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EUPHA mailing to our members:

On April 27, we sent an email to all our members to inform them on the benefits of EUPHA membership. In this mail, we included an automatic link to the member association, through which they are members of EUPHA. Unfortunately this link did not always work correctly and produced some 'strange' associations. We apologize for this and hope our members can see this as an incentive to check their entry in our database.

Dineke Zeegers Paget
EUPHA Executive Director

1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2011: Copenhagen, Denmark – Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Public Health



EUPHA and ASPHER are pleased to invite you to the 4th joint European Public Health Conference combining the 19th annual EUPHA meeting and the 33rd annual meeting of ASPHER. The conference will be organised from 10 to 12 November in Copenhagen by the Danish Society of Public Health (DSOPH). The main theme of the conference is Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Public Health.

You have until Sunday 1 May midnight to submit your abstracts at:

http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference_abstract_submission.php

Please find regularly updated information on: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

French National School of Public Health: Call for visiting professor in health promotion

Applications are invited for a visiting professorship at the French National School of Public Health (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Santé Publique: EHESP) in Rennes (France). Located in the heart of one of France's most beautiful regions, Rennes is a vibrant and dynamic city featuring 2 universities and two dozen academic institutes boasting a student population of more than 60 000. The EHESP ranks as the first school in the country for the training of public health professionals. In 2004, the School was granted a university status setting it on the path to become, with its 70 faculty, a research powerhouse in the health promotion and disease prevention fields.

The visiting professorship is open for an academic wishing to contribute to one of the areas of research of the chair in health promotion, i.e. health promotion practice in local public health organizations, settings for health promotion (school health), and theories guiding health promotion programs in tackling (or preventing further increase in) health inequalities. The visiting professor will also be invited to contribute to some teaching in the EHESP's MPH program delivered in Paris in English.

The visiting professor will work mainly with researchers associated with the chair in health promotion held by Prof Eric Breton. The position is for at least 6 months and up to a year. The position comes with an office and financial support to cover housing and travel expenses. More financial support may be offered on a case by case basis. Although the working language will be English, fluency in French is an asset.

Applicants should submit the following materials:

- a cover letter outlining a proposed program of research;
- an up-to-date curriculum vitae (including the courses and seminars taught).

The position is open until filled.

Enquiries should be addressed and applications sent to:

Prof Eric Breton

Eric.Breton@ehesp.fr

<http://www.ehesp.fr/recherche/les-chaieres/chaire-impes-promotion-de-la-sante-a-ehesp/>

Opportunity for Young Professionals to work in Public eHealth in Latin America and the Caribbean

Deadline for Applications: **June 6, 2011**

Call for applications website: <http://bit.ly/eAEkgV>

Application form: <http://new.paho.org/cvesac>

Inequities in health are prevalent in and across many parts of Latin America and The Caribbean – this can be found between different social groups and are influenced by race, gender, ethnicity, among other things. eSAC Project aims at improving the health of disadvantaged groups and contributing to the advancement of equity in health in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), by nurturing and promoting Public eHealth innovation.

The Regional project is jointly designed and implemented by the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) (www.paho.org), Washington DC, and the People, Health Equity and Innovation (PHI) Research Group (www.phi-group.org) at the University of Toronto, Toronto. eSAC Project is funded by the Ottawa-based International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (www.idrc.ca).

Highly educated and motivated young professionals (YPs) will be selected and hired to support the successful implementation of the eSAC project. YPs will help catalyze the development of a Public eHealth and equity in health regional community of practice and will contribute to most other project activities.

Call for applications for the 5th edition of the European Health Award

The deadline for submissions of projects and initiatives is **6th June 2011**.

The European Health Award was initiated with the intention to promote health policy initiatives with an European scope, that have contributed in a significant way to meet European health challenges such as inequality and disparities in health status, access to health services and/or the provision of treatment within Europe.

The announcement of the award, including the application form can be downloaded online under the following link: **EUROPEAN HEALTH AWARD** (<http://www.ehfg.org/award.html>)

The winner of the 5th edition of the European Health Award will receive a prize with a value of 10.000 € in a celebrating ceremony at European Health Forum Gastein in October this year.

We kindly ask you to distribute this information within your network and to relevant initiatives and projects.

If you have further questions regarding the award, please don't hesitate to contact by e-mail (boriana.goranova@ehfg.org)

3. Interesting news

I2sare- Health inequalities indicators in the regions of Europe – final results now available

The I2sare- Health inequalities indicators in the regions of Europe, team is pleased to announce that the results and products of I2sare are now available on www.i2sare.eu

Campbell has established a new group: the International Development Coordinating Group (IDCG)

URL: <http://bit.ly/jFe9JM>

This network of researchers, policy makers, and practitioners will produce and disseminate systematic reviews of high policy relevance on the effects of international development interventions.

The Group's scope covers social and economic development interventions which aim to improve the quality of life for people in low- and middle-income countries. These include interventions in the areas of agriculture and rural development; banking and finance; transport, energy, water and sanitation infrastructure; social development; and governance.

The International Development Coordinating Group has grown out of Campbell's partnership with the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) seeks to *"improve the lives of poor people in low- and middle-income countries by providing, and summarizing, evidence of what works, when, why and for how much"*. Professor Howard White, Alfred Deakin Research Institute, Australia and Executive

Director of 3ie, and Professor Peter Tugwell, University of Ottawa, Canada are Co-Chairs of the Group.

The International Development Coordinating Group is committed to providing authors with the support necessary to complete Campbell reviews and will provide or arrange substantial technical assistance for reviewers, especially with respect to information retrieval, critical appraisal and statistical methods. We welcome the participation of researchers, students, practitioners, policy makers and service users. Any interested party can propose a title for a review, form a review team, and submit a protocol for a Campbell review to the Group.

EuroHealthNet's new Website is launched

Please go and visit: <http://www.eurohealthnet.eu>

4. EUPHA update

EUPHA working group on Health Impact Assessment (HIA):

The EUPHA executive Council has established a working group on HIA to elaborate a strategy for EUPHA in this area. The working group will collaborate with the European Observatory on Health systems and policies and the Polish Public Health Association. For the EU ministerial conference in Poznan (7-8 November), the working group will be organizing a session and elaborating background documents.

Members of the working group are:

Walter Ricciardi, Italy
Stan Tarkowski, Poland
Gabriel Gulis, Denmark
Rainer Fehr, Germany
Ildefonso Hernandez, Spain
Cezary Włodarczyk, Poland
Martin McKee, United Kingdom
Josep Figueras, European Observatory
Matthias Wismar, European Observatory
Luca Valerio, EUPHA
Dineke Zeegers Paget, EUPHA

The webpages of our sections are still being updated.

This month, we have updated the webpages of:

[Section on Public Mental Health](#)
[Section on Public Health Practice and Policy](#)
[Section on Public Health Epidemiology](#)
[Section on Public Health Economics](#)

5. EUPHA member updates

Welcome to this section of the EUPHA newsletter, in which we summarize the activities of our members. We continue to summarize information we have received directly from our members in different languages. We hope to include more and more of our members in this new section.

Society for Social Medicine in Finland

The Society for Social Medicine in Finland has just elected a new Council. New contact persons:

Chairperson
Adjunct professor Eva Roos
Folkhälsan Research Center
e-mail: forename.surname@folkhalsan.fi

Vice-chairperson
Tuulikki Vehko
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Secretary
Susanna Raulio
National Institute for Health and Welfare
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E-mail: forename.surname@thl.fi

Prevention of childhood obesity in Spain: a focus on policies outside the health sector. SESPAS report 2010

Our Spanish member published a report on childhood obesity in their journal *Gaceta Sanitaria* (Volume 24, Supplement 1, December 2010). All the articles have an English abstract.

<http://www.elsevier.es/en/revistas/gaceta-sanitaria-138?page=1>

Conference of our French member - SFSP - 2011 in Lille

La Société française de santé publique a le plaisir d'annoncer son prochain congrès pluri-thématique qui se déroulera à Lille, au Grand Palais, du 2 au 4 novembre 2011.

Experts et expertises en santé publique. Diversité des acceptions, multiplicité des enjeux : comment avancer ?

[Pour plus d'informations, consultez notre site internet](#)

Russian Public Health Association – Tobacco update

Message from Andrey Demin, president of the Russian Public Health Association:

In Russia, despite FCTC ratification in 2008, YSP programs in schools put forward by tobacco industry after 2000, continue. Among most visible are the program "Competition of smoke free classes" in 10 large cities of Russia and instructive materials "My Choice" for pupils, teachers and parents, disseminated throughout the country. Our coalition, since 2002, made numerous attempts to attract attention of state officials, with no success. Our letter in March this year to recently appointed Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobianin, supported by Head of Commission on Health of Moscow Parliament Deputy Lyudmila Stebenkova, resulted in attracting attention of new leaders of Departments of Education and Health of Moscow Government to the issue. We based our appeal on the evidence from our recently completed investigation of tobacco industry in Russia.

As a result, according to available information, current YSP program "Ne ku.ru" started by Department of Education in 555 Moscow schools in 2010, based on similar industry program, implemented in Moscow in 2004-2009, is suspended. Official evaluation of the program by psychologists and experts in addiction will be performed. 13 April we convened a conference in Moscow to put forward the need to stop industry based programs in Moscow and throughout Russia, and also to propose a procedure for development, adoption and implementation of tobacco control programs in Russian education establishments, based on FCTC. We will also make relevant proposals to the draft law of Moscow on protection from tobacco, currently in preparation. We plan to update you on these important promising developments in Russia.

Centro Superior de Investigación en Salud Pública, CSISP Summer school

Our new institutional member, CSISP, is organising its first Summer school from 27 June to 12 August 2011. The Summer School will be divided into 7 Modules over 7 weeks.

The Modules will themselves be divided into 2 Tracks (weeks 1 to 4 and weeks 4 to 7)

Module 1 will be repeated in weeks 1 and 4. Course participants may:

- 1) Complete all modules over 7 weeks,
- 2) Complete either Track 1 or Track 2, or
- 3) Complete one or more individually selected modules.

For more information: summerschool_csisp@gva.es www.csisp.gva.es

NIVEL – Public health award 2010

Remco Coppen, researcher at the NIVEL institute in the Netherlands received the Public Health Award 2010 during the Dutch Congress on Public Health early April for his PhD study on Organ donation, policy and legislation: with special reference to the Dutch organ donation act. See for a summary: <http://www.nivel.nl/oc2/page.asp?PageID=15087&path=/Startpunt/NIVEL%20international/News/Next%20of%20kin%20decisive%20on%20organ%20donation> .

6. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International (GI) promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of GI is the international course catalogue "medicine & health", a unique annual publication listing courses and congresses in the fields of biomedicine, public health and development cooperation. For further information: <http://www.going-international.at/index.php?lang=EN> Global International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: Methods for Research Synthesis

Dates: 2 May - 29 July 2011

Place: Online

Organised by: Institute of Education, University of London

More info: <http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/MSc/mrs>

Title: European Health Care Conference 2011 "England and Germany in Europe - What Lessons Can We Learn from Each Other?"

Dates: 20 May 2011

Place: Hamburg, Germany

Organised by: The Scientific Institute of Techniker Krankenkasse (TK) for Benefit and Efficiency in Health Care (WINEG)

Deadline: Applications will be open until 1 May 2011

More info: www.healthcareconference.eu

Title: Service Evaluation: a Practical Workshop for Managers

Dates: 30 June - 1 July 2011

Place: London, United Kingdom

Organised by: Institute of Education, University of London

More info: <http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/cms/Default.aspx?tabid=704&language=en-US>

Title: Erasmus Summer Programme

Dates: 15 August - 2 September 2011

Place: Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Organised by: Netherlands Institute for Health Sciences

Deadline: Applications will be open until 1 July 2011

More info: <http://www.erasmussummerprogramme.nl>

Title: Epidemiological Methods and Analysis

Dates: 5-9 September 2011

Place: Prague, Czech Republic

Organised by: Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic and University College London (UCL)

Deadline: Applications will be open until 15 July 2011

More info: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/epidemiology/students>

Title: International Summer School "Taking Action on Health Inequalities"

Dates: 5-9 September 2011

Place: Bielefeld University, Germany

Organised by: Bielefeld School of Public Health, supported by German Academic Exchange Service

More info: http://iph-partnership.org/index.php?title=Summer_School_2011

Title: **Nationale Tagung für betriebliche Gesundheitsförderung 2011 "Stress und Arbeit: Die aktuellen Herausforderungen"**

Dates: 7 September 2011

Place: Bern, Switzerland

Organised by: Health Promotion Switzerland

Deadline: Applications will be open until 29 Juli 2011

More info: www.gesundheitsfoerderung.ch/tagung www.promotionsante.ch/congres

Title: **13th International Summer School 2011 "Infectious Disease Epidemiology: Concepts, Methods, Mathematical Models, and Public Health"**

Dates: 12-16 September 2011

Place: Bielefeld, Germany

Organised by: School of Public Health, Department of Public Health Medicine, Bielefeld University

More info: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/gesundhw/ag2/summerschoolide/>

Title: **3rd International Summer School 2011 "Spatial epidemiology in Megacities: Statistical and spatial analysis of Health under a changing climate"**

Dates: 12-16 September 2011

Place: Bielefeld, Germany

Organised by: School of Public Health, Department of Public Health Medicine, Bielefeld University

More info: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/gesundhw/ag2/summerschoolmc/>

Title: **Vaccination and Antibody, Prevention and Therapy of Nosocomial Diseases**

Dates: 26-28 September 2011

Place: Annecy, France

Organised by: Fondation Mérieux

Deadline: Applications will be open until 15 September 2011

More info: <http://www.fondation-merieux.org/documents/conferences-and-events/2011/vaccination-and-antibody-26-28-septermber-2011-progamme.pdf>

Title: **Modern methods in epidemiology and biostatistics**

Dates: 17 October - 3 November 2011

Place: Rome, Italy

Organised by: Institute of Hygiene, Faculty of Medicine, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

More info: <http://www.corsi.prex.it/epidemiology>

Title: **World Conference on Social Determinants of Health**

Dates: 19-21 October 2011

Place: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Organised by: WHO

More info: http://www.who.int/social_determinants/events/world_conference_2011/en/index.html

Title: **Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods in Health Care and Medicine Use**

Dates: 7-11 November 2011

Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

Organised by: Copenhagen University

Deadline: Applications will be open until 1 September 2011

More info: <http://www.farma.ku.dk/index.php/Qualitative-and-Quantitative-R/8502/0/?&MP=1111-936>

Title: **3rd International TEMOS Conference "Healthcare abroad and medical tourism"**

Dates: 20-23 November 2011

Place: Cologne, Germany

Organised by: TEMOS

More info: http://www.temos-worldwide.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=275&Itemid=208

Title: **Health in All Policies Summer School**

Dates: 28 November – 2 December 2011

Place: Adelaide, Australia
Organised by: SA Health
Deadline: Applications will be open until 31 July 2011
More info:
<http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/health+reform/health+in+all+policies/hiap+summer+school+course>

Title: Concepts of Epidemiology (5-Day Course)
Dates: 5-9 December 2011
Place: Edinburgh, United Kingdom
Organised by: University of Edinburgh
More info: <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/epidemiology>

7. Interesting publications

Development assistance for health: trends and prospects

Christopher JL Murray a, Brent Anderson a, Roy Burstein a, Katherine Leach-Kemon a, Matthew Schneider a, Annette Tardif a, Raymond Zhang a
Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington, Seattle, USA
The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 11 April 2011 doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(10)62356-2
Website: <http://bit.ly/k2JgEt>

Contextual Influences on the Individual Life Course: Building a Research Framework for Social Epidemiology

Juan Merlo, Lund University, Sweden
Psychosocial Intervention, April 2011, Vol. 20 (1), 109-118
Available online PDF [10p.] at: <http://bit.ly/i5s64N>

Priority actions for the non-communicable disease crisis

The Lancet, Volume 377, Issue 9775, Pages 1438 - 1447, 23 April 2011
The Lancet NCD Action Group and the NCD Alliance
Website: <http://bit.ly/iegnxo>

The World Medicines Situation Report 2011

World Health Organization WHO
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/e28TDq>

Chances for Change -Dutch measures to improve the global distribution of health personnel Dutch Alliance for Human Resources for Health, 2011

Wemos Foundation - Amsterdam The Netherlands
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/fSJRXk>

Violence in the City - *Understanding and Supporting Community Responses to Urban Violence*

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development /The World Bank 2011
Available online PDF [347p.] at: <http://bit.ly/eXvEk6>

Protección Social en Salud en América Latina y el Caribe

Investigación y políticas
Amparo Hernández Bello, Carmen Rico de Sotelo EDITORAS
Roberto Bazzani, IDRC Eduardo Levcovitz, OPS/OMS
Centro Internacional de Investigaciones para el Desarrollo de Canadá (IDRC) y la
Organización Panamericana de la Salud (OPS/OMS)
Texto completo online en: <http://bit.ly/hwMIqB>

Why Social Determinants?

Neal Halfon, Kandyce Larson and Shirley Russ
Healthcare Quarterly, 14(Sp) 2010: 8-20

Available at: <http://bit.ly/dZG69I>

Variations in health care: The good, the bad and the inexplicable

John Appleby, Veena Raleigh, Francesca Frosini, Gwyn Bevan, Haiyan Gao, Tom Lyscom
The King's Fund 2011

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

The impact of user fees on access to health services in low- and middle-income countries

Mylene Lagarde¹, Natasha Palmer¹

¹Department of Global Health and Development, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London, UK

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 4. Art. No.: CD009094. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009094.

The Cochrane Collaboration. Published by John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. April 2011

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/i9BXLA>

Integrating Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity into Canadian Public Health Practice: Environmental Scan 2010

National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (NCCDH)

St. Francis Xavier University – March 2011

Available online PDF [90p.] at: <http://bit.ly/gboXhJ>

Evaluation of IDRC-supported eHealth Projects

Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), 2011

Available online PDF [160P.] at: <http://bit.ly/ffs4b4>

Urban HEART: Urban Health Equity Assessment and Response Tool

World Health Organization, The WHO Centre for Health Development, Kobe, 2010

Available online PDF [48p.] at: <http://bit.ly/eJsWak>

Stillbirths: Launched in London, New York, Hobart, Geneva, New Delhi, Florence, and Cape Town on April 14, 2011

The Lancet

Website: <http://bit.ly/hQtl1o>

Health Systems Governance in Europe: The Role of EU Law and Policy

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Cambridge University Press 2010

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

Integration of Social Epidemiology and Community-Engaged Interventions to Improve Health Equity

Nina B. Wallerstein, Irene H. Yen, and S. Leonard Syme

American Journal of Public Health, 10.2105/AJPH.2008.140988

May 2011, Vol 101, No. 5

Website: <http://bit.ly/h9Ka9N>

Monitoring Equity in Access to AIDS treatment programmes: A review of concepts, models, methods and indicators

Commissioned by the World Health Organization (Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights - Social Determinants of Health) and

the Regional Network for Equity in Health in East and Southern Africa (EQUINET) through

REACH Trust and Training and Research Support Centre (TARSC) – 2010

PDF [98p] Available for free download at: <http://bit.ly/efXlSe>

Future Global Shocks: Pandemics

Harvey Rubin, University of Pennsylvania

OECD/IFP Project on Future Global Shocks - IFP/WKP/FGS(2011)2

Available online PDF [87p.] at: <http://bit.ly/fua7Zy>

Health Care Utilization in the Elderly Mexican Population: Expenditures and Determinants

Gonzalez-Gonzalez C, Sanchez-Garcia S, Juarez-Cedillo T, Rosas-Carrasco O, Gutierrez-Robledo LM, Garcia-Pena C

BMC Public Health 2011, 11:192 (29 March 2011)

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

World Development Report 2011 - Conflict, Security, and Development

World Bank , April 11, 2011

Website at: <http://bit.ly/g51M54>

PDF file [352p.] at: <http://bit.ly/fxrYxs>

Performance Measurement for Health System Improvement: Experiences, Challenges and Prospects

The editors: Peter C. Smith, Business School and Institute for Global Health at Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London; Elias Mossialos, London School of Economics and Political Science; Irene Papanicolas. London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE Health); Sheila Leatherman Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina.

The Cambridge Health Economics, Policy and Management series

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/g6aatG>

Financial Integration across Health and Social Care: Evidence Review

Helen Weatherly, Anne Mason, Maria Goddard

Centre for Health Economics, University of York

Kath Wright, Centre for Reviews & Dissemination, University of York

Scottish Government Social Research – 2010

Available online PDF [80p.] at: <http://bit.ly/i5vx9d>

Urban world: Mapping the economic power of cities

The McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), March 2011

Available online PDF [62p.] at: <http://bit.ly/gS8sBB>

Global cities of the future: An interactive map <http://bit.ly/eUfupm>

Poor Economics - A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty -

Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee is Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at MIT.

Esther Duflo is Abdul Latif Jameel Professor of Poverty Alleviation and Development Economics in the Department of Economics at MIT.

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/g2WlJo>

Knowledge, networks and nations Global scientific collaboration in the 21st century

ISBN: 978-0-85403-890-9 - The Royal Society, March 2011

Available online PDF [114p.] at: <http://bit.ly/hzcUo0>

Impact of economic crises on mental health

The Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization, 2011

Available online PDF file [34p.] at: <http://bit.ly/fZRDCM>

Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PM&E) Framework for Capacity Strengthening in Health Research

ESSENCE Secretariat: TDR, Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases executed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and co-sponsored by UNICEF, UNDP, the World Bank and WHO

ESSENCE Good practice document series – January 2011

The PM&E Framework is posted at: <http://bit.ly/eXTHtu>

Student Voices 2: Assessing Proposals for Global Health Governance Reform

Edited by Steven J. Hoffman

McMaster Health Forum, March 2011

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada - ISBN 978-1-894088-27-5

Available online [180p.] at: <http://bit.ly/hGpkir>

Altitude, life expectancy and mortality from ischaemic heart disease, stroke, COPD and cancers: national population-based analysis of US counties

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J Epidemiol Community Health 15 March 2011

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

The impact of health and health behaviours on educational outcomes in high-income countries: a review of the evidence

Marc Suhrcke, School of Medicine, Health Policy and Practice, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom, Carmen de Paz Nieves, Fundación Ideas, Madrid, Spain

WHO Regional Office for Europe - Copenhagen, Denmark 2011

Available online PDF file [48p.] at: <http://bit.ly/giHFXO>

Validity and Comparability of Out-of-pocket Health Expenditure from Household Surveys: A review of the literature and current survey instruments

Richard Heijink, Ke Xu, Priyanka Saksena and David Evans

Series: Department of Health Systems Financing (WHO, Geneva) Discussion Paper Series, 01/2011

Available online PDF file [30p.] at: <http://bit.ly/i9rOVG>

Learning from others

Amartya Sen

Thomas W Lamont University Professor and Professor of Economics and Philosophy, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

The Lancet, Volume 377, Issue 9761, 2011

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

Key indicators of health in the USA

Editorial - The Lancet, Volume 377, Issue 9771 - 26 March 2011

Website: <http://bit.ly/hK1RGB>

Leading Health Indicators for Healthy People 2020:

Letter Report – March 2011

Committee on Leading Health Indicators for Healthy People 2020

Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/g6cxfn>

Cross-border health care in the European Union. Mapping and analysing practices and policies - Mapping and analyzing practices and policies

Edited by Matthias Wismar, Willy Palm, Josep Figueras, Kelly Ernst, Ewout van Ginneken

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies Study Series No. 22

World Health Organization 2011, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Available online PDF [348p.] at: <http://bit.ly/hApZOw>

8. European Commission news

DG Sanco of the European Commission has been reorganised in April. We have annexed the new organisational structure of DG Sanco to this newsletter for your information.

Ageing

[Newly published report on the public consultation on the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing](#)

Alcohol

[8th plenary meeting of the European Alcohol and health Forum, Brussels, 08 April 2011](#) [Draft agenda available](#)

Antimicrobial resistance

[World Health Day: fight against antimicrobial resistance must continue on a global scale](#) [Press release](#)

Blood, tissues and organs

[Commission Implementing Directive 2011/38/EU amending Annex V to Directive 2004/33/EC with regards to maximum pH values for platelets concentrates at the end of the shelf life](#)

Communicable diseases

[New Surveillance Tools developed – successful completion of the REACT project](#) [Press release](#)

EU Health Prize for Journalists 2011

[EU Health Prize for Journalists 2011 has been launched](#) [The EU Health Prize for Journalists 2011 has been launched and will be open for submission of articles until 24/07/2011. This year there will be a special prize on "smoking cessation" next to the prizes for the top three articles on the other topics.](#)

Health Programme

[List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated](#)

[High level Conference on EU Health Programmes: results and future perspectives - 6/7 September 2011 in Brussels - Save the date](#)

Medicinal products for human use

[Paola Testori Coggi, Director-General of DG Health & Consumers, explains the Herbals Directive](#)

[Public consultation on a concept paper on an amendment of Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 658/2007 concerning financial penalties committed by marketing authorisation holders](#) [Deadline for submission of comments: 10 June 2011](#)

Nanotechnology

[4th annual nanotechnology Safety for Success Dialogue Workshop, 29-30 March 2011](#) [Watch the event via Webstreaming](#)

Rare diseases

[2009 Report on Initiatives and Incentives in the field of rare diseases of the European Union](#)
[Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases](#)

[New events on rare diseases added](#)

Scientific Committees

[SCENIHR - Minutes of 7th meeting of the Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment of 6 April 2011](#)

[SCHER - Minutes of the 11th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 11 January 2011](#)

[SCENIHR - Minutes of the 12th plenary meeting, Brussels, 20 January 2011](#)

[SCENIHR - Minutes of 14th meeting of the Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light of 31 March 2011](#)

[SCHER - Minutes of the 11th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 11 January 2011](#)

[SCCS - New opinions open for comments](#) [Deadline for comments: 20 May 2011](#)

[SCCS - Members and other experts in Working Groups](#) [List of members and declarations published](#)

[SCCS - Minutes of 16th Working Group on Hair Dyes Meeting of 15 February 2011](#)

[SCCS - Minutes of 18th Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients Meeting of 15 March 2011](#)

[SCCS - Statements - The SCCS's Notes of Guidance for the Testing of Cosmetic Ingredients and their Safety Evaluation, 7th Revision](#)

Social determinants and health inequalities

[Meeting of the Expert Group on Social Determinants and Health Inequalities, Luxembourg, 05-06 April 2011](#) [Presentations available](#)

[Communication from the Commission \(COM \(2011\) 173\) - An EU framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020](#)

9. EU Health Policy Forum – NEWS –

http://ec.europa.eu/health/interest_groups/eu_health_forum/policy_forum/index_en.htm

The aim of the Health Policy Forum is to bring together umbrella organisations representing stakeholders in the health sector to ensure that the EU's health strategy is open, transparent and responds to the public concerns. The intention is to provide an opportunity to organise consultations, to exchange views and experience on a wide range of topics, and to assist in implementation and follow-up of specific initiatives. In new section of our newsletter, we present you with the latest news of the EU Health policy forum. For more information, please visit the website of the Forum.

Dear all,

Please note that the Active and Healthy Ageing consultation report is now available on line. You will find it here: http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/consultations/ageing_cons_01_en.htm for your convenience.

10. European Centre for Diseases Control

Please find below our monthly update on the latest ECDC electronic publications that could be of interest to you.

This month you will find:

ECDC guidance

- [Use of interferon-gamma release assays in support of TB diagnosis](#)

Surveillance report

- Tuberculosis surveillance in Europe 2009
- Technical reports
- External quality assurance scheme for *Haemophilus influenzae* 2009 – As part of the IBD-Labnet surveillance network
 - External quality assurance scheme for *Neisseria meningitidis* 2009 – As part of the IBD-Labnet surveillance network
- Meeting report
- Third annual meeting of the European Food- and Waterborne Diseases and Zoonoses Network
- Web items
- Weekly influenza surveillance overview
 - Scientific advances (selected papers on travel medicine)

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This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Measles resurgence in Belgium from January to mid-April 2011: a preliminary report

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19848>

Imported extensively drug-resistant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Beijing genotype, Marseilles, France, 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19846>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Contamination of the cold water distribution system of health care facilities by *Legionella pneumophila*: Do we know the true dimension?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19844>

PERSPECTIVES

European Risk Assessment Guidance for Infectious Diseases transmitted on Aircraft – the RAGIDA project <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19845>

NEWS

Agreement on a pandemic influenza preparedness framework for the sharing of viruses and benefit sharing

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19847>

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This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Nosocomial transmission of measles among healthcare workers, Bulgaria, 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19842>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

National outbreak of Salmonella Enteritidis phage type 14b in England, September to December 2009: case-control study

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19840>

The proof of the pudding is in the eating: an outbreak of emetic syndrome after a kindergarten excursion, Berlin, Germany, December 2007

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19839>

PERSPECTIVES

Public health crises: the development of a consensus document on their management in Spain

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19841>

LETTERS

Influenza vaccine effectiveness, 2010/11

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19843>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 14, 07 April 2011

This week's contents:

EDITORIALS

Change of guard in Eurosurveillance

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19835>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

First detection of *Echinococcus multilocularis* in Sweden, February to March 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19836>

Gonorrhoea treatment failures to cefixime and azithromycin in England, 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19833>

Outbreak of rotavirus gastroenteritis in a nursing home, Slovenia, December 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19837>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Outbreak of *Shigella sonnei* infections in the Orthodox Jewish community of Antwerp, Belgium, April to August 2008

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19838>

MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2011;16(11)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19834>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 13, 31 March 2011

This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Outbreak of tularaemia in central Norway, January to March 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19828>

Zoonoses in the European Union: origin, distribution and dynamics - the EFSA-ECDC summary report 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19832>

Malaria among patients and aid workers consulting a primary healthcare centre in Leogane, Haiti, November 2010 to February 2011 – a prospective observational study

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19829>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Large outbreak of isoniazid-monoresistant tuberculosis in London, 1995 to 2006: case-control study and recommendations

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19830>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19831>

Full table of contents:

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/>

11. WHO publications

Small-scale water supplies in the pan-European region. Background. Challenges.

Improvements

Small-scale water supplies are the backbone of water supply in rural areas in the entire pan-European region.

This publication is intended to help decision-makers, such as policy-makers or regulators in the drinking-water sector, to appreciate better and address the particularities and characteristics of small-scale water supplies. It provides a range of background information, case studies and lessons learned, and ideas for addressing the issues in national programmes. Information for further reading as well as international networking activities is also provided.

This publication was developed by the German Federal Environment Agency, a WHO Collaborating Centre for Research on Drinking Water Hygiene, in cooperation with the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

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

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/small-scale-water-supplies-in-the-pan-european-region.-background.-challenges.-improvements>

Tackling antibiotic resistance from a food safety perspective in Europe

This publication explores the options for prevention and containment of antibiotic resistance in the food-chain through national coordination and international cooperation, including the regulation and reduction of antibiotic use in food animals, training and capacity building, surveillance of resistance trends and antibiotic usage, promotion of knowledge and research, and advocacy and communication to raise awareness of the issues.

It is primarily intended for policy-makers and authorities working in the public health, agriculture, food production and veterinary sectors, and offers them ways to take a holistic, intersectoral, multifaceted approach to this growing problem.

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

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/tackling-antibiotic-resistance-from-a-food-safety-perspective-in-europe>

Burden of disease from environmental noise. Quantification of healthy life years lost in Europe

The health impacts of environmental noise are a growing concern. At least one million healthy life years are lost every year from traffic-related noise in the western part of Europe.

This publication provides policy-makers and their advisers with technical support in their quantitative risk assessment of environmental noise. International, national and local authorities can use the procedure for estimating burdens presented here to prioritize and plan environmental and public health policies.

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

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/burden-of-disease-from-environmental-noise.-quantification-of-healthy-life-years-lost-in-europe>

Social determinants approaches to public health: from concept to practice. WHO, 2011.

International travel and health 2011 – situation a on 1 January 2011. WHO, 2011.

Some aromatic amines, organic dyes, and related exposures. IARC monographs on the evaluation of carcinogenic risks to humans, volume 99. IARC/WHO, Lyon, France, 2010.

World Malaria Report 2010. WHO, 2010

Gender, women and the tobacco epidemic. WHO, 2010.

Global status report on alcohol and health. WHO, 2010.

WHO human health risk assessment toolkit: chemical hazards. IPCS/IOMC/WHO, 2010.

Monitoring equity in access to AIDS treatment programmes – a review of concepts, models, methods and indicators. WHO, 2010.

Water safety in buildings. WHO, 2011.

NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - APRIL 2011

We are pleased to provide you with the list of WHO information products recently released. Please click on

[Just published](#)

You can also consult our information products catalogues in pdf format or select a subject catalogue from our e-commerce web site: [WHO Catalogues](#)

Please note that our new [Spring 2011 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online:

[Social Determinants Approaches to Public Health: from Concept to Practice](#)

These case studies describe a wealth of experiences with implementing public health programmes that intend to address social determinants and to have a great impact on health equity.

[International Travel and Health 2011](#)

This book explains how travellers can stay healthy and provides WHO guidance on vaccinations, malaria chemoprophylaxis and treatment, personal protection against insects and other disease vectors, and safety in different environmental settings.

[Tackling Antibiotic Resistance from a Food Safety Perspective in Europe](#)

This publication explores the options for prevention and containment of antibiotic resistance in the food-chain through national coordination and international cooperation.

[Cross-border Health Care in the European Union](#)

This book explores cross-border health care, looks at the legal framework and examines the legal uncertainties surrounding rights, access, reimbursement, quality and safety.

[Some Aromatic Amines, Organic Dyes, and Related Exposures](#)

Provides a reassessment of the carcinogenicity of about a dozen aromatic amines and organic dyes.

[Getting to Zero](#)

This document outlines the UNAIDS 2011-2015 strategy

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 89, No. 04, 2011](#)

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/La Revue de Santé de la Méditerranée orientale, Vol. 17, No. 03, 2011](#)

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.

12. EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



We take the liberty of providing you with an update on our new project EUPHApedia - a search engine for all public health issues, whereby we actively invite our members to upload their experiences (practice, policy, research and training/education) in the system to be shared with all our members.

There are now 1942 documents (a monthly increase of 173 documents, which is 9%!) in EUPHApedia. Three countries are uploading information and 13 countries have accessed the information. We hope more will follow! To upload information, please contact office@eupha.org

NEWS section:

27 April, 2011

[The World Medicines Situation Report 2011](#)

The third edition of the World Medicines Situation Report brings together new data on 24 key topics relating to pharmaceutical production and consumption, innovation, regulation and safety - in one place.

27 April, 2011

[WHO - Social Determinants Approaches to Public Health: from Concept to Practice](#)

This publication is a complement to an earlier publication by WHO and contains 13 case studies describing a wealth of experiences with implementing public health programmes that intend to address social determinants and to have a great impact on health inequity.

30 March, 2011

[Cross-border health care in the European Union. Mapping and analysing practices and policies](#)

This book published by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies presents detailed information on the problem of crossborder health care, thereby contributing to the ongoing debate on future crossborder

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