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

We are nearly at the start of our 3rd European Public Health Conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. At the moment, by the Netherlands Public Health Federation (NPHF), EUPHA and ASPHER are finalising all the organisational issues to welcome over 1600 participants to Amsterdam. A fully booked programme that will start on Tuesday 9 November in the evening until Saturday 13 November late afternoon.

There are still possibilities to register on site and participate in the largest public health event in Europe this year. For more information, please check the final programme on:
http://www.eupha.org/programme/dynamic_programme.php

See you next week in Amsterdam!

2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Warwick Evidence

Warwick Evidence - one of ten national technology appraisal review teams in the UK- is currently advertising two senior posts. The role includes undertaking internationally important Health Technology Assessments for NICE and for other funders. Please see the links to jobs.ac.uk below.

Senior Research Fellow – Senior Systematic Reviewer:

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/ABV058/senior-research-fellow-senior-systematic-reviewer/>

Senior Research Fellow/Principal Research Fellow – Senior Modeller:

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/ABV165/senior-research-fellow-principal-research-fellow-senior-modeller-health-technology-assessment/>

Over the next month, we will also be advertising junior reviewer and modeller and other posts.

If you are aware of anyone who might be interested in any of these posts, we would be grateful if you could pass on these details.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dr Paul Sutcliffe (P.A.Sutcliffe@warwick.ac.uk) if you would like to discuss posts further.

Concepts of Epidemiology

Introductory crash course 6-10th of December 2010, Edinburgh, UK

The course website is: <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/cpd/courses/medicine?Course=K1797>

This is the sixth 5-day crash course in Epidemiology for those who want to lay a sound foundation to their knowledge of epidemiology, particularly as it relates to public health practice, policy and research. It is most suitable for people in the health professions, such as nurses, doctors, health promoters, health policy makers and health researchers. Social sciences, statistics and health management colleagues may also find the course useful.

Delegate feedback from the previous courses has been superlative. Usually 100% of respondents indicate that the course met (or exceeded) expectations. The feedback is on the course website <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/cpd/courses/medicine?Course=K1797>.

Vacancy: Researcher in the healthcare and social protection domains

The **European Social Observatory** (OSE asbl), located in Brussels, is a centre for policy oriented research, study and other activities in the field of social policy and employment in Europe. It analyses the impact of EU policies on the social sphere at national and European level. The OSE is looking for a researcher to work on healthcare and social protection matters, in particular in the framework of the ECAB project. This thirteen-partner project consortium, funded by the European Commission under its 7th Framework Programme, aims to study aspects of safety, quality and continuity of care delivery patients need to be informed about when they examine whether to seek health care in another Member State. The applicant will be involved inter alia in a research on the cross-border recognition of

medical prescriptions and in a case study on crossborder hospital collaboration at the Belgian-French border.

The candidate should have:

A master's degree in a social science discipline (political science, sociology, law, economics, public health and health services, European studies) or a biomedical discipline, with an orientation towards health services, European policies and/or social protection. At least 2 years of relevant professional experience.

A good knowledge of at least one (and by preference more) of the following issues:

- EU policies and European law
- Health services research, including the Belgian healthcare system
- Pharmaceutical care and policies
- European social protection and pension systems

Skills:

- Methodological skills in social research
- Be able to make in-depth analyses of policies and actors' behaviour
- Be able to carry out and analyse stakeholder interviews
- Be able to work independently
- Synthetic writing, reporting

Attitudes

- Curious
- Punctual
- Ready to conduct research in a cross-disciplinary perspective

Language knowledge:

- Fluent in both French and English: speaking, reading and writing
- Knowledge of Dutch is an asset

The OSE offers

A 2 year contract, with a possibility for extension

The vacancy is for a full time position. However, eligible candidates interested in a part-time position are also encouraged to apply, in particular candidates interested in combining this position with a PhD on a similar topic in an academic institution

A competitive salary

A stimulating working environment in a dynamic multidisciplinary team of researchers and supporting staff

The opportunity to be involved in a network of internationally renowned research centres involving the lead experts in the EU in this domain.

Start date: 3 January 2011. Application deadline: 15 November 2010

European Social Observatory (OSE asbl)

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1050 Brussels

Belgium

www.ose.be

Call for proposals

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) and the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) are announcing a joint call for proposals **for: Systematic Reviews to strengthen the international community's capacity for evidence-based policy making.**

Website: <http://bit.ly/cSQak4>

Systematic reviews examine the existing evidence on a particular intervention or program in low and middle income countries, drawing also on evidence from developed countries when pertinent. The studies should be carried out according to recognized international standards and guidelines. All studies will be subject to an external review process and for this purpose teams will be encouraged to register for peer review with a relevant systematic review coordinating body. All applications have to be submitted using 3ie's online application system.

Applications should be submitted online by 9am GMT on Monday, November 29, 2010.

The guidance documents available on this website are also available through the online application system. All applications have to be submitted online and NOT via email.

Proposals will be reviewed by three reviewers, including one external systematic review specialist and one external subject specialist. Successful proposal teams will be notified by Friday, January 28, 2011.

Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program (GID)

Fogarty International - Center Division of International Training and Research US National Institutes of Health, 2010

Status: Open for applications

Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program (D43) (PAR-10-260)

Letters of Intent Receipt Dates: August 21, 2011, August 21, 2012

Application Due Dates: November 2, 2010, September 21, 2011, September 21, 2012

Planning Grant for Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program (D71) (PAR-10-262)

Letters of Intent Receipt Dates: August 21, 2011, August 21, 2012

Application Due Dates: November 2, 2010, September 21, 2011, September 21, 2012

3. Interesting news

Please find below an overview of newsletters from partners associations:

SIMM Medici Manager

Newsletter 8 at <http://www.medicimanager.it/newsletter/newsletter041010.html>

EuSANH newsletter.

This newsletter will inform you about the latest developments within our network and project. Please contact Dorine Coenen at eusanh@gr.nl

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 September issue of the EPF mailing is now available at [EPF Website](#).

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

EUFAMI

The EUFAMI newsletters can be found on their website: www.eufami.or

European Social Observatory

Since 2007, the European Social Observatory (OSE) publishes an electronic Newsletter which provides an overview of EU-level developments of relevance to national healthcare systems, and links to a variety of official documents.

From now the « European Health Care News » newsletter is available in 3 languages: English, French and Dutch.

We invite you to have a look at the latest issue of the Newsletter at:

EN - http://www.ose.be/health_newsletter/newsletter_healthcare.htm

FR - http://www.ose.be/health_newsletter/newsletter_soins_sante.htm

NL - http://www.ose.be/health_newsletter/newsletter_gezondheidszorg.htm

RIVM

WHO Family of International Classifications newsletter.

See : www.rivm.nl/who-fic for the latest issue.

4. EUPHA member of the month – Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health

Website: www.sitinazionale.com

The Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health – Sital – was founded in 1921.

The society aims to bring together all public health professionals to:

- a) promote scientific and cultural progress in the field of public health;
- b) encourage cooperation between different public health related professions;
- c) Encourage the further development of professional activities;
- d) Promote national and international collaboration;
- e) Promote continuous health education and training.

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: **Colloque "PNNS 2011-2015 quelles mesures, quelles actions ? Consultation pour de nouvelles propositions"**
Date: 15 November 2010
Place: Paris, France
Deadline: For inscription: 5 November 2010
More information: www.polynome.fr/pnns

Title: **20th annual congress of the European Childhood Obesity Group (ECOG)**
Date: 17-20 November 2010
Place: Brussels, Belgium
To register: <http://www.ecog-obesity.eu/brussel2010/view/?path=&p=register.php>

Title: **second Regional Master Class Programme on Health Investments in Structural Funds for Central and Eastern European regional audience - Modern Hospital: An investment with respect to the future needs of the patients**
Date: 24-26 November 2010
Place: Bratislava, Slovakia
Organiser: Semmelweis University

Title: **Consumer choice in healthcare markets'**
Date: Thursday, 2 December 2010
Place: Tilburg, The Netherlands
Organiser: Tilburg Law and Economics Center (TILEC) and Scientific Center for Care and Welfare (Tranzo)
More information: http://www.tilburguniversity.nl/tilec/events/conferences/2dec2010_tilec-tranzo/

Title: Health care rationing Conference
Date: 9-10 December 2010
Place: Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser: The Erasmus Observatory on Health law
More information: Info: www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl

Title: second ECDC-Eurovaccine conference
Date: 10 December 2010
Place: Stockholm, Sweden
Organiser: ECDC
More information: www.ecdc.europa.eu/eurovaccine

Title: 2. Konferenz "Gesundheit fördert Beschäftigung. Beschäftigung fördert Gesundheit."
Date: 14 December 2010
Place: Vienna, Austria
Organiser: Netzwerk Gesundheitsförderung und Arbeitsmarktintegration
More information: <http://www.nga.or.at/netzwerk-gesundheitsfoerderung-und-arbeitsmarktintegration/konferenz.html>

Title: ESQH Winter camp - Health Innovation and health futures
Date: 5-8 January 2011
Place: Lisbon, Portugal
More information: spqsaude@gmail.com

Title: 12. Nationale Gesundheitsförderungs-Konferenz 2011
Gesundheitsförderung: ein Schlüsselbeitrag zur nachhaltigen Entwicklung!
12e Conférence nationale sur la promotion de la santé 2011 Promotion Santé:
une contribution clé pour le développement!
Date: 6-7 January 2011
Place: Davos, Switzerland
More information: www.gesundheitsfoerderung.ch/konferenz.

Title: 5th Annual European Nutrition & Lifestyle Conference 2011
Date: 2-3 March 2011
Place: Brussels, Belgium
More information: www.nutrition-lifestyle.eu

Title: Diploma Course International Health and Policy Evaluation
Date: 9 March to 27 May 2011
Place: The Hague and Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser: the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), the institute of Health Policy and Management (iBMG) and the Department of Public Health (MGZ) of the Erasmus University Rotterdam
More information: www.internationalhealthcourse.nl

Title: Diploma Course on International Health and Policy Evaluation (IHPE)
Date: March 9 - May 27, 2011
Place: Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser: Erasmus University Rotterdam
Deadline: For application: 1 December 2010
More information: <http://bit.ly/bAMkVL>

Title: 7th PCNE Working conference: Does pharmaceutical care impact on the safety of individual patients?

Date: 23-26 March 2011

Place: Manchester, UK

Organiser: PCNE network

More information: info@pcne.org

Title: 14th International Symposium in Medical Geography (IMGS)

Date: 10-15 July 2011

Place: Durham, UK

Organiser: Durham University

Deadline: deadline for submission of abstracts is **Friday 14th January 2011**

More information: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/conferences/imgs/>

Title: IEA World Congress of Epidemiology

Date: 7-11 August 2011

Place: Edinburgh, Scotland

Deadlines: Abstract & Bursary Submission Deadline: Friday 21st January 2011

2011 Early Registration Deadline: Friday 29th April 2011

More information: www.epidemiology2011.com

Title: Integrating public and personal health care in a world on the move

Date: 17-22 September

Place: Graz, Austria

Organiser: The network: towards unity for health

More information: www.the-networktufh.org/conference

Title: Master of Public Health (MPH) Programme Improving Health in Europe
a short course on European Public Health

Date:

Place: Liverpool, UK

Organiser: Institute of Psychology, Health & Society, University of Liverpool

Deadline: For submission: 21 March 2011

6. Interesting publications

Journals available online:

Acta Informatica Medica, Volume 18, issue 3: Journal of the Academy of medical sciences of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Materia Socio Medica, Volume 22, issue 3: Social medicine – public health journal of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Medical archives, Volume 64 issue 5: Journal of the Academy of medical sciences of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Problemy Higieny I Epidemiologii, Volume 1 issue 10: Journal of the Polskiego Towarzystwa Higienicznego

Good Practice Guide to Public Engagement in Development Schemes
Planning Aid England - Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), June 2010
Available online PDF [24p.] at: <http://bit.ly/c8XGjy>

Survivors of war in the Northern Kosovo (II): baseline clinical and functional assessment and lasting effects on the health of a vulnerable population
Wang SJ, Pacolli S, Rushiti F, Rexhaj B, Modvig J.
Confl Health. 2010 Sep 21;4:16.
<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/content/4/1/16>

Survivors of the war in the Northern Kosovo: violence exposure, risk factors and public health effects of an ethnic conflict
Wang SJ, Salihi M, Rushiti F, Bala L, Modvig J.
Confl Health. 2010 May 28;4:11.
<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/content/4/1/11>

mhGAP Intervention Guide for mental, neurological and substance use disorders in non-specialized health settings
Version 1.0
World Health Organization 2010
Available online [PDF 107p. 2.8MB] at: <http://bit.ly/adAkXL>

Supporting the Implementation of Mental Health Policies in the Americas:
Findings, Trends, and Targets for Public Health Action
Pan American Health Organization, PAHO/WHO 2010
Available online PDF [85p.] at: <http://bit.ly/98synw>

Value for Money in Health Spending
OECD Health Policy Studies – 2010
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Available online PDF file [204p.] at: <http://bit.ly/aFQufV>

The Global Gender Gap Index 2010
Ricardo Hausmann, Laura D. Tyson, Saadia Zahidi
World Economic Forum - Geneva, Switzerland 2010
Available online PDF [334p.] at: <http://bit.ly/9RPINg>

Hospitalization Disparities by Socio-Economic Status for Males and Females
The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) October 2010
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/bidVlk>

Global Hunger Index
The Challenge of Hunger: Focus on the Crisis of Child Undernutrition
International Food Policy Research Institute – October 11, 2010
Available online PDF [56p.] at: <http://bit.ly/9vdYv2>

Inequality around the World
Branko Milanovic
IMF Institute, March 2010
Website: <http://bit.ly/ckX4Uu>

Working to overcome the global impact of neglected tropical diseases

World Health Organization, October 14, 2010

Available online PDF [184p.] at: <http://bit.ly/b6LcUX>

National poverty reduction strategies and HIV/AIDS governance in Malawi:

A preliminary study of shared health governance

Catherine Wachiraa and Jennifer Prah Ruger,

Social Science & Medicine, 2010

Website: <http://bit.ly/9sXntH>

Financing the Millennium Development Goals for health and beyond: sustaining the 'Big Push'

Gorik Ooms, David Stuckler, Sanjay Basu, Martin McKee,

Globalization and Health 2010, 6:17 doi:10.1186/1744-8603-6-17

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/9816Vo>

Primary Care Economics

Philip Jacobs, Jessica Moffatt, John Rapoport, Neil Bell,

Available online PDF [36p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cLvC6G>

Framing Health and Foreign Policy: Lessons for Global Health Diplomacy

Ronald Labonté, Michelle L Gagnon,

Globalization and Health 6:14:1-22, 2010 – August 2010

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

WB Knowledge Briefs: Restructuring Regional Health Systems In Russia

Patricio V. Marquez, Nadezdha Lebedeva, October 2010

Available online at : <http://bit.ly/cpOQ6d>

Youth-friendly health policies and services in the European Region

Valentina Baltag and Alex Mathieson

WHO Regional Office for Europe - Copenhagen, Denmark 2010

Available online PDF [270p] at <http://bit.ly/c7728e>

Mental health and well-being at the workplace

Protection and inclusion in challenging times

Edited by: Anja Baumann Matt Muijen, and Wolfgang Gaebel,

WHO Regional Office for Europe - Copenhagen , Denmark, 2010

Available online PDF [57p.] at: <http://bit.ly/br7lwU>

Programa Certificado de Epidemiología para Gerentes de Salud

Basado en Internet

La Escuela Bloomberg de Salud Pública de la Universidad de Johns Hopkins con la colaboración de la OPS/OMS en respuesta al convenio y creación del consorcio con diversas instituciones académicas de salud pública de America Latina y España esta abriendo las inscripciones para la promoción 2011 del Programa Certificado en Epidemiología para Gerentes de Salud Publica basado en Internet (en español).

Website: http://www.jhsph.edu/epi_for_managers

Diabetes Along the U.S.-Mexico-Border

Pan American Journal of Public Health, Special Issue

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

The effect of social franchising on access to and quality of health services in low- and middle-income countries

Tracey Perez Koehlmoos, Rukhsana Gazi, S. Shahed Hossain, K Zaman
Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2009, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD007136. DOI:
10.1002/14651858.CD007136.pub2.
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/cWHXNt>

A Foundation for Evidence-Driven Practice: A Rapid Learning System for Cancer Care

Workshop Summary
Sharon Murphy and Margie Patlak, Rapporteurs;
IOM (Institute of Medicine). 2010. Washington,DC: The National Academies Press
ISBN: 0-309-15127-9, 124 pages, 6 x 9, (2010)
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/anfRol>

High-Powered Incentives in Developing Country Health Insurance:

Evidence from Colombia's 'Régimen Subsidiado'
Grant Miller, Diana Pinto, Marcos Vera-Hernández,
October 2009
Available online PDF [57p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cGMpcU>

Hospital payment systems in Europe

Euro Observer - The Health Policy Bulletin of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
Autumn 2010 Volume 12, Number 3
Available online PDF [12p.] at: <http://bit.ly/aykuFq>

Equity-Oriented Toolkit for Health Technology Assessment (HTA)

The WHO Collaborating Centre for Knowledge Translation and Health Technology Assessment in Health Equity, housed at the Centre for Global Health at the University of Ottawa, is currently in the process of updating and expanding its Equity-Oriented Toolkit.
Website: <http://bit.ly/9HH5Wy>

Perspectives on Global Development 2010: Shifting Wealth

OECD Development Centre 2010
Website: <http://bit.ly/a42W0l>

Similar and Yet So Different: Cash-for-Care in Six European Countries' Long-Term Care Policies

Barbara Da Roit and Blanche Le Bihan
The Milbank Quarterly - Volume 88, Number 3, 2010
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/d7aXU8>

Reforming health care: why we need to learn from international experience

Jennifer Dixon and Vidhya Alakeson
Nuffield Trust, September 2010
Available online at: <http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/publications/detail.aspx?id=145&PRid=735>

Pathways to Urban Sustainability: Research and Development on Urban Systems

Daniel Schaffer and Derek Vollmer, Rapporteurs; US Committee on the Challenge of Developing Sustainable
Urban Systems; National Research Council – 2010 - ISBN: 978-0-309-15895-4
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/aXPKL4>

European report on preventing violence and knife crime among young people

Dinesh Sethi, Karen Hughes, Mark Bellis, Francesco Mitis and Francesca Racioppi
WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2010
Available online PDF [116p.] at <http://bit.ly/dm3KnU>

Seven Challenges in International Development Assistance for Health and Ways Forward

Devi Sridhar,
Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics – Volume 38 Issue 3, Fall 2010
Available online PDF [11p.] at <http://bit.ly/di5nu6>

Health Inequities in Manitoba: Is the Socioeconomic Gap Widening or Narrowing Over Time?

Martens PJ et al.
Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP) Dept. of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine,
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada - September 2010
Available online PDF [271p.] at <http://bit.ly/cyjFG9>

Towards universal access: Scaling up priority HIV/AIDS interventions in the health sector

Progress report 2010
WHO; UNAIDS; UNICEF- September 2010
Website: <http://bit.ly/alo5uk>

Segregation and Exposure to High Poverty Schools in Large Metropolitan Areas: 2008-09

Nancy McArdle, Theresa Osypuk, and Dolores Acevedo-García
September 2010
Available online PDF [23p.] at <http://bit.ly/bG8xAd>

How can telehealth help in the provision of integrated care?

Karl A. Stroetmann, Lutz Kubitschke, Simon Robinson, Veli Stroetmann, Kevin Cullen, David McDaid
Policy Brief 13 - Health Systems and Policy Analysis
World Health Organization 2010 and World Health Organization on behalf of the European
Observatory on Health Systems and Policies 2010
Available online PDF [39p.] at <http://bit.ly/a7xW7T>

Priority setting in primary health care - dilemmas and opportunities: a focus group study

Eva Arvidsson, Malin André, Lars Borgquist, Per Carlsson
BMC Family Practice 2010, 11:71doi:10.1186/1471-2296-11-71 - September 2010
Available online PDF [31p.] at <http://bit.ly/cbtZlr>

Obesity and the Economics of Prevention: Fit not Fat

OECD and World Health Organization. WHO – 2010
Health Ministers will discuss this report when they meet at the OECD on 7-8 October 2010 in Paris.
Website: <http://bit.ly/c25jeB>

Policy-Making as a Struggle for Meaning:

Disentangling Knowledge Translation across International Health Contexts
Aris Komporzozos-Athanasios, Eivor Oborn, Michael Barrett and Yolande Chan
School of Management, Royal Holloway University of London
Working Paper Series SoMWP–1005 -June 2010
Available online PDF [27p.] at <http://bit.ly/9h0jpG>

7. European Commission news

Alcohol

7th Meeting of the Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum, Brussels, 25 October 2010 - Draft Agenda

RAYPRO: Resource on Alcohol and Youth Projects

3rd Open Forum on Alcohol and Health – Announcement and draft agenda

EU in the world

Speech by Andrzej RYS, Director of the Directorate SANCO/C - Global Health Governance – Multiple players, multiple visions: Challenges and opportunities, WHS working sessions, 12 October 2010

Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 13 October 2010 - Presentations available

Health and structural funds

Role of local and regional authorities in the implementation of the Health Strategy. Health promotion and disease prevention strategies, Brussels, 25 October 2010 - Programme available

Indicators

ECHI - List of indicators - Mother's age distribution updated

Major and chronic diseases

European Partnership for Action Against Cancer - Planning of next steps, 28 September 2010 - Presentations available

Mental health

Thematic Conference Combating Stigma and Promoting Social Inclusion, Lisbon, 08-09 November 2010

Commission publishes Eurobarometer on Mental Health

Pharmaceuticals

An innovative pharmaceutical industry which meets the needs of society

Preparedness and response

The European Commission coordinated the response to the pandemic (H1N1) and is now following-up measures to be taken at EU level

Public health

WHO/Europe to assess health impact of sludge spill in Hungary

Rare diseases

New events on rare diseases added

Scientific committees

Risk assessment training - New training added: Master programme in Toxicology

SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Potential health risks posed by food-imitating and child-appealing chemical consumer products (Revised version of 21 October 2010)

SCCS - Minutes of the 8th WG on Food Imitating Products meeting of 5 October 2010

SCCS - Minutes of the 7th WG on Food Imitating Products meeting of 24 August 2010

SCHER - Request for a scientific opinion on Expressing the Uncertainties for Risk Assessment and Risk Management: An International Perspective

SCENIHR - Minutes of 2nd Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment Meeting of 11 October 2010

SCENIHR - Minutes of 7th Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light Meeting of 12 October 2010
SCENIHR - Minutes of 11th Working Group on Tobacco Additives Meeting of 5 October 2010
SCCS - New requests for a scientific opinion on Other cosmetic ingredients
SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Climbazole (CAS No 38083-17-9; EC No 253-775-4)
SCCS - New requests for a scientific opinion on Hair Dyes
SCCS - New opinions open for comments - Deadline: 5 November 2010
SCCS - Minutes of 6th Working Group on Sensitisation & Fragrances Meeting of 7 September 2010
SCCS - Minutes of 12th Working Group on Hair Dyes Meeting of 14 September 2010
SCCS - Minutes of 13th Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients Meeting of 8 September 2010
Newsletter of the European Commission Scientific Committees - September 2010 edition available
SCCS - Minutes of the 7th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 22 June 2010
SCENIHR - Minutes of 1st Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment Meeting of 9 September 2010
SCENIHR - Minutes of 6th Working Group Meeting of 8 September 2010
SCENIHR - Minutes of 10th Working Group Meeting of 15 September 2010
Sexual health
HIV/AIDS Think Tank meeting, Brussels, 05 May 2010 - Minutes and presentations available
Social determinants and health inequalities
Meeting of the Expert Group on Social Determinants and Health Inequalities, Luxembourg, 12-13 October 2010 - Presentations available
Conference on reducing health inequalities from a regional perspective, Genk, 8-9 November 2010
New and growing inequalities: A challenge for the social, economic and democratic development of the European Union, Brussels, 11 November 2010

Tobacco

Public consultation on the possible revision of the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC - Deadline extended to 17 December 2010
Call for tender for the organisation of a communication campaign aimed at encouraging smoking cessation targeting in particular young adults

8. European Centre for Diseases Control

The latest ECDC spotlight has been published: '**Surveillance: Data for action**'. It gives an overview of ECDC's surveillance activities, explains the finer points of disease surveillance, and shows how data are collected and used in order to provide a maximum of protection for European citizens.

The spotlight page is available from our homepage www.ecdc.europa.eu clicking on a specific banner or from: http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/spotlight/spotlight_surveillance/Pages/index.aspx
We hope you will find our spotlight page interesting and helpful. We would be grateful if you could disseminate the link to this spotlight further and send us any feedback you may have to: ines.steffens@ecdc.europa.eu or publications@ecdc.europa.eu.

Recent ECDC publications available online (September 2010)

SPECIAL REPORT

Implementing the Dublin Declaration on Partnership to Fight HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia: 2010 Progress Report

In 2004, high level representatives of European and central Asian countries issued the Dublin Declaration on Partnership to Fight HIV/AIDS in Europe and central Asia. This report provides findings from a review of progress made towards its implementation. It is based on data from 49 countries and reflects the contributions of a wide range of individuals and organisations.

Possible target readership: policymakers.

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DisForm.aspx?ID=562

This publication will be also soon available in print. In the coming weeks, you will be able to order a hard copy directly on the EU-Bookshop:

<http://bookshop.europa.eu/uri?target=EUB:AUTHOR:ECDP:EN>. Alternatively, you can send an email to publications@ecdc.europa.eu

A summary of this report has also been published:

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TECHNICAL DOCUMENT

Conducting health communication activities on MMR vaccination

This guide presents the reader with a host of ideas on how to effectively communicate on all issues that relate to measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination. It provides public health officials with expert advice on how to influence negative public attitudes toward MMR vaccination, gives hands-on advice on developing a national health communication programme, and presents in detail all of the major elements of a successful health communication programme. The closing chapter covers monitoring and evaluation issues.

Possible readership: public health professionals, vaccination campaign managers, policy makers.

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TECHNICAL REPORT

Hepatitis B and C in the EU neighbourhood: prevalence, burden of disease and screening policies

This literature review answers a series of questions on the prevalence of chronic HBV and HCV infection in the general EU population, the number of individuals with chronic HBV or HCV infection, and current national practices for screening for chronic HBV and HCV infection, all with the overarching goal of promoting national and European policies on the secondary prevention of these two diseases.

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Bi-weekly influenza surveillance overview

Published every other Friday, the bi-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>

Quarterly newsletters:

ECDC Insight n° 13 (July-September 2010)

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Outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in a nursing home, Slovenia, August 2010: preliminary report

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Hepatitis C virus infection in HIV-infected men who have sex with men: sustained rising incidence in Antwerp, Belgium, 2001–2009

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Mental health and well-being at the workplace – protection and inclusion in challenging times

Mental health problems have become one of the leading causes of work absenteeism and early retirement all over the European Region. The current economic recession and its effects on the job market are likely to add to the problems in employment and quality of life experienced by people with mental health problems and their families.

This publication reflects the presentations given at a WHO meeting on mental health and well-being at the workplace in 2009. It suggests ways to respond to the challenges that modern working life presents to mental health and well-being and to overcome barriers to employment for people with mental health problems. It also discusses opportunities for integration and empowerment given the global economic downturn from the viewpoint of service-user and family-caregiver associations, enterprises, trade

unions, politicians and researchers. It is essential reading for employers and policy-makers in the European Region and beyond.

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

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/mental-health-and-well-being-at-the-workplace-protection-and-inclusion-in-challenging-times>

Protecting children's health in a changing environment. Report of the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health

At the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health in Parma, ministers of health and of the environment, key partners and experts met to assess the progress made since the environment and health process began 20 years ago.

With the needs of children and young people uppermost, the Conference focused on three main priority areas. The first was the progress and impact of the environment and health process and where further action is needed. The second was socioeconomic, gender, age and other inequalities in environment and health, and the measures that can be taken to address them. The third was the effects of climate change.

The Conference participants discussed how to move the environment and health process forward in Europe, and summed up their intent with the Parma Declaration.

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This report suggests several areas of research necessary to help make medical devices more available, accessible, appropriate, and affordable.

[Gender, Women and Primary Health Care Renewal](#)

This discussion paper brings together evidence and experience from around the world focusing on making health systems more gender responsive.

[WHO Classification of Tumours of the Digestive System, Fourth Edition](#)

This authoritative, concise reference book provides an international standard for oncologists and pathologists and will serve as an indispensable guide for use in the design of studies monitoring response to therapy and clinical outcome.

[Community-based Rehabilitation: CBR Guidelines](#)

The guidelines provide CBR managers, among others, with practical suggestions of how to develop or strengthen CBR programmes and ensure people with disabilities and their family members are able to access the benefits of the health, education, livelihood and social sectors.

[Safety Evaluation of Certain Food Additives](#)

The toxicological monographs in this volume summarize the safety data on a number of food additives.

[Principles and Methods for the Risk Assessment of Chemicals in Food](#)

The monograph addresses the key issues considered by JECFA and JMPR in their food chemical risk assessments.

[European Report on Preventing Violence and Knife Crime among Young People](#)

This report describes the burden that violence imposes on the Region, particularly its poorer countries and groups; risk factors and their interactions; factors that can protect young people from violence; and the evidence supporting the efficacy of preventive action.

[Implementing Health Financing Reform](#)

From practical experience of implementing, advising or evaluating health financing policies in the region, the authors offer important lessons, as well as pitfalls to avoid in the reform process.

[Policies and Incentives for Promoting Innovation in Antibiotic Research](#)

To curb the growth of antibiotic resistance and prevent major morbidity and mortality from multidrug-resistant bacterial infections, the overuse of antibiotics must be addressed and research and development for antibiotics with novel mechanisms of action actively promoted.

[HIV/AIDS among men who have sex with men and transgender populations in South-East Asia](#)

This report provides information on the status of the epidemic among these populations in the South-East Asia Region. It highlights the need for improved advocacy efforts and a greater national response to save the lives of these populations who are at risk for HIV infection.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 88, No. 10, 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.

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[Rapport sur la santé en Europe 2009](#)

Ce rapport présente des informations essentielles de santé publique afin d'aider les pays à opter pour des investissements judicieux.

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This report presents essential public health information to support countries in choosing sound investments in health.