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1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2010: Amsterdam, The Netherlands– Integrated Public Health

EUPHA, ASPHER and the Local organising Committee 2010 are working hard on the preparations for the Amsterdam 2010 conference. A total of 18 pre conferences are already being planned. These include both satellite meetings and EUPHA-ASPHER related pre conferences. A second update on the pre conferences:

- Pre conference on Public-private partnerships
- Annual Meeting of the Dutch foundation of infectious diseases
- Pre conference European food and nutrition, from field to fork?
- Pre conference Public health Core competencies

Don't forget the deadlines:

1 March 2010 Abstract submission opens 1 May 2010 Abstract submission closes

15 June 2010 Decision on abstracts are communicated Deadline for early conference registration

Please visit our website www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php for the most up-to-date information.

2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

American Institute for Cancer Research - two-year research track position in the Department of Nutrition

The American Institute for Cancer Research proudly announces that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is now accepting applications for an AICR-funded two-year research track position in the Department of Nutrition.

The Marilyn Gentry Fellowship in Nutrition and Cancer is designed to support individuals who have completed their doctoral work. Fellows receive further training to enrich and accelerate a research career in the field of diet and cancer. The successful candidate will be appointed as a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Nutrition and will receive two years of organized mentoring in the specific skills necessary to succeed as an academic scientist.

The 2010-2012 Fellowship will support a scientist in the area of epidemiology who studies an aspect of energy balance and cancer prevention, treatment, or survivorship. He or she will be under the mentorship of AICR Distinguished Professor, Dr. June Stevens, as well as other faculty at UNC Chapel Hill and the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Click for more information online, including qualifications and special application instructions.

Call for experts

In the framework of the European Project "Foresight study on EU consumer preferences in 2030 – implications for Science and Technology" funded by the European Commission DG Research, INNOVA Europe, the project coordinator, is looking for experts in the **Health Care** field from EU 27 willing to answer to a survey (Delphi survey) on topics of their competence and on the basis of their experience. If you are interested please contact Ms. Maryia Rozum at: m.rozum@innova-europe.eu Your support would be of great help to us and to the job of the European Commission in defining future science and technology policies!

MORE study - mobility of researchers

Stimulating knowledge exchange through mobility of researchers has become a key priority to national and European policy makers. However, a lot is still not fully understood and more evidence is needed to develop effective policies on this topic. To this end, the European Commission has launched a large scale study (known as the MORE-study - www.researchersmobility.eu) focusing on mobility patterns and career paths of researchers. We would like to invite you to participate to our survey (about 15 minutes of your time) in order to collect your experiences with respect to mobility. Your opinion on the

problems, needs and attitudes will help the European Commission (and other Governments) to develop better targeted policies on this subject. All completed surveys shall remain strictly private and confidential and shall only be used for the purposes of this study. » Start Survey. If you encounter any technical difficulties taking the survey, please contact us at EC-study@researchersmobility.eu

Director, Perinatal Epidemiology Research Unit Dalhousie University Canada Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Department of Pediatrics

http://obstetrics.medicine.dal.ca http://pediatrics.medicine.dal.ca Closing Date: March 31, 2010

The Departments of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Pediatrics at Dalhousie University and the IWK Health Centre are seeking applicants for a faculty position as the Director of the Perinatal Epidemiology Research Unit (PERU). This position is a tenure-track, full-time faculty position with primary appointments in both University Departments (50% in each Department). The Director of PERU will lead and coordinate the Unit in line with the missions of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the Department of Pediatrics.

This position offers opportunities to pursue active research programs focused on the perinatal or relevant areas. Scientists affiliated with the Unit will have access to a population-based perinatal database as well as hospital admission and separation database, physician services database and other clinical and administrative databases. The successful candidate will be encouraged to engage in collaborative research projects with other faculty in the Dalhousie academic community. The environment is highly favourable for conducting clinical and population-based epidemiologic research. The position requires active involvement in teaching residents, fellows and medical students. A cross-appointment with the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology will provide opportunity for graduate student supervision and teaching.

Academic qualifications include a PhD degree in Epidemiology or related area and ideally experience in perinatal health research. Experience in using large databases for research is preferred. Academic rank and remuneration will be commensurate with experience.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents are given priority. Dalhousie University is an Employment Equity/ Affirmative Action employer. The University encourages applications from qualified Aboriginal people, persons with disability, racially visible persons and women.

Interested applicants should submit a *Curriculum vitae*, along with a statement outlining their research experience and interests, teaching experience sent directly to:

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Dalhousie University,5850/5980 University Ave, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3K 6R8.

Email: Anthony.Armson@iwk.nshealth.ca

Academy for Educational Development/Applied Research and Technical Services (AED/ARTS) Alive and Thrive Project

Start date: TBD - Project end date: November 30, 2013

AED/ARTS is seeking a Senior Private Sector Specialist to provide vision, technical leadership, management and coordination of the private sector component of the Alive and Thrive Project. Alive and Thrive is a foundation-funded project dedicated to reducing death, illness and malnutrition caused by sub-optimal infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices. The five-year (December 2008 – December 2013) program will work to increase rates of exclusive breastfeeding and improve complementary feeding practices in Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Vietnam, affecting over 30 million children. The candidate must have a solid track record of at least 10 years experience in the private sector or with development and management of public-private partnership programs (related to health, health social marketing, nutrition, or packaged food marketing for developing countries). An understanding of infant and young child feeding (IYCF) issues related to the commercial sector is highly desirable. The Private Sector Specialist will be responsible for developing an overarching publicprivate sector partnership strategic framework for the project and for development of private sector collaboration. The individual will provide ongoing coordination and collection of relevant information on infant food products in the target countries. He/she will coordinate technical assistance to the three Alive & Thrive country programs and their private sector initiatives and will develop performance metrics to measure programmatic success. Strong written, presentation, and interpersonal skills are an imperative. The individual sought must have demonstrated results-oriented and decision-making capabilities, the flexibility to respond to changing situations, and the skills to mentor national field staff and collaborate with national and international partners. The salary is both commensurate with the

requirements of the position as well as with the candidate's education and experience. Interested applicants should send resume with cover letter referencing position #CS10001 to: AEDARTS/HR, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 680, Washington, D.C. 20009; or email: AEDARTS Employment@aed.org. For additional information, visit http://www.aed.org.

3. Interesting news

Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

The Swiss Tropical Institute and the former Institute for Social and Preventive Medicine of the University of Basel have been integrated to form the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH). Please check the new website www.swisstph.ch for more information.

European Medicines Agency - Road map 2015

The European Medicines Agency has published a draft paper setting out its vision for the strategic development of the Agency for the five years to 2015. Building on the progress of its previous five-year strategy, the Road Map to 2015 charts the way forward for the Agency amid rapid developments in medical science and pharmaceutical research, as well as the continuing evolution of the European and international regulatory environments. With this strategy paper to guide it, the Agency will seek to consolidate its achievements to date and further strengthen its role as a guardian of human and animal health in the European Union.

The document is available on the following webpage:

http://www.ema.europa.eu/pdfs/general/direct/directory/29989509en.pdf

Please provide any comments that you may have on this document to roadmap@ema.europa.eu, by using this template:

http://www.ema.europa.eu/pdfs/general/direct/directory/comments_roadmap2015.doc

Please note that the deadline for submitting comments is 30th of April 2010.

National Library for Public Health

National Library for Public Health newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to highlight new additions to the library and any special pieces of work we have done. The library has been developed to provide high quality evidence e-based information on all aspects of public health. It is designed for those working in the field of public health by providing a single source of access to web based evidence on public health. It is being developed as part of the Department of Health Information and Intelligence Strategy by the North East Public Health Observatory. It replaces the Public Health Electronic Library (PHeL). The National Library for Public Health does not contain patient information on individual medical conditions. We hope you find this useful and would welcome any comments. If you would like to be added or removed from our mailing list, please email library@nepho.org.uk. Please note, due to the volume of emails received for subscriptions, you will not receive a confirmation.

Subscribe to the NHS Evidence Eyes on Evidence Newsletter

If you would like to receive Eyes on Evidence, the monthly e-bulletin from NHS Evidence, please sign up at http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/NewsletterSignup.aspx.

The bulletin will keep you updated with new and important evidence and key developments on the NHS Evidence portal. It comes out on the second Wednesday of the month and can be sent to any email address that you provide.

4. EUPHA member of the month - SESPAS

Website: www.sespas.es

Biannual conferences: Forthcoming conference: "Equity and health in all policies", that will take place in Madrid in October 2011, organized jointly with the Annual Conference of the Spanish Association of Epidemiology.

What is SESPAS?

The Spanish Association of Public Health and Healthcare Administration (Sociedad Española de Salud Pública y Administración Sanitaria -SESPAS) is a confederation of 11 scientific and professionals' associations, with legal status. It is made up of seven national thematic associations (SEE: Spanish Association of Epidemiology; AES: Health Economics Association;: AJS: Health Jurists Association; SESA: Spanish Environmental Health Association; REAP: Spanish Primary Care Network; SEEP: Spanish Association of Psychiatric Epidemiology and AEC: Community Nursing Association) and four regional associations (SSPCiB: Catalonia and Baleares Public Health Association; HIPATIA: Andalusian Public Health Association; SCSP: Canary Public Health Association and AMAS: Public Health and Healthcare Administration Association of Madrid). Through its associations SESPAS encompasses 3.800 public health professionals from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, institutions and geographical areas.

Aim

To contribute to the improvement of the health and healthcare of the Spanish population, through the generation and exchange of scientific and professional knowledge, with a clear vocation to social and health action.

Objectives

- a) To promote scientific knowledge and professional development in the field of public health.
- b) To create fora for the encounter and exchange among different fields and perspectives of modern public health.
- c) To advocate for social and healthcare problems, relating to vulnerable and social disadvantaged groups, as well as, to particularly relevant health problems and risks.

Key activities

Biannual conferences. Forthcoming conference: "Equity and health in all policies", that will take place in Madrid in October 2011, organized jointly with the Annual Conference of the Spanish Association of Epidemiology.

Public Health Journal: Gaceta Sanitaria, scientific journal of the 11 federated associations, with 6 regular issues pro year.

Biannual Public Health Reports: SESPAS Reports. 2008 report: "Improving the effectiveness of public interventions on health".

SESPAS working groups and working groups promoted by SESPAS: Health planning; Gender and health and Health Services.

EUPHA visiting SESPAS in October

SESPAS is a member of EUPHA since 1992 and has a representative on the scientific committee for its conferences. With the aim of strengthening collaborative links between the two associations, a delegation of EUPHA will be visiting SESPAS this year. The meeting will take place in Valencia, in the context of the Annual Conference of the Spanish Association of Epidemiology, from 27th to 29th of October 2010

For more information on the association, its working groups and publications visit: www.sespas.es

5. Upcoming courses and conferences

Going International (Partner of EUPHA)

Going International (GI) promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of GI is the international course catalogue "medicine & health", a unique annual publication listing courses and congresses in the fields of biomedicine, public health and development cooperation. For further information: http://www.going-international.at/index.php?lang=EN

Title: ORPHEUS 2009: Fourth European Conference: "The Advancement of

European Biomedical and Health Science PhD Education by Cooperative

Networking"

Date: 8-10 April 2010
Place: Vienna, Austria
Organiser: Medical University

More information: www.muw.ac.at/orpheus2010

Title: An introduction course to Bayesian Disease Mapping

Date: 12-13 April 2010 Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

Organiser: University of Southern Denmark, National Institute of Public Health

More information: http://www.si-folkesundhed.dk/upload/ibdm_sif_2010.pdf

Title: Advanced Bayesian Disease Mapping

Date: 15-16 April 2010 Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

Organiser: University of Southern Denmark, National Institute of Public Health

More information: http://www.si-folkesundhed.dk/upload/abdm_sif_2010.pdf

Title: 13th Biennial European Conference of the Society for Medical Decision

Making (SMDM Europe 2010)

Date: 30 May – 2 June 2010
Place: Hall in Tyrol, Austria
Deadline: abstracts: 8 March 2010
More information: smdm@targetconf.com

Title: Summer school on health law& Ethics

Date: 5-16 July 2010

Place: Rotterdam, Netherlands

Organiser: Erasmus Observatory on Health Law More information: www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl

Title: World Congress of Virus and Infections-2010(WCVI-2010) - Voice of

Virologists

Date: July 31-August 3, 2010 Place: Busan, South Korea

More information: http://www.bitlifesciences.com/wcvi2010/

Title: The 5th Conference of Epidemiological Longitudinal Studies in Europe

(CELSE 2010)

Date: 13-15 October 2010
Place: Paphos, Cyprus
More information: www.celse.eu

6. Interesting publications

The updated Gesundheitsreport Bayern - Bayerisches Landesamt für Gesundheit und Lebensmittelsicherheit

Published in December 2009. More information on health in Bavaria can be found on http://www.lgl.bayern.de/gesundheit/gbe.htm

Seven mistakes and potential solutions in epidemiology, including a call for a World Council of Epidemiology and Causality

Raj Bhopal

Public Health Sciences, Centre for Population Health Sciences, University of Edinburgh, UK

Email: Raj Bhopal - raj.bhopal@ed.ac.uk

Emerging Themes in Epidemiology 2009, 6:6 doi:10.1186/1742-7622-6-6

This article is available from: http://www.ete-online.com/content/6/1/6

Ethnicity has overtaken race in medical science: MEDLINE-based comparison of trends in the USA and the rest of the world, 1965-2005

Reza Afshari and Raj S Bhopal

Int. J. Epidemiol. published 20 January 2010, 10.1093/ije/dyp382 http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/extract/dyp382v1?ct=ct

Materia Socia Medica, the Social Medicine-Public Health Journal of Bosnia-Herzegovina

The main theme of the 1st issue of 2010 is Medicine and Media. For more information, contact avicena@lol.ba

Medicinski arhiv - Medical archives

The journal of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Bosnia and Herzegovina is published 6 times/year. The journal is indexed in medline (www.pubmed.gov).

Acta Informatica Medica

The BHSMI/South Eastern European medical informatics journal is published 4 times/year. For more information, please contact Prof. Masic imasic@lol.ba.

The Winter 2009 issue of the Euro Observer

This health policy bulletin of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies is published 4 times/year. For more information, please contact Dr Anna Maresso, a.maresso@lse.ac.uk

Eurohealth

The 3rd This issue is largely devoted to health inequalities. For more information, please visit www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEhealth

Position paper of the European Forum for Primary Care

Primary care and care for chronic cancer patients in Europe

Pavlič, Danica Rotar1; de Graaf, Pim2; Buntinx, Frank3; Lionis, Christos4

Quality in Primary Care, Volume 17, Number 6, December 2009, pp. 431-443(13)

PDF free online at:

http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/rmp/qpc/2009/00000017/00000006/art00010

The European Forum for Primary Care and the European Commission

Consultation Process on the European Workforce for Health:

some emerging messages

van den Heuvel, A; Aarendonk, D; Groenewegen, P; De Maeseneer, J

Quality in Primary Care, Volume 17, Number 5, November 2009, pp. 307-309(3)

PDF Free online at:

http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/rmp/qpc/2009/0000017/0000005/art00002

The Marmot review final report - Fair Society, Healthy Lives -

proposes new ways to improve everyone's health and reduce inequalities that it describes as 'unfair and unjust'. February 11, 2010

Professor Sir Michael Marmot

Website: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/gheg/marmotreview/Documents

Decline in US breast cancer rates after the Women's Health Initiative: socioeconomic and racial/ethnic differentials.

Krieger N, Chen JT, Waterman PD.

Am J Public Health [epub advance access Feb 10, 2010]; doi:10.2105/AJPH.2009.181628 [NIHMS # 171687]

Abstract:

http://ajph.aphapublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/AJPH.2009.181628v1?maxtoshow=&hits=10&RE SULTFORMAT=1&author1=Krieger+N&andorexacttitle=and&andorexacttitleabs=and&andorexacttullte xt=and&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&sortspec=relevance&resourcetype=HWCIT

Epidemiology and Social Justice in Light of Social Determinants of Health Research

Sridhar Venkatapuram and Michael Marmot

Organization's Commission on Social Determinants of Health

Bioethics Volume 23 Issue 2, Pages 79 – 89 Published Online: 6 Jan 2009 Journal website:

http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/121624232/abstract?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0

Collaborating Centers of Excellence Set to Combat Chronic Diseases in Developing Countries

UnitedHealth and the NHLBI Collaborating Centers of Excellence

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) Global Health Initiative Website: http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/globalhealth/.

Changing trends in indigenous inequalities in mortality: lessons from New Zealand

Martin Tobias, Tony Blakely, Don Matheson, Kumanan Rasanathan4 and June Atkinson Volume 38, Number 6, December 2009

Website: http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/38/6/1711

The Burden of Mental Disorders

William W. Eaton, Silvia S. Martins, Gerald Nestadt, O. Joseph Bienvenu, Diana Clarke and Pierre Alexandre

Epidemiologic Reviews Volume 30, Number 1, 1 November 2008 Website: http://epirev.oxfordjournals.org/content/vol30/issue1/

E-Health in the Developing World

Health Affairs, 29, no. 2 (February 2010): 237-243 doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2009.0945 © 2010 by Project HOPE

From The Editor-in-Chief: E-Health's Promise For The Developing World Susan Dentzer

http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/29/2/229

Health in the European Union: trends and analysis

World Health Organization 2009, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Available online as PDF file [200p.] at http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E93348.pdf

Research and Development Coordination and Financing

Report of the World Health Organization Expert Working Group on Research and Development Financing 2010

This report is structured to address current financing of research and development, coordination of research and development and proposals for new, innovative sources of financing to stimulate research and development.

Available online PDF [98p.] at: http://www.who.int/phi/documents/RDFinancingwithISBN.pdf

Financing of health systems to achieve the health Millennium Development Goals in low-income countries

Robert Fryatt, Anne Mills, Anders Nordstrom

The Lancet, Volume 375, Issue 9712, Pages 419 - 426, 30 January 2010 doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(09)61833-X

Website abstract: http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)61833-X/abstract [Subscription required]

A framework for mandatory impact evaluation to ensure well informed public policy decisions

Andrew D Oxman, Arild Bjørndal, Francisco Becerra-Posada, Mark Gibson, Miguel Angel Gonzalez Block, Andy Haines, Maimunah Hamid, Carmen Hooker Odom, Haichao Lei, Ben Levin, Mark W Lipsey, Julia H Littell, Hassan Mshinda, Pierre Ongolo-Zogo, Tikki Pang, Nelson Sewankambo, Francisco Songane, Haluk Soydan, Carole Torgerson, David Weisburd, Judith Whitworth, Suwit Wibulpolprasert

The Lancet, Volume 375, Issue 9712, Pages 427 - 431, 30 January 2010 doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(09)61251-4

Website abstract: http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)61251-4/fulltext [Subscription required]

What you count is what you target: the implications of maternal death classification for tracking progress towards reducing maternal mortality in developing countries

Suzanne Cross, Jacqueline S Bell & Wendy J Graham

Immpact, University of Aberdeen, Scotland

Bulletin of the World Health Organization 2010;88:147-153. doi: 10.2471/BLT.09.063537 Available online at: http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/88/2/09-063537/en/index.html

The Global Health System: Lessons for a Stronger Institutional Framework

Suerie Moon, Nicole A. Szleza'k, Catherine M. Michaud, Dean T. Jamison, Gerald T. Keusch, William C. Clark, Barry R. Bloom

PLoS Med 7(1): e1000193. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000193 - Published January 26, 2010 Academic Editor: Gill Walt, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom Available online at:

http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000193

Meeting the Demand for Results and Accountability:

A Call for Action on Health Data from Eight Global Health Agencies

Margaret Chan, Michel Kazatchkine, Julian Lob-Levyt, Thoraya Obaid, Julian Schweizer, Michel Sidibe, Ann Veneman, Tadataka Yamada

PLoS Med 7(1): e1000223. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000223 Published January 26, 2010 Available online at:

http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000223

Health Disparities Calculator (HD*Calc)

Latest Release: Version 1.1.0 - January 13, 2010 Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (SEER)

Statistical software designed to generate multiple summary measures to evaluate and monitor health

disparities (HD).

Available online at: http://seer.cancer.gov/hdcalc/index.html

Rethinking Poverty

UN Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) 2010

Available online at: http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/rwss/2010.html

An anatomy of economic inequality in the UK

Report of the National Equality Panel – January 2010 Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion The London School of Economics and Political Science http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/case/ new/publications/NEP.asp

Protecting health from climate change: connecting science, policy and people

World Health Organization 2009

Available online PDF [36p.] at: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2009/9789241598880 eng.pdf

Price indexes, inequality, and the measurement of world poverty

Angus Deaton, Princeton University January 17th, 2010

Available online PDF [61p.] at: http://bit.ly/8KmBrH

Measuring and tackling health inequalities across Europe

Eurohealth on health inequalities - January 2010

Available online PDF [52p.] at: http://www.euro.who.int/Document/Obs/Eurohealth15 3.pdf

Science and Innovation for Development

Professor Sir Gordon Conway and Professor Jeff Waage, with Sara Delaney.

Published by UK Collaborative on Development Sciences (UKCDS) January 2010.

ISBN: 978 1 84129 0829

Scientific education, knowledge and research are crucial to solving development challenges.

Science as a **tool** for providing evidence and discovering solutions has been neglected recently by many key decision makers

Download the entire book (PDF 29.1MB) or by individual chapters

http://www.ukcds.org.uk/publication-Science and Innovation for Development-172.html

Poverty, Disconnected

Ravi Kanbur is a Professor of Economics at Cornell University

IMF Finance & Development - December 2009

Available online at: http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/fandd/2009/12/pdf/kanbur.pdf

7. European Commission: information, calls, tenders

(A) Call 2010: New funding opportunities in health.- REMINDER

The Calls present new funding opportunities for the European organisations active in the area of public health. The total budget available for the execution of the 2010 Work Plan is 47.1 million euro. All proposals should address important problems in the European public health and be in line with the Commission's priorities expressed in the Work Plan.

The successful proposals should concentrate on aspects of public health that cannot be achieved on a national level. They should ensure a significant impact across the EU.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 19 March 2010.

- More about funding for projects
- More about funding for conferences
- More about operating grants
- More about joint actions
- **(B)** The report presents an overview of the state of women's health in the EU, focusing on women aged 15 years and older in the 27 EU-Member States and the EEA countries. It addresses both the differences between men and women and the differences among women living in different Member States. It examines the main patterns of mortality and morbidity and the health risk factors at different stages of women's lives and reports on the current situation and recent trends in European women's health. It also provides information about the influence of demographic trends and socio-economic factors on women's health.

Some of the principal findings are the following:

- The main causes of death in women in the EU and EEA are cardiovascular disease and cancer,
- Women are particularly affected by mental health problems such as depression, dementia and Alzheimer's,
- There is a great need for further research into how certain diseases affect women in particular. You can find the report *Women's Health Report data and information on Women's Health in the EU* on DG SANCO website at: http://ec.europa.eu/health/population_groups/docs/women_report_en.pdf

8. European Commission: update

Public Health

Tobacco

Council Recommendation on smoke-free environments of 30 November 2009

• Major and chronic diseases

Second preparatory meeting for the European Partnership for Action Against Cancer, Brussels, 28 January 2010

obacco

HELP News - Edition February 2010 available

• Scientific committees

SCCS - Minutes of the meetings of working groups updated

Health and Consumers

John Dalli, new commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy - visit his website **Healthy environments**

Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, Parma, 10-12 March 2010

Patient safety

Meeting of the Patient Safety & Quality Care Working Group, Brussels, 02 February 2010 - Presentations available

Mental health

EU-Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well being - Reports and studies updated **Scientific** committees

SCHER - Members of the Working Group on heavy metals in jewelleries - Declarations available

• Scientific committees Dialogue and collaboration

Workshop on Synthetic Biology: From Science to Governance, Brussels, 18-19 March 2010

Event

Rare Disease Day - 28 February 2010

Nutrition and physical activity

Plenary meeting of the Diet, Physical Activity and Health - A European Platform for Action Brussels

Nutrition and physical activity

Eight Plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity Brussels

Patient safety

Meeting of the Patient Safety & Quality Care Working Group, Brussels, 02 December 2009 - Minutes available

Health programme

List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated

Mental health

EU-Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well being - reports on implementation updated

• Scientific committees

SCENIHR Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light

Canada to donate H1N1 vaccine to the WHO

Sexual health

Sexual Health Forum, Brussels, 13 January 2010 - Presentations available

The Rapid Alert System for Non-Food Products (RAPEX)

Weekly overview report of RAPEX notifications report 4 - 2010

• Consumer information

Consumer rights campaign in Bulgaria

Mental health

Conference "Prevention of Depression and suicide - Making it happen", Budapest, 10-11 December 2009 - Conference report available

• Scientific committees

SCENIHR - Minutes of 5th Working Group on Tobacco Additives Meeting of 22 January 2010

Alcohol

Fifth plenary meeting of the European Alcohol and Health Forum Contributions available

Mental health

EU-Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well being - Reports and studies updated

Sexual health

HIV/AIDS Think Tank 16-17 December 2009 Presentations available

Rare diseases

Vth European Conference on Rare Diseases Krakow, Poland

Nutrition and physical activity

6th edition of EGEA "Social and health benefits of balanced diet : the role of Fruit and Vegetables" Brussels

- Scientific committees
 - SCHER Request for a scientific opinion on Evaluation of Migration Limits
- Nutrition and physical activity
 - 6th edition of EGEA "Social and health benefits of balanced diet : the role of Fruit and Vegetables" Brussels
- Scientific committees
 - SCENIHR Minutes of the 5th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 25 November 2009
- Scientific committees
 - SCCS Memorandum on Alternative Test Methods in Human Health Safety Assessment of Cosmetic Ingredients in the European Union

9. European Centre for Diseases Control

Recent ECDC publications available online (January 2010)

Weekly Executive Update

Since 30 April ECDC has been working on a number of documents related to the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic. ECDC now publishes a Weekly Executive Update providing a weekly overview of ECDC's involvement and of the latest trends related to the 2009 pandemic influenza and a Weekly Influenza Surveillance Overview giving an analysis of the latest surveillance data.

Read more: http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Pages/Influenza_A(H1N1)_Outbreak.aspx

Meeting Report: First annual meeting of the invasive bacterial infections surveillance network in Europe

This report is the result of a multidisciplinary consultation of experts regarding the future surveillance of invasive meningococcal and Haemophilus influenzae diseases, held at ECDC from 17 to 18 March 2009. Working groups provided their opinion on specific questions regarding surveillance objectives, variables to be collected in enhanced EU surveillance, frequency of reporting and production and timing of regular reports. Experts also expressed their views on the use and feasibility of molecular typing methods for routine surveillance, and on ECDC's and Member States' roles in the detection of international and cross-border clusters and outbreaks.

Possible target readership: microbiologists, experts in surveillance, experts in invasive bacterial infections.

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/1001_MER_Annual_IBI_meeting_2009.pdf

Summary of key publications 2009

This document is a compilation of summaries from 14 selected ECDC documents published in 2009. Highlights include surveillance reports like the Annual epidemiological report on communicable diseases in Europe 2009, Tuberculosis surveillance in Europe 2007, and HIV/AIDS surveillance in Europe 2008; two reports of the Migrant health series; The bacterial challenge: time to react, a joint report with the European Medicines Agency; and Mapping of HIV/STI behavioural surveillance in Europe, plus reports on pandemic influenza.

Possible target readership: policymakers, public health experts.

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/1001_COR_Summary_of_key_publications_2009.pdf

Eurosurveillance, Volume 15, Issue 4, 28 January 2010

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Preliminary report: outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in the cities of Ulm and Neu-Ulm in Germany, December 2009 - January 2010

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19472

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Avian influenza A(H5N1) in humans: lessons from Egypt http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19473

Campylobacteriosis and other bacterial gastrointestinal diseases in Sofia, Bulgaria for the period 1987 – 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19474

PERSPECTIVES

Phage typing of Salmonella Typhimurium – is it still a useful tool for surveillance and outbreak investigation? http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19471

NEWS

Zoonoses in Europe: distribution and trends - the EFSA-ECDC Community Summary Report 2008 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19476

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In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19475

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Eurosurveillance, Volume 15, Issue 5, 4 February 2010

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Listeriosis outbreak caused by acid curd cheese 'Quargel', Austria and Germany 2009 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19477

Higher all-cause mortality in children during autumn 2009 compared with the three previous years: pooled results from eight European countries

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19480

Estimating the impact of the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic on mortality in the elderly in Navarre, Spain http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19481

Association of ciprofloxacin prescriptions to outpatients to Clostridium difficile infections http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19479

RESEARCH

High frequency of cross-reacting antibodies against 2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1) virus among the elderly in Finland http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19478

Eurosurveillance, Volume 15, Issue 6, 11 February 2010

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Outbreaks of gastroenteritis linked to lettuce, Denmark, January 2010 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19484

Impact of the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic wave on the pattern of hibernal respiratory virus epidemics, France, 2009 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19485

Low acceptance of vaccination against the 2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1) among healthcare workers in Greece http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19486

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Household transmissibility and other characteristics of seasonal oseltamivir-resistant influenza A(H1N1) viruses, Germany, 2007-8

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19483

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

10. WHO publications

Safe management of shellfish and harvest waters.

Edited by G. Rees, K. Pond, D. Kay, J. Bartram and J. Santo Domingo. WHO, 2010.

World Health Organization WHO Press

NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - FEBRUARY 2010

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

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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 Autumn 2009 Catalogue of WHO Information Products is now available online:

International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceutical Substances CD-ROM This CD-ROM lists all International Nonproprietary Names (INN) in Latin, English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Russian published up to December 2009, together with references to the lists of proposed and recommended INN in which they have been published.

Natural Ventilation for Infection Control in Health-care Settings

In this new guideline, natural ventilation is considered for the first time among the effective measures to control infections in health care.

Systems Thinking for Health Systems Strengthening

This report investigates how systems thinking can deepen the conceptual and practical underpinnings of system strengthening initiatives.

Risk Assessment of Campylobacter spp. in Broiler Chickens. Interpretative Summary FAO and WHO have undertaken a risk assessment of Campylobacter spp. in broiler chickens as described in this volume. An interpretative summary of that work is described in this volume.

Risk Assessment of Campylobacter spp. in Broiler Chickens. Technical Report Campylobacter is a leading cause of enteric infections in many countries. The principal reservoir of pathogenic Campylobacter spp. is the alimentary tract of wild and domesticated mammals and birds.

Pharmacological Treatment of Mental Disorders in Primary Health Care

This manual attempts to provide simple, adequate and evidence-based information to health care professionals in primary health care especially in low- and middle-income countries to be able to provide pharmacological treatment to persons with mental disorders.

European Health Report 2009

This report presents essential public health information to support countries in choosing sound investments in health.

Sixty Years of WHO in Europe

This booklet tells the story of the WHO Regional Office for Europe from its beginnings to its state in 2010.

International Trade and Health

The language of trade and health is specialized and may seem obscure. This reference guide consists of a basic dictionary of selected terms and several briefing notes that elaborate some of the issues.

Health Inequities in the South-East Asia Region

This report is a compilation of data analysis from seven countries of the SEA Region; namely, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Toolkit for Monitoring and Evaluation of Interventions for Sex Workers

This toolkit aims to demonstrate how a small number of recommended indicators can provide critical information to guide interventions.

HIV/AIDS in the South-East Asia Region 2009

This report presents a synthesis of historical and current data on HIV epidemiology in the South-East Asia region.

Road Safety in the Western Pacific Region

This report draws attention to the needs of all road users including the most vulnerable groups and assesses the road situation in Members States in the Region.

Integrating Poverty and Gender into Health Programmes: A Sourcebook for Health Professionals This module is designed to improve the awareness, knowledge and skills of health professionals regarding poverty and gender concerns in actions to improve access to clean water, adequate sanitation and safe food.

Health Financing Strategy for the Asia Pacific Region (2010-2015)

The health financing strategy for the Asia pacific Region (2010-2015) will help governments analyse their health financing situations and identify specific actions to achieve universal coverage.

IARC Biennial Report 2008-2009

Profusely illustrated, this report presents a wide range of projects from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

UNAIDS Outlook Report 2010

In this first issue UNAIDS Outlook Report explores new ideas and ways to use the data collected in the AIDS Epidemic Update companion report.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 88, No. 2, 2010

As the flagship periodical of WHO, the Bulletin is a leading international voice on public health issues. This peer-reviewed monthly draws on the expertise within WHO to provide a vital resource for those interested in research, policy issues and debate on international public health, particularly the problems confronting developing countries.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

Fistule obstétricale

Ce manuel est un guide pratique destiné à être consulté et utilisé à différents niveaux par de nombreuses personnes, en particulier des professionnels des soins de santé et des planificateurs, des décideurs et des dirigeants de la communauté.

Préparation et action en cas de grippe pandémique

Ce document doit être utilisé comme un guide destiné à inspirer et à harmoniser les plans de préparation et d'action nationaux et internationaux avant, pendant et après une pandémie de grippe.