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1. EUPHA update

Migrant Crisis in the Mediterranean

EUPHA issued a press release on 7 May 2015, calling on Europe's governments to do more to respond to the humanitarian crisis in the Mediterranean. EUPHA is pleased to note that the European Union has responded by increasing the level of monitoring and support in the Mediterranean but these efforts fall far short of what is required to address this tragic phenomenon.

Read the press release here:

http://www.eupha.org/repository/advocacy/Migrant_Crisis_in_the_Mediterranean_Press_Release.pdf

Tackling harmful alcohol abuse

EUPHA issued a press release on 12 May on supporting the OECD report on the severe health consequences of alcohol. EUPHA calls on decision makers to ensure that, when they come to address the health consequences associated with alcohol, implement health policies based on evidence and should not succumb to the pressure from the alcohol industry.

Read the OECD report here: <http://www.oecd.org/health/oecd-outlines-action-for-governments-to-tackle-heavy-cost-of-harmful-drinking.htm>

2. European Public Health Conference



Preconferences

The preconference programme will be available on the EPH Conference website shortly. This year we offer interesting sessions on urban health and architecture, healthy food and nutrition, child injury prevention, sustainable health systems and social security and health. Check the website for regular updates.

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

Registration

[Registration](#) for the conference opens 1 July 2015. 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.

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 Perspective Nepal

EUPHA stands in solidarity with its global member Public Health Perspective Nepal (PHPN) and expresses its deep sorrow for the people of Nepal after the catastrophic and devastating earthquake that left thousands of people dead and many more wounded.

We wish Dr Ashik Banstola, director of PHPN strength and courage for the difficult task to recover and rebuild from this tragedy.

4. European Journal of Public Health



The [European Journal of Public Health](#) 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 2013, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.459. The 5-year impact factor is 2.743. 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.

[\[full article\]](#)

Read a collection of editorial comments on past and present Editor's Choice Articles

[\[full article\]](#)

Trends in young people's health and social determinants

View the latest European Journal of Public Health supplement on 'Trends in young people's health and social determinants'.

[Read the supplement online](#)

5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Health policy analyst job vacancy at OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is looking for a dynamic and experienced health policy analyst to work on a project on antimicrobial resistance. A key component of the project will entail advanced epidemiological analyses. Interested candidates are encouraged to look at a more detailed description of the position and apply online at:

<https://oecd.taleo.net/careersection/ext/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=09921>.

The closing date is 23/06/2015

Postdoctoral researcher Advanced statistical methods in dealing with real-life clinical data

The Institute of Public Health, University of Porto, Portugal is looking for a postdoctoral researcher "advanced statistical methods in dealing with real-life clinical data".

Academic and professional requirements:

Mandatory: PhD degree in biostatistics, medical statistics, statistics, mathematics or equivalent.

Desirable: Experience in statistical analysis and sample size calculations in population health and clinical research; Training and professional experience in longitudinal data analysis with repeated measurements of outcomes, linear and logistic regression, mixed (hierarchical) models, survival analysis, calculations on incidence data from dynamic cohorts, decision trees.

Candidates are expected to write and to speak English fluently. Portuguese fluency is not essential.

Duration and Stipend: The grant will have an initial duration of 12 months, with a possible extension up to 6 years, with an expected starting date in July/September 2015. Financial aspects are in accordance with the FCT regulations (<http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>), which assigns a tax-free stipend of 1495€ per month (12 months a year).
For more information: <http://ispup.up.pt/training-positions/sc...>

Postdoctoral researcher infection prevention and control

The Institute of Public Health, University of Porto, Portugal is looking for an postdoctoral researcher "infection prevention and control".

Academic and professional requirements:

Mandatory: PhD degree in epidemiology, public health, infectious diseases or equivalent;
Experience in study design, field implementation and interpretation of data regarding clinical epidemiology of infectious diseases.

Desirable: Training and professional experience in outbreaks investigation, epidemiological studies of infectious diseases; Training or professional experience in microbiology or clinical infectious diseases. Candidates are expected to write and to speak English fluently. Portuguese fluency is not essential.

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6. Interesting news

Selection of the latest research news on ScienceDaily

Tackling obesity needs a number of magic bullets

No one health issue has the most impact on human health, or engenders more debate about how to tackle it, than obesity. It has become the scourge of the health agenda, especially in the west, and it is a growing problem. Now experts weigh in on the series of challenges faced by everyone in the field of obesity care and study: from environmental and personal factors to biology, behaviour, cutting edge science, politics and public health.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/....>

Uk coalition government derailed efforts to reduce salt in food

A poor diet is the leading cause of death and disability worldwide. Large amounts of salt, for example, are added to food by industry and eating too much can raise blood pressure, a major factor associated with strokes, heart failure and heart attacks. The UK coalition government derailed a successful program that reduced salt content added to foods by industry, argue experts in a new article.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/....>

Reducing global tobacco use

Although global efforts to cut tobacco use have had some success, more can be done to reduce the number of deaths from smoking, according to a new commentary. More than 170 countries have signed the World Health Organization's (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control agreement since it was adopted in 2005. However, smoking rates are still high in many low- and middle-income countries compared with Canada and other high-income countries where efforts to curb smoking have been more successful.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/.....>

Injury prevention programs not widely used in high school

Injury prevention programs can help reduce ankle, knee and other lower extremity injuries in sports, but the programs are not being widely used in high schools, a new study has found. Researchers surveyed 66 head soccer and basketball coaches from 15 Oregon high schools and found that only 21 percent of the coaches were using an injury prevention program, and less than 10 percent were using the program exactly as designed.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/....>

Congressional action needed to optimize regulation of genomic tests

Latest generation genomic testing offers a chance for improvements in patient care, disease prevention and healthcare cost-effectiveness. A new report recommends that Congress incentivize development of massive data systems that doctors and regulators will need to make these tests safe and effective for patients. Existing regulatory oversight should be bolstered with ongoing postmarket data collection to study tests after they are in use and resolve lingering questions about health impacts of as-yet-poorly-understood genetic variants, experts argue.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/.....>

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: **II Mediterranean Symposium on Health Promotion**

Date / location: 3 Jun 2015 - 5 Jun 2015 / Girona, Spain

Organiser: University of Girona

Title: **14th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity "Advancing Behavior Change Science"**

Date / location: 3 Jun 2015 - 6 Jun 2015 / Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Organiser: ISBNPA

Title: **II mediterranean Symposium on Health Promotion**

Date / location: 3 Jun 2015 - 5 Jun 2015 / Girona, Spain

Organiser: University of Girona

Title: **Tracking Regional Variation in Health care - A Key to Understanding and Improving Our Health Care Systems?**

Date / location: 4 Jun 2015 - 5 Jun 2015 / Berlin, Germany

Organiser: WIC

Title: **Ecology and Safety, International conference**

Date / location: 4 Jun 2015 - 8 Jun 2015 / Elenite Holiday Village, Bulgaria

Organiser: Science and Education Foundation, Bulgaria

Title: **Summer School on Modern Methods in Biostatistics and Epidemiology**

Date / location: 7 Jun 2015 - 20 Jun 2015 / Treviso, Italy

Organiser: Karolinska Institute

Title: **23rd International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services: Person-oriented health promotion in a rapidly changing world: Co-production – continuity – new media and technologies**

Date / location: 10 Jun 2015 - 12 Jun 2015 / Oslo, Norway

Organiser: International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services and Norwegian Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services

Title: **EHMA 2015 annual conference - Evidence based management: better decisions, better healthcare**

Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 17 Jun 2015 / Breda, The Netherlands

Organiser: EHMA

Title: **How to plan successfully? A focus on priority setting, resource allocation and strategic planning for health**
Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 3 Jul 2015 / Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: **Course: Health Systems Methods and Current Research – 3rd Edition**
Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 17 Jun 2015 / Porto, Portugal
Organiser: Institute of Public Health, University of Porto

Title: **Introduction to Epidemiology**
Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 19 Jun 2015 / Rome, Italy
Organiser: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: **Health Systems Methods and Current Research – 3rd Edition**
Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 17 Jun 2015 / Porto, Portugal
Organiser: University of Porto

Title: **Digital Health and Care Congress 2015**
Date / location: 16 Jun 2015 - 17 Jun 2015 / London
Organiser: Kingsfund

Title: **Towards a generation free from tobacco: turning the vision into reality**
Date / location: 18 Jun 2015 - 19 Jun 2015 / Edinburgh, United Kingdom
Organiser: AHS Scotland

Title: **Linear and logistic regression analysis of epidemiologic data**
Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 26 Jun 2015 / Rome, Italy
Organiser: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: **Causal Inference in Medicine**
Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 26 Jun 2015 / Rome, Italy
Organiser: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: **2015 International Conference on Health Promoting Universities and Colleges: 10 Years after the Edmonton Charter**
Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 25 Jun 2015 / Kelowna, Canada
Organiser: University of British Columbia

Title: **14th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management and Policy**
Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 25 Jun 2015 / Athens, Greece
Organiser: Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)

Title: **Empowering patients through Ehealth: the European evidence**
Date / location: 23 Jun 2015 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Palante project

Title: **Improving Young People's Mental Health in Europe**
Date / location: 23 Jun 2015 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Public Policy Exchange

Title: **International Health Conference**
Date / location: 25 Jun 2015 - 27 Jun 2015 / Oxford, United Kingdom
Organiser: Global Health Congress

Title: **2nd Annual Global Health Next Generation Network Conference 2015**
Date / location: 25 Jun 2015 - 26 Jun 2015 / Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: Global Health NGN

Title: **8th World Environment Education Congress**
Date / location: 29 Jun 2015 - 2 Jul 2015 / Goteborg, Sweden
Organiser: WECC

Title: **EUGenMed Final Conference “Presentation of the Roadmap”**
Date / location: 30 June 2015 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: European Gender Medicine Network (EUGenMed)

Title: **Summer school on Health Law and Ethics**
Date / location: 1 Jul 2015 - 10 Jul 2015 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser: Erasmus Observatory on Health Law / Institute of Health Policy and Management

Title: **4th Annual International Festival of Public Health UK**
Date / location: 2 Jul 2015 / 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: **APHES Summer Course – Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations**
Date / location: 6 Jul 2015 - 17 Jul 2015 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disaster

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: **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: **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: **Seminar: EU funds Policies, Regulations and Management**
Date / location: 24 Aug 2015 - 25 Aug 2015 / Berlin, Germany
Organiser: European Academy

Title: **COHRED Forum 2015: People at the center of research and innovation for health**
Date / location: 25 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: **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: **7th Congress of the International Society of Gender Medicine & International Congress of Gender Medicine of GIM (Institute of Gender in Medicine)**
Date / location: 20 Sep 2015 - 33 Sep 2015 / Berlin, Germany
Organiser: Institute of Gender in Medicine (GIM)

Title: **International Congress on Education, Innovation and Learning Technologies**
Date / location: 21 Sep 2015 - 23 Sep 2015 / Granada, Spain
Organiser: Iceilt

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: **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: **6th Annual Excellence in Hospital Management Conference**
 Date / location: 8 Oct 2015 - 9 Oct 2015 / Vienna, Austria

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

8. Interesting publications

Application of the varying coefficient model to the behaviour risk factor surveillance data in Italy: a study of changing smoking prevalence among sub-populations

Shireen Assaf and Stefano Campostrini

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:489 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1805-3Published: 13 May 2015

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

A cluster-randomised controlled trial to assess the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a childhood obesity prevention programme delivered through schools, targeting 6-7 year old children: the WAVES

Peymane Adab et al.

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:488 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1800-8Published: 13 May 2015

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Socioeconomic inequality and mortality - a regional Danish cohort study

Line R Ullits et al.

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:490 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1813-3Published: 14 May 2015

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Motives of Dutch persons aged 50 years and older to accept vaccination: a qualitative study

Renske Eilers, Paul F. M. Krabbe and Hester E. de Melker

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:493 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1825-zPublished: 16 May 2015

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Urban health indicators and indices--current status

Richard Rothenberg et al.

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Developing the Moti-4 intervention, assessing its feasibility and pilot testing its effectiveness

Hans B. Dupont, Paul Lemmens, Gerald Adriana, Dike van de Mheen and Nanne K. de Vries

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:500 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1826-yPublished: 21 May 2015

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Dietary behaviour and parental socioeconomic position among adolescents: the German Health Interview and Examination Survey for Children and Adolescents 2003-2006 (KiGGS)

Jonas D. Finger, Gianni Varnaccia, Thorkild Tylleskär, Thomas Lampert and Gert B. M. Mensink

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:498 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1830-2Published: 19 May 2015

Are associations between electronic media use and BMI different across levels of physical activity?

Ole Melkevik et al.

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:497 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1810-6Published: 19 May 2015

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

How can we strengthen students' social relations in order to reduce school dropout? An intervention development study within four Danish vocational schools

Liselotte Ingholt et al.

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:502 doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1831-1Published: 22 May 2015

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

9. European Commission news

The European Commission is recruiting a Director of European Centre of Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), which was published on the Official Journal (C168A- 22 May 2015).

Deadline for application: 22 June 2015 at 12.00 (Brussels time).

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/FR/TXT/?uri=CELEX:C2015/168A/01>

The European Commission is recruiting members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The deadline for submission of applications is 8 July 2015.

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C_.2015.158.01.0008.01.ENG

The Application Form and Declaration of Interest Form can be downloaded here:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/efsa/efsa_management_board_en.htm

Innovative Financing: Opportunities for Active & Healthy Ageing (Brussels, 3 June 2015)

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/events/ev_20150603_en.htm#f

Cross-border care

[Evaluative study on the crossborder healthcare Directive \(2011/24/EU\) Final report and executive summary](#)

Health technology assessment

[4th meeting of the HTA Network \(Brussels, 23 March 2015\) Minutes of the meeting](#)

Nutrition and physical activity

[We love eating gets ready to Roncq](#)

Scientific committees

[SCHER - Minutes of the 11th Plenary meeting, Luxembourg, 24 April 2015](#)

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 18, 7 May 2015

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RESEARCH ARTICLES

Landscape and climatic characteristics associated with human alveolar echinococcosis in France, 1982 to 2007

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21118>

Clindamycin resistant emm33 Streptococcus pyogenes emerged among invasive infections in Helsinki metropolitan area, Finland, 2012 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21117>

PERSPECTIVES

Public health response to two incidents of confirmed MERS-CoV cases travelling on flights through London Heathrow Airport in 2014 – lessons learnt

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21114>

The Italian registry of cystic echinococcosis (RIEC): the first prospective registry with a European future

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21115>

NEWS

ECDC adds new pages to online directory on infection prevention and control

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21119>

The Americas region declares that rubella has been eliminated

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21120>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21121>

ECDC's latest publications

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21113>

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The microbiological quality of water in fish spas with *Garra rufa* fish, the Netherlands, October to November 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21124>

Phylogeographical pattern of *Francisella tularensis* in a nationwide outbreak of tularaemia in Norway, 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21125>

Illness and injury of travellers abroad: Finnish nationwide data from 2010 to 2012, with incidences in various regions of the world

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21128>

Seroprevalence in blood donors reveals widespread, multi-source exposure to hepatitis E virus, southern France, October 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21127>

MEETING REPORTS

Ten years experience of syndromic surveillance for civil and military public health, France, 2004-2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21126>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 20, 21 May 2015

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Multinational outbreak of Salmonella Enteritidis infection during an international youth ice hockey competition in Riga, Latvia, preliminary report, March and April 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21133>

Genome sequence analysis of Ebola virus in clinical samples from three British healthcare workers, August 2014 to March 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21131>

Post-vaccine measles in a child with concomitant influenza, Sicily, Italy, March 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21134>

Genetic diversity of highly pathogenic H5N8 avian influenza viruses at a single overwintering site of migratory birds in Japan, 2014/15

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21132>

REVIEW ARTICLES

The challenge of West Nile virus in Europe: knowledge gaps and research priorities

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21135>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

West Nile virus circulation in south-eastern Romania, 2011 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21130>

11. WHO news

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).

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).