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1. 7th European Public Health Conference, Glasgow

Programme planning completed

Last week, the June planning meeting for the Glasgow 2014 conference took place. We have received a record number of abstracts and workshops (1'100!) and have selected over 750 of these in a fully packed programme.

The Glasgow programme will be organised in the following tracks:

- European public health
- Health inequalities
- Migrant and ethnic minority health
- Chronic and non communicable diseases
- Infectious diseases
- Capacity building – investing in the future
- Public health monitoring and reporting
- Evidence-informed policy
- Child and adolescent public health
- Communication, health advocacy and health promotion
- Lifestyles
- Interventions
- Austerity and socio-economic aspects of public health
- Occupational health and health data
- Environmental health

New EPH Conference website to be launched 1 July 2014

As of the 1st of July, we are launching a new conference website at: www.ephconference.eu where all conference information will be available. The online programme will be available early July.

Conference registration will open on 7 July

Vienna 2016

The Executive Board of the European Public Health Conference at their June meeting has selected Vienna, Austria as the location for the 2016 EPH Conference. The co-organiser of this event will be the Austrian Public Health Association.

2. EUPHA update

EUPHA strategy and work plan 2014-2020

The Executive Council and Section Council just spent their June meeting in Glasgow at the MRC/CSO SPHSU of the University of Glasgow. In this wonderful atmosphere, the draft EUPHA strategy 2014-2020 and work plan was discussed in detail and all applauded the progress made. The next step of the strategy is to consult our members again before finalising the strategy in September. The EUPHA Governing Board is planning to adopt the strategy at their November meeting, again in wonderful Glasgow.

EUPHA @ Glasgow 2014

EUPHA will be busy at the 7th European Public Health Conference in Glasgow, 19-22 November 2014. Apart from the usual EUPHA stand, annual meetings of our sections, Governing Board meeting, etc, EUPHA also has:

- 12 EUPHA sections involved in the organisation of pre conferences;
- 15 EUPHA sections organising and co-organising workshops;
- Two EUPHA sections involved in the plenary programme; and
- Two skills building events co-organised by EUPHAnxt.

We are preparing for a busy, busy time schedule in Glasgow!

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Calls for Proposals under the 3rd EU Health Programme

Submission online now

2 Calls for proposals 'Health-2014' within the framework of the 3rd Programme of the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020) have been published on 06/06/2014 in the [Official Journal of the European Union](#).

This call for applications consists of the following parts:

- A call for proposals for project grants,
- A call for proposals for operating grants

Deadlines for online submissions of the proposals are **25 September 2014**.

All the information, including the work programme for 2014 for implementation of the third Health Programme, specifying the topics for the calls and the selection, award and other criteria are available via the [EU Research and Innovation Participant Portal](#).

Call to participate in the survey of the EUPORIAS project

Whilst societies have flourished or collapsed according to their ability of dealing with [climate variability](#) and change it is only recently that we have acquired the ability to predict future environmental conditions. EUPORIAS, (www.euporias.eu) is a project recently funded by the European commission under the 7th framework program that intends to improve our ability to maximise the societal benefit of these new technologies. Working in close relation with a number of European [stakeholders](#) this project want to develop a few fully working prototypes of [climate services](#) addressing the need of specific users.

The work package that assesses users' needs with regard to seasonal to decadal climate predictions is looking for your input. The survey can be accessed here:

<http://survey.euporias.eu/>
www.euporias.eu

Volunteer Tutors for Peoples-Uni

The People's Open Access Education Initiative (Peoples-uni) provides online public health training at Diploma and Masters level at low cost with the aim of building public health capacity in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). We are looking for additional volunteer tutors to lead two-week topic sessions particularly for our Introduction to Epidemiology module, but also other Masters-level modules. 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

Post-Doc/research Associate - Cooperative Research Group for Evidence-Based Public Health

(Conditional on release of budgetary funds)

The University of Bremen (Institute for Public Health und Nursing Research) and the Leibniz-Institute for Prevention Research and Epidemiology - BIPS GmbH initiated jointly a Cooperative Research Group for Evidence-Based Public Health. The interdisciplinary research program intends to apply quantitative and qualitative research approaches to policy relevant research questions, in particular concerning life-style related risk factors (obesity, alcohol, smoking) for chronic diseases.

The role of the applicant in the research group is:

- participating in the general research work of the research group and assisting in supervision of three PhD students,
- pursuing own research topics which fit into the general framework of the research group,
- collaboration on research proposals for external grants.

The applicant should have experience in one or more of the following research topics:

- systematic reviews of public health intervention (preferably using Cochrane methodology)
- modelling or projecting population-level health consequences of changes in risk factor exposure
- comparative cost-effectiveness analysis for population level interventions /public health economics

The position requires a (nearly completed) PhD in one of the following or related areas:

- Health Economics / Public Health
- Epidemiology / Environmental Impact Assessment
- Demography / Statistics

Experience of analysing large scale individual data sets is an asset.

Candidates with little or no background in public health but strong expertise in economic or quantitative modelling are encouraged to apply.

There are no teaching obligations.

We welcome applications from highly qualified and motivated early-career scientists of all nationalities.

Disabled applicants with identical technical and personal qualification will be given preference.

The applicant will be employed full time by the BIPS for up to 3 years in the first instance (with the option of an additional extension). Expected starting date: September 1st, 2014.

Please visit also our homepage: www.bips.uni-bremen.de. Direct any inquiries to Prof. Dr. Stefan Lhachimi (Lhachimi@BIPS.Uni-Bremen.de)

If you are interested, please send your complete application: cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of key publications (English, peer reviewed) and details of three contactable referees as soon as possible via email, quoting the reference number A11/14, until 22. July 2014 to Leibniz-Institut für Präventionsforschung und Epidemiologie – BIPS GmbH

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or via E-Mail to Michaela Modde: modde@bips.uni-bremen.de

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until position is filled.

4. Interesting News

10th Year Anniversary Crash Course on Concepts of Epidemiology

The popular and intensive 5-day course returns for its 10th consecutive year! 'Concepts of Epidemiology' offers professionals an opportunity to rapidly learn the principles and methods of epidemiology for enhanced research and practice. Held at the University of Edinburgh, in the

heart of Scotland's capital, the programme combines informative lectures and inclusive workshops led by Professor Raj Bhopal (Author of the award winning book Concepts of Epidemiology), with major contributions from Drs Colin Fischbacher and Snorri Rafnsson.

Dates: 8-12 December 2014

Venue: University of Edinburgh Centre for Population Health Sciences, Scotland

Website: <http://www.crfr.ac.uk/epidemiology>

Further details: Diane White - cphs.epicourse@ed.ac.uk

Call for new controls on e-cigarettes

More than 100 leading public health doctors and specialists from around the world have signed a letter to the director general of the World Health Organisation, Margaret Chan, calling for new controls on e-cigarettes and warning that they may be a stalking horse for the tobacco industry. EUPHA Executive Council joins the call!

<http://tobacco.ucsf.edu/129-public-health...>

HEAL Press Release

The Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) has launched figures today showing that exposure to endocrine disruptors may be responsible for up to €31 billion per year in health costs in the European Union.

The clear message is that reaping the huge benefits for health – avoidance of a proportion of cases of infertility, breast and prostate cancer, diabetes and obesity – will only begin once the EU take action to reduce human exposure to endocrine disrupting chemicals.

The full report is available at <http://www.env-health.org/news/latest-news/article/health-costs-in-the-eu-how-much-is>

IARC/WHO and IACR launch new guidelines for for establishing cancer registries

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the International Association of Cancer Registries (IACR) today launch new guidelines for establishing cancer registries. The publication, titled “[Planning and developing population-based cancer registration in low- and middle-income settings](#)”, provides essential guidance on the key steps in planning a registry, including accessing sources of information, monitoring the quality of the data, and reporting results. The guidelines serve as a vital tool to help low- and middle-income countries attain the highest possible standard of cancer registration, and address the limitations and challenges these registries may face. Cancer registries are critical for evaluating the impact of national control programmes, including vaccination, screening, and treatment efforts. They also serve to catalyse research into causes of the disease.

The publication is now available online in pdf format without charge. Print and e-pub editions will soon be released, and will be distributed widely to partner registries around the world, also free of charge. French and Spanish versions are also in preparation.

Endocrine Disrupter – report of the Superior Health Council of Belgium

The Superior Health Council of Belgium has formulated an up-to-date expert opinion about endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDC's) in an advisory report: “Endocrine disrupters: low dose effects, non-monotonic dose responses and critical windows of sensitivity”

The full report n° 8915: <http://tinyurl.com/SHC-8915-EDC>

Advisory report n° 8914 on the definition of EDC's: <http://tinyurl.com/SHC-8914-EDC>

Do 'walkable' neighborhoods reduce obesity, diabetes? Yes, research suggests

People who live in neighborhoods that are conducive to walking experienced a substantially lower rate of obesity, overweight and diabetes than those who lived in more auto-dependent neighborhoods, according to a pair of studies. Specifically, the studies found that people living

in neighborhoods with greater walkability saw on average a 13 percent lower development of diabetes incidence over 10 years than those that were less walkable.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Alcohol industry influence on UK policy brought into question by study

A new study looking at the relationships between the alcohol industry, charities and policy influence in the UK, suggests corporate philanthropy may be being used as a political device.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Health policy researchers lack confidence in social media for communicating scientific evidence

Though Twitter boasts 645 million users across the world, only 14 percent of health policy researchers reported using Twitter – and approximately 20 percent used blogs and Facebook – to communicate their research findings over the past year, according to a new study. In contrast, sixty-five percent used traditional media channels, such as press releases or media interviews. While participants believed that social media can be an effective way to communicate research findings, many lacked the confidence to use it and felt their academic peers and institutions did not value it or respect it as much as traditional media and direct contact with policy makers.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

School scheme unable to boost healthy eating, activity among kids

A school-based scheme to encourage children to eat healthily and be active has had little effect, conclude researchers. The findings have relevance for researchers, policy makers, public health practitioners, and doctors, and they suggest that more intense interventions may be required. School based interventions have the potential to reach the vast majority of children, and evidence reviews have suggested some beneficial effect. However, the poor quality of many of the previous trials means their effectiveness may be exaggerated.
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

EuroSafe's Alert Newsletter

The latest issue of EuroSafe's [Alert Newsletter](#) is now available. On 16 June, EuroSafe also launched the latest edition of "Injuries in the European Union" which presents an EU-level summary of the most recent injury statistics, covering the years 2010-2012. The report has been produced in the framework of the Joint Action on Injury Monitoring in Europe (JAMIE) with support from the European Union Health Programme.

South Eastern European Journal of Public Health, Volume I, 2014

South Eastern European Journal of Public Health: A new international online journal, now published!
<http://www.seejph.com/wp-content/uploads...>

5. EUPHA members update

Revue Sante Publique (rubrique Pratiques et organisation des soins) n°2-2014

<http://www.ameli.fr/l-assurance-maladie/...>

Swiss Public Health Conference 2014

Public Mental Health
Netzwerktagung Psychische Gesundheit Schweiz
21. – 22. August 2014

Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz FHNW,
Campus Olten
www.public-health.ch

Nordic Public Health Conference

The Nordic Public Health Conference will be held 26.- 29th of August.
For more information: <http://www.nordiskfolkehelsekonferanse.no/doku.php>

6. Upcoming courses and conferences

Title: [Unlocking the Potential of Migrants in Europe: From Isolation to Multi-level Integration](#)

Date / location: 2 Jul 2014 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Public Policy Exchange

Title: [A world of dementia research at one conference](#)

Date / location: 12 Jul 2014 - 17 Jul 2014 / Copenhagen, Denmark
Organiser: Alzheimer's Association International

Title: [Global Health Summer School - Health by System: The Role of Health Systems](#)

Date / location: 13 Jul 2014 - 18 Jul 2014 / Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: Barcelona Institute for Global Health

Title: [UCL Health and Society Summer School: Social Determinants of Health](#)

Date / location: 14 Jul 2014 - 18 Jul 2014 / London, United Kingdom
Organiser: UCL

Title: [Mobilising Local Health Promotion Systems for Equity - Taking up the challenge of the social determinants of health](#)

Date / location: 20 Jul 2014 - 1 Aug 2014 / Rennes, France
Organiser: EHESP

Title: [ERASMUS Summer Programme 2 014](#)

Date / location: 11 Aug 2014 - 29 Aug 2014 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser: Erasmus university

Title: [WIS 2014 – safe and secure cities](#)

Date / location: 18 Aug 2014 - 20 Aug 2014 / Turku, Finland
Organiser: University of Turku and the Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association

Title: [Summer school in Public Health Policy, Economics and Management](#)

Date / location: 25 Aug 2014 - 31 Aug 2014 / Lugano, Switzerland
Organiser: SSPH+

Title: [1st European Conference on Donor Health and Management](#)

Date / location: 3 Sep 2014 - 5 Sep 2014 / The Hague, The Netherlands
Organiser: Sanquin Blood Supply

Title: [10th Public Health Association of South Africa \(PHASA\) Conference: Dignity, rights and quality: towards a health care revolution](#)

Date / location: 3 Sep 2014 - 6 Sep 2014 / Polokwane, South Africa
Organiser: PHASA

- Title:** [1st European Conference on Donor Health and Management](#)
Date / location: 3 Sep 2014 - 5 Sep 2014 / The Hague, The Netherlands
Organiser: Sanquin
- Title:** [International masterclass on care pathways and organization of care processes](#)
Date / location: 8 Sep 2014 - 10 Sep 2014 / Leuven, Belgium
Organiser: EPA
- Title:** [Summer school: Health Care Management](#)
Date / location: 8 Sep 2014 - 12 Sep 2014 / Rome, Italy
Organiser: EHMA and the Catholic University Rome
- Title:** [Integrating Personalised Medicine into the EU Strategy](#)
Date / location: 9 Sep 2014 - 10 Sep 2014 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: EAPM
- Title:** [Qualitative Research in Health: An Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods](#)
Date / location: 10 Sep 2014 - 12 Sep 2014 / Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
- Title:** [5th International Public Health Summer School - Primary Health Care: Quality and Performance](#)
Date / location: 15 Sep 2014 - 20 Sep 2014 / Graz, Austria
Organiser: Medical University Graz
- Title:** [Medizinische Statistik für Nicht - StatistikerInnen](#)
Date / location: 17 Sep 2014 / Krems, Austria
Organiser: Danube University Krems
- Title:** [The Dementia Challenge North: Continuing the Fight Back](#)
Date / location: 18 Sep 2014 / Leeds, United Kingdom
- Title:** [16th International Summer School 2014: Burden of Infectious Diseases: Epidemiology, Population Health, and Mathematical Modelling](#)
Date / location: 22 Sep 2014 - 26 Sep 2014 / Bielefeld, Germany
Organiser: University of Bielefeld
- Title:** [6th International Summer School 2014: Spatial Epidemiology and Climate Change: Concepts and Modelling](#)
Date / location: 22 Sep 2014 - 26 Sep 2014 / Bielefeld, Germany
Organiser: University of Bielefeld
- Title:** [Causal Inference in Epidemiologic Research](#)
Date / location: 22 Sep 2014 - 25 Sep 2014 / Menorca, Spain
Organiser: Public Health School in Menorca, Spain
- Title:** [Permanente Verfügbarkeit in der Arbeits - und Lebenswelt – Risiken und Chancen](#)
Date / location: 24 Sep 2014 - 26 Sep 2014 / Erlangen, Germany
Organiser: DGMSP and partners
- Title:** [The Second International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health](#)
Date / location: 5 Oct 2014 - 8 Oct 2014 / Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Title:** [Medizinische Statistik für Nicht - StatistikerInnen \(Grundkurs\)](#)
Date / location: 8 Oct 2014 - 9 Oct 2014 / Krems, Austria
Organiser: Danube University Krems
- Title:** [Universitaetslehrgaenge Clinical Research und Advanced Clinical Research](#)
Date / location: 24 Oct 2014 - 11 Jun 2016 / Zwettl/Rodl, Austria
Organiser: Johannes Kepler University
- Title:** [AICR Research Conference on Food, nutrition, physical activity and cancer](#)
Date / location: 29 Oct 2014 - 31 Oct 2014 / Washington, DC, US
Organiser: IARC
- Title:** [2014 AICR Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer](#)
Date / location: 29 Oct 2014 - 31 Oct 2014 / Washington, DC, United States
Organiser: AICR
- Title:** [ESCAIDE 2014](#)
Date / location: 5 Nov 2014 - 7 Nov 2014 / Stockholm, Sweden
Organiser: ECDC
- Title:** [ENCR Scientific Meeting and General Assembly: Towards a harmonised cancer information system in Europe](#)
Date / location: 12 Nov 2014 - 14 Nov 2014 / Ispra, Italy
Organiser: ENCR

7. European Journal of Public Health

Eur J Public Health Advance Access for June 18, 2014

Articles

Social Media for Public Health: An Exploratory Policy Analysis

I Fast, K Sørensen, H Brand, and LS Suggs

Eur J Public Health published 18 June 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku080

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Do child's psychosocial functioning, and parent and family characteristics predict early alcohol use? The TRAILS Study

L Visser, AF de Winter, WAM Vollebergh, FC Verhulst and SA Reijneveld

Eur J Public Health published 13 June 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku072

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Excess Winter Deaths in Europe: A multi-country descriptive analysis

T Fowler, RJ Southgate, T Waite, R Harrell, S Kovats, A Bone, Y Doyle and V Murray

Eur J Public Health published 11 June 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku073

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Can media images of obese people undermine health messages? An experimental study of visual representation and risk perception

D Juszczuk, FB Gillison and Steven Dean

Eur J Public Health published 11 June 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku064

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Short Report

Cross-national comparisons of sickness absence systems and statistics: towards common indicators

D Gimeno et al.

Eur J Public Health published 11 June 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku070

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Eur J Public Health Advance Access for June 3, 2014

Articles

Reduction of ST-elevation myocardial infarction in Canton Ticino (Switzerland) after smoking bans in enclosed public places—: No Smoke Pub Study

M Di Valentino et al.

Eur J Public Health published 3 June 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku067

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Parental leave and increased physical activity of fathers and mothers—results from the Northern Swedish Cohort

K Johansson, P Wennberg and A Hammarström

Eur J Public Health published 3 June 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku068

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Adolescent ecstasy use and depression: cause and effect, or two outcomes of home environment?

M McCann, K Higgins, O Perra, C McCartan and A McLaughlin

Eur J Public Health published 1 June 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku062

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Equity impact of European individual-level smoking cessation interventions to reduce smoking in adults: a systematic review

T Brown, S Platt and A Amos

Eur J Public Health published 1 June 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku065

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Sexual and gender-based violence in the European asylum and reception sector: a *perpetuum mobile*?

I Keynaert et al.

Eur J Public Health published 29 May 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku066

[\[Abstract\]](#)

8. Interesting publications

Is a single item stress measure independently associated with subsequent severe injury: a prospective cohort study of 16,385 forest industry employees

S Salminen, A Kouvonen, A Koskinen, M Joensuu and A Väänänen

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

Accumulation of lifestyle and psychosocial problems and persistence of adverse lifestyle over two-year follow-up among Finnish adolescents

E Heikkala, J Remes, M Paananen, S Taimela, J Auvinen and J Karppinen

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

School nurses' attitudes and experiences regarding the human papillomavirus vaccination programme in Sweden: a population-based survey

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

Strategies to reduce safety violations for working from heights in construction companies: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

HF van der Molen and MHW Frings-Dresen
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Working and hypertension: gaps in employment not associated with increased risk in 13 European countries, a retrospective cohort study

J Rumball-Smith, A Nandi and JS Kaufman
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Associations between different types of physical activity and teachers' perceived mental, physical, and work-related health

I Bogaert, K De Martelaer, B Deforche, Pr Clarys and Et Zinzen
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Burden of multimorbidity, socioeconomic status and use of health services across stages of life in urban areas: a cross-sectional study

C Violán et al.
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Stability and change in alcohol habits of different socio-demographic subgroups - a cohort study

L Sydén, P Wennberg, Y Forsell and A Romelsjö
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

Reimbursement of hormonal contraceptives and the frequency of induced abortion among teenagers in Sweden

A Sydsjö, G Sydsjö, M Bladh and A Josefsson
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

No increase in new users of blood glucose-lowering drugs in Norway 2006-2011: a nationwide prescription database study

H Strøm et al.
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

New Eurohealth on Health behaviours and incentives

This issue's Eurohealth Observer section looks at health-related behaviours and incentives. The overview article discusses the use of insights from behavioural science to nudge populations towards making positive changes to their health and lifestyle. Four articles follow on inequalities and health behaviours, effectiveness and ethics of health incentives, nudging and solidarity, and the nudging debate in the Netherlands. Other articles include: Political strategies in public health; Pharmaceutical cost containment in Poland and Hungary; Joint hospital procurement in Croatia; and Eurohealth Monitor.
Freely available at: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/eurohealth>

Eurohealth issue on strengthening child health and health services

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/who-we-are/pa...>

Fostering public health: Trends of development from State laboratories for Hygiene to the NRW Centre for Health

<http://www.lzg.gc.nrw.de>

9. European Commission news

Ageing

Video - Working together for longer healthier lives
Second conference on frailty in old age opens (18.06.2014)

Alcohol

13th meeting of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action (Luxembourg, 4-5 March 2014) Summary report

EU in the world

[Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 12 June 2014 Contributions available](#)

Expert Panel [4th Working Group meeting on quality of health care with a special emphasis on patient safety, 14 May 2014 Minutes of the meeting](#)

[1st Working Group meeting on WG on Competition between health care providers in EU, 19 May 2014 Minutes of the meeting](#)

Health-EU Newsletter

[Issue 131 - Commission Communication on effective, accessible and resilient health systems](#)

Healthcare

[Building growth: Country-specific recommendations 2014](#)

[QandA: Country-specific recommendations 2014](#)

Major and chronic diseases

[Call for expressions of interest as Commission appointees to the European Commission](#)

[Expert Group on Cancer Control](#)

[Commission decision establishing a Commission expert group on Cancer Control](#)

Nutrition and physical activity

[Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 10 June 2014 Flash report](#)

[Joint meeting of the HLG on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, 10 June 2014 Flash report](#)

[Twenty-first plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 11 June 2014 Flash report](#)

[Joint meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 10 June 2014 Agenda and presentations](#)

[Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 10 June 2014 Agenda and presentations](#)

[Twenty-first plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 11 June 2014 Agenda and presentations](#)

Patient safety

[Patient safety: progress made, more needed](#)

Preparedness and response

[World Health Organization travel advice on MERS-CoV for pilgrimages\(48 KB\)](#)

Sexually transmitted diseases [Media Cluster Meeting on HIV/AIDS \(Athens, 12-13 June 2014\)](#) EU contribution to a reinforced prevention and improved care

[Media cluster meeting on the results achieved by EU Health Programme projects in the areas of the HIV \(Athens, 12-13 June 2014\)](#) Organised by CHAFEA

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 22, 5 June 2014

In this issue: Study from the UK providing evidence for the circulation of non-toxigenic *tox* gene-bearing *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* biovar mitis

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

[Schistosoma haematobium infections acquired in Corsica, France, August 2013](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20821>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Uptake and impact of a new live attenuated influenza vaccine programme in England: early results of a pilot in primary school-age children, 2013/14 influenza season
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20823>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Emergence and molecular characterisation of non-toxigenic tox gene-bearing *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* biovar mitis in the United Kingdom, 2003–2012
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20819>

LETTERS

Letter to the editor: Salmonella Stanley outbreaks – a prompt to reevaluate existing food regulations
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20818>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20822>
ECDC's latest publications
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20820>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 21, 29 May 2014

In this issue: Data from three years of the Italian national surgical site infection surveillance programme shows 60% of infections were diagnosed after hospital discharge.

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infections in two returning travellers in the Netherlands, May 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20817>

Suspected new wave of muscular sarcocystosis in travellers returning from Tioman Island, Malaysia, May 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20816>

Transfusion-transmitted hepatitis E in Germany, 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20812>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

The Italian national surgical site infection surveillance programme and its positive impact, 2009 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20815>

NEWS

ePathGen - a new e-learning package in pathogen genomics

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20813>

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Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(20)

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Assessment of the Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) epidemic in the Middle East and risk of international spread using a novel maximum likelihood analysis approach

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20824>

Epidemiological surveillance of colonising group B Streptococcus epidemiology in the Lisbon and Tagus Valley regions, Portugal (2005 to 2012): emergence of a new epidemic type IV/clonal complex 17 clone

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11. WHO news

News

Flooding in the Balkans - Public health advice on flooding

Since 13 May 2014, communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia have been severely affected by floods. WHO/Europe has established an emergency response team to support all three countries, providing expertise, health kits, water and sanitation supplies, and public health advice.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics...>

HIV/AIDS epidemic in Europe: HIV transmission through injecting drug use

Opioid substitution therapy is one of the best ways to prevent HIV transmission among people who inject drugs. Integrating such therapy with HIV treatment and care is key to addressing the HIV epidemic effectively.

In the WHO European Region, the rate of HIV transmission through injecting drug use has remained relatively high and stable between 2010 and 2012. While decreasing in the east, it increased in the centre and west of Europe. The increase was due mainly to outbreaks in two European Union countries.

In September, WHO/Europe will report on progress in implementing the European Action Plan for HIV/AIDS 2012–2015. Each month until then, we highlight a specific area of the Action Plan – this month, reducing HIV transmission from injecting drug use.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics...>

Publications

[Implementation Research Toolkit: Workbook](#)

This toolkit is designed to help identify system bottlenecks and the stakeholders to be involved, formulate appropriate research questions, conduct the research and develop a plan for implementing the study results.

[Migration of Health Workers](#)

This book underlines WHO's unwavering commitment to supporting the implementation of the Global Code of Practice in the International Recruitment of Health Personnel and provides a wide range of detailed examples from the countries themselves of how they are tackling the many complex issues involved. It provides not just numerous insights into progress but also gives other countries valuable guidance and recommendations on how they, too, can implement the Code.

[Basic Methods for Assessment of Renal Fluoride Excretion in Community Prevention Programmes for Oral Health](#)

This manual informs about practical procedures in assessment of renal fluoride excretion based on experience from existing national fluoridation programmes. The assessment tools will primarily be useful in assisting countries in achieving an effective fluoride exposure.

[Selection and Use of Essential Medicines \(The\)](#)

This report presents the recommendations of the WHO Expert Committee responsible for updating the WHO Model Lists of Essential Medicines. Annexes to the main report include the revised version of the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (18th edition) and the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines for Children (4th edition).

[Planning and Developing Population-Based Cancer Registration in Low- and Middle-income Settings](#)

This guidance document consists of six chapters that provide technical advice to planners and health specialists in low and middle-income countries wishing to implement and develop Population-based Cancer Registration (PBCR) as information system that inform cancer control policy.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 92, No. 6, 2014](#)

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.

[Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 20 No. 5, 2014](#)

The EMHJ was launched in 1995 as a peer-reviewed medical journal. Starting January 2010, the Journal has been given a new format and is now published monthly. The EMHJ serves as a forum for the dissemination of biomedical information through the publication of scientific research papers on a range of topics related to public health, with particular relevance to the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

Alcohol consumption in Europe decreasing but still the highest in the world

English report available at:

http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/249370/ALCOHOL-PR-Alcohol-consumption-in-Europe-decreasing-Eng.pdf?ua=1

Realizing our vision: report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the European Region in 2012-2013

The adoption of Health 2020, the European policy for health and well-being, is one of many recent achievements enabling WHO/Europe and the 53 countries it serves to respond to the changing health environment. This report documents WHO's work in 2012–2013 to secure better health in Europe.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/publications/...>

Bibione. Breathe by the sea. The story of a smoke-free beach in Italy

This publication supports the implementation of the WHO Health 2020 policy. It documents a local initiative for a smoke-free beach employing whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches to address a common public health challenge: smoking and exposure to tobacco smoke in public settings. The publication describes the key steps in developing the initiative, the recruitment of a champion as leader and a number of key messages that could be useful to other regions and countries wishing to take on a similar public health challenge.

The key steps were: recognition of a public health risk, assessment/engagement of stakeholder interest in addressing the risk, enactment of a regulation to reduce the risk (banning smoking on the beach) and information for beachgoers promoting the idea and enforcing the ban. The initiative was spearheaded by a champion who led the action and engaged partners, which made implementation and monitoring possible. Collaborative governance took place through coordination and trust-building between the economic, tourism, health and environment sectors and local authorities.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/publications/...>

Prisons and health

This book outlines important suggestions by international experts to improve the health of people in prison and to reduce the risks posed by imprisonment to both health and society. The term "prison" covers all institutions in which a state holds people deprived of their liberty.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/publications/...>

Health professional mobility in a changing Europe. New dynamics, mobile individuals and diverse responses

Health professional mobility in Europe has become a fast-moving target for policy-makers. It is evolving rapidly in direction and magnitude as a consequence of fundamental change caused by European Union (EU) enlargement and the financial and economic crisis.

Health professional mobility changes the numbers of health professionals in countries and the skill-mix of the workforce, with consequences for health-system performance. Countries must factor in mobility if they are forecasting and planning their workforce requirements. To this end they need clarity on mobility trends and the mobile workforce, and effective interventions for retaining domestic and integrating foreign-trained health workers. Health professional mobility remains an unfinished agenda in Europe, at a time when the repercussions of the financial crisis continue to have an impact on the European health workforce and its patterns of mobility. This book sheds new light on health professional mobility in this changing Europe. It is the second volume of the PROMeTHEUS project, following the previously published country case study volume.

The book goes well beyond situation analysis as it presents practical tools such as a yardstick for registry methodology, a typology of mobile individuals, qualitative tools for studying the motivation of the workforce and a set of concrete policy responses at EU, national and organizational level including bilateral agreements, codes and workplace responses.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/publications/...>

European child health services and systems. Lessons without borders

In recent decades the health needs of children in Europe have changed. There is more chronic disease than ever before, and inequalities in health and well-being persist. Despite increasingly sophisticated technology, the delivery of care and organizational structures of healthcare services have not evolved sufficiently to meet these challenges.

Taking a purposefully child-centric view, this book aims to improve understanding of children's health services across Europe. Focusing on 10 western European countries, the book combines primary and secondary research on children's health services and wider child health systems.

This book shows that European countries face many common challenges in attempting to improve child health, and highlights the opportunities for learning from each other. It concludes with a strategy for improving the capacity of European health systems to drive improvements in health and equity. This book serves as a wake-up call to all those concerned with the well-being of Europe's children.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/publications/...>

BOOKS IN RUSSIAN

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Special Collection, Vol. 91, issues 7-12, 2013 \(RUSSIAN\)](#)

This special Russian edition of the Bulletin of the World Health Organization contains selected editorials and news stories from volume 91 (issues 7-12), with translated abstracts of all peer-reviewed papers published in 2013.

[WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic 2013 \(RUSSIAN\)](#)

This report, WHO's fourth in the series, provides a country-level examination of the global tobacco epidemic and identifies countries that have applied selected measures for reducing tobacco use.

Countries

Kazakhstan to host new WHO office on primary health care

Kazakhstan signed an agreement with WHO to host a new geographically dispersed office (GDO) of WHO on primary health care in Almaty. The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly taking place in Geneva, Switzerland.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/kaz...>

Walking to halt rising obesity in Turkey

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/tur...>

National intersectoral workshop on food safety in Serbia

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics...>

High coverage reported in first rounds of polio immunization campaign in Tajikistan

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics...>