



EUPHA Newsletter April 2006

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1. News from EUPHA Office

EUPHA office currently has the following priorities:

- updating the EUPHA database. At the moment, the information on EUPHA membership in the database is checked with the updated membership lists from our national associations. We invite you to check and complete your data and contact EUPHA or your national association in case some information is incorrect.
- Expanding the interactive information exchange for the EUPHA sections. A new email exchange system has been created. This allows section members to more actively exchange information by sending the news to one email address only. The new system will distribute that email automatically to all section members.
- Following the success of the 2004 EUPHA statement: 10 statements on the future of public health, EUPHA is currently developing two statements:
 - o The public health consequences of man-made disasters. This statement is set up in close collaboration with Dr Joris Yzermans of the Netherlands Institute of Health Services Research (NIVEL)
 - o The public health impact of obesity in Europe. This statement is a joint effort of:
 - Dr Enni Mertanen, EUPHA section on food and nutrition
 - Dr Gerd Holmboe-Otesen, Norwegian Public Health Association
 - Dr Annette Matzke, section on nutrition of the Swiss Society for Public Health

If you are interested in participating in the setting up of these statements, you can contact EUPHA office: d.zeegers@nivel.nl

Other news from EUPHA office is that I (Joke van Wageningen) will be leaving EUPHA to pursue a career in Phase I clinical research. My last day in the office will be May 15, so fortunately I don't have to say goodbye just yet!

2. EUPHA Conference 2006 in Montreux: Update

The main theme of the conference is “Politics, policies and/or the public’s health” which is organised in Montreux, Switzerland from 16 to 18 November. The information on the conference is regularly updated on our website - WWW.EUPHA.ORG - by clicking on the Montreux banner.

Registration:

The online-registration is open now. The registration form includes the possibility to book your hotel in Montreux. There are 3, 4 and 5 stars hotels available. We recommend to book your hotel room as soon as possible to make sure that you get a hotel close to the conference venue.

Travel:

- travel by plane:

Check the website of the Geneva airport www.gva.ch. Among other airlines, Easyjet (www.easyjet.com) and Flybaboo (www.flybaboo.com) offer flights from more than 25 destinations (Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Bristol, Budapest, Dortmund, Edinburgh, Lisbon, Liverpool, London, Madrid, Newcastle, Nice, Paris, Prague, Rome and others) at low fares starting at € 100 round-trip.

- travel by train:

There are excellent train connections from Milan, Paris and Frankfurt to Montreux (www.sbb.ch/en).

Pre-conference activities:

On Wednesday, November 15, several pre-conference events are scheduled in Montreux and at the WHO headquarter in Geneva. A detailed program will be available on the conference website in May. You can book all pre-conference events online and change your registration anytime by using your personal password.

Abstract submission:

Don't forget to submit your abstract! The deadline is May, 1st. And if you haven't submitted your abstract yet: please read the abstract instructions carefully at http://www.eupha.org/html/menu3_2.html.

3. Online access to the European Journal of Public Health

We would like to remember everybody who is a member of EUPHA through a national association that you are subscribed to the online version of the journal, which can be found at <http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/>. In case you have forgotten your username and/or password, please contact OUP at EJPHqueries@oxfordjournals.org. When contacting this address, clearly indicate through which national association you are a member.

4. OUP Bookclub

Perceptive readers of the EUPHA newsletter may notice that this item has already been mentioned in a previous newsletter. That is correct, however, since this deal with OUP is really good and we feel that not enough people are aware of this opportunity, we decided to bring it to everybody's attention – again.

Oxford University Press is pleased to offer members of the European Public Health Association, an exclusive **20% discount** on their books. Please visit www.oup.co.uk/promotions/medicine/eupha for a selection of recent and forthcoming books in Public Health and Epidemiology.

Highlights include:

Obesity Prevention and Public Health (Crawford & Jeffery)

Fat Politics: The real story behind America's obesity epidemic (Oliver)

Social Determinants of Health, 2nd edition (Marmot and Wilkinson)

The HIV Pandemic: Local and global implications (Beck et al.)

The Economics of Infectious Disease (Roberts)

Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention, 3rd Edition (Schottenfeld & Fraumeni)

Social Inequalities in Health: New evidence and policy implications (Siegrist & Marmot)

Plus the new edition of the Oxford Handbook of Public Health Practice (Pencheon et.al), publishing in June 2006.

5. EUPHA newsletter

Please note that this EUPHA newsletter is not just there to provide you with information, but also to disseminate information from your country/institute. Please feel free to send EUPHA office any information you may find interesting.

For EUPHA office,

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