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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*

The full programme of Brussels 2013 is now available. For more information:
www.eupha.org/Brussels2013.

Call for presenting your publication – 5 more days left!

During the conference, on Friday 15 November at lunch time, EUPHA is organizing a 60 minute session where the most recent and interesting publications on public health are presented in very short, innovative and creative speeches. Did you or your institute recently publish a ground-breaking book? Are you finalizing a trendsetting report? Do you have cutting-edge results? Then this will be the session to present these!

If you are interested in participating, please send your short summary (200 words) by **1 September** to: office@eupha.org. A small expert committee will examine all entries and make a final selection.

2. EUPHA update

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



At the end of August 2013, we have 2970 documents included in EUPHApedia (no increase). 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

Cooperative Research Group Leader “Evidence-based Public Health”, University of Bremen, Germany

The University of Bremen, a mid-sized university with approximately 250 professorships and 19,000 students, offers a broad range of disciplines and competes internationally in top-level research. With its ambitious institutional strategy the university was successful in the national Excellence Initiative as one of only eleven universities in Germany.

Cooperative Junior Research Groups funded by the Excellence Initiative strengthen the university's capacity for innovation. They will be established in fields of close collaboration with our highly renowned research partners and thereby offer rewarding research opportunities and career prospects for excellent junior researchers.

Candidates exhibiting excellent doctorate credentials and the ability to successfully design and lead a cutting-edge research project are encouraged to apply. Group leaders will receive a competitive salary and a generous budget for research assistants and other costs directly incurred by the project. Junior group leaders at the University of Bremen can be temporarily granted the title of a professor and the right to independently supervise doctoral theses. Teaching (in English or German) is only required for two hours per week during terms, starting in the second year.

For further inquiries please contact the Dean of the Faculty for Human and Health Sciences, Professor Birgit Volmerg (dekanat-fb11@uni-bremen.de, phone +49-421-218-68770) or Professor Ansgar Gerhardus (ansgar.gerhardus@uni-bremen.de, phone +49-421-218-68800). Please send your application (with reference number A170/13) not later than 15th September 2013 to dekanat-fb11@uni-bremen.de or Universität Bremen, Dekanin, Fachbereich 11, Postfach 330 440, 28334 Bremen.

More information:

<http://www.uni-bremen.de/universitaet/die-uni-als-arbeitgeber/stellen0/job/cooperative-research-group-leader-1170.html?cHash=0bdeb85674dcbab22476c89a9db63885>

Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore

The Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health is looking for a full-time Assistant and Associate Professors under the Tenure Track within the Health systems and policy (HSP) domain and Health education and promotion (HEP) domain.

For the HSP position we are looking candidates with experience in chronic disease management with special emphasis one or more of the following areas:

1. health services research
2. medical sociology
3. integrated care
4. patient centred medical homes
5. telemedicine

More information: <http://www.sph.nus.edu.sg/images/HSP%20NUS%20V1%200JAad.pdf>

For the HEP position we are looking for candidates engaged in research on behavioural and community interventions related to obesity prevention, with special emphasis in these areas:

1. To assist in positive habit formation. We hope to develop new ideas and interventions that will help individuals to form health promoting habits, whether dietary, physical activity, or self-care
2. To pilot and develop effective, sustainable and implementable multi-component programs in the community, home, and worksite settings

More information: <http://www.sph.nus.edu.sg/images/HEP%20NUS%2031072013.pdf>

Both positions will be open until filled.

The Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM) at the University of Bern

Applications are invited for a Research Assistant (80-100%)

Project description:

The project includes the analysis of availability and validity of quality indicators of secondary base data in Swiss health care. Administrative data of Swiss health insurers, federal institutions and of physician organizations have to be pooled into a database. Quality indicators defined by the OECD and by the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health have to be extracted from the data and differences across regions and across different providers will be analyzed.

Tasks:

- To collect data from various sources and to set up a standardized database
- To identify quality indicators and to perform quantitative analyses aimed at regional differences and different provider characteristics
- To prepare manuscripts in English and German

Preferred Profile:

- Master degree in public health, health science or related fields
- Very good knowledge of relational databases and experience in quantitative data analysis are a prerequisite. Preferences are given to candidates with good knowledge of SAS.

The appointment is available as of Sept 1. 2013 or upon agreement. The duration of the position is three years. The salary is according to the cantonal guidelines of the University of Bern. Applicants should submit a CV, references and diplomas by email to André Busato (abusato@ispm.unibe.ch) before August 30, 2013.

More information: www.ispm.unibe.ch

SARETI Masters scholarships in research ethics 2014

SARETI is a University of KwaZulu-Natal (Pietermaritzburg) project, funded by the Fogarty International Center of the US National Institutes of Health to offer advanced learning in health research ethics. The programme is aimed at scientists, members of Research Ethics Committees/IRBs, public health personnel, social scientists, philosophers, ethicists, health journalists, lawyers, and other professionals whose work impacts on health.

SARETI is an African programme in health ethics that offers modular, flexible and hands-on learning. Trainees are enabled to develop the expertise required to ensure that health research in Africa has the welfare of individuals and of communities as its primary focus. SARETI's educational programmes vary from one-week intensive short courses, to a three-week programme aimed at Research Ethics Committee members, offering a Masters programme (an MSocSci with majors in health research ethics).

SARETI announces the availability of scholarships that offer full financial support (travel, course fees, accommodation, stipends) for four Masters' degree students annually. The scholarships are available to professionals involved in health research ethics and health research and who are resident in Africa. Applications from self-funded or sponsored students are also welcome.

Applications for the 2014 programme (which starts in February 2014) are invited. The closing date for applications is Friday, 30 August 2013. For further information and application forms, visit SARETI's website: <http://sareti.ukzn.ac.za> or contact: Mrs Carla Pettit, School of Applied Human Sciences, College of Humanities, University of KwaZulu-Natal at pettite@ukzn.ac.za

4. Interesting News

Master course: International Master in Quality Management in the European Healthcare Systems

The enrollment of the 3rd edition of the International **Master in Quality Management in the European Healthcare Systems** is now open and the course will start the following October 2013.

The third edition is meant to be even more substantial, because The University of Klagenfurt, The University of Zagreb, and The University of Primorska (SLO) joined the already rich partnership headed by The University of Udine, Sanicademia, The National Slovenian Institute of Public Health and the specialization schools in public healthcare of the University of Trieste, Udine, Padua and Verona with the technical support of the Consorzio Friuli Formazione.

The 18-month Master Course will be held from October 2013 to April 2015 and has a value of 60 university credits (60 ECTS).

The aim of the Master Course is to train expert professionals in promoting continual improvement of quality in healthcare systems. The participants will acquire skills in quality management and measurement in healthcare, change management and human resources development, risk management, project management and process management.

Deadline of Admission application: 30 September 2013.

The master is a unique opportunity at European level because:

- Will help improve the healthcare service quality in this European region, as well the education of the expert network in this field
- Has a faculty of international excellence, composed of professors from all around Europe and North America
- It includes a network of hospitals and healthcare organizations on a European level, ready to host participant's work experience at the end of the training period

For more information: www.qualityhealthcaretraining.eu

RSPH publication: Arts, Health and Well Being Beyond the Millennium: How far have we come in 15 years?

In June 2013, the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) published on its website a freely accessible, illustrated, fully referenced, 119-page report: "*Arts, Health and Well Being Beyond the Millennium: How far have we come in 15 years?*" The report updates information given in two earlier reports published by the Nuffield Trust in 1999 and 2002, both of which are also

freely accessible by hypertext links from it. This report was prepared by a Working Group set up by the RSPH, in support of a three-day international conference, “*Culture, Health and Well-Being*”, held in Bristol, England, 24-26 June 2013, organised by South West Arts and Health and the RSPH, and attended by 350 participants from 22 different countries.

Section 5 of the report explores the question: “*Where do we go from here?*”. It does so in the context of needs in international public health for us to address values, valuing and value systems and develop cultural barometers, and in the UK to support work of the newly-formed organisation, Public Health England, and contribute to recent National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance on introducing public health into workplaces. The report can be accessed and freely downloaded at: www.RSPH.org.uk/artsandhealth. Further information about this report and work connected with it is available by e-mail: Robin.Phillipp@UHBristol.nhs.uk

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.

Le Congrès est ouvert à toutes les approches (prévention primaire, secondaire, tertiaire, universelle, sélective, dans les champs de l’environnement, des comportements, du soin...), à tous leurs acteurs (représentants institutionnels, acteurs de proximité, professionnels ou associatifs, chercheurs) et à toutes les disciplines de la recherche (médecine, santé publique, sociologie, psychologie, économie, géographie, sciences de l’information et de la communication...).

[Plus d’informations sur l’ensemble du programme](#)

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: 2nd World Congress of Clinical Safety

Organizer: International Association of Risk Management in Medicine

Dates: 12 -13 September 2013

Place: University of Heidelberg, Germany

Deadline: Registration 31 August 2013

More info: [http://www.iarmm.org/2WCCS/\(2WCCS\)Congress_Guide.pdf](http://www.iarmm.org/2WCCS/(2WCCS)Congress_Guide.pdf)

Title: Quality and Safety in Population Health and Healthcare

Organizer: ISQUA

Dates: 13 - 16 October 2013

Place: Edinburgh, UK

More info: <http://www.isqua.org/conference/edinburgh-2013/>

Title: "Qualitätssicherung in der Gesundheitsförderung" (Quality assurance in health promotion)
Organizer: Dept for Evidence-based Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology/
Danube University Krems
Dates: 30 - 31 October 2013
Place: Krems, Austria
Language: German
More info: <http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/de/studium/workshopqualitaetssicherunggesundheitsfoerderung>

Title: GIS for Public Health?
Organizer: SPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
Dates: 8 - 21 November 2013
Place: University of Basel, Swiss TPH, Switzerland
More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: 23rd annual congress of the European Childhood Obesity Group (ECOG)
Organizer: European Childhood Obesity Group
Dates: 13-15 November 2013
Place: Liverpool, UK
More info: www.ecog-obesity.eu

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

Title: Concepts of Epidemiology (5-Day Course)
Date: 9 - 13 December 2013
Place: Edinburgh, UK
Organiser: University of Edinburgh
More info: <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/epidemiology>

Title: Qualitative Research in Health: Where Quantitative Methods Can Not Reach
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
Dates: 12 - 14 February 2014
Place: University of Basel, Swiss TPH, Switzerland
More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: Crossing Boundaries – Partnerships for Global Urban Health
Organizer: The International Conference on Urban Health
Dates: March 4 - 7 March 2014
Place: Manchester, United Kingdom
More info: www.icuh2014.com

Title: 2nd Annual International Conference on Health & Medical Sciences
Organizer: The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)
Dates: 5 – 8 May 2014
Place: Athens, Greece
Deadline: Abstract submission 7 October 2013 by email, health@atiner.gr
Please use the submitting form at <http://www.atiner.gr/2014/FORM-HSC.doc>
More info: <http://www.atiner.gr/healthsciences.htm>

7. European Commission news

Alcohol

Assessment of the added value of the EU strategy to support Member States in reducing alcohol-related harm - Final report

Communicable diseases

ECDC marks World Hepatitis Day 2013 with first EU-wide hepatitis B and C surveillance data

Cross-border care

Patients' rights in cross-border healthcare: results of the public consultation on the implementation of European Reference Networks (ERN) (Directive 2011/24/EU)

Events

Conference: Applying behavioural insights to policy-making [Registration form available](#)

Health indicators

The European Core Health Indicators (ECHI) shortlist of 88 health indicators identified by policy area

European Core Health Indicators (ECHI) - Relevance by policy areas

Population indicators and Old-age-dependency ratio (ECHI 1) updated with 2012 data and some EU28 aggregates

Major and chronic diseases

[New events on cancer](#)

Nutrition and physical activity

Eighteenth plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 20 June 2013 - Contributions now available

Preparedness and response

[Health-EU newsletter 113: Citizens better protected from cross-border health threats](#)

Rare diseases

2013 Report on the State of the Art of Rare Diseases Activities in Europe - EUCERD Joint Action Commission Decision setting up an expert group on rare diseases adopted on 30 July 2013 - Call for expression of interest for the members will follow

[New events on rare diseases](#)

8. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 34, 22 August 2013

In this issue: German study concludes that to reduce Chlamydia trachomatis prevalence in young girls, sex education needs to be enhanced before sexual debut.

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Investigation of an imported case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection in Florence, Italy, May to June 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20564>

Acute hepatitis E complicated by Guillain-Barré syndrome in Portugal, December 2012 – a case report

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20563>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Lymphogranuloma venereum among men who have sex with men in the Netherlands: regional differences in testing rates lead to underestimation of the incidence, 2006-2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20561>

Risk factors for Chlamydia trachomatis infection in adolescents: results from a representative population-based survey in Germany, 2003–2006

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20562>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 33, 15 August 2013

In this issue: Increased iGAS incidence 2012 and 2013 in Ireland supports increase in Northern Europe as previously reported from Finland, Norway, Sweden and England

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

A surge of MDR and XDR tuberculosis in France among patients born in the Former Soviet Union

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20555>

Increased incidence of invasive group A streptococcal disease in Ireland, 2012 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20556>

Increase in gonorrhoea among very young adolescents, Catalonia, Spain, January 2012 to June 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20560>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Mumps epidemiology in Germany 2007-11

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20557>

NEWS

Journal of Open Public Health Data launched

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20558>

WHO launches World health report 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20559>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 32, 08 August 2013

In this issue: A success story describing the impact of introducing two-dose varicella vaccination in Navarre, Spain

This week's table of contents:

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Impact of universal two-dose vaccination on varicella epidemiology in Navarre, Spain, 2006 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20552>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Systematic review of tattoo-associated skin infection with rapidly growing mycobacteria and public health investigation of a cluster in Scotland, 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20553>

International infectious disease surveillance during the London Olympic and Paralympic Games 2012: process and outcomes

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20554>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 31, 1 August 2013

In this issue: Several reports on antimicrobial resistance in Europe

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Outbreak of NDM-1-producing *Acinetobacter baumannii* in France, January to May 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20547>

First report of IMI-1-producing colistin-resistant *Enterobacter* clinical isolate in Ireland, March 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20548>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Intercontinental spread of OXA-48 beta-lactamase-producing Enterobacteriaceae over a 11-year period, 2001 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20549>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Silent hepatitis E virus infection in Dutch blood donors, 2011 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20550>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20551>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 30, 25 July 2013

In this issue: Leishmaniasis in Europe: Part II

This part of the special issue presents a recent leishmaniasis outbreak in Madrid, data from the Netherlands, the role of indigenous hosts and aspects related to treatment.

This week's table of contents:

EDITORIALS

Epidemiological surveillance of leishmaniasis in the European Union: operational and research challenges

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20539>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Re-emergence of leishmaniasis in Spain: community outbreak in Madrid, Spain, 2009 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20546>

Imported leishmaniasis in the Netherlands from 2005 to 2012: epidemiology, diagnostic techniques and sequence-based species typing from 195 patients

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20544>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Molecular typing of *Leishmania infantum* isolates from a leishmaniasis outbreak in Madrid, Spain, 2009 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20545>

Leishmania infantum in free-ranging hares, Spain, 2004-2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20541>

Heat-shock protein 70 gene sequencing for *Leishmania* species typing in European tropical infectious disease clinics

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20543>

PERSPECTIVES

Leishmaniasis in the era of tumor necrosis factor alpha antagonist therapy – a research agenda for Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20542>

REVIEW ARTICLES

The role of indigenous phlebotomine sandflies and mammals in the spreading of leishmaniasis agents in the Mediterranean region

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20540>

NEWS

LeishMan: harmonising diagnostic and clinical management of leishmaniasis in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20538>

MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2013;18(27)

Full table of contents:

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

9. WHO publications

WHO/Europe highlights - August 2013

FEATURE

[Breastfeeding mothers need peer counselling](#)

Breastfeeding can benefit mothers' health, reduce infant mortality and promote child development. For World Breastfeeding Week (1–7 August), WHO and its partners highlight the importance of peer counselling and community support systems.

[10 facts on breastfeeding](#)

[Infant and young child nutrition](#)

[Analysing barriers for breastfeeding](#)

NEWS

[Viral hepatitis requires more attention in the WHO European Region](#)

Viral hepatitis affects millions of people in the WHO European Region. Types B and C cause the main burden of disease, and kill over 120 000 people in Europe every year. Urgent action is needed to address this neglected epidemic. 28 July 2013 is World Hepatitis Day.

[MERS-CoV not yet a public health emergency, advises emergency committee](#)

The emergency committee convened by the WHO Director-General under the International Health Regulations (IHR) to assess the situation of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) met on 17 July 2013. The members unanimously decided that the situation does not yet meet the conditions for a public health emergency of international concern. The Director-General agreed with the committee that the situation nevertheless causes great concern.

[Pharmaceutical innovation must align with patient needs, says new report](#)

For the first time, more people in European Union countries are aged over 65 years than under 15 years. Much of the rest of the world, including low- and middle-income countries, is moving in a similar direction. A new WHO report calls for pharmaceutical researchers to adjust their research and development work to take account of this shift.

[New guidance on promoting physical activity in socially disadvantaged groups](#)

Today, WHO/Europe launches a policy summary and full report on this topic. Scientific evidence shows that physical inactivity is a leading risk factor for ill health, and that socially disadvantaged groups tend to have low levels of activity.

[Significant progress in implementing activities for Roma health](#)

On 25–26 June 2013, with WHO/Europe, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) organized the second meeting of the Roma civil-society group on the right to health.

[How hot weather affects health](#)

Heat can trigger exhaustion, confusion and even heart attacks, as well as worsen existing conditions, such as cardiovascular and respiratory diseases. The harmful effects of hot weather are largely preventable.

[More news](#)

RECENTLY PUBLISHED

[Climate change and health: a tool to estimate health and adaptation costs](#)

This economic analysis tool supports adaptation planning to protect health from the negative effects of climate change in European Member States. It is based on a review of the science, and provides step-by-step guidance on estimating: (a) the costs associated with damage to health due to climate change; (b) the costs for adaptation in various sectors to protect health

from such damage; and (c) the efficiency of adaptation measures: the cost of adaptation versus the expected returns, or averted health costs.

[Clinical guidelines for chronic conditions in the European Union](#)

Chronic noncommunicable diseases make up a large part of the burden of disease and make a huge call on health systems' resources. Clinical guidelines are one of the ways European countries have tried to respond and to ensure a long-term perspective in managing them and addressing their determinants. This book explores those guidelines and whether they actually affect processes of care and patients' health outcomes.

[Physical activity promotion in socially disadvantaged groups: principles for action. Policy summary](#)

This brochure provides – based on a review of evidence, case studies and national policies – suggestions for national and local action and policies to support physical activity in these groups. It also identifies gaps in evidence to be addressed by future research.

[More publications](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Sixty-third session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe](#)

16–19 September 2013, Çeşme Izmir, Turkey

The sixty-third session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe will take place on 16–19 September 2013 in Çeşme Izmir, Turkey. Delegations from the 53 Member States in the WHO European Region will meet to discuss and agree on issues relating to public health in the Region, as well as the management and organization of WHO/Europe.

[10th Flagship Course on Health Systems Strengthening](#)

21–30 October 2013, Barcelona, Spain

The Course's special theme is how to strengthen health systems to address the growing burden of noncommunicable diseases, such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and cancer. The application deadline is 10 September 2013.

[2nd Florence International Training \(FIT\) Course](#)

17–22 November 2013, Florence, Italy

Applications are invited for the Course, which will address the impact of the economic crisis on the determinants of health and response strategies for health professionals in Europe. The deadline for receiving applications is 30 August 2013.

RECENT EVENT

[WHO European Ministerial Conference on Nutrition and Noncommunicable Diseases in the Context of Health 2020](#)

4–5 July 2013, Vienna, Austria

Health ministers, experts and representatives of civil-society and intergovernmental organizations met in Vienna on 4–5 July 2013, and signed the Vienna Declaration on Nutrition and Noncommunicable Diseases in the Context of Health 2020.

FROM COUNTRIES

[Russian Federation helps strengthen malaria surveillance across Regions](#)

[WHO reviews the national tuberculosis control programme in Tajikistan](#)

[Assessing health of mothers and newborns in the Republic of Moldova](#)

[Caucasian countries make plans to end measles outbreaks](#)

[WHO, Greece sign agreement on support programme for health reform](#)

New publications issued by WHO – July 2013

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

Please click on [Just published](#)

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

Please note that our new [Spring 2013 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online:

Pocket Book of Hospital Care for Children. Second Edition

This bestselling Pocket Book is for use by doctors, nurses and other health workers who are responsible for the care of young children at the first level referral hospitals. This second

edition is based on evidence from several WHO updated and published clinical guidelines. It is for use in both inpatient and outpatient care in small hospitals with basic laboratory facilities and essential medicines. In some settings, these guidelines can be used in any facilities where sick children are admitted for inpatient care.

Manual of Diagnostic Ultrasound. Second Edition, Volume 2

This new volume, which extensively covers modern diagnostic and therapeutic ultrasonography, will be of great use to medical professionals in both developed and developing countries. Volume 2 covers paediatric examinations, gynaecology and musculoskeletal examinations, as well as therapy.

Manual of Diagnostic Ultrasound. Second Edition, Package Volume 1 & 2

Economics of the Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequalities (The)

This WHO resource book explains, illustrates and discusses the economic arguments that could (and could not) be put forth to support the case for investing in the social determinants of health on average and in the reduction in socially determined health inequalities.

Strengthening Road Safety Legislation

This manual describes methods and resources for practitioners and decision-makers to use for enacting new laws or regulations or amending existing ones as part of a comprehensive road safety strategy.

Handbook on Health Inequality Monitoring

This Handbook is a user-friendly resource, developed to help countries establish and strengthen health inequality monitoring practices.

WHO Expert Consultation on Rabies

The information in this new report should be considered the most current data on rabies prevention and control.

Systematic Screening for Active Tuberculosis

This document presents the first comprehensive assessment by WHO of the appropriateness of screening for active TB since the recommendations made in 1974 by the Expert Committee.

Health Literacy. The Solid Facts

This report identifies practical and effective ways public health and other sector authorities and advocates can strengthen health literacy in a variety of settings, including educational settings, workplaces, marketplaces, health systems, new and traditional media and political arenas.

Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 19 No. 6, 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.

Physical activity promotion in socially disadvantaged groups: principles for action.

Policy summary - Available in English, French and German

Over the past few years, the promotion of physical activity has been more widely recognized as a priority for public health action in Europe and many countries have responded by developing policies and interventions to support it. The WHO Regional Office for Europe carried out a project to support and further enhance evidence and networking on physical activity; a substantial part was the development of guidance on promoting physical activity in socially disadvantaged groups, with a focus on the role of healthy environments. This brochure presents the main conclusions of this part of the project and provides – based on a review of evidence, case studies and national policies – suggestions for national and local action and policies to support physical activity in these groups. It also identifies gaps in evidence to be addressed by future research.

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