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# 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 4<sup>th</sup> joint European Public Health Conference combining the 19<sup>th</sup> annual EUPHA meeting and the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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

Please note that the abstract submission will be available online from 9 February 2011 until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2011 (midnight).

The following keynote lectures are planned:

- European welfare systems including public health and health care – overview and comparative research
- Reducing inequality in health in Europe – progress in policies?
- World economic crises, investments and health. Are our welfare systems resistant towards deteriorating
- health when economic crises take place?
- Focus on the elderly population in Europe. The contribution of preventive and curative health services
- to health, quality of life and welfare of the elderly population
- Regulating health by food – the role of the food industry, comparable to the tobacco industry?
- Using individually linked population-based registers in research focusing on the interrelationship of
- health and welfare - Scandinavian approaches and experiences
- The Danish “flexicurity model” for labour market policy and social policy
- Global health as seen from a European perspective – the welfare orientation of public health education in
- Europe

Please find regularly updated information on: [www.eupha.org/site/upcoming\\_conference.php](http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php)

## 2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

### **Fuse, the UKCRC Centre for Translational Research in Public Health**

Two vacancies have arisen within Fuse, the UKCRC Centre for Translational Research in Public Health, a Knowledge Exchange Broker and a Communications Officer. Both posts are based at Teesside University and are central to the activities of a national centre of excellence in public health research, dedicated to improving the translation of knowledge into practice and policy:

### **Knowledge Exchange Broker, £33,600 - £37,839, Temporary until 31 May 2013**

Educated to degree level and with a sound knowledge of the wider public health field, you will work at the interface between Fuse’s academic work programme and the range of policy and practice partner organisations in the field of public health and health and wellbeing. You will play a lead role in developing and expanding knowledge exchange activities within Fuse, exploiting opportunities for knowledge exchange and developing new avenues for translational research in public health. For further details and to apply please go to: <http://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/jobs/jobdetails.cfm?jobid=3513>  
Closing date: 04 February 2011 (12.00pm)  
Interview date: 16 March 2011

### **Communications Officer, £19,743 - £22,879, Temporary until 31 May 2013**

With experience of communication work in the academic or health sectors the Communications Officer will provide support to the Fuse Knowledge Exchange Broker, the Fuse Centre Administrator and Communications Group. You will contribute to the development of the website, respond to media enquiries, help prepare press releases and statements, and assist with the co-ordination of events and networking across the 5 North East Universities, and between them and their policy and practice partners. For further details and to apply please go to:

<http://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/jobs/jobdetails.cfm?jobid=3514> .

Closing date: 03 February 2011 (12.00pm)

Interview date: 15 March 2011

### **WHO/PLoS Collection: No Health Without Research - A Call for Papers**

A call for papers for a joint WHO/PLoS collection on the theme of the 2012 World Health Report on Research for Health.

PLoS Med 8(1): e1001008. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001008 - January 25, 2011

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/glv4m4p>

#### **The World Health Report (WHR) for 2012 will be on the theme of “No Health without Research”.**

This flagship report from WHO will, for the first time in its history, focus on research for better health. The primary target audience of the report will be ministers of health in the WHO member states, and the goal of the report is to provide new ideas, innovative thinking, and pragmatic advice for member states on how to strengthen their own health research systems.

The report will have the three following aims.

- To show that research is important for meeting health needs and improving health outcomes;
- To encourage countries to therefore invest more resources in developing and strengthening their national health research systems;
- To argue that countries should not see research as an expense or as an afterthought, but as an investment for a better, healthier future.

The WHR 2012 aims to provide impetus for a change to the problematic state of affairs of health research. Given the stated goals of the report, of particular importance is the documentation and sharing of real experiences from the countries where the research has been done. We therefore wish to invite the submission of articles, especially from low- and middle-income countries, on topics related to the strengthening of key functions and components of national health research systems [5].

We would then aim to publish a WHO/PLoS Collection culminating in 2012 to coincide with the release of the WHR. Thus, we welcome examples of research and/or case studies in the following areas.

- Experience with setting and implementing health research priorities;
- Experience with building, strengthening, and retaining research capacity, at both the individual and institutional levels;
- National research and development initiatives and experiences to produce needed medical products, including development of
  - national pharmaceutical production capabilities, using TRIPS (trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights) flexibilities for essential medicines, technology transfer, - Examples of appropriate use of evidence in health policy development;
- Models of how to organize research within a country, including the establishment of effective research networks and sustainable governance mechanisms;
- Standards and mechanisms to ensure the responsible conduct of research (e.g., ethics review, access to research results, codes of conduct, etc.);
- Exercises to evaluate the impact of research investments;
- Experiences with external foreign aid for research.

Ideally, studies or reports should not be merely descriptions of activities but should include evaluation of the impact of initiatives after their implementation. Special consideration will also be given to systematic and well-performed multi-country comparative studies on the topics mentioned above, including systematic reviews, in selected topic areas.

In addition to primary research (both quantitative and qualitative) and well-developed case studies, we also invite the submission of review and policy articles on how national health research systems contribute to the broader international research endeavor, especially in the context of the following areas.

- Global health research governance;
- Inequitable access to the benefits and products of research;

- Global standards for responsible research conduct;
- Future research trends with implications for the developing world.

All papers should be submitted to PLoS Medicine, noting that they are intended for this collection. An initial decision will be made about their potential suitability for either PLoS Medicine or another PLoS journal. The authors will be informed of this decision and papers will be peer-reviewed according to the specific journal's policies. PLoS will retain all control over editorial decisions. Once a paper is accepted for publication in a PLoS journal it will then be forwarded to the selection panel for the collection. This panel, which will comprise PLoS and WHO staff, will decide on the articles for inclusion in the collection. Further information on this process is available at the collections page <http://bit.ly/feLC85>.

### 3. Interesting news

#### EuSANH

The European Science Advisory Network for Health promotes independent scientific advice on health issues to national and European health authorities and supports evidence-based health policy. The EuSANH newsletter informs about the latest developments within our network and project. See [www.eusanh.eu](http://www.eusanh.eu) for the latest issue.

#### The European Medicines Agency 'Road map to 2015'

The European Medicines Agency has published its final 'Road map to 2015' today, coinciding with the 16th anniversary of its inauguration. You can find it in the link below:

[http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Report/2011/01/WC500101373.pdf](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Report/2011/01/WC500101373.pdf)

The 'Road map to 2015' sets out the Agency's vision in further developing its role as a European public-health agency in the field of medicines and has been drafted in consultation with the Agency's partners and stakeholders to ensure as broad a consensus as possible on the best way forward.

The road map proposes three priority areas for future actions to strengthen the Agency's role in protecting and promoting human and animal health in the European Union:

- Addressing public-health needs by: stimulating medicines development in areas of unmet medical needs, neglected diseases and rare diseases, and for all types of medicines for veterinary use; facilitating new approaches to medicines development; applying a more proactive approach to public-health threats where medicines are implicated.
- Facilitating access to medicines by: addressing the high attrition rate during the medicines-development process; reinforcing the benefit/risk-balance assessment model; continuing to improve the quality and the regulatory and scientific consistency of the outcome of the scientific review.
- Optimising the safe and rational use of medicines by: strengthening the evidence base in the post-authorisation phase to enable better regulatory decision-making; enhancing patient safety by avoiding unnecessary risks to patients as a result of the use of medicines; becoming a reference point for information on medicines evaluated by the Agency; improving the decision-making process by taking due account of patient experience, thus contributing to the rational use of medicines.

In developing its road map, the Agency continues to ensure that its vision is consistent with and complementary to strategic directions provided by the European Commission, the Council of the European Union and the Heads of Medicines Agencies. [www.ema.europa.eu](http://www.ema.europa.eu)

#### European Center for Injury Prevention

Please find the link to the extended summaries of the latest publications of the European Center for Injury Prevention related to injury epidemiology and biomechanics (also available at:

<http://www.unav.es/ECIP/english/products/articles.html>).

Also through our website ([www.unav.es/ecip](http://www.unav.es/ecip)) you can find information on the following courses:

- Economic Evaluation of Health, Safety, and Environmental Programs in Europe and the United States I and II. (May 30 to June 24, 2011)
- II Course on Injury Scaling AIS 2005, Update 2008: Uses and Techniques (5 and 6 May 2011)
- I Curso de Escalas de Lesiones AIS 2005 - actualización 2008. Usos y técnicas (10 and 11 May 2011)

#### **AHIMA official statement:**

The American Health Information Management Association congratulates US Health & Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and European Union Commissioner for Digital Agenda Neelie Kroes on today's announcement of a trans-Atlantic cooperative to pursue an e-health initiative that recognizes the importance of a skilled workforce to manage and use health information technologies. Additionally, the attention focused on interoperability standards that also improve the privacy and security of personal health information are critical to realize the full benefit of the technology. It is our fervent belief that sharing health information management (HIM) knowledge and best practices is fundamental to improving the quality, access and efficiency of global healthcare, and as a result of this, the quality-of-life for citizens around the world. With exciting advancements in technology innovation, standards development and adoption methodology that undergirds the public's expanding use of health information—both in the US and Europe—this agreement signals a significant step forward in our shared commitment to more effectively leverage our investments in health information management and technology. ”

## **4. EUPHA member updates**

Welcome to this new section of the EUPHA newsletter, in which we summarize the activities of our members. At the start of this new item, we 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.

#### **French Society of Public Health (SFSP) – <http://www.sfsp.fr>**

General Assembly SFSP including a conference debate on: « **Inégalités de santé : du global au local** » 18 Mars 2011  
Congrès SFSP 2011 Lille – Call for abstracts

**The annual conference of the SFSP** will be organised at the Grand Palais of Lille from 2 to 4 November 2011. The main theme of the conference is: “Experts et expertises en santé publique. Diversité des acceptions, multiplicité des enjeux : comment avancer ? “  
The call for abstracts is now open and will close on 25 March 2011.

Invitation colloque "**Ville, santé et qualité de vie**" 4 et 5 février 2011, Palais du Luxembourg, Paris  
The SFSP is organising together with the French network of WHO's Health Cities a colloquia on 4-5 February at the Palais du Luxembourg in Paris on « Ville, santé et qualité de vie »

#### **Netherlands Public Health Federation (NPHF) – [www.nphf.nl](http://www.nphf.nl)**

**Letter to the parliament** against the proposed change to ease the rules for not smoking in small cafes and bars.

Jos van der Sande receives the **prize for most influential public health person 2010 in the Netherlands**. Jos van der Sande is an expert in the area of Q-fever and was awarded the prize in January 2011.

**The national public health conference 2011** (NCVGZ) will be organised in the Meervaart in Amsterdam. The main theme is “Duurzame Gezondheid”. Early registration ends 1 February.

#### **Spanish Association of Public Health and Healthcare Administration (SESPAS) – [www.sespas.es](http://www.sespas.es)**

SESPAS and SEE (Spanish Society of Epidemiology) are happy to announce their annual conference will be organised in Madrid from 6-8 October. The main theme of the conference is **SALUD Y EQUIDAD EN TODAS LAS POLÍTICAS**

#### **UK Faculty of Public Health (FPH) – [www.fph.org.uk/](http://www.fph.org.uk/)**

**The Annual Conference** of the FPH will be organised on 4 July 2011 at the University of Birmingham.

**Latest press release:**

UK Faculty of Public Health welcomes the new direction for public health.

## 5. 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:** 5th Annual European Nutrition & Lifestyle Conference 2011: Taking the next steps towards a healthier Europe

Date: 2nd & 3rd March 2011

Place: Brussels, Belgium

More information: [www.nutrition-lifestyle.eu](http://www.nutrition-lifestyle.eu)

**Title:** Global Health Metrics and Evaluation (GHME) Conference 2011

Date: March 14-16, 2011

Place: Seattle, WA, USA

Deadline: early registration: 14 February 2011

More information: <http://ghme.org>

**Title:** first WHO International Conference on Environmental and Occupational Determinants of Cancer: Interventions for Primary Prevention

Date: 17-18 March 2011

Place: Avilés, Gijón, Spain

Organiser: WHO

More information: [http://www.who.int/phe/news/events/international\\_conference/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/phe/news/events/international_conference/en/index.html)

**Title:** The New Public Health Service: a vision for a healthier nation

Date: 24th March 2011

Place: London, UK

More information: <http://www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=caa77320-7c18-4e51-bcf9-3bfee3d90fd6>

**Title:** Third 4-Day Certified Course "Introduction to Health Technology Assessment"

Date: April 6-9, 2011

Place: Hall i.T., Austria

Organiser: UMIT – University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology

Deadline: early booking: 21 February 2011

More information: [www.umat.at/htads](http://www.umat.at/htads)

**Title:** Health and Safety Reform 2011 - A Common Sense Approach

Date: 13th April 2011

Place: London, UK

More information: <http://www.publicserviceevents.co.uk/event/overview.asp?ID=175>

**Title:** International Conference (Medical Leadership Forum & EAMM Launch): Time to shape the future of medical management

Date: April 14-15, 2011

Place: Catholic University of Sacred Heart, Rome  
Organiser: European Alliance of Medical Managers (EAMM), Joint event with the Italian Association of Medical Managers (SIMM)  
More information: First announcement available at [http://www.medicimanager.it/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=199:4d-congresso-nazionale-simm-14-15-aprile-2011&catid=72:4d-congresso-nazionale-simm&Itemid=62](http://www.medicimanager.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=199:4d-congresso-nazionale-simm-14-15-aprile-2011&catid=72:4d-congresso-nazionale-simm&Itemid=62)

**Title:** 3rd European Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion  
**Date:** 16-17 June 2011  
**Place:** Budapest, Hungary  
**Organiser:** EuroSafe  
**Deadline:** Poster abstracts: 15 February 2011  
**More information:** programme

**Title:** 6th International Conference: *Making Policy a Health Equity Building Process*  
**Date:** September 26-28, 2011  
**Place:** Cartagena de Indias, Colombia  
**Organiser:** International Society for Equity in Health- ISEqH  
**More information:** <http://bit.ly/gzVKTf>

## 6. Interesting publications

**The Future of Pensions and Healthcare in a Rapidly Ageing World - Scenarios to 2030**  
World Economic Forum - Davos, Switzerland - January 2011  
Available online PDF [117p.] at: <http://bit.ly/hRMix2>

**When Do We Know Enough to Recommend Action on the Social Determinants of Health?**  
Paula A. Braveman, , Susan A. Egarter, Steven H. Woolf, James S. Marks  
Am J Prev Med 2011;40(1S1):S58–S66 - 2011 American Journal of Preventive Medicine  
Website: <http://bit.ly/gWr6i7>

**Sustainable Development: From Brundtland to Rio 2012**  
John Drexhage and Deborah Murphy, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)  
Background Paper prepared for the High Level Panel on Global Sustainability  
United Nations Headquarters, New York - September 2010  
Available online PDF [26p.] at: <http://bit.ly/eQDZIW>

**malERA – a research agenda for malaria eradication**  
PLoS Medicine: Published 25 January 2011  
Produced with support from the Malaria Eradication Research Agenda (malERA) initiative, which was funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/hCjCCC>

**Weight of nations: a socioeconomic analysis of women in low- to middle-income countries**  
SV Subramanian, Jessica M Perkins, Emre Özaltin, and George Davey Smith  
Am J Clin Nutr 2011;93:413–21. - 2011 American Society for Nutrition  
Website: <http://bit.ly/f8USKS>

**Chronic diseases and development**  
The Lancet - Website: <http://bit.ly/fvLopJ>

### **UNESCO's Science Report 2010**

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris, France  
UNESCO 2010  
Available online PDF [ 541p.] at: <http://bit.ly/dVuo1j>

### **Framework for assessing, improving and enhancing health service planning**

Mihaly Fazekas, Stefanie Ettelt, Jennifer Newbould, Ellen Nolte  
Sponsored by the Bertelsmann Foundation – **RAND Europe 2010**  
Available online PDF [88p.] at: <http://bit.ly/falg7S>

### **Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living**

This document was prepared by Prevention Institute with funding from Kaiser Permanente, 2010  
Principal authors: Larry Cohen, Rachel Davis, Virginia Lee, Erica Valdovinos  
Available online PDF [33p.] at: <http://bit.ly/hE564v>

### **Labour Force Statistics 2010**

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)  
Publication Date :11 Jan 2011 - Pages :480  
ISBN :9789264097599 () ; 9789264097575 (print) - DOI :10.1787/lfs-2010-en-fr  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/e7vEk5>

### **How Do Canadians Rate the Health Care System?**

Results from the 2010 Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey.  
Canadian Health Care Matters, Bulletin 4. Toronto: Health Council of Canada  
Available online PDF [38p.] at: <http://bit.ly/flcjVm>

### **The Impact of eHealth on the Quality and Safety of Health Care: A Systematic Overview**

Ashly D. Black et al.  
PLoS Med 8(1): e1000387. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000387 - January 18,2011  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/fwF8bq>

### **Patterna of Potential Human Progress**

Improving Global Health: Forecasting the Next 50 Years - Volume 3 – 2011  
The Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Futures at the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies is the home of the International Futures (IFs) computer simulation modeling project.  
Website: <http://bit.ly/eAtOHd>

### **Does the development of new medicinal products in the European Union address global and regional health concerns?**

Ferrán Catalá-López, Anna García-Altés, Elena Álvarez-Martín, Ricard Gènova-Maleras and Consuelo Morant-Ginestar  
*Population Health Metrics* December 2010, 8:34doi:10.1186/1478-7954-8-34  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/hFOlkt>

### **The evolution, etiology and eventualities of the global health security regime**

Steven J. Hoffman  
*Health Policy and Planning* 25(6): 510-522 – November 2010  
Available at: <http://bit.ly/gK4uAM>

### **Emerging and Transitioning Countries' Role in Global Health**

Jennifer Prah Ruger, Nora Y.



Saint Louis University Journal of Health Law & Policy, 2010; 3:253-289  
Available online PDF [38p.] at: <http://bit.ly/hRee4e>

**Global Consensus for Social Accountability of Medical Schools**

December 2010

English PDF at: <http://bit.ly/fw4ofp>

Spanish PDF at: <http://bit.ly/fH6Kha>

**What does Eurostat's Labour Force Survey say about health and health inequalities in the European Union?**

Stefano Mazzucco, Marc Suhrcke,

World Health Organization 2010- The Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization

Available online PDF [96p.] at: <http://bit.ly/hNTL66>

**World health inequality: Convergence, divergence, and development**

Rob Clark,

Social Science & Medicine (2011), doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2010.12.008

Website: <http://bit.ly/FT7oxe>

**A checklist for health research priority setting: nine common themes of good practice**

Roderik F Viergever, Sylvie Olifson, Abdul Ghaffar, Robert F Terry

Health Research Policy and Systems 2010, 8:36doi:10.1186/1478-4505-8-36 -15 December 2010

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/dQYuf4>

**CDC Health Disparities and Inequalities Report — United States, 2011**

MMWR Supplements: Current Volume (2011) – US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC

January 14, 2011 / Vol. 60 / Supplement / Pg. 1 - 116

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

PDF [116p.] at: <http://bit.ly/h35tz3>

**State of the World's Cities 2010/2011 - Bridging The Urban Divide**

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme - UN-HABITAT

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/hxe0E3>

**Telemedicine – Opportunities and developments in Member States**

WHO ISBN 978 92 4 156414 4 - 13 January 2011

Global Observatory for eHealth series - Volume 2

Available online PDF [96p.] at: <http://bit.ly/gBY0m8>

**US Census Bureau Research - Supplemental Poverty Measure - Who is Poor?**

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

**The Atlas of eHealth Country Profiles**

Targeted at policy and decision makers as well as researchers in health, information technology and telecommunications

World Health Organization - Global Observatory for eHealth –December 2010

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/eHT3gq>

PDF [144p.] at: <http://bit.ly/ihY48Z>

**A Call to Action on Diabetes**

International Diabetes Federation IDF – 2011

Available online at: PDF [20p.] at: <http://bit.ly/flmYAG>  
Currently available to download in Chinese, English, French, and Spanish

## 7. European Commission news

### Alcohol

Seventh plenary meeting, Brussels, 18 November 2010  
[European Alcohol and Health Forum - Second Monitoring Progress Report available](#)

### Communicable diseases

[New seasonal Influenza 2011 website](#)  
[Interactive presentation of national communication activities during H1N1](#)

### Cross-border care

[Statement by John Dalli, European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy on the EU Directive on Patients' Rights in Cross-border Healthcare](#)

### Health and Consumer Voice Newsletter

[January 2011 Edition](#)

### Health Programme

[Commission Decision of 22 December 2010 amending Decision 2009/964/EU on the adoption of the Work plan for 2010 for the implementation of the second programme of Community action in the field of health \(2008-2013\)](#)

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

[Calls for proposals 2011: workshop on Joint Actions \(Luxemburg, 19-20 January 2011\)](#)

### Health strategy

[Experts Group on Health Information, Luxembourg, 22 November 2010](#)  
[Health Information Committee, Luxembourg, 30 March 2010](#) [Summary record and documents available](#)

### Medicinal products for human use

[Publication of the new pharmacovigilance legislation in the Official Journal](#)

### Mental health

[Croatia signs Resolution aimed at improving treatment of autistic persons](#)  
[Thematic Conference "Promoting Mental Health and Well-being at Workplaces", Berlin, 03-04 March 2011](#) [Draft programme available](#)

### Nanotechnology

[4th Nano Safety for Success Dialogue: Assessing the science and issues at the science/regulation interface](#)

### Nutrition and physical activity

[High Level Conference on monitoring and evaluation of EU and MS strategies on nutrition, overweight and obesity, Brussels, 8-9 December 2010](#) [Speeches and pictures available](#)

### Scientific committees

[SCCS - New requests for a scientific opinion on Hair Dyes](#)  
[SCCS - New request for a scientific opinion on Preservatives](#)  
[SCCS - New requests for a scientific opinion on UV Filters](#)  
[SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on nitrosamines or chemicals which contain secondary amine groups which could give rise to nitrosamines](#)  
[SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on NDELA in cosmetic products and nitrosamines in balloons](#)  
[SCCS - Opinion on Basic Orange 31, Colipa No B118 open for comments \(Deadline: 4 February 2011\)](#)  
[SCCS - Members \(CVs and Declarations\) - Declarations of interests updated](#)  
[SCCS - Minutes of the 8th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 21 September 2010](#)

[Public consultation on the SCCS pre-consultation opinion on the potential health risks posed by Chemical consumer products resembling food and/or having child-appealing properties](#) Deadline for submission of comments: 11 February 2011

#### **Scientific committees**

[SCENIHR - Minutes of 4th Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment](#) Meeting of 16 December 2010

[SCENIHR - Draft Agenda for the 12th plenary meeting, Brussels, 20 January 2011](#)

[SCENIHR - Members \(CVs and Declarations\) - Declarations of interests updated](#)

#### **Scientific committees**

[Risk assessment training - New trainings added](#)

[Risk assessment trainings - New training added: International Programme on Toxicology](#)

#### **Scientific committees**

[SCHER - Draft Agenda for the 11th plenary meeting, Brussels, 11 January 2011](#)

[SCHER - Request for a scientific opinion on chemicals and the water framework directive: draft environmental quality standards](#)

#### **Scientific committees**

[Minutes of 9th Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light](#) Meeting of 15 December 2010

#### **Social determinants and health inequalities**

[Meeting of the Expert Group on Social Determinants and Health Inequalities, Brussels, 12-13 October 2010](#)

#### **Tobacco**

[Meeting with stakeholders on the study "Assessing the Impacts of Revising the Tobacco Products Directive" prepared by RAND Europe, Brussels, 19-20 October 2010](#) Summary records available

## **8. EU Health Policy Forum – NEWS –**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/interest\\_groups/eu\\_health\\_forum/policy\\_forum/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/interest_groups/eu_health_forum/policy_forum/index_en.htm)

In this 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.

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.

The EU Health Policy Forum is, as agreed in the response of the Commission to the public consultation on the creation of the forum in early 2001, part of a structure additionally consisting of the Open Forum. The EU Health Policy Forum currently has 52 member organisations. Membership has been revised in 2010.

The EU Health Policy Forum meets regularly in Brussels. The meetings review the EU work in various areas of public health and adopt recommendations on them.

Following the Stakeholder Conference, please find a copy of the press release published by the European Commission on the launch of the consultation of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/1609&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage>

Just a few minutes ago the European Parliament voted in favour of the Directive on Patients' Rights in Cross-border Healthcare.

Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy, Mr. John Dalli, has immediately issued this statement:  
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/53&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

For information on the Directive and the benefits and clarifications it will bring to patients across Europe, please see this Questions & Answers document which is available in all EU languages:  
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/11/32&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Please find a statement from the European Patients' Forum regarding the draft Directive on Cross Border Healthcare, following the Second Reading in the European Parliament.

Please find a letter from Mrs. Paola Testori Coggi, Director-General for Health and Consumers and a reflection paper summarising the outcomes of three healthy ageing workshops convened by DG SANCO during October 2010. You are most welcome to disseminate this further.  
[http://ec.europa.eu/health/interest\\_groups/eu\\_health\\_forum/policy\\_forum/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/interest_groups/eu_health_forum/policy_forum/index_en.htm)

## 9. European Centre for Diseases Control

EUROSURVEILLANCE 6 January 2011  
This week's contents:

### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Virological analysis of fatal influenza cases in the United Kingdom during the early wave of influenza in winter 2010/11  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19760>

Fatal acute melioidosis in a tourist returning from Martinique Island, November 2010  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19758>

### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Cluster of Legionnaires' disease in a newly built block of flats, Denmark, December 2008 – January 2009  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19759>

### LETTERS

Beyond the influenza-like illness surveillance: The need for real-time virological data  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19756>

### MISCELLANEOUS

Eurosurveillance reviewers in 2010  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19757>

EUROSURVEILLANCE 13 January 2011  
This week's contents:

### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Outbreak of West Nile virus infection in humans, Romania, July to October 2010  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19762>

Measles among healthcare workers: a potential for nosocomial outbreaks  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19764>

### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Effectiveness of pandemic and seasonal influenza vaccine in preventing pandemic influenza A(H1N1)2009 infection in England and Scotland 2009-2010  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19763>

Effectiveness of the 2009 seasonal influenza vaccine against pandemic influenza A(H1N1)2009 in healthcare workers in New Zealand, June-August 2009  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19761>

EUROSURVEILLANCE Special issue: 20 January 2011

This week's contents:

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Electronic real-time surveillance for influenza-like illness: experience from the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic in Denmark

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19767>

Early spread of the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic in the United Kingdom – use of local syndromic data, May–August 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19771>

Two waves of pandemic influenza A(H1N1)2009 in Wales – the possible impact of media coverage on consultation rates, April – December 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19772>

Oseltamivir-resistant influenza viruses circulating during the first year of the influenza A(H1N1)2009 pandemic in the Asia-Pacific region, March 2009 to March 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19770>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Secondary attack rate of pandemic influenza A(H1N1)2009 in Western Australian households, 29 May–7 August 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19765>

#### NEWS

WHO publishes report on health and health inequalities based on data from the Eurostat Labour Force Survey

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19768>

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2010;15(46)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19766>

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2010;15(49)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19769>

EUROSURVEILLANCE 27 January 2011-01-28

This week's contents:

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Cases of community-acquired meticillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus in an asylum seekers centre in Germany, November 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19777>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Usefulness of porA sequencing in distinguishing sporadic and linked cases of serogroup B invasive meningococcal disease in Suffolk, United Kingdom, December 2009 to January 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19775>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Pandemic influenza A(H1N1)2009: molecular characterisation and duration of viral shedding in intensive care patients in Bordeaux, south-west France, May 2009 to January 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19776>

#### LETTERS

Letter to the editor. Virological analysis of fatal influenza cases in the United Kingdom during the early wave of influenza in winter 2010/11

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19774>

Authors' reply. Virological analysis of fatal influenza cases in the United Kingdom during the early wave of influenza in winter 2010/11

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19773>

#### NEWS

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19778>

## MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19778>

# 10. WHO publications

## **What does Eurostat's Labour Force Survey say about health and health inequalities in the European Union?**

This publication presents extensive analysis of newly available data from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) of Eurostat (the statistical office of the European Union) to measure health and socioeconomic inequalities in health in 25 European countries over a period including 1983–2004 at most. The study first defined several, predominantly labour-market-related health indicators, plus one weighted, overall health index.

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

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/what-does-eurostats-labour-force-survey-say-about-health-and-health-inequalities-in-the-european-union>

## **European status report on alcohol and health 2010**

This report presents the latest data from the WHO European Region on alcohol consumption and harm and the responses made to them in countries. It summarizes the situation in the Region as a whole and gives profiles of its 53 countries, presenting consolidated tables and graphs with data on some of the key indicators from the 2009 survey on alcohol and health. In addition, the report describes the WHO instruments and activities that are available to support countries in building on the gains they have already made in this area.

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/european-status-report-on-alcohol-and-health-2010>

## **NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - JANUARY 2011**

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### [Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol](#)

This global strategy developed by WHO in close collaboration with Member States provides a portfolio of policy options and interventions for implementation at national level with the goal to reduce the harmful use of alcohol worldwide.

### [Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use. 4th Edition](#)

The fourth edition of this useful resource supersedes previous editions, and has been fully updated and expanded. It includes over 86 new recommendations and 165 updates to recommendations in the previous edition.

### [Research and the World Health Organization](#)

This overview outlines the statutory background for WHO's research, identifies the milestones in health research over five decades, and discusses issues of both process and programmes.

### [European Status Report on Alcohol and Health 2010](#)

This report presents the latest data from the WHO European Region on alcohol consumption and harm and the responses made to them in countries.

### [Public Health related TRIPS-plus Provisions in Bilateral Trade Agreements](#)

This guide provides a comprehensive background to the subject, the implications of TRIPS-plus for

access to essential medicines and health technologies, and guidance on how to deal with these complex issues.

#### [Practical Guide to Developing and Implementing School Policy on Diet and Physical Activity](#)

This guide was reviewed by health-promoting school focal points from 16 countries in the Region and it includes their recommendations.

#### [Noncommunicable Disease Risk Factors and Socioeconomic Inequalities - What are the Links ?](#)

This project identified countries in the Asia Pacific Region that have population-level surveillance data on noncommunicable disease (NCD) risk factors and examines the relationships between NCD (behavioural) risk factors and indicators of social disadvantage and socioeconomic status.

#### [CDROM WISN Workload Indicators of Staffing Need](#)

The WISN approach includes software for recording, analyzing and reporting data related to staffing status and needs at health facilities of any size in any country.

#### [Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 89, No. 01, 2010](#)

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.

#### **BOOKS IN FRENCH**

##### [Utilisation de la ventilation naturelle pour lutter contre les infections en milieu de soins](#)

Ce guide analyse les exigences auxquelles doit satisfaire la ventilation naturelle dans le contexte de la lutte contre les infections.

#### **BOOKS IN RUSSIAN**

##### [The World Health Report 2010 \(RUSSIAN\)](#)

In this report, the World Health Organization maps out what countries can do to modify their financing systems so they can move more quickly to universal coverage, and sustain the gains that have been achieved.

#### **BOOKS IN GERMAN**

##### [Schutz der Gesundheit der Kinder in einer sich verändernden Umwelt](#)

Report of a conference on children's health and the environment.

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#### [Gender, Women and the Tobacco Epidemic](#)

This monograph makes an important contribution to our scientific understanding of tobacco use among women.

#### [Working to Overcome the Global Impact of Neglected Tropical Diseases](#)

This report presents evidence to demonstrate that activities undertaken to prevent and control neglected tropical diseases are producing results - and that achievements are being recognized.

### Monitoring the Building Blocks of Health Systems

This handbook was guided by the need to detect change and show progress in health systems strengthening. It is structured around the WHO framework that describes health systems in terms of six core components or "building blocks": service delivery, health workforce, health information systems, medical products, vaccines and technologies, financing and leadership/governance.

### Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 88, No. 12, 2010

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.

### BOOKS IN FRENCH

#### Rapport sur la santé dans le monde 2010

Dans ce rapport, l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé retrace ce que les pays peuvent faire pour modifier leurs systèmes de financement pour permettre d'arriver plus rapidement à une couverture universelle et à la maintenir une fois installée.

### BOOKS IN SPANISH

#### Informe sobre la salud en el mundo 2010

La Organización Mundial de la Salud identifica con este informe lo que pueden hacer los países para modificar sus sistemas de financiación, para que puedan avanzar más rápidamente hacia la cobertura universal y mantenerla una vez se haya conseguido.

## 11. EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



**EUPHApedia**

EUPHA is very pleased to announce the launch of the pilot phase of EUPHApedia on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2011.

EUPHApedia is 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. In the pilot phase of this new tool (until November 2011), EUPHApedia will only be accessible for EUPHA members by clicking on the link on the opening page of [www.eupha.org](http://www.eupha.org). All members can search EUPHApedia which consists of 2 search engines:

- repository search: This search engine is for all uploaded documents. At the moment, we are including the abstracts from our conferences (already in the system: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004) as well as interesting publications we have received. This search engine will also include the information uploaded by our members.
- External search: This search engine is linked to a number of websites, such as our journal (EJPH), WHO/EURO, European Commission, projects such as EUPHIX (European Public Health Information Exchange), and all our institutional members.

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