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1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2011: Copenhagen, Denmark – Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Public Health



EUPHA and ASPHER are pleased to invite you to the 4th joint European Public Health Conference combining the 19th annual EUPHA meeting and the 33rd annual meeting of ASPHER. The conference will be organised from 10 to 12 November in Copenhagen by the Danish Society of Public Health (DSOPH). The main theme of the conference is Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Public Health

Please note that the abstract submission will be available online from 9 February 2011 until the 1st of May 2011 (midnight).

We are very pleased to confirm the following keynote speakers:

- Sir Michael Marmot, UK
- Prof. Gösta Esping Andersen, Spain

Please find regularly updated information on: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Call for papers: Pan American Journal of Public Health

PAHO/WHO, announces an open call for original papers, brief communications, and reviews for its next special issue on Antimicrobial Resistance.

Deadline for submission: 10 April 2011

Website: <http://bit.ly/hYN5n6>

The World Health Organization has selected antimicrobial resistance as the theme for World Health Day 2011, given the significant worldwide increase in this phenomenon in recent years, whose consequences include higher morbidity and mortality and a higher cost of treating infectious diseases.

Main theme: Antimicrobial resistance:

- basic or clinical microbiology
- infections associated with health care
- impact of resistance on the burden of disease
- impact on public health
- clinical outcomes
- financial costs.

Papers will be accepted in Spanish or English

Llamada de trabajos: La Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública

Pan American Journal of Public Health PS/OMS anuncia el llamado abierto para el envío de artículos originales, breves y de revisión para su próximo número especial sobre: Resistencia a los antimicrobianos

Fecha Límite: 10 de abril, 2011

Website: <http://bit.ly/f8luzc>

La Organización Mundial de la Salud ha elegido este tema para el Día Mundial de la Salud 2011, dado el aumento importante de la resistencia a los antimicrobianos que se ha observado en los últimos años en todo el mundo, cuyas consecuencias incluyen el aumento de la morbilidad, la mortalidad y los costos de la atención de salud de las enfermedades infecciosas.

Tema central: Resistencias a los antimicrobianos:

- microbiología básica o clínica
- infecciones asociadas a la atención de salud
- impacto de las resistencias en la carga de enfermedad
- impacto en la salud pública
- resultados clínicos
- costos económicos.

Se aceptarán artículos en español o inglés

3. Interesting news

Europe's top medical schools launch MADE

the European Master of Science in Advanced Epidemiology in Clinical and Genetic Research

Rotterdam, the Netherlands – January, 2011

Given the fundamental role of epidemiological methods in medicine, there is a clear need to integrate clinical and genetic epidemiology. To meet this challenge head-on, five of Europe's top universities in clinical and genetic epidemiology have therefore joined forces. The results – the MADE Master's programme – is intended to ensure that Advanced Epidemiology rapidly becomes reality.

All over the world, epidemiologists are fundamental to high-level clinical research. Studying the aetiology and frequencies of diseases in patients and populations, and applying their findings to diagnosis, prediction, prevention and treatment, they make an enormous contribution to evidence based medicine. Epidemiologists are involved in a wide range of activities, evaluating not just strategies for screening, but also prognostic indicators, therapeutic efficacy and effectiveness, and the use of genetics in care research, cure research, and prevention. They are important in pharmacological research, and also in clinical decision-analysis – a discipline that is itself becoming increasingly important to healthcare. Together, these trends are reflected in the growth of epidemiology departments in medical schools and the pharmaceuticals industry. Most medical schools have not yet incorporated genetic or genomic courses into their curricula. Healthcare workers and medical scientists are largely unprepared for the coming revolution in medicine. Society thus needs physicians and medical scientists who can incorporate the latest developments in genetics into medical decision-making, and who can assess complex predictive evidence and risk-estimates.

MADE offers several advantages over the existing epidemiology Master's programmes offered by individual medical schools. First, by combining clinical and genetic epidemiology within a single innovative programme, it enables graduates with a previous Master's degree to study and conduct research at as many as five top European institutes.

The 2011-12 programme starts on August 15, 2011, in conjunction with the Erasmus Summer Programme 2011. Applicants must hold a master's degree in medicine, biology, biochemistry, pharmacy, nutrition, health sciences or allied sciences. Online applications for the 2011-12 programme must be submitted by March 31, 2011. Contact: made-masters@erasmusmc.nl

More information: www.madeineur.eu

PRISMA Symposium on 24 March 2011

PRISMA is a coordinating action project funded by the European Union 7th Framework Programme, whose overall aim is to inform best practice and harmonise research in end-of-life care for cancer patients across Europe, by comparing and exchanging measurement approaches and experiences, and research priorities throughout Europe. The symposium will be the key dissemination event for the PRISMA network, and will provide an opportunity for the findings regarding the priorities, and barriers and opportunities for end-of-life cancer care research in Europe. There will be representatives from EU-level service user groups, WHO representatives, the DG for research and key eminent speakers from Australasia and North America at the event.

Title: PRISMA Symposium

Date: 24th March 2011

Place: Brussels

Organiser: PRISMA

More information: www.prismafp7.eu

EURRECA Network Stakeholders survey

The EURRECA Coordinator is pleased to invite you to participate to the EURRECA Network Stakeholders survey.

This survey aims to evaluate our stakeholder's awareness and understanding of the EURRECA Network of Excellence. Because of your potential interest in EURRECA outcomes, you have been selected as one of our stakeholders.

We value your opinion. Please let us know your views by completing this survey. As a result, you will benefit from better knowledge through an improved communication corresponding to your needs. EURRECA is a Network of Excellence developing methodologies to standardise the process of setting micronutrient recommendations. It is expected that the results will improve the health of European citizens. Funded by the European Commission (FP6), the Network is made up of 35 partners based in 17 countries, drawn not only from nutrition science but also from industry, consumer groups, and the health professions. You don't know EURRECA yet? Visit our website: www.eurreca.org

HEPA Europe online survey

Are you interested in physical activity, active transport and sport promotion? Then HEPA Europe is interested in your opinion!

Thanks to all colleagues who have already taken the time to provide their feedback; and thanks in advance to everyone else to please take a few minutes now to respond to our very easy-to-fill-in online survey: www.surveygizmo.com/s3/402414/HEPA-Europe-survey

Please also participate if you don't know HEPA Europe (5 questions only).

Geneva Health Forum, 18-20 April 2012 - Your Opinion Counts!

The Geneva Forum: Towards Global Access to Health (Geneva Health Forum) is a joint initiative launched by the University Hospitals of Geneva and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva, in partnership with the major international organizations active in health in Geneva and around the world. Held every two years, the international Geneva Health Forum brings together the major stakeholders in global access to health – from field workers to policy-makers.

Geneva Health Forum is in full preparation for its 2012 edition. As part of the Geneva Health Forum community, we depend on your vital input to ensure that we are - more than ever - staying in touch with the most pressing issues at the frontlines of health. In addition, we have a new conference format that will help us spotlight the issues and collectively work to ensure that the frontlines are heard. More on that soon...

In the meantime, we have identified four potential thematic axes for the next Geneva Health Forum, which you will find in brief here below. We ask that you go to a very brief questionnaire to rank the importance of these four themes and to give your suggestions on what must be addressed at the GHF 2012. <http://questio.hcuge.ch/ghf/ghfthemes2012/ghfthemes2012.hyp?lang=EN&quer...>

The questionnaire should take just one minute of your time!

General information: www.genevahealthforum.org

EHMA – International research initiative

EHMA has joined an international research initiative across Europe, Australia/New-Zealand, Canada and the United states of America, aimed at determining the appropriately (combined) use of payment systems to support healthcare performance. The initiative is launched by three European Universities – the Catholic University Leuven, Ghent University and the University of Antwerp – and is conducted independently of external funding.

EHMA lends its support to this study and encourages all members to participate to the survey and to distribute this invitation as widely as possible towards healthcare professionals possibly interested in participation. For more information see <http://www.ehma.org>

Medical Peace Work Online courses – Update

January 27th saw the launch of seven new and revised Medical Peace Work online courses.

The aim of the interactive courses is to educate health professionals about the impact of war and other forms of violence on the health of individuals and populations, and to show how they can make a positive and particular contribution to peace building, violence prevention and conflict transformation.

The courses provide the participants with new insights about the special role and responsibility of healthcare professionals in peace work. The courses, which will be promoted worldwide, were developed by 19 organizations from Denmark, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Turkey and the UK. They are not only designed for health professionals and students who wish to do humanitarian or development work or who want to work with human rights or medical peace organizations; these courses are valuable for all health workers, no matter where they work and live. The course issues range therefore from suicide and interpersonal violence prevention to the abolition of nuclear weapons. The courses are freely available at www.medicalpeacework.org

4. EUPHA member updates

Welcome to this section of the EUPHA newsletter, in which we summarize the activities of our members. We continue to summarize information we have received directly from our members in different languages. We hope to include more and more of our members in this new section.

Société Française de Santé Publique (SFSP) – www.sfsp.fr

The office of the SFSP has a new director: Flore Aumaître : Welcome to our network. The SFSP has just created a working group named International and European section to be more reactive for EUPHA and international news or events.

UK Faculty of Public Health (FPH) – www.fph.org.uk/

Faculty of Public Health Annual Conference's theme is "Public Health in a Changing World" Monday 4 July 2011, University of Birmingham

ESQH – European Society for Quality in Healthcare

The date for the first ever ESQH / ISQua Joint Conference – Development of Quality Improvement in Europe- will be organised from 18-20 May 2011 in Krakow, Poland.

A dedicated website has been set up to promote the event, as well as to handle registrations, hotel advice etc. You can find the site at www.esqh2011.pl

5. Upcoming courses and conferences



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> Global International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: 5th Annual European Nutrition & Lifestyle Conference 2011: Taking the next steps towards a healthier Europe

Date: 2-3 March 2011

Place: Brussels, Belgium

More information: www.nutrition-lifestyle.eu

Title: 2011 Joint International Conference of the African and Southern African Societies of Human Genetics - Building Capacity for Genomic and Translational Research in Africa

Date: 6 - 9 March 2011

Place: Cape Town, South Africa

More information: <http://www.humangenetics2011.org/dates.htm>

Title: **Symposium: Successen van preventie 1970-2010-2040**
Date: 11 Maart 2011
Place: Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser: Erasmus MC
More information: info@decongresbalie.nl

Title: **A Vision for a Healthier Nation - The New Public Health Service 2011**
Date: 24 March 2011
Place: London, UK
More information: <http://www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=caa77320-7c18-4e51-bcf9-3bfee3d90fd6>

Title: **Doctoral Program in Health Technology Assessment**
Date: Starts in Spring 2011
Place: Hall, Austria
Organiser: International Continuing Education Program in Health Technology Assessment and Decision Science (HTADS) at UMIT – University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology in Hall i.T., Austria
More information: www.umat.at/htads

Title: **Introduction to Health Technology Assessment**
Date: April 6-9, 2011
Place: Hall, Austria
Organiser: International Continuing Education Program in Health Technology Assessment and Decision Science (HTADS) at UMIT – University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology in Hall i.T., Austria
More information: www.umat.at/htads

Title: **Preventing Childhood Obesity: EPODE Keys of Success - 2nd EPODE European Network (EEN) Symposium**
Date: 7 April 2011
Place: Brussels, Belgium
More information: <http://www.epode-european-network.com/>

Title: **Knowledge Exchange in Public Health Conference**
Date: 11-12 April 2011
Place: Durham, UK
More information: <http://www.fuse.ac.uk/group.php?gid=213&pid=934>.

Title: **13th World congress on public health - Towards Global Health Equity: Opportunities and Threats**
Date: 21-29 April 2012
Place: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
More information: <http://www.wfpha.org>

Title: **Innovation in Healthcare - Improving Care, Driving Efficiency**
Date: 12 May 2011
Place: London, UK
More information: [Innovation in Healthcare: further details](#)

Title: **Infectious Disease Outbreak Investigations**
Date: May 26 - 29, 2011

Place: Edmonton, Canada
Organiser: University of Alberta, School of public health
More information: <http://www.publichealth.ualberta.ca/>

Title: Introduction to Public Health Surveillance
Date: May 30 -June 3, 2011
Place: Edmonton, Canada
Organiser: University of Alberta, School of public health
More information: <http://www.publichealth.ualberta.ca/>

Title: Epidemiological Concepts for Managers
Date: *May-June 2011 (to be confirmed)
Place: Edmonton, Canada
Organiser: University of Alberta, School of public health
More information: <http://www.publichealth.ualberta.ca/>

Title: Geographic Information Science in Public Health
Date: June 6 - 7 2011
Place:Edmonton, Canada
Organiser: University of Alberta, School of public health
More information: <http://www.publichealth.ualberta.ca/>

Title: Executive Course on Global Health Diplomacy
Date: June 6-10, 2011
Place: Geneva Switzerland
Organiser: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
More information: <http://bit.ly/gpGAIZ>

Title: Modeling Approaches for HTA: a Practical Hands-On Workshop
Date: June 6-8, 2011
Place: Hall, Austria
Organiser: International Continuing Education Program in Health Technology Assessment and Decision Science (HTADS) at UMIT – University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology in Hall i.T., Austria
More information: www.umat.at/htads

Title: Data Analysis for Public Health Surveillance
Date: June 13 - 14, 2011
Place: Edmonton, Canada
Organiser: University of Alberta, School of public health
More information: <http://www.publichealth.ualberta.ca/>

Title: 10th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy
Date: 27-30 June 2011
Place: Athens, Greece
More information: www.atiner.gr/health.htm

Title: Summer School on Health Law and Ethics 2011
Date: 27 June – 8 July 2011
Place: Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser: Erasmus Observatory on health law
More information: www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl

Title: Intervention mapping for HIV/AIDS prevention – designing theory-based and evidence-based programs
Date: 4-8 July 2011
Place: Maastricht, The Netherlands
Organiser: Maastricht University
More information: anja.ronken@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Title: UCL Health and Society Summer school - Social Determinants of health
Date: 4–8 July 2011
Place: London, UK
Organiser: UCL Health and Society
More information: www.ucl.ac.uk/healthandsociety

Title: Scientific Writing for the Life Sciences
Date: September 2011
Place: Hall, Austria
Organiser: International Continuing Education Program in Health Technology Assessment and Decision Science (HTADS) at UMIT – University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology in Hall i.T., Austria
More information: www.umat.at/htads

Title: Master of Science Program in Health Technology Assessment, Evidence-based Healthcare and Decision Science
Date: Starts in October 2011
Place: Hall, Austria
Organiser: International Continuing Education Program in Health Technology Assessment and Decision Science (HTADS) at UMIT – University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology in Hall i.T., Austria
More information: www.umat.at/htads

Title: Observatory Venice Summer School– The Ageing Crisis: A Health Systems Response
Date: 24-30 July 2011
Place: San Servolo, Venice, Italy
Organiser: European Observatory
More information: summerschool2011@obs.euro.who.int

Title: World Congress of epidemiology 2011
Date: 7-11 August 2011
Place: Edinburgh, UK
Organiser: IEA
More information: <http://www.epidemiology2011.com/>

Title: HDCA conference: Innovation, Development & Human Capabilities
Date: September 6-8th, 2011
Place: The Hague, The Netherlands
More information: <http://bit.ly/gz5Y4j>

Title: 5th European Congress – Community care – a blessing or a curse?
Date: 24-25 September 2011
Place: Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: EUFAMI
More information: www.eufami.org

6. Interesting publications

Evaluation of structure and provision of primary care in Ukraine

Wienke GW Boerma, Dionne S Kringos, Therese A Wieggers, Valentina Baltag, Ludmila Khimion,
Available online PDF http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0016/129022/e94565.pdf
and

Evaluation of structure and provision of primary care in Serbia

Wienke GW Boerma, Martina Pellny, Dionne S Kringos

Available online PDF http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/128849/e94554.pdf

Both reports written by NIVEL on behalf of WHO-European Regional Office

The implementation of the WHO Primary Care Evaluation Tool (PCET) aims to provide a structured approach to this by drawing on health system functions such as governance, financing and resource generation, as well as the characteristics of a good PC service delivery system: accessibility, comprehensiveness, coordination and continuity. These reports give an overview on the findings for the Ukraine and Serbia.

The Two Poverty Enlightenments: Historical Insights from Digitized Books Spanning Three Centuries

Martin Ravallion,

Available online PDF [52p.] at: <http://bit.ly/i8VrJ1>

From conflict and crisis to renewal: generations of change

The State of World Population 2010

External Relations Division of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund

Available online PDF [116p.] at: <http://bit.ly/hwiYkD>

Health Behaviours, Socioeconomic Status, and Mortality:

Further Analyses of the British Whitehall II and the French GAZEL Prospective Cohorts

Silvia Stringhini et al.

PLoS Med 8(2): e1000419. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000419 – February 22, 2011

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/dXByVS>

Overcoming gaps to advance global health equity: a symposium on new directions for research

Julio Frenk, Lincoln Chen,

Health Research Policy and Systems 22 February 2011, 9:11doi:10.1186/1478-4505-9-11

Available online PDF [7p] at: <http://bit.ly/efT53y>

Successful Social Protection Floor Experiences

ILO/UNDP – February 2011

Available online PDF [420p.] at: <http://bit.ly/gxPxbf>

Elimination of Neglected Diseases in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Mapping of Selected Diseases

Maria Cristina Schneider et al.

Pan American Health Organization PAHO/WHO, Washington, D.C., United States of America

PLoS Negl Trop Dis 5(2): e964. - February 15, 2011 - doi:10.1371/journal.pntd.0000964

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/xfpCh>

Impact Evaluation in Practice: A New Guide

Paul J. Gertler, Sebastian Martinez, Patrick Premand, Laura B. Rawlings, Christel M. J. Vermeersch
The World Bank 2011

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/e4iiX1>

The Burden of Cancer in Developing Countries

Available online PDF [72p.] <http://bit.ly/g52KBP>

The Global Economic Cost of Cancer

American Cancer Society and Livestrong - 2010

Available online PDF [14p.] at: <http://bit.ly/ggFGOX>

Latin America and the Caribbean: Selected Economic and Social Data, 2010

USAID - Economic Analysis and Data Services (EADS)

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/i2btKj>. PDF File: <http://bit.ly/gaMKmM>

The Health Systems in Transition (HiT)

HiT template (2010)

Bernd Rechel, Sarah Thomson, Ewout van Ginneken

World Health Organization 2010, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Available online PDF [110p.] at: <http://bit.ly/go92qQ>

Method for Synthesizing Knowledge About Public Policies

The National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy, Canada

Institut national de santé publique du Québec - 2010

Available online PDF [65p.] at: <http://bit.ly/dRO8Y3>

Global Status report on alcohol and health 2011

World Health Organization – WHO

Available online PDF [85p.] at: <http://bit.ly/fc5Ms9>

South Asia at Health Crossroads with High Rates of Heart Disease, Diabetes, and Obesity

World bank February 2011

Available online PDF [127p.] at: <http://bit.ly/dXVL2k>

The right to sutures: social epidemiology, human rights, and social justice

Sridhar Venkatapuram, Ruth Bell, and Michael Marmot

Health and Human Rights: An International Journal, HHR volume 12 number 2 - 2010

Available PDF [14p.] online at: <http://bit.ly/fSsmjg>

Online Learning Modules

Critical Appraisal of Intervention Studies

Donna Ciliska with Jacqueline Muresan and Rebecca LaRocca

National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools NCCMT – Canada – January 2011

Website: <http://bit.ly/gBS9e8>

Improving the user experience of evidence.

A design approach to evidence-informed health care

Sarah E. Rosenbaum

Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services, Oslo, Norway

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/icl4ua>

Social conditions, health equity, and human rights

Paula Braveman,

Health and Human Rights: An International Journal, North America, 12:14-12 2010.

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/ibi6rb>

Social Science Research in the Neglected Tropical Diseases

Edited by Pascale Allotey and Subhash Pokhrel
Health Research Policy and Systems – January 2011
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/hdf4ID>

National, regional, and global trends in body-mass index since 1980:

systematic analysis of health examination surveys and epidemiological studies with 960 country-years and 9.1 million participants
Mariel M Finucane et al.
Funding Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and WHO.
Website: <http://bit.ly/dIW74X>

World Migration Report 2010

The Future of Migration: Building Capacities for Change
International Organization for Migration - Geneva Switzerland, 2010
Available online [PDF 295p.] at: <http://bit.ly/eRpfUo>

Migrant Health Guide

Health Protection Agency HPA UK 2010- <http://bit.ly/dEFVcw>
Health Promotion – achieving good health for all
Available online PDF [156p.] at: <http://bit.ly/fe55Ao>

What does the empirical evidence tell us about the injustice of health inequalities?

Angus Deaton
Available online PDF [26p.] at: <http://bit.ly/fe0pLY>

Interim first report on social determinants of health and the health divide in the WHO European Region

European Social Determinants and Health Divide Review - Chair of the Review: Sir Michael Marmot
Report prepared by: Sir Michael Marmot and his team - September 2010
Executive summary – PDF [41p.] at: <http://bit.ly/f84Ber>

Strong Medicine for a Healthier America

American Journal of Preventive Medicine Am J Prev Med 2011;40(1S1)S1–S3 S1
Website <http://bit.ly/fEvBH1>

7. European Commission news

Antimicrobial resistance

[Report of the Stakeholder Consultation on the Transatlantic Task Force on antimicrobial resistance now available](#)

Communicable diseases

[First Steering Committee Meeting of the EpiSouth Plus Project, Luxembourg, 3 February 2011](#)

EU in the world

[Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 16 February 2011](#)

Health indicators

[ECHI - list of indicators - Select an indicator to access data and metadata via the Heidi data tool](#)

Health programme

List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated

Health workforce

Working Group on the European Workforce for Health, Brussels, 07 February 2011

Major and chronic diseases

Today, on the eve of World Cancer Day, the European Commission publishes the first edition of the European Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Colorectal Cancer Screening and Diagnosis

Medicinal products for human use

Q&A: Registration of Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products

Mental health

Thematic Conference "Promoting Mental Health and Well-being at Workplaces", Berlin, 03-04 March 2011

European SMES Conference" Sharing and Participating: Promoting Dignified Life and Mental Health", Bucharest 16-18 March 2011

EU-compass - List of reports and studies on Mental Health in Workplace updated

Add policy or good practice to the Mental Health Compass Database

Nanotechnology

4th annual nanotechnology Safety for Success Dialogue Workshop, 29-30 March 2011

Nutrition and physical activity

Plenary meeting of the EU platform for Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 9 September 2010

Renewed Commitment of Stakeholders to Combat Overweight and Obesity-Related Health Issues

Patient safety

Meeting of the Patient Safety & Quality of Care Working Group, Brussels, 26 January 2011

Rare diseases

EUROPLAN (European Project for Rare Diseases National Plans Development) Final Conference, Roma, 24-25 February 2011

Scientific committees

SCENIHR - Minutes of 11th Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light Meeting (teleconference) of 2 February 2011

SCENIHR - Minutes of 5th Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment Meeting of 21 January 2011

SCENIHR - Minutes of the 11th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 24 November 2010

SCHER - Minutes of the 10th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 16 November 2010

SCENIHR - Minutes of 10th Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light Meeting (teleconference) of 5 January 2011

Newsletter of the European Commission Scientific Committees February 2011 edition available

The European Consumer Consultative Group

ECCG Opinion of the ECCG on the European Commission's Green Paper on policy options for progress towards a European Contract Law for consumers and businesses

Tobacco

New key document: Dancing the tango - The experience and roles of the European Union in relation to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

8. EU Health Policy Forum – NEWS –

http://ec.europa.eu/health/interest_groups/eu_health_forum/policy_forum/index_en.htm

The aim of the Health Policy Forum is to bring together umbrella organisations representing stakeholders in the health sector to ensure that the EU's health strategy is open, transparent and responds to the public concerns. The intention is to provide an opportunity to organise consultations, to exchange views and experience on a wide range of topics, and to assist in implementation and follow-up of specific initiatives. In new section of our newsletter, we present you with the latest news of the EU Health policy forum. For more information, please visit the website of the Forum.

The 1st European Guidelines on Colorectal Cancer Screening

On the eve of World Cancer Day, the European Commission has published new European guidelines on quality assurance in colorectal cancer screening, in an effort to improve the screening and diagnosis of colorectal cancer - the 2nd most common cause of cancer death in the EU.

Similar guidelines have already been developed for breast and cervical cancer screening, in 2006 and 2008 respectively.

For more information, please see today's Press Release, available in English, French and German:

Cancer: New EU Guidelines on Colorectal Cancer Screening and Diagnosis

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/125&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

And the Memo:

Q&A: European guidelines for quality assurance in colorectal cancer screening and diagnosis

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/11/64&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

You can order a copy of the Guidelines from the Commission's bookshop:

http://bookshop.europa.eu/is-bin/INTERSHOP.enfinity/WFS/EU-Bookshop-Site/en_GB/-/EUR/ViewPublication-Start?PublicationKey=ND3210390

Report of the Stakeholder Consultation Conference on the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing is available on the website:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/1609&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage>

9. European Centre for Diseases Control

This month you will find:

ECDC guidance

- Risk assessment guidelines for diseases transmitted on aircraft

Surveillance report

- Gonococcal antimicrobial susceptibility surveillance in Europe 2009

Technical report

- Fostering collaboration in public health microbiology in the European Union

Meeting reports

- Developing health communication research: a focus on communicable diseases—challenges and opportunities

- Annual meeting of the European Influenza Surveillance Network

- Second annual meeting of the invasive bacterial diseases surveillance network in Europe

Web items

- Weekly influenza surveillance overview

- Scientific advances (selected papers on travel medicine)

Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 5, 3 February 2011

This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Group A streptococcal infections during the seasonal influenza outbreak 2010/11 in South East England
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19780>

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A multiplex one-step real-time RT-PCR assay for influenza surveillance

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19798>

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European Parliament adopts resolution on the Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI)

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Ongoing outbreak of mumps infection in Oban, Scotland, November 2010 to January 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19803>

Ongoing outbreak of measles in Oslo, Norway, January–February 2011

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First reported cases of human adenovirus serotype 14p1 infection, Ireland, October 2009 to July 2010

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10. WHO publications

Working to overcome the global impact of neglected tropical diseases: first WHO report on neglected tropical diseases 2010. WHO Press, Geneva, 2010.

Carbon black, titanium dioxide and talc. IARC/WHO, Geneva, 2010.

Medical eligibility criteria for contraceptive use, 4th edition 2009. WHO Press, Geneva, 2009.

Mental health and development – targeting people with mental health conditions as a vulnerable group. WHO/Mental health and poverty project, Geneva, 2010.

Research and the World Health Organization – a history of the advisory committee on health research – 1959-1999. WHO Press, Geneva, 2010.

The World health report – health systems financing: the path to universal coverage. WHO Press, Geneva, 2010.

European status report on alcohol and health 2010. WHO/EURO, Copenhagen, 2010.

WHO guidelines on indoor air quality: selected pollutants. WHO/EURO, Copenhagen, 2010.

Painting, fire-fighting and shiftwork. IARC/WHO, Geneva, 2010.

NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - FEBRUARY 2011

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 [Autumn 2010 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online:

[CDROM International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Health Related Problems \(The\) ICD-10. 2008 Edition. Training tool](#)

This new electronic training tool is based on 17 years' practical experience in providing training for ICD-10 in the WHO Network for the Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC).

[Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health](#)

The Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health (2011) presents a comprehensive perspective on the worldwide, regional and country consumption of alcohol, patterns of drinking, health consequences and policy responses in Member States.

[WHO Human Health Risk Assessment Toolkit: Chemical Hazards](#)

The purpose of this toolkit is to provide its users with guidance to identify, acquire and use the information needed to assess chemical hazards, exposures and the corresponding health risks in their given health risk assessment contexts at local and/or national levels.

[Adolescent Job Aid](#)

The Adolescent Job Aid is a handy desk reference tool for health workers (trained and registered doctors, nurses and clinical officers) who provide services to children, adolescents and adults.

[Quality Assessment Guidebook: A Guide to Assessing Health Services for Adolescent Clients](#)

This guidebook is designed to assist national and district health managers, as well as managers and staff at health facilities, to assess the quality of their services for adolescents in relation to the list of adolescent-friendly characteristics.

[WHO Recommendations on the Management of Diarrhoea and Pneumonia in HIV-infected Infants and Children](#)

This publication is intended primarily for use by national advisory boards, national HIV/AIDS and child health programme managers and senior policy-makers involved in planning national strategies for child survival and paediatric prevention and care for HIV infection in resource-limited settings.

[Traditional Herbal Remedies for Primary Health Care](#)

This publication contains 28 monographs on common ailments which can be readily treated with simple herbal remedies found in South-East Asia.

[Integrating Poverty and Gender into Health Programmes: A sourcebook for Health Professionals. Module on Nutrition](#)

This module is designed to improve the awareness, knowledge and skills of health professionals on poverty and gender concerns in the field of nutrition.

[WHO Guidelines for Indoor Air Quality: Selected Pollutants](#)

This book presents WHO guidelines for the protection of public health from a number of chemicals commonly present in indoor air.

[Use of Malaria Rapid Diagnostics Tests \(The\). Second Edition](#)

The second edition of this booklet is designed to assist those involved in malaria management and diagnosis.

[Painting, Fire-Fighting and Shiftwork](#)

This volume of the IARC Monographs provides evaluations of the carcinogenicity of shiftwork, painting and firefighting.

[Carbon Black, Titanium Dioxide, and Talc](#)

This volume of the IARC Monographs provides a reassessment of the carcinogenicity of carbon black, titanium dioxide, and talc.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 89, No. 02, 2011](#)

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.

[Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal/La Revue de Santé de la Méditerranée orientale, Vol. 17, No. 01, 2011](#)

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.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

[Guide pratique pour l'élaboration d'une politique scolaire sur l'alimentation et l'exercice physique](#)

Ce guide est un outil pratique qui facilite l'adoption, l'adaptation et la mise en oeuvre du cadre pour une politique scolaire de la Stratégie mondiale pour l'alimentation, l'exercice physique et la santé.

BOOKS IN SPANISH

[Progressos en materia de saneamiento y agua: informe de actualización 2010](#)

El presente informe describe el estado y las tendencias relativas al consumo de agua salubre y la utilización de instalaciones básicas de saneamiento.

BOOKS IN RUSSIAN

[Protecting Children's Health in a Changing Environment \(Russian\)](#)

This booklet summarizes the commitments made at the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, held in Parma in 2010.

BOOKS IN ARABIC

[World Health Report \(The\) \(Arabic\)](#)

In this report, the World Health Organization maps out what countries can do to modify their financing systems so they can move more quickly to universal coverage, and sustain the gains that have been achieved.

11. EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



EUPHApedia

We take the liberty of providing you with an update on our new project EUPHApedia - a search engine for all public health issues, whereby we actively invite our members to upload their experiences (practice, policy, research and training/education) in the system to be shared with all our members.

On 28 February 2011, we have 1687 documents included in EUPHApedia, including all abstracts from our conferences 1998-2010. Direct links were established with 26 websites:

- EU Health Portal - Europe
- European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies - Europe
- European Journal of Public Health - Europe
- EUPHIX - European Public Health Exchange Project - Europe
- Eurohealth - published by LSE Health - Europe
- OSI activities in Roma health - Europe
- Scientific Institute of Public Health - Belgium
- Acta Informatica Medica - journal of the Academy of Medical Sciences- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Materia Socio Medica - Social Medicine - Public Health Journal – Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Medcinski Arhiv - Journal of the Academy of Medical Sciences in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Journal of Biomedical and Clinical Research - Bulgaria
- RUBSI - Research Unit in Behavior and Social Issues - Cyprus
- Unit for Health Promotion Research, University of Southern Denmark - Denmark
- National Institute for Health and Welfare - Finland
- French School of Public Health - France
- Landesinstitut fur Gesundheit – Nord Rhein Westfalen - Germany
- Catholic University of the Sacred Heart - Rome, Italy
- University of Siena - Italy
- Macedonian Journal of Medical Sciences – Macedonia
- European Centre for Public Health Genomics - Maastricht, Netherlands
- Maastricht University - Department of International Health - Netherlands
- Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research - Netherlands
- National Institute for Public Health and the Environment – RIVM- Netherlands
- Norwegian Institute of Public Health - Norway
- Valencia Center for Public Health Research – CSISP - Spain
- School of Health and Bioscience, University of East London, UK

The information in the system is linked to:

- EUPHA home page
- EUPHA section web pages
- EUPHA country web pages (planned)

In the pilot phase of this new tool (until November 2011), EUPHApedia will only be accessible for EUPHA members by clicking on the link on the opening page of www.eupha.org.

Uploading documents in EUPHApedia is very easy: you can either upload a document or copy/paste a summary of the document. If you are a EUPHA member and interested in uploading documents, please contact office@eupha.org

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