



EUPHA Newsletter 5, 2007

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1. EUPHA conference Helsinki: April update

The 2007 EUPHA conference is organised by the Society for Social Medicine in the Finlandia Hall, Helsinki, Finland. The main theme is "Future of Public Health in the Unified Europe". The dates are 11 to 13 October 2007. More information on the conference can be found on the regularly updated EUPHA website: www.eupha.org.

ABSTRACTS

Please note that the abstract submission has been closed. This year we have reached a number of records:

- abstracts were submitted from 52 countries
- we received 618 single abstracts
- we received 57 workshops.

Our International Scientific Committee, chaired by Prof. Elina Hemminki, is now busy scoring all these abstracts. EUPHA is greatly appreciative to these experts for this effort. The results will be available as of mid-June.

REGISTRATION

By clicking on the Helsinki logo on the EUPHA website, registration has now been opened. To register for the conference, you will first be asked for your login and password for the EUPHA database. Don't worry if you have forgotten your password, there is a possibility to ask the system to send it to you again. Please check your contact details before continuing your registration for the conference. Should you encounter any problems, please contact our conference coordinator: Mrs Dorli Kahr-Gottlieb: dvkahr@utanet.at

2. Call for interest

World Health Organization: Call for advisers to serve on WHO's Foodborne Disease Burden Epidemiology Reference Group (FERG)

Announcement - The Lancet: <http://www.thelancet.com/jobsandconferences/awards>

".....Although foodborne diseases are a growing public health problem worldwide, no precise and consistent global estimates exist to date.

WHO developed a strategic framework for the estimation of Global Burden of Foodborne Diseases during an international expert consultation held in Geneva

(www.who.int/foodsafety/publications/foodborne_disease/burden_sept06/en/). One of the main recommendations of the Consultation was to create an expert group to implement the framework.

Purpose: The FERG understands the term *epidemiology* in the widest sense as meaning the application of a variety of scientific methodologies (including risk assessment approaches) to arrive at disease burden estimates. The group will be composed of professionals from disciplines including:

- Microbiology, parasitology and virology
- Burden of disease methodologies
- Microbiological and chemical risk assessment (including toxicological), and source attribution
- Disease and exposure modeling, statistics and geographic information systems
- Clinical medicine and nutrition
- Food protection, policy and regulation

The group will operate at the level of various task forces and direct and monitor the strategy for global burden of foodborne disease estimation. It will estimate the burden of disease from all relevant etiologies and be specifically charged with:

- (i) reviewing data on foodborne disease burden;
- (ii) overseeing the technical work of assessing the models and data;
- (iii) advising and consulting WHO on the derivation of accurate estimates of foodborne disease burden.

Skills and experience required

WHO is seeking advisers with the following skills and experience:

- Internationally recognized expertise in foodborne diseases of either microbiological, chemical, toxicological, parasitic or zoonotic origin;
- Practical experience in reviewing, analyzing, and evaluating human epidemiological data on the effects of toxic chemicals, or reviewing, analyzing, evaluating, and extrapolating experimental animal biological data on toxic chemicals to humans;
- Recognized expertise in epidemiological modelling and/or in burden of disease methodologies;
- Extensive experience in international public health;
- High standing as internationally recognized scientist, as evidenced by publication record;
- Commitment to participate actively and regularly in FERG, amounting to approximately 2-3 weeks per year; a commitment to serve as resource adviser with less active engagement is also possible.

Further information for applicants

All *applications* are to be made by **18 May 2007** and submitted electronically under the following web-link: FERGapplication@who.int . In your application, please indicate whether you wish to serve as task force member (and in which *area of expertise*) or resource adviser.

EU Public Health Portal: DG-Sanco: C2 Unit

You may be aware that since the 10th of May 2006 Health-EU the Public Health Portal of the European Union is on line to provide easy-to-find access to health related information for citizens, patients and health professionals across Europe. It is the aim of the European Commission - together with Member States - for individuals, institutions and other bodies to be more closely involved in the health field, and we hope the portal will be a major instrument for people to be more interested in improving their own health.

As we are about to complete the translation of the Portal into all official languages of the EU and to undertake several initiatives across the EU to increase awareness of it, we would like to ask for your help in promoting the Portal by linking it to your own websites.

Please contact our webmaster at vincent.draguet@ext.cec.europa.eu. The link should be to <http://health.europa.eu>. A suggested text to accompany the logo is as follows:

"The European Commission has recently launched the EU public health portal as a single point of reference for reliable and easily accessible information on a wide range of health-related topics for citizens, patients, health professionals, stakeholders and policy-makers."

Secondly if there are events and news in the near future you would like the Portal to publicise please let us know by contacting the webmaster Vincent Draguet.

3. Upcoming conferences

Title 6th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT AND POLICY
Date JUNE 4-6, 2007
Place ATHENS, GREECE
Organiser University of Athens (School of Law, Economics and Political Science) in collaboration with the Health Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)
Deadline abstracts -
More information www.atiner.gr/docs/Health.htm

Title Annual Congress: Working together in partnership
Date 25-26 June, 2007
Place Vienna, Austria
Organiser ESAE
Deadline abstracts -
More information secretariat@esae.org

Title The 3rd Annual Obesity Europe Conference 2007 *Incorporating the European Health and Wellness Expo 07*
Date 26th - 27th June 2007
Place Brussel, Belgium
Organiser -
Deadline abstracts -
More information www.obesityeurope.com

Title EPIDEMIOLOGY & CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES: *Introduction to mathematical models of global and emerging infections*
Date 3 - 14 September 2007
Place London, UK
Organiser Imperial College
More information For full programme details, please contact Ulrika Wernmark on: Telephone: +44 (0)20 7594 6886 Email: cpd@imperial.ac.uk

Title Health Systems and Child Health: lessons from cross-country comparisons
Date 13-14 September 2007
Place Trieste, Italy
Organiser European Society for Social Pediatrics and Child
Deadline abstracts 30 June 2007
More information eventi@csbonlus.org

Title The Short Course on International Mental Health
Date 4-8 September 2007
Place London, UK
Organiser Institute of Psychiatry campus in south London and is jointly run by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and the Institute of Psychiatry
Deadline abstracts -
More information <http://www.iop.kcl.ac.uk/virtual/?path=/international/shortcourse/>

4. Interesting publications

Health Status Disparities in the United States

The Global Health Initiative and the Division of United States Studies The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Washington DC - April 04 - 2007

Presentations, video and audio materials are now available online at:

http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=events.event_summary&event_id=224806#

Health is global: Proposals for a UK Government-wide strategy

A report from the UK's Chief Medical Adviser, March 2007

Sir Liam Donaldson

Website:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_072697

The political economy of health reforms: a model to evaluate actors and strategies

Daniel Maceira (04/07, SDS/SOC) March 2007

Inter American Development Bank / Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo

Departamento de Desarrollo Sostenible, División de Programas de Desarrollo Social

In Spanish PDF file [29p.] at: [http://www.iadb.org/sds/doc/Maceira-BID2-](http://www.iadb.org/sds/doc/Maceira-BID2-final%20corregido%20para%20WP.pdf)

[final%20corregido%20para%20WP.pdf](http://www.iadb.org/sds/doc/Maceira-BID2-final%20corregido%20para%20WP.pdf)

Economic Consequences of Noncommunicable Diseases and Injuries in the Russian Federation

World Health Organization 2007, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Full text available online PDF [89p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E89992.pdf>

Essentials of Global Health

Richard Skolnik, MPA, Director of International Programs, Population Reference Bureau

ISBN 13: 9780763734213 ISBN 10: 0763734217 Copyright: 2008

Will Publish: 07/01/2007 at: <http://www.jbpub.com/catalog/0763734217/>

Implementing the UN learning strategy on HIV/AIDS : sixteen case studies

UNAIDS/07.08E / JC1311E, March 2007

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 2007

Available online as PDF file [100p.] at: http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2007/jc1311-un-learning-strat07_en.pdf?preview=true

A new weekly digest: Insight & Action: The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation

March 29, 2007

A digest linking those who practice knowledge transfer and exchange with relevant evidence-informed resources.

Website: http://www.chsrf.ca/other_documents/insight_action/index_e.php

European Directory of Good Practices to reduce health inequalities

Website: <http://www.health-inequalities.eu/?uid=ffa8d14be92e0a8d6198c61dcaf053b6&id=main2>

Canada's Response to WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health

Health Canada, 2007

Website: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/sdh-dss/csdh-cdss_e.html

The Value of the Divisions Network:

An Evaluation of the Effect of Divisions of General Practice on Primary Care Performance

Anthony Scott and Bill Coote

Melbourne Institute Report No. 8 March 2007

Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research - The University of Melbourne

Available online as PDF file [p.] at:
http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/publications/reports/AScott_8.pdf

Renewing Primary Health Care in the Americas

A Position Paper of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)
Washington, D.C: PAHO, 2007. ISBN 92 75 12698 4
Available online as PDF file [48p.] at: <http://www.paho.org/English/AD/THS/primaryHealthCare.pdf>

The Learning Healthcare System: Workshop Summary - Roundtable on Evidence-Based Medicine

LeighAnne Olsen, Dara Aisner, and J. Michael McGinnis, editors
US Institute of Medicine (IOM), 2007
Available online at: http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11903#orgs
PDF summary [49p.] at: http://books.nap.edu/execsumm_pdf/11903.pdf

A financial road map to scaling up essential child health interventions in 75 countries

Karin Stenberg, Benjamin Johns, Robert W Scherpbier, Tessa Tan-Torres Edejer
Bulletin of the World Health Organization - Volume 85, Number 4, April 2007
Available online as PDF [12p.] at: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/4/06-032052.pdf>

Causes of health expenditure growth: the predominance of changes in medical practices over population ageing

Brigitte Dormont et Hélène Huber
Equipe Universitaire de Recherche - Institutions: Coordination, Organisation
EURISCO, Université Paris Dauphine, 2006
Available online as PDF file [40p.] at: http://www.dauphine.fr/eurisco/eur_cr/cah0603.pdf

Developmental Health Effects of Human Development Policy

Daniel P. Keating; Sharon Z. Simonton, University of Michigan
Available online as PDF file [39p]. at:
http://www.npc.umich.edu/news/events/healtheffects_agenda/keatingfinal.pdf

Education and Health: Evaluating Theories and Evidence

David M. Cutler and Adriana Lleras-Muney
National Poverty Center - Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
Available online as PDF file [37p.] at:
http://www.npc.umich.edu/news/events/healtheffects_agenda/cutler.pdf

The triangle of Enhancement Medicine, Disabled people and the concept of Health: A new challenge for HTA, health research and health policy

Wolbring (2006) " a 220 page report. Published by the Health Technology Assessment Unit of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for medical research
<http://www.ihe.ca/documents/hta/HTA-FR23.pdf>

Describing the impact of health services and policy research

Kuruville, Shyama; Mays, Nicholas; Walt, Gill
Department of Public Health and Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK
Journal of Health Services Research and Policy, Volume 12, Supplement 1 to issue 1, April 2007, pp. 23-31(9), Royal Society of Medicine Press
Website: <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/rsm/jhsrp/2007/00000012/B10101s1/art00005#trial>
Or at: <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/rsm/jhsrp/2007/00000012/B10101s1/art00005>

Never Again? Reflections on Human Values and Human Rights

Paul Farmer - The Tanner Lectures on Human Values
Delivered at University of Utah
Available online as PDF file [52p.] at: http://www.tannerlectures.utah.edu/lectures/Farmer_2006.pdf

Global Monitoring Report on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): Confronting the Challenges of Gender Equality and Fragile States

The World Bank - April 13, 2007

Website:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTGLOBALMONITOR/EXTGLOMONREP2007/0,,menuPK:3413296~pagePK:64218926~piPK:64218953~theSitePK:3413261,00.html>

Towards universal access: scaling up priority HIV/AIDS interventions in the health sector

WHO- The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and UNICEF 2007

Available online as PDF file [92p.] at:

http://www.who.int/hiv/mediacentre/universal_access_progress_report_en.pdf

The United States Health Workforce Profile.

Dionne M, Moore J, Armstrong D, and Martiniano R.

Rensselaer, NY: Center for Health Workforce Studies, School of Public Health, SUNY Albany. October 2006.

Website: <http://chws.albany.edu/index.php?id=11,0,0,1,0,0>

Governing the Future

UK, *The House of Commons*, 22 February 2007

Available online as PDF file [49p.] at:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmselect/cmpubadm/123/123i.pdf>

Website: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmselect/cmpubadm/123/12302.htm>

Extending Social Protection in Health - Developing Countries' Experiences Lessons Learnt and Recommendations

GTZ-ILO-WHO-Consortium on Social Health Protection in Developing Countries
Frankfurt/Eschborn 2007

Short version PDF [24p] at: <http://www.socialhealthprotection.org/down/SHI-CR.pdf>

Full version of the printed Reader can be ordered under the Consortiums mail:

secretariat@socialhealthprotection.org

Youth and road safety

World Health Organization, 2007

Available online as PDF file [49.p] at: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2007/9241595116_eng.pdf

Road traffic crashes leading cause of death among young people

New WHO report marks First UN Global Road Safety Week:

<http://www.who.int/roadsafety/week/en/index.html>

Los retos para medir la mortalidad infantil con registros civiles incompletos

Diana Alarcón, Marcos Robles.

INDES Working paper series ; I-69-2007

Instituto Interamericano para el Desarrollo Social (INDES)

Disponible como PDF en texto completo en: <http://indes.iadb.org/verpub.asp?docNum=31351#>

Review of Model Public Health Laws

DeKeely Hartsfield, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Ga.

Anthony Moulton, Office of the Director and the Public Health Law Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta.

Karen McKie, Public Health Law Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta.

April 2007, Vol 97, No. Supplement_1 | American Journal of Public Health S56-S61

Abstract: http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/97/Supplement_1/S56

Achieving Public Protection through Collaborative Self-regulation: Reflections for a New Paradigm

The Conference Board of Canada April 2007

Website: <http://sso.conferenceboard.ca/e-Library/LayoutAbstract.asp?DID=1960>

DISEASE AND DEVELOPMENT: THE EFFECT OF LIFE EXPECTANCY ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

Daron Acemoglu, Department of Economics, MIT
Simon Johnson, Sloan School of Management, MIT
Working Paper 12269
NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH, Cambridge, MA - May 2006
Available online PDF [88p.] at: <http://papers.nber.org/papers/w12269.pdf> or URL:
<http://papers.nber.org/papers/w12269>

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5. European Commission

Address change:

I have been appointed from 1 May 2007 the new head of unit of DG SANCO C3, the unit responsible for communicable disease and bio-terrorism. I will leave my present post as head of unit responsible for health information and knowledge.

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- **Risk assessment**
[Popularizing Risk Assessment results](#) Available in en, de, es, fr
- **Risk assessment: Press releases**
[Bringing the results of the Scientific Committees closer to the public](#) E-news
- **Health information: Working Party Morbidity and Mortality**
[Newsletter - Issue 2](#)
- **Health Information: 2005 funded project**
[Newsletter of the SUPPORT Project - Mental Health](#) March 2007
- **International cooperation: International organisations**
[World Health Organisation \(WHO\)](#) Page updated
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
[Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtypes](#) data as of 29 March 2007 (flash map)

- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
Distribution H5N1 cases by age group up to date data as of 29 March 2007
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) since 2003 data as of 29 March 2007
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtypes data as of 29 March 2007
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) by date of onset and country from January 2006 up to date data as of 29 March 2007
- **Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets**
Events section updated
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**
Public consultation on SCENIHR Opinion on The appropriateness of existing methodologies to assess the potential risks associated with engineered and adventitious products of nanotechnologies
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**
Nanomaterials to be specified in the EU Technical Guidance for chemicals E-news
- **Health determinants: Injury prevention**
Eurosafe Alert - Newsletter Edition: Issue 1 - March 2007
- **Health Threats: Early warning**
Report on the operation of the Early Warning and Response Systems (EWRS) of the Community Network for the epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases during years 2004 and 2005 COM(2007) 121 final
- **Health Threats: Early warning**
Early Warning and Response in Europe - Eurosurveillance 2006 Vol.11 N°10-12
- **Health information: 2004 funded projects**
PARACELSUS - Policy Action and Information for Rare Diseases in Europe Interim report
- Green Paper - Towards a Europe free from tobacco smoke - policy options at EU level Consultation Prolonged till 01/06/2007
- **Health threats**
Rare diseases What's new section updated
- **Health threats: funded projects 2004**
ETHREAT - European training for health professionals on rapid responses to health threats Interim report
- **Health services: Press release**
Consultation backs EU action on health services

- **Health services**

Summary report of the responses to the consultation regarding Community action on health services

- **Health services: speech**

Remarks by Robert Madelin, Director General for Health and Consumer Protection - European Commission: Common values and Principles of the European Union, EHMA Conference "Shaping the future for Community action in health services", Brussels 30 march 2007

- **Health information**

Ehealth conference 2007. Declaration on Europe-wide Electronic Health Services

- **Health determinants: Drugs**

The Commission has adopted on 18 April 2007 a report on the implementation of the Council Recommendation on the prevention and reduction of health-related harm associated with drug dependence, which aims at increasing the level of health protection by reducing the number of drug-related deaths and the incidence of drug-related health damages

- **Health services**

Results of the consultation regarding community action on health services updated

- **Health threats: Rare diseases**

Public health national initiatives or other institutions responsible for rare diseases Spain updated

- **Health information: funded projects 2004**

International conference: Challenges of delivering health in the enlarged Europe - Experience and perspectives from Member States and accession countries Final report

6. European Centre for Diseases Control

Eurosurveillance weekly release has just been updated. This week's contents:

- First detected case of community-acquired methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus skin and soft tissue infection in Italy
- First cluster of travel-associated legionnaires' disease detected in Bulgarian citizens
- European Immunization Week: 16-22 April

Read these reports at :

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ew/2007/070412.asp>

Thursday 19 April 2007

Eurosurveillance weekly release has just been updated. This week's contents:

- Large outbreak of viral gastroenteritis caused by contaminated drinking water in Apulia, Italy, May - October 2006
- An ongoing outbreak of lymphogranuloma venereum in the Netherlands, 2006-2007
- Sporadic human cases of cowpox in Germany
- Interim H5N1 vaccine for humans approved in US
- The European Network for Diagnostics of Imported Viral Diseases (ENIVD) 12 years of

strengthening the laboratory diagnostic capacity in Europe

Read these reports at :

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ew/2007/070419.asp>