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1. European Public Health Conference



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

Malta 5th European Public Health Conference – 8-10 November 2012

The website for Malta 2012 has been updated and includes the Participants' evaluation report and a selection of pictures from the conference at http://www.eupha.org/site/past_conference_2012.php

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

The 2013 conference is going to be *THE* meeting place for all public health professionals in Europe. We are working together with ASPHER, EPHA, EHMA, EuroHealthNet, European Commission, ECDC, WHO Regional office for Europe, European observatory for health systems and policies and the Belgian Association for Public Health. Please check the website for the latest news: www.eupha.org/Brussels2013.

If you are interested in organizing a workshop or participating in one, please feel free to contact office@eupha.org.

2. EUPHA update

Latest news

On the 30th of November, the EUPHA Executive Council signed the joint statement from the global health community, called the Doha declaration. This paper reiterates policy demands from the Durban declaration and Call to action 2011, and applies the core ideas from the Durban climate and health summit to most recent knowledge and a growing level of urgency. More information can be found at: <http://dohadeclaration.weebly.com/index.html>

On the 5th of December, the president of EUPHA, together with the president of the EUPHA section on Public Health Monitoring and Reporting, sent a letter to EU Commissioner Borg in which we expressed our concerns related to the lack of sustainability of health information activities at the EU level.

The PHIRE project is currently finalising the country reports which will be made available on the website in January.

The EUPHA website is currently being updated and the twitter account of EUPHA will be linked to the opening page of the website.

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



At the end of December 2012, we have 2840 documents (month increase = 15) included in EUPHApedia. All persons in our database have access to search EUPHApedia, all EUPHA members can upload information on to EUPHApedia.

EUPHA sections

The *EUPHA section on Public Health Economics* has appointed a new president: Tek-Ang Lim from ECDC. He is taking over from Beatriz González López Valcárcel from Spain. Bea will continue as an active member of the section.

The *EUPHA section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health* is co-organising the 5th European conference on migrant and ethnic minority health from 10 to 12 April 2014 in Granada, Spain. The main theme is: Migrants' health and access to healthcare in the context of the current systemic crisis in Europe. For more information: www.easp.es

The *EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases* has elected two new vice-presidents: Dr. Colette Andree from Switzerland and Dr. David Stuckler from the United Kingdom.

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Full-time Junior Research Associate - Vrije Universiteit Brussel

The Department of Sociology – Research group Interface Demography, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, is looking for a full-time junior research associate with interest in quantitative social science research to work on a challenging research project: The social distribution of cancer in Belgium. Socioeconomic inequalities in cancer mortality around the turn of the century
Aim of the project

The post holder is expected to conduct quantitative research on SE inequalities in cancer mortality, under the supervision with the project coordinators. The aim of the project is to map social inequalities in cancer mortality (divided into specific causes such as breast and lung cancer) in detail via statistical, demographic and epidemiologic analyses using a census-linked follow-up study. This project aims to unravel SES inequalities in cancer mortality in Belgium and to gain insight in trends in those patterns between the beginning of the 1990s and the end of the 2000s. The findings should result in the submission of a doctoral dissertation in the social sciences and in publications in scientific journals.

General information

The duration of the project is 4 years.

Profile

- Master of science (Master in Sociology, Master in Health Sciences or related)
- Passion for scientific research
- Sound knowledge of and/or experience with quantitative research methods and data analysis
- Ability to conduct research both independently and collaboratively
- Ability to learn new statistical techniques
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills (English)
- Willingness to prepare a PhD based on the research findings
- Commitment to high quality academic research

Deadline for application: 1 February 2103

How to apply:

Mail and e-mail a motivational letter and curriculum vitae before 1 February 2013 to:

Professor Dr Sylvie Gadeyne

Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Department of Economic, Social and Political Sciences and Solvay Business School

Research group Sociology – Interface Demography

5 Pleinlaan, 1050 Brussels

More information: <http://www.vub.ac.be/demography>

For further enquiries please contact Sylvie Gadeyne by e-mail (sylvie.gadeyne@vub.ac.be) or phone (+32 2 6148129/+32 498 236043).

Academic position in Quality of Care - KU Leuven

KU Leuven invites applications for a full-time tenured academic position in Quality of Care at the School of Public Health. We are looking for a dynamic and motivated individual (m/f) with an excellent research record in Quality of Care, who is able to teach courses in this and related areas.

Duties include:

- Research:
Successful candidates will explore and coordinate existing initiatives in healthcare

management and policy within KU Leuven. Furthermore, they are expected to enhance existing national and international collaboration and to take new initiatives regarding interdisciplinary collaboration of the highest level. In addition, they will develop research programs, and secure excellence in research output of internationally recognized quality, in the area of developing quality research methods as in the domain of quality of care and patient safety.

- **Teaching:**
Accepted applicants will take on teaching responsibilities in healthcare management en policy. They are expected to meet the reigning KU Leuven standards regarding academic program level and orientation and to adhere to the KU Leuven's concept of education. A commitment to quality of education as a whole is naturally understood.
- **Service:**
Candidates should have demonstrable experience with scientific and interdisciplinary collaboration, with partners from academia, the government, and/or industry.

Qualifications:

Applicants should hold a doctoral degree (PhD) in public health or biomedical sciences. Qualified candidates are expected to have an excellent research record and very good teaching and training skills, in order to contribute to the research output of the department and to the quality of its educational programs. The high quality of the candidate's research should be evidenced by publications in international peer-reviewed journals. International research experience is highly appreciated. Successful candidates have got proven experience and research output in the domain of quality of care.

At KU Leuven the main language of instruction is Dutch. Successful applicants who are not proficient in Dutch, will be provided language training in order to be able to also instruct in the Dutch language, within three years time (level B2 of European reference or equal). Near-native proficiency in the English language is expected of all applicants.

The KU Leuven pursues a policy of equal opportunity and diversity.

Deadline for applications: 14 March 2013

Contactperson: Prof. Dr. P. Donceel, Department Chair (Peter.Donceel@med.kuleuven.be)

Should you encounter any problems with the electronic registration, please contact Linda Tanghe, e-mail: linda.tanghe@pers.kuleuven.be, tel.: +32 (0)16 328 326.

Three study scholarships in Global Nutrition and Health – Metropolitan University College Copenhagen

To prepare health professionals to address our greatest public health challenges

At the Metropolitan University College (Metropol) in Copenhagen, Denmark, The WHO Collaborating Centre for Global Nutrition and Health is offering 3 candidates the opportunity to study for a Bachelor's degree in global nutrition and health. Three scholarships which cover full-time tuition fees for 3½ years commencing September 2013 are being offered. Metropol's bachelor's degree in global nutrition and health is a unique education which focuses on contemporary global challenges in nutritional health and sustainability, and includes the following strategies: health promotion; disease prevention, lifestyle management, public health nutrition and food policy. These strategies address: the global burden of disease and health risks, the double burden of disease, the Millennium Development Goals, non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and nutrition and physical activity.

For the bachelor's degree:

- All tuition is in English and teaching is carried out by top international academics
- Students are required to complete two separate internships (20 weeks in total)
- Excellent international academic standards are maintained
- A global perspective and cross-cultural interaction is central to the education
- All tuition fees are covered by the Global Nutrition and Health scholarship.

To be eligible for the scholarship, prospective candidates should:

- Have appropriate academic qualifications and must meet all admission requirements – for full details see: www.phmetropol.dk/GNH
- If English is not the candidate's native language, they will need to meet the English language requirements set out in the admission criteria
- Write a letter (clearly marked "Application for Global Nutrition and Health WHO Scholarship") supporting their application explaining why they are suitable, how they will benefit from the bachelor's degree, and their career aspirations

- Include a 'letter of recommendation' from a Health Department, or similar, which can provide a reference and indicate that candidates will be considered for internship/work placement possibilities during the period of study.

The closing date for applying for scholarships is 15 March 2013, 12.00 (Noon). For further information please see www.phmetropol.dk/gnh or call our Admissions Officer, Maria Nørby Nielsen, telephone + 45 72487961 or email: MNNI@phmetropol.dk.

4. Interesting News

EU plans tougher tobacco health warnings

This is planned in the long-awaited and revised EU Tobacco Directive, released on 19 December. "Tobacco kills half of its users and is highly addictive," said EU Health Commissioner Tonio Borg, presenting the proposals. Almost 700 000 Europeans die from tobacco-related illnesses each year – equal to the population of Frankfurt or Palermo – with associated health costs running at more than €25bn. The proposed new rules on labelling, ingredients and smokeless products, fall short of demands by health campaigners for a total ban on company branding and logos on packets, along the lines of measures enforced in Australia. But the legislation would allow member states the option of plain, non-branded packaging "in duly justified cases".

The [draft directive](#) would require 75% of the packet to be covered - front and back - with the warnings. But company branding would not be banned. It would also ban strong flavours such as menthol or vanilla, which can mask the bitter tobacco taste.

"Tobacco products should look and taste like tobacco products," Borg said. "This proposal ensures that attractive packaging and flavourings are not used as a marketing strategy."

The revisions to the EU's 2001 tobacco directive could become law in 2014.

EPPOSI (European Platform for Patient Organisations, Science and Industry)

Epposi's White Paper "[Building a workable framework for the holistic management of chronic conditions in Europe](#)" has been published. This report summarises the key policy recommendations for the practical implementation of integrated chronic care models in Europe.

Following-up the publication of this highly valuable policy document, Epposi organized a multi-stakeholder *Chronic Conditions Management Conference* "An Optimal European Chronic Care Model: Towards Implementation and Benchmarking" taking place on December 5th at Marivaux Hotel in Brussels which directly built on the White Paper outcomes.

For this conference representatives of patient organisations, academia and industry with expertise in the field of chronic conditions management and integrated care have been invited in order to provide contribution to the further development and implementation of Epposi Chronic Conditions Management (CCM) programme. [Dr Iveta Rajnicova-Nagyova, president of the EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases](#), represented EUPHA at this event; where she also moderated a 'Multi-stakeholder Panel Discussion to reflect on the Implementation Strategy of the Epposi CCM model'.

The research outcomes of the conference and the Epposi AIP-CCM Programme directly feeds into the [European Commission, DG SANCO, EIP-AHA](#) initiative and development of the Action Plan of B3 Integrated Care group.

European Liver Patients' Association

Has just published its first e-newsletter. If you are interested to share the latest news, please go to www.elpa-info.org.

WFPHA newsletter

The November issue of the WFPHA newsletter is now available. To read the newsletter, [click here](#).

EUFAMI turns 20!

The European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Europa Media Non-profit Ltd – news update 3: Build the consortium

In order to have a good project and good collaboration, partners need to complement one another and they shall share an interest in the common problem they will be tackling in their research.

The minimum number of partners and any requirements related to their geographical location, legal form and expertise are determined in the call. Following the thoughts of the previous blog post, the partnership is defined mostly by the expertise you need to have in the consortium to achieve the objectives and be able to have a considerable impact.

An ideal consortium in an ideal world

- is well balanced in terms of geographical coverage (north-south-east-west, New and Old Member States);
- involves partners from different sectors (industry, academia, public and private bodies, networks and Non Governmental Organisations);
- carries out all tasks internally and subcontracting is used only for minor tasks and because absolutely necessary;
- has the best available experts for all tasks in Europe or the world on board;
- has relevant references in terms of international activities/research and EU projects in the relevant fields;
- is led by an experienced coordinator;
- is fully committed to the project and all partners have a clear plan on how the achievements will be used after the end of the project.

Having an excellent partnership should be always your scope, but after 10 years of building consortia, I am not sure I have ever achieved the perfection. But trying was worth it.

You cannot always work with partners you know well, sometimes you have to take a risk and have a partner who has no clue about FP7, but has specialist knowledge. Having partners from the north, south, east and west again is great in case it makes sense for the project. Sometimes it just does not as the expertise and experience is in two-three countries. You have to find another way of ensuring European coverage. Invite aboard a relevant association, umbrella organisation or a network with wide membership.

Towards the end of FP7 I think the focus of having as many new organisations involved as possible shifted to a long list of references needed to win an FP7 project. This shift supports the already top 50-100 organisations involved in FP7 to win the projects investing less effort. So, before Horizon 2020 starts, check the list of organisations winning most of the projects relevant to your project idea and get one-two of them on board to have a chance of winning.

Web: www.europamedia.org

5. EUPHA member updates

French Society of Public Health – www.sfsp.fr

Le prochain Congrès de la SFSP sera co-organisé avec l'ADELFF (Association Des Epidémiologistes de Langue Française) sur le thème "Santé publique et prévention" du 17 au 19 octobre 2013, Bordeaux

Slovak Association of Public Health – www.savez.sk

Is organizing the 5th International SAVEZ conference combined with the 1st V4 Conference on Public Health on 9-10 May in Kosice, Slovakia. Abstracts can be submitted until 15 January 2013. Please check www.savez.sk for more information.

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: **Statistical Methods for Epidemiology**
Date: 14-15 January 2013
Place: Bern, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: **19th Swiss International Short Course on Travellers' Health**
Date: 28 January - 1 February 2013
Place: Basel, Switzerland
More info: <http://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/professional-postgraduate/travellers-health.html>

Title: **FP7-Winter Academy**
Date: 5-8 February 2013
Place: Hungary
More info: <http://www.eustrainingsite.com/148>

Title: **Introduction to the Statistical Software R**
Date: 13-14 February 2013
Place: Basel, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: **Applied Bayesian Statistics in Medical Research and Health-Care Evaluation**
Date: 18-20 March 2013
Place: Bern, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: **12e Congrès National des Professionnels de Gériatrie**
Date: 7-9 April 2013
Place: Paris, France
Organiser: CNPG
Deadline: for abstracts: 20 February 2013
More info: www.cnpg2013.com

Title: **Towards international PhD standards**
Date: 25-27 April 2013
Place: Prague, Czech Republic
Organiser: ORPHEUS
More info: [ORPHEUS 2013 Conference](http://www.orpheus2013.org/)

Title: **Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis: a Practical Approach**
Date: 25-26 April 2013
Place: Bern, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: **Analysis of Data with Measurements Below the Detection Limit**
Date: 6-8 May 2013
Place: Basel, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

- Title:** 21st International HPH Conference
Date: 22-24 May 2013
Place: Gothenburg, Sweden
Organiser: International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and health services
Deadline: for abstracts: 5 January 2013
More info: www.hphconferences.org/gothenburg2013.html
- Title:** Multilevel Modeling: Analysis of Clustered Data
Date: 22-24 and 27-28 May 2013
Place: Basel, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en
- Title:** 1st World Congress of children and youth health behaviors
Date: 23-25 May 2013
Place: Viseu, Portugal
Deadline: for abstracts: 1 March 2013
More info: <http://www.congresso-misij.com>
- Title:** International child health meeting
Date: 30-31 May 2013
Organiser: RICHE and CHICOS projects
More info: <http://child2025.eu/>
- Title:** Innovative practices in work, organisation and regional development
Date: 12-14 June 2013
Place: Linköping, Sweden
Organiser: HELIX VINN Excellence Centre
Deadline: for abstracts: 15 January 2013
More info: www.helixconference2013.com
- Title:** How to plan successfully?
Date: 17 June - 5 July 2013
Place: Basel, Switzerland
More info: <http://www.swisstph.ch/en/teaching/professional-postgraduate/how-to-plan-successfully-a-focus-on-priority-setting-resource-allocation-and-strategic-planning.html>
- Title:** 3rd International Public Health Nursing Conference
Date: 25-27 August 2013
Place: Galway, Ireland
More info: www.iphnc2013.com
- Title:** Urban dynamics and health – concepts, methods and applications
Date: 11-13 September 2013
Place: Paris, France
Deadline: for abstracts: 15 January 2013
More info: cities.health@yahoo.fr
- Title:** 2nd World Congress of Clinical Safety - Risk in Clinical Care
Date: 12 - 13 September 2013
Place: Heidelberg, Germany
Deadline: for abstracts: 31 May 2013
More info: http://www.iarmm.org/2WCCS/flyer_Korean.pdf

7. Interesting publications

Mapping of multiple criteria for priority setting of health interventions: an aid for decision makers

Noor Tromp, Rob Baltussen
RUNMC/NICHE, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/Yegq94>

World Malaria Report 2012

World Health Organization – December 17, 2012
Website: <http://bit.ly/U8BXgv>

Blueprints for informed policy decisions: A review of laws and policies requiring routine evaluation

Kebede M, Oxman AD, Glenton C, McKee M, Mills EJ, Pang T, Whitworth J .
Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services
Available online PDF file [123p.] at: <http://bit.ly/UNesau>

Massive shifts reshape the health landscape worldwide

Data visualizations website: <http://bit.ly/TfvD4u>

Financing Global Health 2011: Continued Growth as MDG Deadline Approaches

Seattle, WA: IHME - Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/12cgnL1>

Global Burden of Disease Study 2010

The Lancet - Published Dec 13, 2012 - Vol 380
Website: <http://bit.ly/Zi2omM>

Who and What Is a “Population”? Historical Debates, Current Controversies, and Implications for Understanding “Population Health” and Rectifying Health Inequities

Nancy Kriege
Milbank Quarterly - Volume 90, Issue 4, pages 634–681, December 2012
Abstract: <http://bit.ly/U9JfNY>

Healthy Equity – A series of invited commentaries

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health, Volume 36, Issue 6, pages 513–514, December 2012
Website: <http://bit.ly/QVXzft> [Require subscription]

Global health and foreign policy

United Nations General Assembly - Sixty-seventh session Agenda item 123
Adopted by UNGA on December 12, 2012
Website: <http://bit.ly/TayVWP>

Measuring What Matters: The Cost vs. Values of Health Care

Anne Snowdon, Karin Schnarr, Abdul Hussein, Charles Alessi,
International Centre for Health Innovation, Richard Ivey School of Business, Western
University, November 2012
Available online as PDF file [95p.] at: <http://bit.ly/UsuDYe>

Global Income Inequality by the Numbers: in History and Now

Branko Milanovic, The World Bank, Development Research Group
Poverty and Inequality Team - Policy Research Working Paper 6259- November 2012
Available online as PDF [30p.] at: <http://bit.ly/TPwkDS>

Optimizing health worker roles for maternal and newborn health

Website: <http://bit.ly/Usp1gG>

South-South Collaboration in Health Biotechnology Growing Partnerships amongst Developing Countries

Editor: Halla Thorsteinsdottir

International Development Research Centre IDRC - 2012

Available online PDF [296p.] at: <http://bit.ly/TCei6Y>

Crossing the quality chasm in resource-limited settings

Duncan Smith-Rohrberg Maru, Jason Andrews, Dan Schwarz, Ryan Schwarz, Bibhav Acharya, Astha Ramaiya, Gregory Karelis, Ruma Rajbhandari, Kedar Mate and Sona Shilpakar

Globalization and Health 2012, 8:41 Published: 30 November 2012

Website: <http://bit.ly/Rv46ik>

Global Governance of Health and the Requirements of Human Rights

Gorik Ooms, Rachel Hammonds

Global Policy - Volume 3, Issue 4, November 2012

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

8. European Commission news

Ageing

[Video from the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing first Conference of Partners now online!](#)

Alcohol

[Publication: European Alcohol and Health Forum - Highlights](#)

[4th Open Alcohol and Health Forum, Brussels, 23 November 2012 - Flash report now available](#)

[Fourth European Alcohol and Health Forum \(EAHF\) Monitoring Progress Report now available](#)

Blood, tissues and organs

[E-News: Organ Donation & Transplantation: Council Conclusions adopted today under the Cyprus Presidency](#)

Communicable diseases

[Dengue fever in Madeira – Health advice for travellers](#)

eHealth

[Putting patients in the driving seat: A digital future for healthcare](#)

[eHealth action plan 2012-2020: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Healthy environments

[Meeting of the Experts Group on Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\), Luxembourg, 22 October 2012 - Minutes and presentations now available](#)

Health indicators

[Indicator on 'Selected surgeries' updated with 2010 data for 11 main surgeries \(ECHI # 73\)](#)

[Indicator on 'Disease-specific mortality' updated with 2010 data for more than 25 groups of diseases \(ECHI # 13\)](#)

Health programme

[Health Programme - Annual work plan for 2013 adopted](#)

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

Health reports

[New EU statistical report added - The EU in the world 2013 – a statistical portrait](#)

Medicinal products for human use

[Pharmacovigilance - Public consultation on post-authorisation efficacy studies](#)

Responses to the public consultation on the concept paper on the Introduction of Fees for Pharmacovigilance to be charged by the European Medicines Agency

Nutrition and physical activity

Joint meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 14 November 2012 - Contributions available

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 14 November 2012 - Contributions available

Sixteenth plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 15 November 2012 - Contributions available

Reducing the excessive salt intake across the EU: experiences since 2008 - read the results of a Member States' survey

Preparedness and response

Global Health Security Initiative Ministerial Meeting, 6-7 December 2012 - Ministerial Communiqué

E-News: European Commission Union committed to contribute to an improved health security framework at international level

Sexually transmitted diseases

World AIDS Day: Joint statement by Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy, Tonio Borg, and Commissioner for Development, Andris Piebalgs

Q&A: The Fight Against HIV/AIDS by the EU

Social determinants and health inequalities

Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion, Brussels, 5-7 December 2012 - Presentations of the health workshop now available

Tobacco

A New Life Tree - Send the gift of a life without smoking in a specially customized Unstoppable card!

New video: Quit Smoking With Barça - Why did they quit smoking?

Game on for millions of smokers. European Commission and Barca launch "Quit Smoking With Barca"

9. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 50, 13 December 2012

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Detection of Usutu virus infection in a healthy blood donor from south-west Germany, 2012
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20341>

First detection of livestock-associated meticillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus CC398 in bulk tank milk in the United Kingdom, January to July 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20337>

Cluster of invasive Neisseria meningitidis infections on a cruise ship, Italy, October 2012
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20336>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Measles virus genotyping an important tool in measles outbreak investigation in Norway, 2011
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20340>

LETTERS

Probable imported rather than autochthonous Plasmodium vivax cases in Italy

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20338>

Reply: Probable imported rather than autochthonous Plasmodium vivax cases in Italy

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20339>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 49, 06 December 2012

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Assays for laboratory confirmation of novel human coronavirus (hCoV-EMC) infections

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20334>

Laboratory capability for molecular detection and confirmation of novel coronavirus in Europe, November 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20335>

Ongoing outbreak of dengue type 1 in the Autonomous Region of Madeira, Portugal: preliminary report

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20333>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Use of a geographic information system to map cases of measles in real-time during an outbreak in Dublin, Ireland, 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20330>

REVIEW ARTICLES

The application of geographic information systems and spatial data during Legionnaires' disease outbreak responses

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20331>

MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2012;17(26)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20332>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 48, 29 November 2012

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

HIV and AIDS in the European Union, 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20329>

Sequencing and phylogenetic characterisation of a fatal Crimean – Congo haemorrhagic fever case imported into the United Kingdom, October 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20327>

Azole-resistant *Aspergillus fumigatus* due to TR46/Y121F/T289A mutation emerging in Belgium, July 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20326>

Probable autochthonous introduced malaria cases in Italy in 2009–2011 and the risk of local vector-borne transmission

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20325>

MISCELLANEOUS

New issue of EpiNorth Journal is online

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20328>

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20324>

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

10. WHO publications

Social inequalities in health in Poland

Tackling inequities in health is a public health challenge gaining increasing prominence in Poland, as elsewhere. Effective policy responses are complex and demand the development of intersectoral, long-range strategies informed by evidence, along with whole-of-society approaches and strong international cooperation. This study presents a first comprehensive summary of the current knowledge on the scale of health inequalities in Poland, the measurement methods used to assess them, and the risk of health inequalities in different age groups, populations and regions. The numerical data are supplemented by numerous accounts of preventive initiatives aimed at tackling health inequalities. The study covers the determinants of inequalities at both macro and individual levels, and looks at two specific populations, children and adults. It ends with a set of recommendations on strategy and policy formulation, monitoring and coordination, on actions to improve the socioeconomic status of the population, and on public health interventions. This study is an important step in realizing the health potential of the Polish population and in contributing to a more fair and sustainable society, thereby reflecting the key values and goals of the new European policy for health, Health 2020.

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European action plan to reduce the harmful use of alcohol 2012–2020

The European action plan to reduce the harmful use of alcohol 2012–2020 was endorsed by all 53 Member States in the WHO European Region in September 2011. It includes a range of evidence-based policy options to reduce the harmful use of alcohol. This publication also includes WHO Regional Committee for Europe resolution EUR/RC61/R4, a list of indicators (with definitions) linked to the indicators used in the European Information System on Alcohol and Health, and a checklist or set of questions for Member States. The action plan is closely linked to the 10 action areas of the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2010. The primary audience for the action plan is the national authorities in the WHO European Region responsible for alcohol policy, mainly the health and other ministries (including finance, education, social welfare, transportation and criminal justice), nongovernmental and civil-society organizations, researchers, the private sector and international partners.

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