or active participant in all Federal plans and activities to monitor the safety of vaccines against pandemic influenza or other vaccines that may be used in a public health emergency response.

The SPHR Team Leader serves as a senior medical advisor for providing leadership to a multidisciplinary team including medical officers, nurses, epidemiologists, data managers /programmers and biostatisticians conducting surveillance and responding to identified safety signals. Responsibilities also include oversight of a large contract with the organization that manages the VAERS data; working with the contractor to continuously improve the quality, usability, and completeness of VAERS data, and ease of reporting to VAERS; working with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to inform discussions in vaccine workgroups that may have safety-related concerns; and collaborating extensively with FDA, NIH, the National Vaccine Program Office and the National Vaccine Advisory Committee.

This position is classified as a Medical Officer, GS-602/14 and will be filled through the open continuous Medical Officer announcement <http://www.usajobs.gov/>. Commissioned Corps candidates are welcome to apply through this announcement.

Internal vacancy nr is HHS-CDC-T1-2010-001. External vacancy nr is HHS-CDC-D1-2010-001 Applications should be submitted through USA Jobs by July 6 , 2010 to be considered for this position. Please read the announcement in its entirety and follow instructions for submission of the required supporting documentation.

Masters in Risk, Health and Public Policy, Durham University UK

Applications are welcomed for the MA in Risk, Health and Public Policy (Durham University). This provides students with advanced understanding of population health risks and their public policy implications. It is especially relevant for those interested in fields of public health and wellbeing involving partners beyond the medical sector in settings such as local communities, workplaces, schools etc. It focuses especially on factors in societies and local communities that contribute to risks, as well as the crucial importance of growing resilience within communities, to complement efforts to eliminate risk, or reduce vulnerability. This unique taught Masters programme is taught from a social science perspective and is led jointly out of the Department of Geography and the Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience (by specialists in risks to population health and impact of the environment on health), and in partnership with the School of Applied Social Science (SASS) with expertise in cross agency working on health and social care. Graduates from this programme will be well suited to the needs of those working on community action and public policy making, to manage and respond to risks for public health and wellbeing. The programme will provide advanced training in topics and research methods relevant to understand the risk factors associated with variation in population health. We are committed to developing new ways of understanding and managing risk, bringing together disciplines and approaches in novel ways, and increasing resilience and well-being in the face of adversity. Further details can be found at www.dur.ac.uk/geography/postgraduate/riskmasters/ or by email at geog.pgadmissions@durham.ac.uk.

3. Interesting news

UCL. Health & Society Summer School - 12-16 July 2010 –Social Determinants of Health

STILL SOME PLACES AVAILABLE!

The summer school will be held at UCL which is located in central London, close to Regent's Park, the British Museum, the British Library and West End shops and theatres.

The summer school is designed for two types of participant: those who already work in the field of public health and who want to refresh their knowledge of population health, and those who are considering a career in public health or related research such as social epidemiology. Our course is multidisciplinary.

What topics will be covered over the five day course? Class, Work, Gender, Ethnicity, Social biological translation, Life course epidemiology, Disability, inequality and human rights, Russian mortality crisis, Public health ethics, Politics of health and equity, Globalization and health, and Inequalities in dental public health.

Michael Marmot will open the summer school with a presentation on the social determinants of health and close the week with a lecture and discussion on national and international policy development. Members of the Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England (Marmot Review) have been invited to brief summer school participants.

Margaret Whitehead will give a guest lecture on Tackling Health Inequalities. Summer school participants will be invited to a public seminar on climate change, health inequality and well-being with guest speakers Anne Johnson, Andrew Simms and Tadj Oreszczyn.

For more information contact Catherine Conroy (Course administrator).

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Initiative for WHO-resolution on Child injury prevention

On 22nd May, the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, which is the major steering instrument within the WHO-governance structure counting 34 members elected by the 193 WHO-member states, strongly endorsed the proposal for issuing a WHO-Resolution on Child Injury Prevention.

In the meeting of the Executive Board, an unprecedented number of 13 members, among whom China, the Russian federation, the USA, Canada, the EU, Bangladesh, Mozambique and Mexico, took the opportunity to speak on the issue and to present their strong endorsement to the proposed resolution.

Members from high income countries as well as from low and middle income countries underlined that the targets child survival programmes need to be adapted to the changed epidemiology, as today injury has become a leading cause of death and disability for children throughout the world.

The proposed Resolution was initiated by the Dutch government in response to the World Report on Child injury prevention that has been jointly launched by WHO and UNICEF in December 2008. It will call upon the WHO-member states to prioritize the prevention of child injury within health policies and policies across government departments.

More information: <http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/>

EUREGIO III Project Newsletter

Please find here the June 2010 edition of the Newsletter of the EUREGIO III project

(www.euregio3.eu) financed under the 2008-2013 Health Programme.

[Click here to download the full PDF version.](#)

European Patients' Forum

The European Patients' Forum (EPF), the leading umbrella organisation of patient organisations active in the field of public health and health advocacy is pleased to announce that their June issue of the EPF mailing is now available at [EPF Website](#).

All previous issues are available at www.eu-patient.eu/publications.

EHESP School of Public Health

The EHESP School of Public Health is organizing two meetings on situations of disability and their consequences :

- "Do disability situations, affecting nearly 12 million people in France, generate poverty? Do social policies that target people with disabilities and their families reduce inequalities? Do disabilities exacerbate different forms of precariousness? What is the situation in France and other European countries?"

The EHESP School of Public Health is organizing a meeting of information, reflection and discussion on this theme, within the framework of the European Year for Combating Poverty. Open to members and leaders of associations, professionals in the sector and local policymakers, this event will be held on September 28, 2010, from 9 am to 5 pm at UNESCO in Paris.

Program on request - Free admission by invitation.

Registration and information : journees.europennes@ehesp.fr

- A second meeting will take place in Amsterdam, on November 10, 2010, from 8.30 am to 5 pm, on the topic "Limitations, disabilities and dependency: how to measure, how to train?". The event will be held in English at the opening of the third European Public Health Conference, and will contrast and compare the different viewpoints of European and North American researchers and trainers.

Program on request – Cost : 100 euros

Registration : www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

To get more information : please send an e-mail at journees.europennes@ehesp.fr

Passive smoking and children

A report by the Tobacco Advisory Group of the Royal College of Physicians

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www.bookshop.rcplondon.ac.uk/details.aspx?e=305

Passive smoking is a major hazard to the health of millions of children who live with smokers. Although legislation in the UK has now prohibited smoking in enclosed public places and in workplaces, the vast majority of death and illness is caused by passive smoking in the home, rather than outside it.

As well as summarising data from hundreds of existing studies, this report sets out new research that quantifies just how damaging passive smoking in the home is to children, and the harm done to the fetus by maternal smoking. It also assesses the likelihood of adult smokers increasing the risk that their children will themselves become smokers.

The report estimates, for example, that over 20,000 cases of lower respiratory tract infection, 120,000 cases of middle ear disease, and at least 22,000 new cases of wheeze and asthma are all caused by passive smoking in children each year in the UK; and that around 23,000 young people take up smoking before the age of 16 as a result of exposure to smoking by others in their household.

The financial costs of the disease burden caused by passive smoking, the level of public support for further legislation, the ethical issues involved, and the policy responses that are needed to minimise exposure in the future, are all set out clearly in this seminal document. It should be read by health professionals in all areas, but particularly those working with children, in obstetrics and in public health, and by politicians, health policy-makers, and tobacco control charities, as well as members of the public interested in creating a healthier, smoke-free environment for all children.

Supported by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

4. EUPHA member of the month – ASPHER

Website: www.aspher.org

ASPHER has been an associate member of EUPHA for several years (as we have been with them). ASPHER is the Association of schools of public health in the European region and as such, an excellent partner for EUPHA.

ASPHER is the key independent European organisation dedicated to strengthening the role of public health by improving education and training of public health professionals for both practice and research. Founded in 1966, ASPHER has over 80 institutional members located throughout the Member States of the European Union (EU), Council of Europe (CE) and European Region of the World Health Organisation (WHO). ASPHER is represented in 39 European countries, with more than 5000 academics employed in its member institutions. Read more:

They currently have 7 taskforces on:

- Accreditation for Public Health Education
- Public Health Core Competencies
- Global Health
- Doctoral Programmes and Research Capacities
- Innovation and Good-practice in Public Health Education
- Ethics and Values in Public Health
- Public Health Advocacy and Communication

ASPHER just started publishing the Public Health Reviews Journal. The first issue of Public Health Reviews is entitled The New Public Health and is accessible for free at <http://www.publichealthreviews.eu>.

The first issue, *The New Public Health*, comprised of articles from invited authors, recognises the rapid evolution of public health over the past thirty years, and the need to broaden the base of professional studies in public health within the scope of civil society as much as within health care and medicine. The issue includes topics such as health care reform in Europe, health care innovations in the US, achievements in the sphere of infectious disease, public health workforce shortages in the developing world and micronutrient deficiency, among others.

The *Public Health Reviews Journal*, which had been published for many years in Israel, was dormant for some time after the owner/publisher retired. In 2008, a proposal to bring it back to life was made, the PHR rights were purchased by EHESP School of Public Health, and a distinguished international Editorial Board was established with institutional support from ASPHER, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, and the Braun School of Public Health, Jerusalem, among others.

In the inaugural issue of the revived journal, we seek to address a wide audience from the myriad of disciplines that comprise the work of public health. We hope to reach public health educators, researchers, students, policy-makers, and practitioners worldwide with evidence-based theoretical and experimental knowledge.

PHR seeks to provide systematic reviews of important topics in public health in order to assist in translation of science into practice, in Europe and globally. The journal will place emphasis on the integration of current state of the art knowledge translational issues, and interdisciplinary approaches, describing evidence-based policy and best practices, for the benefit of a wide audience, including SPH faculty and students, public health professionals, scientists, policy makers, and practitioners. PHR will strive to be agenda setting, offering recommendations for the advancement of the field of public health in Europe and around the world.

The first issue, *The New Public Health*, will be followed by an issue on Ageing due to come out at the end of 2010, an issue on Cardiovascular Issues in early 2011, an issue on Education in Public Health in late 2011, and one entitled *Healthy Europe 2020* at the beginning of 2012. Each issue will focus on one selected theme, while being open to non-thematic reviews. In order to reach a wider audience, *Public Health Reviews* will be available freely online, with printed copies provided for a fee.

The journal is currently registered in Academic Search Complete and will soon be registered in other online systems as well.

Public Health Reviews hopes to reach a large audience, spreading the basic concepts of public health in Europe and around the world!

If you or your organization would like to receive a paper copy of the first issue, please send your name and address to office@aspher.org.

5. 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: Quality of life and Maltreatment of Elderly in Europe
Date: 28 June 2010
Place: Madrid, Spain
More information: <http://www.elderlyineuropemadrid2010.com/>

Title: Promotion of Mental Health and Well-being in Older People– Making it happen
Thematic Conference under the European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being
Date: 28-29 July 2010
Place: Madrid, Spain
More information: http://ec.europa.eu/health/mental_health/events/ev_20100419_en.htm

Title: International Psychogeriatric Association 2010 International Meeting

Date: 26-29 September 2010
Place: Santiago de Compostela, Spain
Deadline: For poster submission: 16 July
More information: <http://www.ipa2010spain.com/>

Title: 5^e Colloque CNFPT « *Collectivités territoriales et santé publique* »
Date: 29 - 30 September 2010
Place: Nancy, France
Organiser: Société Française de Santé Publique
More information: <http://www.sfsp.fr/>

Title: **European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE)**
Date: 11-13 November 2010
Place: Lisbon, Portugal
Deadline: For abstract submission: 12 July 2010.
Organiser: ECDC
More information: www.escaide.eu

Title: **13th Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality Essay Competition - Research Grant - Workshop Participation on the topic: Health Politics in an Interconnected World: The Production of Evidence - Negotiating Access - The Politics of Locality**
Date: 1-5 December 2010
Place: Berlin, Germany
Deadline: Deadline for essay submission: 3 September, 2010
Organiser: Irmgard Coninx Foundation, the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), and Humboldt-University Berlin.
More information: <http://www.irmgard-coninx-stiftung.de/index.php?id=234>

6. Interesting publications

Annual report 2009 of the Institut Universitaire de médecine sociale et préventive, Lausanne, Switzerland. The report (in French) can be downloaded from: <http://www.iumsp.ch/>

Gesundheitsreport 2/2010 zum Alkoholkonsum in Bayern.

Bayerisches Landesamt für Gesundheit und Lebensmittelsicherheit, Germany, 2010. The report can be downloaded from: <http://www.lgl.bayern.de/gesundheit/gbe.htm>

Social determinants of diabetes and challenges of prevention

Nigel Unwin , David Whiting , Gojka Roglic
The Lancet, [Volume 375, Issue 9733](#), Pages 2204 - 2205, 26 June 2010.
doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(10)60840-9
Website: <http://bit.ly/dw1990>

A diabetes themed issue of The Lancet brings together new research, review, and analysis. Since 2000, the prevalence of diabetes has doubled to around 285 million worldwide, and type 2 disease accounts for 90% of the diabetes burden.

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Joan Benach, Carles Muntaner, Orielle Solar, Vilma Santana, Sharon Friel, Tanja AJ Houweling,
Michael Marmot.
BMJ 2010;340:c2154 - 21 June 2010, doi:10.1136/bmj.c2154
Website: <http://bit.ly/9GLI1T>

Tackling Chronic Disease in Europe Strategies, interventions and challenges
Reinhard Busse, Miriam Blümel, David Scheller-Kreinsen and Annette Zentner,
World Health Organization 2010, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and
Policies
Full text of the book [PDF 750KB - 127p.] at: <http://bit.ly/afrk27>

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Martin Ravallion
The World Bank - Development Research Group Director's Office
Policy Research Working Paper 5284 - April 2010
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Karen A Gre´pin and William D Savedoff
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/bHAvEf>

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Rifat Atun, Thyra de Jongh, Federica Secci, Kelechi Ohiri and Olusoji Adeyi .
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/8Y1zrv>

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Karen Davis, Cathy Schoen, and Kristof Stremikis
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Available online PDF [34p.] at: <http://bit.ly/bPSyNT>

Where Is the Future in Public Health?
Hilary Graham
The Milbank Quarterly Volume 88, Number 2, 2010
Full text available online at: <http://bit.ly/bagZLY>
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Schmunis GA, Yadon ZE.

Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control, Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office of the World Health Organization
Acta Trop. 2010 Jul-Aug;115(1-2):14-21. Epub 2009 Nov 20.
Abstract: <http://bit.ly/dahVn8>
Journal website: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/0001706X>
Link: <http://bit.ly/bmGF6N>

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Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) journal. Published by the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. CDC

July 2010 Issue. Available online at: <http://bit.ly/bDCKzn>

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Board on Health Care Services

US - Institute of Medicine IOM - April 15, 2010

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Rüdiger Krech, Kevin Buckett,

Access the Adelaide Statement through: <http://bit.ly/9oJoXb>

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Public Health Reports (PHR) is the official journal of the U.S. Public Health Service. Published by the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH).

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

Evidence-informed Policy Bulletin

Boletín Políticas Informadas en Evidencias (PIE) - May 2010

Available online at: <http://new.paho.org/pie/>

Communities Taking Action: Profiles of Health Equity

June 2010

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

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Harley Feldbaum, Kelley Lee and Joshua Michaud

Epidemiologic Reviews, doi:10.1093/epirev/mxq006 – June 2010

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Carlos Castillo-Salgado

Epidemiologic Reviews - Published by Oxford University Press on behalf of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

June 9, 2010 DOI: 10.1093/epirev/mxq008

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Laura Hopkinsh, Ronald Labonté, Vivien Runnels and Corinne Packer
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Best practice in estimating the costs of alcohol – Recommendations for future studies

Edited by: Lars Møller, Srdan Matic
World Health Organization WHO Regional Office for Europe
2010, vi + 64 pages - ISBN 978 92 890 4207 9
Available online PDF [72p.] at: <http://bit.ly/bSet1F>

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John N. Lavis, G. Emmanuel Guindon, David Cameron, Bounngong Boupoua, Masoumeh Dejman, Eric J.A. Osei, Ritu Sadana
Research to Policy and Practice Study Team
CMAJ • June 15, 2010; 182 (9). doi:10.1503/cmaj.081165 Canadian Medical Association
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/aSyDcH>

Setting the political agenda to tackle health inequity in Norway

Mali Strand, Chris Brown, Tone P. Torgersen and Øyvind Giæver
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Available online at: <http://bit.ly/bJipxK>

How can gender equity be addressed through health systems?

Sarah Payne,
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J Epidemiol Community Health doi:10.1136/jech.2009.093914
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Revitalising primary health care requires an equitable global economic system - now more than ever

David Sanders, Fran E Baum, Alexis Benos, David Legge
J Epidemiol Community Health doi:10.1136/jech.2009.095125 – December 2009
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Generic drug pricing in Canada: Components of the value-chain

Aidan Hollis
Discussion Paper May 2010-
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Countdown to 2015 - Maternal, Newborn and Child Survival

World Health Organization and UNICEF 2010
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/bksbLj>

Conference: 2010 Women Deliver/Countdown to 2015

Washington DC - 7-9 June 2010 at: <http://bit.ly/dAKhyg>

Health of migrants – the way forward

Report of a global consultation
World Health Organization WHO
Madrid, Spain, March 2010

Available online PDF [119p.] at: <http://bit.ly/d7x6NL>

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Hak-Ju Kim and Jennifer Prah Ruger
BMC Public Health 2010, 10:195 April 2010

Available online [19p.] at: <http://bit.ly/bj9lgP>

A Human Rights Based Approach to Health

Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights
Information, Evidence and Research (IER/ETH) - World Health Organization

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/9D91mp>

Health and access to health care of migrants in the UK

Hiranthi Jayaweera
A Race Equality Foundation
Better Health Briefing 19 May 2010

Available online at: <http://www.better-health.org.uk/files/health/health-brief19.zip>

Health Care Systems: Efficiency and Institutions

Economics Department Working Papers No. 769, May 2010
Isabelle Joumard, Christophe André and Chantal Nicq
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD

Available online [132p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cSKG9b>

Core Competencies Adopted to Help Strengthen the Public Health Workforce

Council on Linkages between Academia and Public Health Practice unanimously adopted a new set of Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals.

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

Health Inequalities Intervention Toolkit

UK Association of Public Health Observatories and Department of Health, 2010

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/b8b5TY>

European journals:

- **Materia Socio Medica** – Social medicine – public health journal. This journal is published by the Association for social medicine- public health of Bosnia-Herzegovina. All papers are published in English as the aim is to be the leading journal for public health on a regional level. The editor-in-chief is Prof. Izet Masic. The full text of the journal can be found on <http://www.avicenapublisher.org/docs/MSM/MSM2010-2.pdf>
- **Acta informative medica**. – journal of academy of Medical Sciences of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This journal is published 3-4 times a year and is the official journal of the Society of Medical Informatics of Bosnia and Herzegovina. All papers are published in English. The

editor-in-chief is Prof. Izet Masic. The full text of the journal can be found on:
<http://www.avicenapublisher.org/docs/AIM/AIM2010-2.pdf>

- **Medicinski Arhiv** (Medical Archives) is also a journal published by the Academy of medical sciences of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The journal is published 5-6 year; all papers are in English; the editor-in-chief is Prof. Izet Masic. The full text of the journal can be found on:
<http://www.avicenapublisher.org/docs/MedArh/MedArh2010-3.pdf>
- **Community Dental Health** is the official journal of the British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry and the European Association of Dental Public Health. The journal is published 4 times/year. The journal is concerned with dental public health and related subjects. Dental public health is the science and the art of preventing oral disease, promoting oral health, and improving the quality of life through the organised efforts of society. More information on the journal can be found at: <http://www.cdjournal.org/>. In June a supplement was published on "The 7th WHO global conference on health promotion – towards integration of oral health (Nairobi, Kenya 2009)".

7. European Commission: update

Alcohol

The on-line database RAYPRO (Resource on Alcohol and Youth Projects) is now accessible

Blood, tissues and organs

New Eurobarometers: "Organ donation and transplantation" and "Blood donation and blood transfusions"
Summary report of the joint meeting of the Competent Authorities and Regulatory Committee on Tissues and Cells, 20-21 May 2010

Communicable diseases

Avian influenza in humans - Facts and figures - Data as of 08 June 2010
Summit Conference Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, Brussels, 14-15 October 2010

Cross-border care

Council agrees on new rules for patients' rights in cross-border healthcare

Dialogue and collaboration

Risk assessment system of the EU - Inventory of Practices

Electromagnetic fields

New eurobarometer on Electromagnetic Fields

Health programme

Publications updated

Indicators

ECHI - list of indicators - New indicator: Activity restriction in the past 6 months

Interest groups

EU Open Health Forum , Brussels, 29-30 June 2010 - Draft conference resolution
EU Open Health Forum conference 2010, Brussels, 29-30 June 2010 - Programme of the Working Groups updated
EU Open Health Forum conference: "Together for Health - a Strategy for the EU 2020", Brussels, 29-30 June 2010 - Programme updated
REMINDER: EU Open Health Forum conference, Brussels, 29-30 June 2010 - The Conference will be broadcast live. Read the programme and watch the event

Mental health

Call for submission: the best projects on the support for migrant elders' initiatives wanted
EU-Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well being - Policy documents, recommendations and declarations updated
European pact for mental health and well-being now available in 22 languages
Thematic Conference Mental Health and Well-being in Older People, Madrid, 28-29 June 2010 - Final programme now available

Nutrition and physical activity

Eight Plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 10 February 2010 - Summary report available

EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health - 2010 annual report available

Ninth Plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 16 June 2010 - Agenda available

Pharmaceuticals

"Pharmaceuticals in the European Union" are now part of the EC-Public Health website

Scientific committees

Minutes of 9th Working Group on Tobacco Additives Meeting of 3 June 2010

Public consultation: Preliminary Opinion on new evidence of health effects of fluoridated drinking water - Deadline for comments: 15 September 2010

SCENIHR - Call for Information on Health Effects of Artificial Light - Deadline extended: 2 July 2010

SCHER - Members (CVs and Declarations) - Declarations of interests updated

SCHER - Opinion on: the environmental and health risks posed by depleted uranium Adopted by the SCHER during the 7th plenary meeting of 18 May 2010 after public consultation

SCHER opinion on Risk from organic CMR substances in toys

Social determinants and health inequalities

Video "Reducing health inequalities in the European Union" - Linguistic versions available

Tobacco

Approved tobacco testing laboratories in European Union member states - Germany updated

Approved tobacco testing laboratories in European Union member states - Slovenia added

HELP - For a life without tobacco - See the 2010 campaign TV channel & spot lists

HELP - For a life without tobacco - See the new "help" TV films

HELP News - May 2010 edition available

World Exposition 2010 Shanghai

World Exposition 2010 Shanghai - Healthy cities presentations available

8. European Centre for Diseases Control

ECDC has just launched a spotlight on **tick-borne diseases**. It provides information for a general audience but also factsheets for professionals on four tick-borne diseases:

- tick-borne encephalitis (TBE), i.e. TBE situation in several European countries
- Lyme disease
- Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF)
- tick-borne relapsing fever (TBRF).

You can also find links to official information in form of maps etc.

In the coming days, ECDC will also add a communication toolkit on tick-borne diseases. This toolkit aims at assisting public health authorities in the Member States to develop their communication strategies and materials to raise awareness on prevention and control of tick-borne diseases. It will include templates (e.g. for posters, leaflets etc.) for different target audiences, that can be adapted according to national strategies and needs.

The spotlight page is available over a couple of weeks from our homepage www.ecdc.europa.eu

clicking on a specific banner or from

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/spotlight/spotlight_tickborne/Pages/home.aspx

ECDC publications available online since May 2010

Annual Report of the Director: 2009

This reports on the work of ECDC during 2009. The year was dominated by the influenza pandemic, but the Centre concurrently continued to meet its other public health and disease-specific obligations. Activities are described by unit and by disease-specific programme with an additional summary of the Centre's response to the A(H1N1) pandemic.

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/1005_COR_Annual_Report_of_the_Director_2009.pdf

This publication is also available in print. To order a hard copy, please send an email to publications@ecdc.europa.eu

Possible target readership: policymakers, stakeholders.

Risk assessment on Q fever

Although typically a mild and self-limiting disease, Q fever can cause severe complications. A panel of experts reviewed the best available evidence in order to address issues related to chronic Q fever, transmission through blood transfusion, and risks during pregnancy.

This risk assessment was carried out at the request of the European Commission, and in collaboration with the European Food Safety Authority.

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/1005_TER_Risk_Assessment_Qfever.pdf

This publication is also available in print. To order a hard copy, please send an email to publications@ecdc.europa.eu

Possible target readership: Clinicians, public health officials concerned with blood donor programmes, public health policymakers

Influenza surveillance in Europe 2008/09

This report presents and analyses data collected via a variety of surveillance methods to provide a comprehensive epidemiological overview of influenza in the EU and other EEA countries for the 2008/09 season.

It includes syndromic surveillance data on influenza-like illness and acute respiratory tract infections; virological surveillance of the circulating influenza strains; and surveillance of the 2009 pandemic.

Given the emergence of the 2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1), the period of reporting was extended to cover a full year. It therefore provides an analysis of the situation from week 40 of 2008 to week 39 of 2009.

Read more: http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/1005_SUR_Influenza_Europe.pdf

Possible target readership: influenza specialists, policymakers, virologists

Annual meeting of the European Influenza Surveillance Network (EISN)

The objectives of this meeting were to describe the epidemiological and virological situation of influenza during the 2008/09 season in Europe and prepare the network members to use TESSy as a new IT infrastructure, with new variables and database structure discussed.

The transfer of the coordination of the influenza surveillance network to ECDC was concluded successfully and the operation of the network continued without any problems. In addition to clinical surveillance at the primary care level, countries are now encouraged to establish systems of surveillance of severe acute respiratory infection.

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/0906_MER_EISN_first_annual_meeting.pdf

Possible target readership: Policy makers, virologists

Weekly influenza surveillance overview

Published 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.

<http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/activities/surveillance/EISN/Pages/home.aspx>

3 June 2010

This week's contents:

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Multiresistant *Salmonella enterica* serovar 4,[5],12:i:- in Europe: a new pandemic strain?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19580>

[Risk of Salmonella infection with exposure to reptiles in England, 2004-2007](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19581>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Nationwide outbreak of *Salmonella* serotype Kedougou associated with infant formula, Spain, 2008
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19582>

Full table of contents:

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

10 June 2010

This week's contents:

EDITORIALS

Protecting asplenic individuals from fulminant pneumococcal disease
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19584>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Case report: Fulminant pneumococcal sepsis in an unvaccinated asplenic patient in Italy

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19585>

Syndromic surveillance to assess the potential public health impact of the Icelandic volcanic ash plume across the United Kingdom, April 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19583>

Upsurge of infections caused by *Salmonella* Concord among Ethiopian adoptees in Denmark, 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19587>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Mumps outbreak in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, January 2008 – June 2009: epidemiology and control measures

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19586>

LETTERS

Cross-reactivity of antibodies to viruses belonging to the Semliki forest serocomplex

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19588>

17 June 2010

This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Nationwide outbreak of *Salmonella enterica* serotype 4,12:i:- infections in France, linked to dried pork sausage, March-May 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19592>

2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1) virus in Scotland: geographically variable immunity in Spring 2010, following the winter outbreak

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19590>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Transmissibility of 2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1) in New Zealand: effective reproduction number and influence of age, ethnicity and importations

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19591>

PERSPECTIVES

Using tests for recent infection to estimate incidence: problems and prospects for HIV

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19589>

24 June 2010

This week's contents:

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Clostridium perfringens in London, July 2009: two weddings and an outbreak

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19598>

Investigation of a large outbreak of Clostridium difficile PCR-ribotype 027 infections in northern France, 2006-2007 and associated clusters in 2008-2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19597>

Congenital toxoplasmosis in France in 2007: first results from a national surveillance system

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19600>

2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1) outbreak in a complex of schools in Paris, France, June 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19599>

NEWS

European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) 2010 – call for abstracts

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19596>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19595>

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2010;15(19)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19594>

9. WHO publications

Recent publications:

- Equity, social determinants and public health programmes. WHO, Geneva, 2010
- International travel and health 2010 – situation as on 1 January 2010. WHO, Geneva, 2010
- WHO expert committee on specifications for pharmaceutical preparations – forty-fourth report. WHO, Geneva, 2010
- Some non-heterocyclic polycyclic hydrocarbons and some related exposures. WHO, IARC, 2010.
- WHO laboratory manual for the examination and processing of human semen – fifth edition. WHO, Geneva, 2010.
- Best practice in estimating the costs of alcohol – Recommendations for future studies. WHO/EURO, 2010 For more information about the book and a link to the electronic version check: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/best-practice-in-estimating-the-costs-of-alcohol-recommendations-for-future-studies>
- Millennium Development Goals in the WHO European Region. A situational analysis at the eve of the five-year countdown. 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/landing-pages/millennium-development-goals-in-the-who-european-region>
- Improving children's health and the environment: Examples from the WHO European Region 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/landing-pages/improving-childrens-health-and-the-environment>
- Tackling chronic disease in Europe: strategies, interventions and challenges 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/landing-pages/tackling-chronic-disease-in-europe-strategies,-interventions-and-challenges>
- Setting the political agenda to tackle health inequity in Norway 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/landing-pages/setting-the-political-agenda-to-tackle-health-inequity-in-norway>

NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - JUNE 2010

We are pleased to provide you with the list of WHO information products recently released. Please click on [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 2010 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online:

[International Travel and Health 2010](#)

This book explains how travellers can stay healthy and provides WHO guidance on vaccinations, malaria chemoprophylaxis and treatment, personal protection against insects and other disease vectors, and safety in different environmental settings.

[WHO Laboratory Manual for the Examination and Processing of Human Semen](#)

This manual provides updated, standardized, evidence-based procedures and recommendations for laboratory managers, scientists and technicians to follow in examining human semen in a clinical or research setting.

[Bench Aids for Malaria Microscopy. Third edition](#)

This new set has been compiled on the basis of feedback received from a wide range of professionals and experts who had been using the second edition of the Bench aids for diagnosing malaria infections .

[CDROM International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Health Related Problems \(The\) ICD-10. 2008 Edition](#)

This electronic version of the three printed volumes of ICD-10, 2008 edition is a self-contained electronic publication.

[CD-ROM Case Book on Ethical Issues in International Health Research](#)

This CD-ROM collects 64 case studies, each of which raises an important and difficult ethical issue connected with planning, reviewing, or conducting health-related research.

[CD-ROM Bulletin of WHO 2002-2009](#)

This CDROM includes all volumes of the Bulletin of WHO from 2002 to 2009, volumes 80 to 87. Full content in English with abstracts in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.

[Strontium and Strontium Compounds](#)

This new assessment examines natural strontium and strontium compounds and their impact on humans and the environment.

[Some Non-heterocyclic Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Some Related Exposures](#)

This volume reviews the potential carcinogenicity of 60 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and several occupational exposures involving coal-derived polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

[Tackling Chronic Disease in Europe](#)

The epidemiologic and economic analysis in this book suggests that policy-makers should make chronic disease a priority, and focuses on the strategies and interventions to use.

[Images that Inspire](#)

This publications gathers the posters that the Member States of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) used in the effort to eliminate measles and rubella in the Region of the Americas.

[Sterilization Manual for Health Centers](#)

This updated sterilization manual informs health workers about the simple protocols and procedures that have been developed to prevent hospital-acquired infections both inside and outside the sterilization plant.

[Rubella Watch \(Compendium of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome Articles\)](#)

This compendium of rubella and CRS articles is designed to tell the story of measles, rubella, and CRS elimination and compiles all the articles published on these diseases in the PAHO/WHO Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) Newsletter.

[Rubella Watch \(Compendium of Measles Articles\)](#)

This compendium aims to convey to countries and other regions of the world the lessons learned, along with experiences gained from other vaccine-preventable disease elimination initiatives and best practices developed.

[Profile of Child Injuries: Selected Member States in the Asia-Pacific Region](#)

The main objective of this document is to highlight the epidemiological aspect of childhood injuries in the WHO Member States of the Asia-Pacific Region.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 88, No. 6, 2010](#)

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

BOOKS IN FRENCH[Voyages internationaux et santé 2010](#)

Cet ouvrage explique comment rester en bonne santé lors d'un voyage et indique les recommandations de l'OMS concernant les vaccinations, la chimioprophylaxie et le traitement antipaludiques, les moyens de protection individuelle contre les insectes et autres vecteurs de maladies et la sécurité dans divers environnements.

BOOKS IN ARABIC[WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Guidelines for implementation of article 5.3, article 8, article 11, and article 13](#)

This book contains the first set of guidelines adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Second (2207) and Third (2008) sessions.

BOOKS IN CHINESE[WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Guidelines for implementation of article 5.3, article 8, article 11, and article 13](#)

This book contains the first set of guidelines adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Second (2207) and Third (2008) sessions.

BOOKS IN RUSSIAN[WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Guidelines for implementation of article 5.3, article 8, article 11, and article 13](#)

This book contains the first set of guidelines adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Second (2207) and Third (2008) sessions.

BOOKS IN PORTUGUESE[Manual de monitorização e avaliação dos recursos humanos de saúde](#)

This Handbook aims to strengthen that technical capacity. It offers health managers, researchers and policy makers a comprehensive and standard reference for monitoring and evaluating human resources for health.