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1. 6 th European Public Health Conference – Brussels 13-16 November 2013



Health in Europe: are we there yet?
*Learning from the past,
building the future*

Registration open

We are pleased to announce that the conference registration is now open at:
http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=352 If you are a member of:

- EUPHA
- ASPHER
- EuroHealthNet
- Belgian Public Health Association

You can benefit from a €75 reduction on the registration fees.

The full programme of Brussels 2013 will be shortly available. For more information:
www.eupha.org/Brussels2013.

Call for chairs

For Brussels 2013, we are planning to organise the parallel programme sessions chaired by two people: an experienced chair combined with a participant who is interested in learning the skills to chair.

- Are you an experienced chair, planning to attend the conference and interested in chairing one of the sessions?
- Are you an early career professional, planning to attend the conference and interested in chairing one of the sessions?

Then you can contact us at office@eupha.org by **31 July 2013** and send us your preferred topics. We will do our best to accommodate you.

2. EUPHA update

Developing Public Health Capacity in the EU – Final Report



The Final Report has been published of a study carried out by a consortium of major European public health organisations to review the capacity of EU Member states to develop and implement public health policies and interventions.

The project was launched in 2010 by the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers within Second Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health 2008–2013. The European Commission (EAHC and DG SANCO) contracted a consortium of organisations representing the major professional organisations in public health in Europe to review the current public health capacity in Europe and to make recommendations for EU action and support.

The Consortium was formed by EuroHealthNet, EUPHA, IUHPE, ASPHER and EHMA, under the leadership of the Department of International Health of Maastricht University and with the support of the WHO European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and GEOMED.

Click here for the [Final Report](#).

The [Supplement](#) includes the Assessment Tool used for the analysis and summaries of the case studies.

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



At the end of June 2013, we have 2960 documents included in EUPHApedia (increase of 9 from last month). All persons in our database have access to search EUPHApedia, all EUPHA members can upload information on to EUPHApedia.

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

GNHE Scholarships in Health Equity

The Global Network for Health Equity (GNHE) announces the launch of its Scholarships Program for 2013 – 2014

English: <http://bit.ly/ZEEYo6>

Español: <http://bit.ly/12QBNdU>

General objective

The program aims to build capacity in low and middle-income countries for health systems research into issues of health systems equity and universal health coverage, by supporting junior researchers from those countries undertaking research on the following topics in particular:

- Equity in health systems financing and financial protection
- Equity in health systems delivery, including access and utilization
- Equity in health outcomes at the population level
- Universal health coverage

Applications from health economics and all other relevant research fields will be considered as well as inter-disciplinary proposals.

Target group

The program aims to attract post-graduate students (master degree programs or higher) who are interested in carrying out research in the form of an internship at one of the academic institutions affiliated to GNHE in Africa, Asia or Latin America and the Caribbean.

In principle, preference will be given to students who are working towards a masters or doctoral thesis and present a proposal approved by their university with support from a faculty advisor at their institution. Each proposal must include a letter of support from the institution where the student is affiliated and/or from the research supervisor.

Students are selected on the basis of their topic of study and its relevance to promoting equity in health within and across LMICs. Preference will be given to citizens or permanent-residents of a LMIC in one of the three GNHE regions, but not exclusively.

Application procedure

To be considered for a GNHE scholarship students should send the following documentation to the email addresses provided at the end of this document:

- 1) Research proposal of no more than 1000 words and a page of bibliography
- 2) Letter from the student's faculty advisor or research supervisor confirming the interest of the particular student to undertake the proposed research activity
- 3) Letter from the student's University or department of study confirming that no other funding is available for the proposed research activity or that the GNHE scholarship is a necessary complement to other support received.
- 4) Resume that includes nationality and country of residence, as well as a detailed description of experiences as a student and with research activities in particular
- 5) If possible, 1 or 2 writing samples (papers and/or other publications)
- 6) Recommendation by a potential GNHE advisor (desirable; see below)

Students must provide proof that they have no other funding for the proposed research activity or that the GNHE scholarship is a necessary complement to other support received. This should be clarified in the letter of support from the research institution or research mentor.

The scholarship:

- 1) Provides acceptance to carry out research as an intern for three months at one of the recognized research institutions affiliated to GNHE.
- 2) Guarantees continuous research support from the GNHE researcher who agrees to take on the student.
- 3) Provides \$5000 US in financial support for the period of time that the student is resident at the host GNHE institution that is expected to cover the costs of airfare, accommodation and all other in-country costs other than office space for the three months of the internship.

The student is expected to conclude the internship with a completed thesis or with at least all data and information collected and analysis completed so that only the writing part is left to finish following departure from the host institution.

The final part of the scholarship - \$1000 US (of the total \$5000 US) will be paid once the thesis has been submitted, or a paper has been submitted to a refereed journal. Students are also required to share the final version of their thesis with GNHE (for publication on the GNHE website and reference)....”

EUROFOUND

Today the call for tender for the Network of national and EU-level correspondents was published in the Official Journal, and the complete tender pack is now available from our website <http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/about/procurement/current/2013/neotender.htm>

4. Interesting News

EPODE International Network

This month the EIN is thrilled to welcome three new programmes to the network! Healthy Kids, Bulgaria, Real Food for Real Kids, Canada & Healthy Living, Israel!

Healthy Kids, Bulgaria is implemented in two communities in the capital city of Sofia. This programme promotes healthy lifestyles in primary schools, targeting 7-13 year old children, their parents and teachers, motivating a change in their dietary habits and daily physical activities. As for Lulu Cohen-Farnell, the founder of Real Food for Real Kids, Canada, she and her team work to change the way children eat, understand and perceive food, providing over 8,000 children in childcare centres and schools in the Greater Toronto Area with a daily delivery of fully cooked lunches, prepared snacks, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Tackling childhood obesity requires a normative cultural change, in which the media is a major player. This is why the Israeli programme, Healthy Living combines both media and field activities reaching approximately 400,000 households and directly involving 600 students respectively!

We are thrilled that our network is growing and look forward to working with these new members in the future. Remember, we need to think global and act local for a healthier generation! More information on EPODE: <http://www.epode-european-network.com/>

The Health Equity-2020 project

Reducing health inequalities - preparation for regional action plans and structural funds projects.

The general objective of HE2020 is to assist Member States/regions to develop evidence-based action plans on reducing health inequalities, which also informs the use of structural funds (SF) in the next programming period. The project was launched at summer 2012.

If you are interested in this work you can find the latest news and detailed information about activities, upcoming events at our website: www.healthequity2020.eu
Click [here](#) to download the project brochure in PDF version. We are happy to receive any comment or question from you, and also if you have any collaborative idea in relation to the project or the field in general that we have been working on, please do not hesitate to contact our team.

WFPHA - Declaration on Access to Oral Health for Children

The World Federation of Public Health Associations and its Members influence international health policy through the development and implementation of Policy Resolutions and other advocacy initiatives. WFPHA has led the NGO community at Alma Ata in endorsing the concept of primary health care, urged linking health with economic development strategies, raised awareness of the health consequences of landmines and nuclear weapons, engaged as an active NGO participant in the negotiations leading up to the passage of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, and is committed to providing leadership in efforts to meet the Millennium Development Goals. WFPHA is nowadays actively involved in the Non Communicable Diseases process.

The Association's key policy making forum is the annual General Assembly of the WFPHA held in Geneva to coincide with the World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization. This effectively determines the timescale for the development and consideration of policy resolutions.

On the 19th May 2013, the WFPHA general assembly passed a resolution from the newly established Oral Health Working Group on access to good for oral health for children. The declaration had been proposed by the Oral Health Working Group (OHWG) and endorsed by the WFPHA policy committee.

Declaration on Access to Oral Health for Children

Every child has a right to good oral health. Oral health problems in children can impact on many aspects of their general health and development, causing substantial pain and disruption to their lives and often altering their behaviour. Oral health is an integral part of overall well-being and essential for eating, growth, speech, social development, learning capacity and quality of life.

To promote oral health every child should have access to:

- Oral health education including oral hygiene instructions and dietary advice, and access to affordable toothbrushes and toothpaste containing fluoride as soon as the first primary tooth erupts
- Preventive interventions, appropriate to the infrastructure and priorities of the country, which may include dental sealants, community fluoridation, and regular fluoride varnish applications
- Treatment of early stage decay to stop it from progressing to cavities, and treatment of dental cavities, acute pain and other oral diseases
- Environments that eliminate advertising of unhealthy foods to children.

Through good oral health all children will have an equal opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential for a promising future.

eHealth Cooperation

DG CONNECT and ONC are pleased to announce the launch of a joint new initiative – the EU-US MoU and Roadmap for eHealth Cooperation. This initiative, under the auspices of the Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC), will address the need for international interoperability of health records and the need to improve the ehealth skills of the current workforce. On behalf of the European Commission's DG CONNECT and the ONC Standards and Interoperability Framework, we are pleased to invite your valued participation in the kick-off of the eHealth Cooperation Initiative.

There is an ever-growing demand and need for patients to access their own health data through mobile devices and personal computers. This access provides patients with the ability to track their medical histories throughout their lives no matter where they live, or where they

move. Physicians also need access to this data for the purpose of remote consultation or patient care outside a patient's home country or state.

Global progress is being made in defining standards for semantic interoperability, syntactic interoperability and patient mediated exchange that will eventually allow for the easy sharing of data between countries. However, many different coding, classification and messaging standards are currently in use, hindering the ability of individual countries to exchange data. It is the intent of this initiative to obtain and aggregate input from stakeholders around the world toward the establishment of agreed upon methods and standards for international interoperability of health records.

The demand for ehealth expertise in the workplace is growing daily. Many ehealth jobs are vacant due to lack of training, expertise and accreditation. Agreeing on standards and methods will help define what skills, expertise and credentials qualify someone as a health informatics professional. It is the intent of this new initiative to seek input from academicians, industry, professional societies and other stakeholders to define and establish these standards and methods.

Details on the eHealth Cooperation launch including web meeting access, call in information, proposed agenda, reference materials and the Project Charter are posted on the [eHealth Cooperation](#) wiki page. If you would like to participate in the eHealth Cooperation Initiative, please review the documentation on the S&I Framework

wiki: <http://wiki.siframework.org/Getting+Started+as+a+Volunteer>

Once you have read through the material regarding participation, levels of commitment, guidelines for participation and voting rights, please sign up to participate in the eHealth Cooperation Initiative by completing the registration form on the [eHealth Cooperation Sign Up Wiki Page](#).

Your perspectives, expertise and experiences are critical to the success of this initiative and we look forward to your participation in the eHealth Cooperation Initiative.

EUFAMI - The Dublin Declaration

The Dublin Declaration was unanimously endorsed by delegates attending EUFAMI's special European Family Conference held in Dublin, Ireland on Friday, 24 May 2013 to mark the 20th Anniversary of the founding of EUFAMI under the patronage of his Excellency, Michael D Higgins, President of Ireland. The Conference was officially opened by Ms Kathleen Lynch, Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health. Dr Tonio Borg, EU Commissioner for Health and Consumer Affairs also addressed the delegates, who numbered 190 from 21 European countries.

To download the Declaration please go to: <http://www.eufami.org/>

Press Release Robert Koch Institute (RKI)

Positive signals and warning signs – 34 articles with results of the “German Health Interview and Examination Survey for Adults” published.

The majority of Germans feel healthy: their self-rated health has improved, particularly among the elderly. Tests on functional capabilities in old age show: restrictions in everyday life affect only a minority of senior citizens. There is a general trend towards more sports activities. One-fourth of adults practise sports for at least two hours a week on a regular basis.

These are only some of the results of the first wave of the “German Health Interview and Examination Survey for Adults” (DEGS1) conducted by the Robert Koch Institute. The results of DEGS1 have just been published with 34 articles in the Bundesgesundheitsblatt (May/June 2013). The DEGS1 results include both positive signals and warning signs and constitute an important basis for evidence-based prevention strategies.

The articles from the Bundesgesundheitsblatt are available in PDF format at http://www.rki.de/EN/Home/homepage_node.html and Moreover, photos, video footage, a summary, an abstract collection, a key issues paper and other information on DEGS1 are available on <http://www.degs-studie.de/english/>

5. EUPHA member updates

French Society of Public Health – www.sfsp.fr/

La Société Française de Santé Publique a le plaisir d'annoncer son prochain congrès biennal, qu'elle organise cette année avec l'Association des Epidémiologistes de Langue Française, sur le thème de la prévention, du 17 au 19 octobre 2013 à Bordeaux.

Pour plus d'informations <http://adelf-sfsp-2013.sciencesconf.org/>

6. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of Going International is the online education database »medicine & health«. It contains international courses, master programmes and conferences in the field of medicine and international health. Due to the large number and variety of training events the education database enables health professionals to find their educational event at their fingertips. For further information: www.goinginternational.eu/en/online-datenbank/ Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: WHO European Ministerial Conference on Nutrition and Noncommunicable Diseases in the context of Health 2020

Date: 4 – 5 July 2013

Place: Vienna, Austria

Organiser: The Austrian Ministry of Health and WHO

More info: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/event/vienna-conference-on-nutrition-and-noncommunicable-diseases/programme>

Title: XXIV Congrès International CALASS

Date: 29 – 31 August 2013

Place: Rennes, France

Organiser: ALASS [Association Latine pour l'Analyse des Systèmes de Santé]

More info: <http://alass.org/>

Title: International Conference on Public Health Priorities in the 21st Century: The Endgame for Tobacco'

Date: 10 – 12 September 2013

Place: New Dehli, India

More info: www.endgameconference2013.in

Title: Urban Dynamics & Health, Concepts, Methods & Applications

Date: 11 – 13 September 2013

Place: Paris - Nanterre, France

More info:

<http://www.etchouches.com/ehome/ColloqueInternational2013/101190/?&language=eng>

Title: Conducting Qualitative Research in Health: Writing and Getting Published

Date: 11 - 13 September 2013

Place: University of Basel, Switzerland

Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: How to Pass Your Research Protocol Through an Ethics Review Committee
Date: 16 September 2013
Place: University of Zurich, Switzerland
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: 2nd World Congress of Clinical Safety
Date: 12 – 13 September 2013
Place: Heidelberg, Germany
Organiser: International Association of Risk Management in Medicine
More info: <http://www.iarmm.org/2WCCS/>

Title: “Eat well, drink well, move.... A small step for you, a big step for Europe”
Date: 17 September 2013
Place: Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: International Chair on Cardiometabolic Risk
More info: <http://iccr.becosoft.net/> or <http://myhealthywaist.org/>

Title: Digital NHS – Delevering 21st Century Healthcare
Date: 19 September 2013
Place: London, UK
Organiser: PS Events
More info: <http://m.publicserviceevents.co.uk>

Title: Public Health: Working together to improve outcomes
Date: 2nd October 2013
Place: London, UK
Organiser: PS Events
More info: www.publicserviceevents.co.uk/

Title: HIA Conference 2013
Date: 2-4 October 2013
Place: Geneva, Switzerland
Organiser: University of Geneva, WHO and Health Promotion Switzerland
More info: http://www.unige.ch/medecine/eis2013/accueil_en.html

Title: 4th Annual Hospital Management Conference
Date: 10 – 11 October 2013
Place: Vienna, Austria
Organiser: Uniglobal
More info: click [here](#)

Title: 30th International Conference
Quality and Safety in Population Health and Healthcare
Date: 13 - 16 October 2013
Place: Edinburgh, Scotland
Organiser: International Society for Quality in Health Care – ISQUA
Deadline: Early bird registration 18 July 2013
More info: <http://isqua.org/conference/edinburgh-2013/registration>

Title: Evidence as a basis for well-being and health
Date: 14 – 15 October 2013
Place: Trnava, Slovakia
Organiser: Faculty of Health Care and Social Work Trnava University
More info: <http://fzasp.truni.sk>

Title: Health Systems Strengthening: Improving Governance and Ensuring Equity
Date: 21 – 25 October 2013
Place: Ottawa, Canada
Organiser: The Global Health Diplomacy Network (GHD-NET)
More info: <http://bit.ly/XjSvpK>

Title: Public health research in practice – how to evaluate interventions in public health practice?
Date: 28 – 29 October 2013
Place: Wageningen, the Netherlands
Organiser: Graduate School VLAG / NuGO Association
More info: <http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/courses/agora-13.htm>

Title: Sharing Patient Information: realising the potential of a paperless NHS
Date: 29 October 2013
Place: Birmingham, UK
Organiser: PS Events
More info: www.publicserviceevents.co.uk/

Title: Epidemiologic Principles & Methods
Date: 4 – 8 November 2013
Place: Rome, Italy
Organiser: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
More info: <http://roma.unicatt.it/epidemiologic-principles-e-methods-corso-di-formazione-permanente?rdeLocaleAttr=en>

Title: The 2013 European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE)
Date: 5 – 7 November 2013
Place: Stockholm, Sweden
Organiser: ESCAIDE
Deadline: abstracts 5 July 2013 <http://abstracts.escaide.eu>
More info: www.escaide.eu

Title: Third Global Forum on Human Resources for Health
Date: 10 – 13 November 2013
Place: Recife, Brazil
Organiser: the Government of Brazil, WHO and PAHO
More info: <http://bit.ly/16vJ0aO>

Title: GIS for Public Health?
Date: 18 - 21 November 2013
Place: University of Basel, Swiss TPH, Switzerland
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: Genes - Are They Key to Public Health?
Date: 26 November and 4 December 2013
Place: University of Basel, Swiss TPH, Switzerland
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: Strengthening Family Strategy Online Conference
Date: 9 – 20 December 2013
Place: Online
Organiser: Universitat de les Illes Balears
Deadline: abstracts 30 September 2013
More info: <http://www.uibcongres.org/family2013/ficha.en.html>

Title: European Public Health: Policy & Practice
A Master of Public Health CPD Module
Date: 20 – 24 January 2014
Place: Liverpool, UK
Organiser: University of Liverpool
More info: www.liv.ac.uk/PublicHealth/mph/cpd.htm

Title: The 20th Swiss International Short Course on Travellers' Health
Date: 27 January - 31 January 2014
Place: Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute
More info: <http://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/>

Title: Health Care and Management in Tropical Countries (HCMTC)
Date: 24 March - 27 June 2014
Place: Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute
More info: <http://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/>

7. Interesting publications

Neighbourhood structure and health promotion

Stock C., Ellaway A. (Eds.):
Springer Publishers, New York, 2013
<http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-1-4614-6672-7/page/1#>

Managed Care in a Public Setting

R. Steele
Nova Science Publishers, NY, NY May 2013.
https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=39269

Marketing of foods high in fat, salt and sugar to children: update 2012–2013

WHO Regional Office for Europe
Copenhagen, Denmark – June 2013
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/19V3TwL>

**Dark Sides of the Proposed Framework Convention on Global Health's Many Virtues:
A Systematic Review and Critical Analysis**

Steven J. Hoffman, John-Arne Røttingen
Health & Human Rights Journal 15(1):117-134. – June 2013
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/104W8yx>

Global and regional estimates of violence against women

Prevalence and health effects of intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence
WHO, Department of Reproductive Health and Research – June, 20, 2013
Website: <http://bit.ly/180o00F>
Full report PDF [51p.] at: <http://bit.ly/11AKgCe>

Environmental Scan of Patient Safety Education and Training Programs

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Rockville, MD USA – June 2013
Available online at: <http://1.usa.gov/16dT5Fo>

**Mapping the regulatory architecture for health care delivery in
mixed health systems in low- and middle-income countries**

Kabir Sheikh, Prasanna Saligram, Lakshmi E. Prasad
Public Health Foundation of India
Nossal Institute for Global Health, 2013 - University of Melbourne
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/16Eqx8J>

**Health in All Policies - Experiences of the Americas
Sustainable Development and Environmental Health (SDE)**

Health Promotion and Social Determinants - 2013
Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization
Document presented at the 8th Global Conference on Health Promotion 2013, Helsinki,
Finland, 10 to 14 of June
Available online PDF [68p.] at: <http://bit.ly/13aNayK> <<http://bit.ly/13aNayK>>

Global nutrition policy review What does it take to scale up nutrition action?

World Health Organization 2013
Available online at: <http://goo.gl/KFRgv>

Maternal and Child Nutrition - The Lancet Series 2013

The Lancet, published June 6, 2013
Available at <http://goo.gl/fJ9kv>

Health Care Lessons from Sweden

Nadeem Esmail
Lessons from Abroad - A Series on Health Care Reform - May 2013
Fraser Institute
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/1aVBin1>

World Health Organization Guideline Development: An Evaluation

D. Sinclair, R. Isba, T. Kredo, B. Zani, H. Smith, P. Garner
PloS ONE - May 31, 2013 - Volume 8 - Issue 5 - e63715
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/13g8zrG>

Environment and human health

Joint EEA-JRC report

European Environment Agency, 2013, European Union, 2013

Available online PDF [106p.] at: <http://bit.ly/10Tytyts>

Cross-country analysis of the institutionalization of Health Impact Assessment. Social Determinants of Health

Jennifer h. lee, Nathalie Röbbel and Carlos Dora

Discussion Paper Series 8 (Policy & Practice). Geneva, World Health Organization, 2013

Available online PDF [45p.] at: <http://bit.ly/18yCf5y>

Health in All Policies: Seizing opportunities, implementing policies

Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland, May 2013

Edited by Kimmo Leppo, Eeva Ollila, Sebastián Peña, Matthias Wismar, Sarah Cook

Available online PDF [350p.] at: <http://bit.ly/12PEn6t>

Equity-specific effects of 26 dutch obesity-related lifestyle interventions.

Magnée T et al.

Am J Prev Med. 2013 Jun;44(6):e57-66. doi: 10.1016/j.amepre.2012.11.041.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23683991>

Alcohol-use Among Adolescents in Europe

Environmental Research and Preventive Actions

Verwey-Jonker Instituut, Utrecht, the Netherlands

Available online at: [http://www.verwey-](http://www.verwey-jonker.nl/jeugd/publicaties/beleid/alcohol_use_among_adolescents_in_europe)

[jonker.nl/jeugd/publicaties/beleid/alcohol_use_among_adolescents_in_europe](http://www.verwey-jonker.nl/jeugd/publicaties/beleid/alcohol_use_among_adolescents_in_europe)

Proceedings of the Second Pan American Conference on Obesity with special attention to childhood obesity and a workshop 'Education for childhood obesity prevention: A life-course approach' at PACO II

International Journal of Obesity

Volume 3 Supplement 1 - June 2013

Available online at <http://goo.gl/lauv1>

8. European Commission news

Ageing

e-News: EU Summit on Active and Healthy Ageing – Dublin, June 13-14, 2013

e-News: Adherence to medical plans in old age, a public concern at EU level

European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing – Conference on adherence to medical plans in old age, Brussels, 11 June 2013 - Agenda now available

Alcohol

11th meeting of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action, Luxembourg, 22 May 2013 - Presentations now available

Blood, tissues and organs

Meeting of Competent Authorities for Tissues and Cells, 7-8 June 2012 - Summary report now available

Meeting of Competent Authorities for Tissues and Cells, 3-4 December 2012 - Summary report now available

Summary of the 2011 annual reporting of serious adverse events and reactions for tissues and cells

Cluster meeting on the contribution of the European Union to improve transplantation and blood transfusion practices in Europe, Madrid, 27-28 June 2013 - Agenda and registration form

EU Health Prize for Journalists

Press release: Commission launches the 2013 EU Health Prize for Journalists

EU in the world

Health-EU Newsletter 111 - Health and enlargement – Croatia

Health-EU portal

Health-EU newsletter survey - Let us know what you think

Healthcare

New publication: Public Health Capacity in the EU - Final report

Health indicators

Healthy Life Years (HLY) indicator updated (ECHI 40)

Health programme

2nd Health Programme (2008-2013): Awarding of grants for proposals for 2013
List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated

Health strategy

Experts Group on Health Information, Luxembourg, 11 December 2012 - Summary record and presentations now available

Major and chronic diseases

Call for tender concerning a pilot project for developing and implementing successful prevention strategies for type 2 diabetes

Mental health - EU-Compass

Second final revision (version May 2013) of study on "Economic analysis of workplace mental health promotion and mental disorder prevention programmes" available (contractor: Matrix)

Call for tender concerning a preparatory action related to the creation of an EU network of experts in the field of adapted care for adolescents with mental health problems

Medicinal products for human use

Press release: Medicines for children: more research, more availability and more information compared with 5 years ago

Personally speaking by Commissioner Borg: Children are not small adults!

Nutrition and physical activity

Pilot project on increasing the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in vulnerable population groups - Progress report for May 2013 now available

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 28 February 2013 - Minutes now available

Seventeenth plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 7 February 2013 - Minutes now available

Commissioner Borg delivers speech on 'A Strategy for Europe on Nutrition, Overweight and Obesity related health issues', Brussels, 20 June 2013

Population groups

New publication: Second European Perinatal Health Report released by the EURO-PERISTAT project

Rare diseases

New events on Rare Diseases

Orphanet Report Series: Lists of medicinal products for rare diseases in Europe

Orphanet Activity Report 2012

National plans or strategies for rare diseases - Slovak Republik added, Czech Republic and The Netherlands updated

Sexually transmitted diseases

High Level Meeting on HIV and Human Rights, Brussels, 27-28 May 2013 - Discussion paper, speeches, presentations and final recommendations now available

"Right to health, right to life" - High Level Meeting on HIV and Human Rights, Brussels, 27-28 May 2013 - eNews, recordings and pictures

ECDC technical report: EMIS 2010, the European Men-Who-Have-Sex-With-Men Internet Survey

Health-EU Newsletter 110 - Right to health, right to life – HIV and human rights

Scientific Committees

ICCG - Minutes of meeting on synthetic biology mandate of 7 June 2013 now available

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS): layman version available on Fragrance allergens in cosmetic products

Call for experts in the Synthetic Biology area (SynBio)

New publication: Scientific Committees - 2012 Opinions CD now available

SCENIHR - Minutes of April 2013 working groups meetings now available

Social determinants and health inequalities

WHO Roma health newsletter, Issue 4 – May 2013 - Published in cooperation with the European Commission
Health and safety at work: Commission opens public consultation on future EU policy framework

Tobacco

Ex-smokers are unstoppable: "Quit Smoking With Barça" wins at EACA Care Awards
eNews: Tobacco products proposal: Setting the record straight on 10 common myths
Personally speaking by Commissioner Borg: "I wish every day could be "No Tobacco Day"
World No Tobacco Day 2013: Major milestone in the "Ex-Smokers are Unstoppable" campaign
Memo: World No Tobacco Day - message from Health and Consumer Policy Commissioner, Tonio Borg
Council of Employment, Social Policy and Health Ministers, 20-21 June 2013: Council agrees on revision of tobacco rules

9. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

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In this issue: analysis of isolates from 2006 to 2011 indicates that multiple clones of multiresistant monophasic Salmonella Typhimurium are circulating in Greece

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Phenotypic and molecular characterisation of multiresistant monophasic Salmonella Typhimurium (1,4,[5],12:i:-) in Greece, 2006 to 2011

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Letter to the editor: Distinguishing between hantavirus-induced haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome and pregnancy-induced liver pathologies (AFLP and HELLP syndromes)

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European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) 2013 - call for abstracts

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20490>

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction publishes the 'European Drug Report 2013: Trends and developments'

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20491>

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights publishes the European Union lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender survey

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In this issue: reports on Legionnaires' disease in Italy and travel-associated Legionnaires' disease in Europe

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<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20498>

Legionnaires' disease in Italy: results of the epidemiological surveillance from 2000 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20497>

Critical care surveillance: insights into the impact of the 2010/11 influenza season relative to the 2009/10 pandemic season in England

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20499>

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Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2013;18(18)

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<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20501>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 24, 13 June 2013

In this issue: An article on the results from the contact tracing of two MERS CoV cases in France and a perspective on transmission scenarios for the virus

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First cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infections in France, investigations and implications for the prevention of human-to-human transmission, France, May 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20502>

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Transmission scenarios for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) and how to tell them apart

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20503>

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Routine screening for *Coxiella burnetii* infection during pregnancy: a clustered randomised controlled trial during an outbreak, the Netherlands, 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20504>

No increase in primary nosocomial candidemia in 682 German intensive care units during 2006 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20505>

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In this issue: Evidence of further diversification of the Norovirus Sydney 2012 variant and PCR primers for their detection

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Emergence of a new recombinant Sydney 2012 norovirus variant in Denmark, 26 December 2012 to 22 March 2013

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High prevalence of antibodies against *Leptospira* spp. in male Austrian adults: a cross-sectional survey, April to June 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20509>

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Laboratory preparedness for detection and monitoring of Shiga toxin 2-producing *Escherichia coli* O104:H4 in Europe and response to the 2011 outbreak
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Evidence-Based Medicine applied to the control of communicable disease incidents when evidence is scarce and the time is limited
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10. WHO publications

Successes and failures of health policy in Europe. Four decades of divergent trends and converging challenges

Edited by Johan Mackenbach and Martin McKee

In the last 40 years, the health of Europeans overall has improved markedly, yet progress has been very uneven from country to country. This report considers the impact health policy has had on population health. It asks questions about mortality trends and health policy activity, such as:

- Do differences in rates of disease reflect differences in related policies?
- What would a country gain if it implemented the policies of the best performing country?
- Which social, economic and political factors influence a country's success in health policy?

By offering a comparative analysis of the successes and failures of health policy in most of the countries of the WHO European Region, it helps readers identify best practices for health improvement in the following areas: tobacco; alcohol; food and nutrition; fertility, pregnancy and childbirth; child health; infectious diseases; hypertension; cancer screening; mental health; road traffic injuries; and air pollution.

Written by experts and based on the latest evidence-based research, this volume is a must for policy-makers and those working in health care as professionals, researchers and students.

For more information about the book and how to order: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/successes-and-failures-of-health-policy-in-europe.-four-decades-of-divergent-trends-and-converging-challenges>

Status report on alcohol and health in 35 European countries 2013

People in the WHO European Region consume the most alcohol per head in the world. In the European Union (EU), alcohol accounts for about 120 000 premature deaths per year: 1 in 7 in men and 1 in 13 in women. Most countries in the Region have adopted policies, strategies and plans to reduce alcohol-related harm. In 2012, the WHO Regional Office for Europe collected information on alcohol consumption and related harm, and countries policy responses to contribute to the Global Information System for Alcohol and Health; this report presented a selection of the results for 35 countries – EU Member States and candidate countries, Norway and Switzerland – individually and in groups distinguished by their drinking patterns and traditions.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/status-report-on-alcohol-and-health-in-35-european-countries>

Urban health observatories: A possible solution to filling a gap in public health intelligence

Why consider a local public health observatory for your city or region?

Policy Brief

The World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) exposed the extent to which certain city dwellers disproportionately suffer from

a wide range of diseases and health conditions[1] (Box 1). Such inequities exist in cities all over the world.

They are a manifestation of differential social and living conditions, often resulting from unplanned urbanization, which can undermine progress in health development.

World Health Organization Centre for Health Development (Kobe, Japan) 2013

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/13WNyTT>

**Social Determinants of Health Discussion Paper Series
Policy & Practice- Geneva, World Health Organization, 2013**

This is a WHO publication series devoted to the social determinants of health.

The series explores themes related to strategy, governance, tools and capacity building for addressing the social determinants of health to improve health equity

Action on the Social Determinants of Health: learning from previous experiences

Download discussion paper 1 at: <http://bit.ly/14eLnlb>

A Conceptual Framework for Action on the Social Determinants of Health

Download discussion paper 2 at: <http://bit.ly/ZiWe5j>

**Monitoring Social Well-being to Support Policies on the Social Determinants of Health:
the case of New Zealand's "Social Reports/Te Purongo Oranga Tangata"**

Download discussion paper 3 at: <http://bit.ly/12m6FsX>

**Public Health Agencies and Cash Transfer Programmes:
making the case for greater involvement**

Download discussion paper 4 at: <http://bit.ly/11AeLe4>

**Evaluating intersectoral process for action on the social determinants of health:
Learning from key informants**

Download discussion paper 5 at: <http://bit.ly/10MLZY7>

**Addressing social determinants of health through intersectoral actions:
Five public policy cases from Mexico**

Download discussion paper 6 at: <http://bit.ly/15DrU77>

**Economic arguments for intersectoral interventions that improve the social
determinants of health: Mexico**

Download discussion paper 7 at: <http://bit.ly/18QJus8>

Cross-country analysis of the institutionalization of Health Impact Assessment

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[World Health Statistics 2013](#)

World Health Statistics 2013 contains WHO's annual compilation of health-related data for its 194 Member States, and includes a summary of the progress made towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and associated targets.

[World Malaria Report 2012](#)

The World Malaria Report 2012 summarizes information received from 104 malaria-endemic countries and other sources, and updates the analyses presented in the 2011 report.

[Blood Donor Selection](#)

These WHO guidelines, Blood donor selection: guidelines on assessing donor suitability for blood donation have been developed to assist blood transfusion services in countries that are establishing or strengthening national systems for the selection of blood donors .

[CDROM Quality Assurance of Pharmaceuticals. Update 2013](#)

This CD-ROM replaces and updates the Compendium of Guidelines and Related Materials published in 2010 and also includes the WHO Training Modules on Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) study pack with a huge set of training materials reflecting the various GMP texts.

[WHO Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations](#)

The Forty-sixth WHO Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations adopted 26 new monographs and general texts for inclusion in The International Pharmacopoeia.

[Latvia](#)

The Health Systems in Transition (HiT) series consists of country-based reviews that provide a detailed description of a health system and of reform and policy initiatives in progress or under development in a specific country.

[Building European Reference Networks in Health Care](#)

This book examines the different ways in which the concept of reference networks has been implemented in European countries, and what kind of medical conditions or interventions it covers in various countries.

[Atlas eHealth Country Profiles](#)

This publication presents data on the 114 WHO Member States that participated in the 2009 global survey on eHealth.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 91, No. 5, 2013](#)

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.

[WHO Drug Information, Vol. 27, No. 1, 2013](#)

WHO Drug Information communicates pharmaceutical information that is either developed and issued by WHO or transmitted to WHO by research and regulatory agencies throughout the World. The journal also includes regular presentations of newly proposed and recommended International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceuticals Substances.

[Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 19 No. 4, 2013](#)

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.