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1. EUPHA update

Questionnaire on press contacts

EUPHA member associations have been approached by the office for sharing their press contacts with us. EUPHA aims to be a leading scientific and independent voice in the field of public health and health services research and policy. As part of the EUPHA Strategy for 2014-2020, we want to increase our visibility within Europe and reach stakeholders in the countries of our members with our regularly published press releases and fact sheets. For this reason we contacted our member associations recently. Many member associations have responded already. Others are invited to respond by returning the questionnaire to EUPHA office.

For an overview of recent EUPHA press releases, click [here](#).

EUPHActs

We have planned the publication of a series of new fact sheets, called EUPHActs, on topics like tobacco control, health of asylum seekers and data regulation. These fact sheets will be published after the summer period.

Recently published EUPHActs you find [here](#).

6th EUPHA Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health

As earlier communicated the EUPHA Section for Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health and The Norwegian Center for Minority Health Research (NAKMI) are hosting the 6th EUPHA Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health 23-25 June 2016 in Oslo. The theme of the conference is **'Equity: the Policy Practice Gap in Health'**.

Find more information on the conference web-page: www.eupha-migranthealthconference.com

Important deadlines:

Registration opens: 1 October 2015 - Early bird closes: 15 March 2016

First call for abstracts: 1 September 2015

Abstract submission opens: 1 October 2015 - Abstract submission closes: 15 November 2015

Announcement of accepted abstracts: 1 March 2016

2. European Public Health Conference



News from the plenary sessions

We are excited to announce that Scott L. Greer and Kasturi Sen have confirmed to speak at the Milan 2015 Conference. Scott L. Greer is Associate Professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, USA, and researches the politics of health policies, with a special focus on the European Union. His most recent books include *Everything you always wanted to know about European Union health policies but were afraid to ask* and *Strengthening health system governance: better policies, stronger performance*.

Dr Kasturi Sen is a social and political scientist. She has taught at London, Oxford and Cambridge universities on health systems and policy, ageing, demographic change and international health research. Mrs Sen has been involved in research in South Asia and the Middle-East on the impact of health reforms on equity and access to health care and also on the health effects of conflict. She has a long standing base at Wolfson College, Oxford University, and currently is a Visiting Scientist at the Population Studies Unit of the Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata India.

Other confirmed speakers at plenary sessions are:

Sir Andy Haines, Professor of Public Health and Primary Care at LSHTM, who will speak about 'Planetary health – what Europe should do';

Annemiek van Bolhuis, Director of Public Health and Health Services at the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) in the Netherlands;
Jacqueline Müller-Nordhorn, Professor of Public Health at the Berlin School of Public Health;
Adriana Corina Stanciu, resident physician at Coltea Clinical Hospital Bucharest, Romania;
Dr. Mengistu Asnake Kibret, President of the World Federation of Public Health Associations;
Ilona Kickbusch, Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva;
Tim Lang, Professor of Food Policy and Director of the Centre for Food Policy, City University London;
Armin Fidler, President of the European Health Management Association (EHMA);
Alessandra Lafranconi, Resident Physician in Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, University of Milan.

Abstract results

We received a record number of 1,356 abstracts from 62 countries. Abstract submitters can check the decision on their abstract at their EPH Conference account.

The EPH Conference Executive Board met on 4 June 2015 to decide on cut-off points for workshops, oral presentations, pitch presentations and poster presentations. The following decisions were made: Workshops with an average score of 4.400 or higher were accepted in the programme. Single abstracts with a score of 5.286 or higher were accepted as oral presentations, pitch presentations with 4.500 or higher, E-Poster Walks with 4.200 or higher and E-Poster Displays with a score of 3.500 or higher.

Registration

Registration for the conference is now open. You can benefit from early bird registration fees until 1 September. Please note that this year's conference is one month earlier than in other years, so do not delay your registration until the last moment.

Please note that SItI members may register for the [SItI congress](#). This gives full access to the main EPH conference (not including the pre-conferences). SItI will inform us which EPH presenters have registered.

For presenting instructions check out the [EPH conference website](#).

Preconferences

The preconference programme is now available for registration. We offer interesting sessions such as on urban health and architecture, healthy food and nutrition, child injury prevention, sustainable health systems and social security, work and health. Check the website for regular updates.

Pre-conference organized by EUPHA section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health

The EUPHA Section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health is organizing a pre-conference meeting as part of the 8th European Public Health Conference:

Public health and human rights: ensuring access to health care for refugees crossing the Mediterranean Sea

The preconference will take place in Milan, October 15, 9.00 – 12.30 .

The objective of the preconference meeting is – based on 6 short presentations - to discuss how research, policy and solidarity should define a more structured response to the health needs of refugees and asylum seekers in Europe.

Further information on the program will soon be available at the conference web-page:

<http://ephconference.eu/2015-programme-pre-conferences-179>

However, you can now include the preconference meeting in your general conference registration for the 8th European Public Health Conference.

According to the latest news the EU leaders seem to be failing to decide on implementation of descent initiatives to account for the many refugees arriving in Europe presently. Hopefully, our joint activities shall be able to make a difference in the future.

3. EUPHA members update

Member pages on www.eupha.org

On the recently renewed website we created a page for each EUPHA member. Please check the page of your national Association regularly at <http://www.eupha.org/eupha-members>.

Public Health Association Latvia

Associate Professor Anita Villerusa has been elected as the new head of the Public Health Association of Latvia

4. European Journal of Public Health



The [European Journal of Public Health](http://www.eupha.org/eupha-members) is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public health. The EJPH is published bimonthly. The journal provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region. In 2014, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.591. The 5-year impact factor is 2.512.

The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

★ Editor's Choice ★

Economic shocks, resilience, and male suicides in the Great Recession: cross national analysis of 20 EU countries

The economic crisis offers – sadly – a type of "natural experiment", where health outcomes can be studied in relation to how the crisis have affected different countries, and to what type of measures countries have taken to mitigate the effect of the crisis. In this issue, Reeves and collaborators have analysed male suicide rates in 20 European countries during 2007-2011, in order to try to explain substantial differences across countries and over time. The main finding, that male unemployment rate had the strongest association with suicide rate, may not be surprising, but the finding that spending on active labour market programs and high levels of social capital mediated the association has important policy implications.

[\[full article\]](#)

Open access articles

The attack on universal health coverage in Europe: recession, austerity and unmet needs

Aaron Reeves , Martin McKee , David Stuckler

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (3): 364-365

[\[full article\]](#)

Physical domestic violence exposure is highly associated with suicidal attempts in both women and men. Results from the national public health survey in Sweden

Mariana Dufort , Marlene Stenbacka , Clara Hellner Gumpert

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (3): 413-418

[\[full article\]](#)

Use of self-medication among adolescents: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Maria R. Gualano , Fabrizio Bert , Stefano Passi , Michela Stillo , Veronica Galis , Lamberto Manzoli , Roberta Siliquini

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (3): 444-450

[\[full article\]](#)

Dietary protein and amino acids intake and its relationship with blood pressure in adolescents: the HELENA STUDY

Augusto César Ferreira de Moraes et al.

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (3): 450-456
[\[full article\]](#)

Tuberculosis among migrant populations in the European Union and the European Economic Area

Anna Odone et al.
Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (3): 506-512
[\[full article\]](#)

The role of conspicuity in preventing bicycle crashes involving a motor vehicle

Sandar Tin Tin , Alistair Woodward , Shanthi Ameratunga
Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (3): 517-522
[\[full article\]](#)

5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

UMIT calls for a university professor

Deadline July 3rd

UMIT - University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology is an accredited private university owned by the Federal State of Tyrol with its headquarters in Hall in Tirol / Austria. UMIT is an internationally renowned university focusing on Health Sciences, Life Sciences and Health Care Technologies.

As part of the further development of the Institute for Public Health, Medical Decision Making and Health Technology Assessment (IPH) and the installation of a Division for „Quantitative Methods in Public Health and Health Services Research“, UMIT seeks to fill the following full-time position (100%) by December 1, 2015: University Professor (Full Professor) for Quantitative Methods in Public Health and Health Services Research

Requirements: The holder of this position shall represent the areas Quantitative Methods in Public Health and Health Services Research with a focus on Epidemiology and/or Health Economic Evaluation with particular regard to health-promoting and preventive measures in healthcare in research and education, and shall enhance the research profile in Public Health and Health Services Research.

Furthermore, she/he shall participate in teaching activities in Health Science Bachelor, Master and Doctoral study programs of the subject area and contribute to the new and further development of study programs.

Interested candidates are requested to electronically send their applications, along with the usual documents, to UMIT's Rectorate, Email: rektorat@umit.at ; code word: Quantitative Methods PH+VF, by July 3, 2015 at the latest. Tel. +43 50 8648 3000; <http://www.umit.at>

WHO Regional Office for Europe calls for a Director, Policy and Governance for Health

Deadline July 3rd

The mission of Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being is to provide strategic and technical leadership in a number of key cross-cutting programmatic areas and to lead and coordinate the implementation of the new European Policy and Strategy for Health and Well-being-Health 2020.

The areas that are the responsibility of the Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being

Division are as follows:

1. Health 2020 Implementation and updating;
2. National and sub-national Health Policies, Strategies and Plans;
3. Social Determinants of Health and Equity;
4. Governance for Health;
5. Urban Health and Healthy Cities and Regions for Health Networks;
6. Vulnerability and Health, Migrant and Roma Health
7. Human Rights, Gender and Citizens and Patients Empowerment;
8. Coordination of WHO Health Setting Networks;
9. Mainstreaming health promotion.

In addition, the Division runs the Health 2020 Secretariat which coordinates and monitors Health 2020 implementation at divisional and corporate levels.

For detailed vacancy notice and Personal History Form please apply online at:

<http://www.who.int/employment/vacancies/en/>. Reference: EURO/15/FT301

Closing date for applications: 3 July 2015. <http://www.who.int/employment/vacancies/en...>

The Stress Research Institute at Stockholm University calls for a Professor in Social epidemiology

The Stress Research Institute at Stockholm University is looking for a new professor focussing on own research and research leadership within the area of (psycho)social epidemiology, especially in relation to the working life of older people, retirement, extended working life and the influence of working life on healthy life expectancy. Applying for larger research grants and, in collaboration with other researchers in the Division and Institute, in the long-term, building up a strong research group, should be a central ambition.

Deadline for applications is 15 September 2015.

More information is available at:

<http://www.su.se/english/about/vacancies/vacancies-new-list?rmpage=job&rmjob=340&rmlang=UK>

Volunteer Online Tutors for Peoples-Uni

Location: online

The People's Open Access Education Initiative (Peoples-uni) is a UK-based charity which provides online Masters-level public health education at low cost with the aim of building public health capacity in low- and middle-income countries. We are looking for additional volunteer tutors to lead two-week topic sessions particularly for our HIV, Public Health Nutrition, and Preventing Child Mortality modules, but also others. This is an opportunity to add your teaching skills to our team of highly motivated volunteer academics and professionals and to gain experience with a leading organisation in online public health capacity-building. Please contact us for further information or register your interest to volunteer on our website: <http://www.peoples-uni.org/>

Contact: Judith Strobl, Academic Coordinator, jstrobl@peoples-uni.org

6. Interesting news

HEAL launches statement on the high costs of air pollution to the Serbian people

This morning, at a press conference in Serbia's health ministry, HEAL launched a statement from leading health and medical professionals warning of the high costs of air pollution, including associated with coal, to the Serbian people.

Please find our press release and the Statement in English and in Serbian here <http://www.env-health.org/resources/press-releases/article/clean-air-would-promote-better>

In April this year, the World Health Organization (WHO) released figures on the estimated the economic cost of deaths from air pollution (outdoor and indoor) in Europe. The toll in Serbia puts the costs at one third (33.5%) of national GDP or US\$ 28,850 million. The worst in any Balkan country.

WHO Press release [http://www.euro.who.int/en/media-centre/sections/press-releases/2015/air-pollution-costs-european-economies-us\\$-1.6-trillion-a-year-in-diseases-and-deaths,-new-who-study-says](http://www.euro.who.int/en/media-centre/sections/press-releases/2015/air-pollution-costs-european-economies-us$-1.6-trillion-a-year-in-diseases-and-deaths,-new-who-study-says) Economic costs chart

http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/276956/PR_Economics-Annex_en.pdf .

In 2010, more than 10,000 people in Serbia died prematurely from particulate matter (PM) and ozone exposure. It is the second highest rate of premature deaths due air pollution in Europe. Furthermore, there were 2.5 million lost working days, according to HEAL's Fact sheet, December 2014, "Air Pollution and Health in Serbia", HEAL Fact Sheet, http://www.env-health.org/IMG/pdf/heal_briefing_air_serbia_eng.pdf

Selection of the latest research news on ScienceDaily

Civilian physicians feel underprepared to treat veterans, survey finds

A survey of nearly 150 U.S. physicians who frequently treat veterans found civilian doctors aren't adequately trained in health issues related to military service. More than half of the respondent

indicated they were not comfortable discussing health-related exposures and risks that veterans might experience such as depleted uranium, smoke and chemical weapons.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Teen drinking countered by laws that curb adult binge drinking

A new study reveals that US states with stronger alcohol policies have lower rates of youth overall drinking and binge drinking. The study's results further suggest that the link is largely a result of policies intended mostly for adults and their effects on reducing adult binge drinking.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Study analyzes link between psychotropic drugs, homicide risk

A study analyzing the Finnish homicide and prescription drug databases discovered that the use of certain drugs that affect the central nervous system are associated with an increased risk of committing a homicide. The greatest risk was associated with the use of painkillers and tranquilizing benzodiazepines, while anti-depressants were linked only to a slightly elevated risk. The study is the first one of its kind in the world.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Attending breast cancer screening reduces risk of death by 40 percent

Women aged 50-69 years who attend mammography screening reduce their risk of dying from breast cancer by 40 percent compared to women who are not screened -- according to a major international review of the latest evidence on breast cancer screening.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Two large trials provide further evidence that one dose of HPV vaccine could prevent the majority of cervical cancers

A single dose of the bivalent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (Cervarix®, GlaxoSmithKline group of companies) may offer a similar level of protection against HPV-16/18 infections, which cause about 70% of cervical cancers, as the current two- and three-dose schedules, according to new research combining data from two large phase 3 trials.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

National screening program has markedly reduced breast cancer mortality

Under the Norwegian Breast Cancer Screening Program, all women aged 50 to 69 are invited for mammography screening every two years. The program was launched as a pilot project in four counties in 1995/96 and went national in 2004. The purpose of mammography examination is to detect tumors at an early enough stage to begin effective treatment and reduce mortality
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

CDC updates guidelines for MERS as outbreak continues

As a response to the ongoing threat posed by the [Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus](#), or MERS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday released updated guidelines and information on the evaluation and testers for the disease.
<http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/?p=1...>

Personal experience a major driver in decision for or against flu vaccination

Convincing someone to receive the annual flu vaccine goes beyond clever messaging and well-written public service announcements, research finds. A study outlines both the barriers and facilitators that motivate people in their flu vaccine decisions.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Meeting global air quality guidelines could prevent 2.1 million deaths per year

Improving air quality -- in clean and dirty places -- could potentially avoid millions of pollution-related deaths each year. That finding comes from a team of environmental engineering and public health researchers who developed a global model of how changes in outdoor air pollution could lead to changes in the rates of health problems such as heart attack, stroke and lung cancer. The researchers were surprised to find the importance of cleaning air not just in the dirtiest parts of the world -- which they expected to find -- but also in cleaner environments like the United States, Canada and Europe.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Risk of hepatitis E outbreak 'very high' in earthquake-ravaged Nepal

During the coming monsoon season, survivors of the recent earthquake that destroyed parts of Nepal face a 'very high' risk of a hepatitis E outbreak that could be especially deadly to pregnant women, according to a consensus statement from a group of infectious disease experts from around the world. <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Study finds significant drop in new prostate cancer diagnoses

New diagnoses of prostate cancer in the US declined 28 percent in the year following the draft recommendation from the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) against routine PSA screening for men, a new study has discovered. In October 2011, the USPSTF issued a draft guideline discouraging the use of prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screenings for prostate cancer after concluding the harms outweigh potential benefits. Harmful side effects of treatment may include incontinence, erectile dysfunction and radiation cystitis. <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

7. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International is the first source for finding courses, seminars, congresses and other events in the fields of medicine & health. Going International is Europe's biggest service provider and information platform and serves as an interface between organisers and participants of events. Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: **4th Annual International Festival of Public Health UK**

Date / location: 2 Jul 2015 / University of Manchester, UK

Title: **23rd European Social Services Conference**

Date / location: 6 Jul 2015 - 8 Jul 2015 / Lisbon, Portugal

Organiser: ESN Conference Team

Title: **1st International conference on Transport and Health**

Date / location: 6 Jul 2015 - 8 Jul 2015 / London, UK

Organiser: UCL and TPH (Transport Public Health) Link

Title: **Systems Science and Public Health Research**

Date / location: 14 Jul 2015 - 15 Jul 2015 / Porto, Portugal

Organiser: ISPUP

Title: **Course: Systems Science and Public Health Research**

Date / location: 14 Jul 2015 - 15 Jul 2015 / Porto, Portugal

Organiser: Institute of Public Health, University of Porto

Title: **Understanding Society Biomarkers workshop**

Date / location: 20 Jul 2015 / Colchester, England

Organiser: Institute for Social and Economic Research

Title: **Understanding Society Scientific Conference**

Date / location: 21 Jul 2015 - 23 Jul 2015 / Colchester, England

Organiser: Institute for Social and Economic Research

Title: **Observatory Venice Summer School 2015**

Date / location: 26 Jul 2015 - 1 Aug 2015 / San Servolo, Venice

Organiser: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Title: [AIDS impact conference](#)
Date / location: 28 Jul 2015 - 31 Jul 2015 / Amsterdam, Netherlands
Organiser: Aidsimpact

Title: [24th ETC-PHHP Summer school: European perspectives on health promotion](#)
Date / location: 2 Aug 2015 - 14 Aug 2015 / Cagliari, Italy
Organiser: ETC-PHHP

Title: [Epidemiology congress 2015](#)
Date / location: 4 Aug 2015 - 6 Aug 2015 / Valencia, Spain
Organiser: Conference series

Title: [Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health 2015: "People at the Center of Health Research and Innovation"](#)
Date / location: 24 Aug 2015 - 27 Aug 2015 / Manila, Philippines
Organiser: COHRED

Title: [The Summer school on longitudinal and life course research](#)
Date / location: 31 Aug 2015 - 4 Sep 2015 / Leibniz, Germany
Organiser: Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories and University of Bamberg

Title: [Accidents due to venomous and poisonous animals](#)
Date / location: 10 Sep 2015 - 13 Sep 2015 / Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: [17th International Summer School 2015 "Infectious Disease Epidemiology: Concepts, Methods, Mathematical Modelling, and Burden of Disease"](#)
Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Bielefeld, Germany
Organiser: Bielefeld University

Title: [7th International Summer School 2015 "Spatial Epidemiology, Climate and Health: Concepts and Modelling"](#)
Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Bielefeld, Germany
Organiser: Bielefeld University

Title: [Introduction to Mathematical Models of the epidemiology and control of infectious diseases](#)
Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 25 Sep 2015 / London, UK
Organiser: Imperial College London

Title: [Oslo breaking the ice EUGMS congress](#)
Date / location: 16 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Oslo
Organiser: EUGMS 2015

Title: [Internet of things solutions world congress](#)
Date / location: 16 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: IOT Solutions World Congress

Title: [2nd V4 Conference on Public Health, "Health for Public, Public for Health"](#)
Date / location: 17 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Zabrze, Poland
Organiser: TYGIEL Foundation and Silesia Division of the Polish Association of Public Health

Title: [EUFAMI European Congress](#)
Date / location: 19 Sep 2015 - 20 Sep 2015 / Sofia, Bulgaria

Organiser: Eufami

Title: **Medical Priorities and Clinical Tropical Medicine In South East Asia**
Date / location: 21 Sep 2015 - 9 Oct 2015 / Vientiane, Laos
Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: **Medical Priorities and Clinical Tropical Medicine in South East Asia**
Date / location: 21 Sep 2015 / Vientiane, Laos
Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: **Global Environmental Health Faculty Forum - GEHFF2015**
Date / location: 22 Sep 2015 - 26 Sep 2015 / Coimbra, Portugal
Organiser: International Federation of Environmental Health first World Academic Congress on Environmental Health

Title: **7th Congress of the International Society for Gender Medicine**
Date / location: 22 Sep 2015 - 23 Sep 2015 / Berlin, Germany
Organiser: igm congress

Title: **Migrant and Ethnic Health Research**
Date / location: 24 Sep 2015 / The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland
Organiser: NHS Health Scotland

Title: **Paris World Health Organisation Simulation**
Date / location: 25 Sep 2015 - 27 Sep 2015 / Paris, France
Organiser: EHESP school of public health

Title: **4th World Congress of Clinical Safety**
Date / location: 28 Sep 2015 - 30 Sep 2015 / Vienna, Austria, Schlos Schonbrunn
Organiser: International Association of Risk Management in Medicine

Title: **3rd GRF One Health Summit**
Date / location: 4 Oct 2015 - 7 Oct 2015 / Davos, Swiss
Organiser: GR forum

Title: **Health and sustainable development – the future**
Date / location: 7 Oct 2015 - 9 Oct 2015 / Durban, South Africa
Organiser: Public Health Association of South Africa

Title: **25th Annual Congress of the European Childhood Obesity Group**
Date / location: 12 Oct 2015 - 14 Oct 2015 / Stockholm, Sweden
Organiser: European Childhood Obesity Group

Title: **Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies: Challenges beyond the Financial Crisis**
Date / location: 12 Oct 2015 - 13 Oct 2015 / Vienna, Austria
Organiser: WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies

Title: **International Health and Wealth Conference**
Date / location: 15 Oct 2015 - 17 Oct 2015 / Algarve, Portugal
Organiser: IHWC

Title: **Sixth EUSPR Conference and Members' Meeting**
Date / location: 22 Oct 2015 - 24 Oct 2015 / Ljubljana, Slovenia
Organiser: European Society for Prevention Research

Title: **Public Health Research in practice**
Date / location: 26 Oct 2015 - 27 Oct 2015 / Wageningen, Netherlands
Organiser: Wageningen University

Title: **Integrated elderly and patient care in Turkey**
Date / location: 29 Oct 2015 - 1 Nov 2015 / Istanbul, Turkey
Organiser: Healthy Community Association

Title: **ESCAIDE 2015**
Date / location: 11 Nov 2015 - 13 Nov 2015 / Stockholm, Sweden
Organiser: ECDC

Title: **The 3rd European Health Literacy Conference**
Date / location: 17 Nov 2015 - 19 Nov 2015 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Health Literacy Europe, the IROHLA Consortium and the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG)

Title: **19th International Nursing Research Conference**
Date / location: 17 Nov 2015 - 20 Nov 2015 / Cuenca, Espana
Organiser: Unidad de Investigacion en Cuidados de Salud

Title: **Travellers Health**
Date / location: 25 Jan 2016 - 29 Jan 2016 / Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: **IUHPE's 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion**
Date / location: 22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil
Organiser: IUHPE

8. Interesting publications

Financing universal health coverage by cutting fossil fuel subsidies

Vinay Gupta, Ranu Dhillon, Robert Yates
The Lancet Global Health; 2015, 3(6);e306-e307
Please [click here](#) to read this article.

Achieving gender equality to reduce intimate partner violence against women

Kathryn L Falb, Jeannie Annan, Jhumka Gupta
The Lancet Global Health, 2015, 3(6);e302-e303
Please [click here](#) to read this article.

Does parental monitoring moderate the relationship between bullying and adolescent nonsuicidal self-injury and suicidal behavior? A community-based self-report study of adolescents in Germany

Vanessa Jantzer*, Johann Haffner, Peter Parzer, Franz Resch and Michael Kaess
BMC Public Health 2015, 15:583 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1940-x
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

A cluster randomised controlled trial to investigate the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of the 'Girls Active' intervention: a study protocol

C L Edwardson et AL.
BMC Public Health 2015, 15:526 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1886-z
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Influenza-attributable deaths in south-eastern France (1999 to 2010): mortality predictions were undependable

Simon-Djamel Thiberville, Jean Gaudart, Didier Raoult and Remi N. Charrel
BMC Public Health 2015, 15:539 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1887-y
Published: 7 June 2015
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

A cluster randomised trial testing an intervention to improve parents' recognition of their child's weight status: study protocol

Kathryn N. Parkinson et al
BMC Public Health 2015, 15:549 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1882-3
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Factors influencing the implementation of a school-based parental support programme to promote health-related behaviours--interviews with teachers and parents

Helena Bergström et al.
BMC Public Health 2015, 15:541 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1896-x
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Development of a Vitality Scan related to workers' sustainable employability: a study assessing its internal consistency and construct validity

Livia AM Brouwers, Josephine A Engels, Yvonne F Heerkens and Allard J van der Beek
BMC Public Health 2015, 15:551 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1894-z
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Cost-effectiveness of an exercise intervention program in perimenopausal women: the Fitness League Against MENopause COst (FLAMENCO) randomized controlled trial

Ana Carbonell-Baeza et al.
BMC Public Health 2015, 15:555 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1868-1
Published: 17 June 2015
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Determinants of students' willingness to accept a measles-mumps-rubella booster vaccination during a mumps outbreak: a cross-sectional study

Hanna W. Donkers et al.
BMC Public Health 2015, 15:575 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1899-7
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

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10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

ECDC turns 10 and its work continues

Andrea Ammon, Acting Director of ECDC writes:

At the end of April Marc Sprenger completed his five-year mandate as Director of ECDC and on 1 May I became Acting Director of ECDC. In this new role I am glad to continue Marc's practice of writing an

editorial for this newsletter and I would like to express my thanks to all of you for your interest in ECDC's publications.

I am new to the role of Acting Director, but not new to ECDC. I was part of the Centre's start-up team in 2005 and was Head of the Surveillance Unit, then since 2011 Head of the Resource Management and Coordination Unit and Deputy to the Director. So I know ECDC very well. And, just as importantly, I have a clear view of what ECDC needs to achieve over the coming months. Our Strategic Multi-annual Programme (SMAP) for 2014-2020 gives the Centre a clear roadmap of the services and outputs to be delivered in the coming years. We have a detailed work programme in place for 2015 and a detailed programme for 2016 ready for adoption by our Management Board when it meets in Stockholm in June. In short, then, ECDC's work continues. You can see this by looking at the range of scientific and technical outputs ECDC published in May.

20 May 2005 was the deadline set in ECDC's Founding Regulation for the Centre to become operational. This means that May 2015 is ECDC's 10th anniversary. Over the past decade, ECDC and its partners in the EU and Member States have worked tirelessly to strengthen Europe's defences against infectious diseases. ECDC's work continues and I am confident you will continue to find the Centre's outputs to be as relevant, timely and authoritative as ever.

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11. WHO news

Economic crisis, health systems and health in Europe: country experiences

The financial and economic crisis has had a visible but varied impact on many health systems in Europe, eliciting a wide range of responses from governments faced with increased financial and other pressures. This book maps health system responses by country, providing a detailed analysis of policy changes in nine countries and shorter overviews of policy responses in 47 countries. It draws on a large study involving over one hundred health system experts and academic researchers across Europe.

Focusing on policy responses in three areas – public funding of the health system, health coverage and health service planning, purchasing and delivery – this book gives policymakers, researchers and others valuable, systematic information about national contexts of particular interest to them, ranging from countries operating under the fiscal and structural conditions of international bailout agreements to those that, while less severely affected by the crisis, still have had to operate in a climate of diminished public sector spending since 2008.

Along with a companion volume that analyses the impact of the crisis across countries, this book is part of a wider initiative to monitor the effects of the crisis on health systems and health, to identify those policies most likely to sustain the performance of health systems facing fiscal pressure and to gain insight into the political economy of implementing reforms in a crisis.

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Building primary care in a changing Europe: case studies

This new volume consists of structured case studies summarizing the state of primary care in 31 European countries. It complements the previous study, *Building primary care in a changing Europe*, in which we provided an overview of the state of primary care across the continent, including aspects of governance, financing, workforce and details of service profiles.

These case studies establish the context of primary care in each country; the key governance and economic conditions; the development of the primary care workforce; how primary care services are delivered; and an assessment of the quality and efficiency of the primary-care system.

The studies exemplify the broad national variations in accessibility, continuity and coordination of primary care in Europe today, something which complicates the assessment of primary care's role in contributing to the overall performance of the health system despite growing evidence of the added value of a strong primary care sector.

This book builds on the EU-funded project 'Primary Health Care Activity Monitor for Europe' (PHAMEU) that was led by the Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (NIVEL) and co-funded by the European Commission (Directorate General Health & Consumers).

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Assessing chronic disease management in European health systems: country reports

Many countries are exploring innovative approaches to redesign delivery systems to provide appropriate support to people with long-standing health problems. Central to these efforts to enhance chronic care are approaches that seek to better bridge the boundaries between professions, providers and institutions, but, as this study clearly demonstrates, countries have adopted differing strategies to design and implement such approaches.

This book systematically examines experiences of 12 countries in Europe, using an explicit comparative approach and a unified framework for assessment to better understand the diverse range of contexts in which new approaches to chronic care are being implemented, and to evaluate the outcomes of these initiatives.

The study focuses in on the content of these new models, which are frequently applied from different disciplinary and professional perspectives and associated with different goals and does so through analyzing approaches to self-management support, service delivery design and decision-support strategies, financing, availability and access. Significantly, it also illustrates the challenges faced by individual patients as they pass through the system.

This book complements the earlier published study *Assessing Chronic Disease Management in European Health Systems*; it builds on the findings of the DISMEVAL project (Developing and validating DISease Management EVALuation methods for European health care systems), led by RAND Europe and funded under the European Union's (EU) Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) (Agreement no. 223277).

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