



EUPHA Newsletter 1, 2008

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1. EUPHA news

The 2008 EUPHA conference

The 2008 conference will be organized in Lisbon, Portugal from 6-8 November and the main theme is **I-health: innovation and health in Europe**. Abstracts can be submitted from 1 February to 1 May.

We are very pleased to combine our annual meeting with the annual meeting of our partner association – ASPHER (Association for Schools of Public Health in the European Region). The 2008 ASPHER conference will be organized from 5-6 November 2008 combined with a specific training and education track during the EUPHA conference. The main theme is **Education and research - Education in research for Public health: State of the art and challenges ahead**. Abstracts can be submitted from 1 February to 1 May.

Several EUPHA sections are already planning pre-conference activities, including:

- Training seminar on measuring patient experiences in health care
- Workshop on social security and health
- Workshop on child safety
- Workshop on Public Mental Health and interpersonal and community violence
- Workshop on the electronic child health record
- Workshop on European training in effective adolescent care and health
- Workshop on migrant health

Further to that, our partner Sanofi-MSD is planning a round table on vaccination issues.

More information on the pre-conference activities can be found on the EUPHA website www.eupha.org. Participation is open for all, an additional fee will be charged.

2. Call for proposals/collaboration:

Revitalizing Health for All:

A Call for Expressions of Interest to Participate in New Research and Research Training in Comprehensive Primary Health Care was launched by the Globalization and Health Equity Research Unit at the Institute of Population Health - University of Ottawa

For more information:

<http://www.globalhealthequity.ca/electronic%20library/Call%20for%20Expressions%20of%20Interest%20CPHC.pdf>

The deadline for an expression of interest is 31 March 2008.

European Medicines Agency (EMA)

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has published a draft guideline on 'the clinical development of medicinal products for the treatment of HIV infection' (EMA/CPMP/EWP/633/02 Rev. 2). The document is available here:

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/pdfs/human/ewp/063302enrev2.pdf>

The guideline is intended to provide guidance on the clinical development of medicinal products for the treatment of HIV infection including requirements for authorisation and wording of the Summary of Products Characteristics.

Please provide any comments you may have on the draft guideline to the Efficacy Working Party secretariat (EWPSecretariat@emea.europa.eu) by using this template:

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/pdfs/human/regaffair/submitcomment.doc>

Please note that the deadline for submitting comments is 30 April 2008.

3. Upcoming Courses and conferences

Title Health education and health promotion: theory and practice

Date 23-27 June 2008

Place Maastricht, the Netherlands

Organiser University of Maastricht

Deadline abstracts -

More information www.researchschoolcare.nl

Title Intervention mapping for HIV/AIDS prevention: designing theory-based and evidence-based programs

Date 30 June – 4 July 2008

Place Maastricht, the Netherlands

Organiser University of Maastricht

Deadline abstracts -

More information Ms Anja Ronken: anja.ronken@fd.unimaas.nl

Title HTAi 2008: Health Technology Assessment in Context;

The Fifth Annual Meeting of Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi)

Date 6-9 July 2008

Place Montréal, Canada

Organiser The Agence d'évaluation des technologies et des modes d'intervention en santé du Québec (AETMIS)

Deadline abstracts -

More information Website : http://www.htai2008.org/en_home.phtml

Title World Summit of Antivirals (WSA-2008): combating Severe Viral Infections

Date 20-22 July 2008

Place Kunming, China

Organiser

Deadline abstracts -

More information <http://www.bitlifesciences.com/wsa2008>

Title Infectious Introduction to Mathematical Models of the Epidemiology & Control of Diseases

short course for public health professionals
Date 1-12 September 2008
Place London, UK
Organiser Imperial College
Deadline abstracts -
More information <http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/cpd/courses/subject/medical/epidemiology>

Title 2nd European conference on injury prevention and safety promotion:
making Europe a safer place
Date 9-10 October 2008
Place Paris, France
Organiser Eurosafe
Deadline abstracts 1 March 2008
More information www.eurosafe.eu.com/paris2008

4. Interesting publications

Outbreaks: sources of epidemiological knowledge in communicable diseases control
Paul L.J.M. Mertens, Erasmus MC, University Medical center Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 2008

Politics is nothing but medicine at a larger scale: new Year's essay 2008
Mackenbach J, Donker M, Burdorf, L, Department of Public Health, Erasmus Medical Center, University Medical Centre Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 2008

Public health: ethical issues
Nuffield Council on Bioethics, 2007. For more information: www.nuffieldbioethics.org

Health in the European Union: report
Special Eurobarometer publication of the European Commission, September 2007

Counting and Multidimensional Poverty Measurement
Sabina Alkire University of Oxford, James Foster, University of Vanderbilt and University of Oxford
Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative - OPHI Working Paper 7 December 2007
Department of International Development - Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford
Available online as PDF file [32p.] at: http://www.ophi.org.uk/pubs/Alkire_Foster_CountingMultidimensionalPoverty.pdf

Measuring The Health Of Nations: Updating An Earlier Analysis
Ellen Nolte and C. Martin McKee, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
HEALTH AFFAIRS - Volume 27, Number 1 – January/ February 2008
Available online as Full text: <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/27/1/58>

Primary Health for All
Ten key actions could globally ensure a basic human right at almost unnoticeable cost
By Jeffrey D. Sachs
Scientific American Magazine - January, 2008
Details available at: <http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?id=primary-health-for-all>
Extended Version at: <http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?id=primary-health-for-all-extended>

Health, development, and equity—call for papers
Richard Horton, The Lancet, London, UK
Tikki Pang, WHO Geneva, Switzerland
The Lancet, Volume 371, Number 9607, 12 January 2008
Details available at: <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673608600860/fulltext>

The Global Challenge of Health Systems - Summary of Pocantico Discussions
Pocantico II - New York, USA - September 20–21, 2007
The Rockefeller Foundation
Available online as PDF file [50p.] at: http://www.rockfound.org/library/0907pocantico_brochure.pdf

**Achieving a High-Performance Health Care System with Universal Access:
What the United States Can Learn from Other Countries**

American College of Physicians

Annals of Internal Medicine - *Ann Intern Med.* 2008;148:55-75 - 1 January 2008 Volume 148 Issue 1

Available online at: <http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/full/148/1/55?ck=nck>

Improving Population Health: The Uses of Systematic Reviews

Melissa Sweet and Ray Moynihan

Milbank Memorial Fund - Produced in collaboration with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) December 2007

Available online as PDF file [84p.] at:

<http://www.milbank.org/reports/0712populationhealth/0712ImprovingPopulationHealthFinal.pdf>

The Health Systems Assessment Approach: A How-To Manual

Mursaleena Islam, Editor, 2007

U.S. Agency for International Development in collaboration with Health Systems 20/20, Partners for Health Reformplus, Quality Assurance Project, and Rational Pharmaceutical Management Plus. Arlington, VA: Management Sciences for Health

Available online as PDF file [374p.] at: http://healthsystems2020.org/files/528_file_Manual_Complete.pdf

Can working with the private for-profit sector improve utilization of quality health services by the poor? A systematic review of the literature

Edith Patouillard, Catherine A Goodman, Kara G Hanson, Anne J Mills

International Journal for Equity in Health – November 2007

Available online as PDF file [36p.] at: <http://www.equityhealthj.com/content/pdf/1475-9276-6-17.pdf>

Reaching for a Healthier Life

Facts on Socioeconomic Status and Health in the U.S.

Nancy Adler (director) and Judith Stewart (network administrator) with Sheldon Cohen, Mark Cullen, Ana Diez Roux, William Dow, Gary Evans, Ichiro Kawachi, Michael Marmot, Karen Matthews, Bruce McEwen, Joseph Schwartz, Teresa Seeman and David Williams.

John D and Catherine MacArthur Foundation - Research Network on Socioeconomic Status and Health, 2007-12-17

Available online as PDF file [52p.] at:

<http://www.macses.ucsf.edu/News/Reaching%20for%20a%20Healthier%20Life.pdf>

5. European Commission: update

Public Health

- Risk assessment: Events
First Annual Nanotechnology Safety for Success Dialogue [Report of the meeting](#)
- Health information: 2003 funded projects
REPROSTAT 2 - Assessing the usefulness of a comprehensive set of reproductive health indicators designed for the enlarged European Union, with particular emphasis on the reproductive health of adolescents and young adult (Phase 2) [Final report](#)
- International: EU Neighbourhood and third countries
South-eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) [Page updated](#)
- Health determinants: Alcohol
European Alcohol and Health Forum [Task Forces section updated](#)

- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks
Public consultation on the SCHER preliminary report on The environmental risks and indirect health effects of mercury in dental amalgam [Deadline for submission of comments: 22 February 2007](#)
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks
Public consultation on the SCENIHR preliminary report on The safety of dental amalgam and alternative dental restoration materials for patients and users [Deadline for the submission of comments: 22 February 2007](#)
- Risk assessment
Reports and studies
- Health programme
The Health Programme (2008-2013) came into force from 1 January 2008. The Work Plan for 2008 and the first Call for Proposals are expected to be published at the end of February 2008
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) since 2003 [Data as of 11 January 2008](#)
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtype [Data as of 11 January 2008](#)
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtypes [Data as of 11 January 2008](#)
[\(flash map\)](#)
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
Distribution H5N1 cases by age group up to date [Data as of 11 January 2008](#)
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) by date of onset and country from January 2006 up to date [Data as of 11 January 2008](#)
- Health determinants: Alcohol
Harmful Drinking [Publication now available in en, de, fr](#)
- Brochures and Factsheets
Food and Veterinary Office
- Health determinants
Mental health [Page updated](#)
- Health information: 2004 funded projects
EUPRIS - Treatment of mentally ill or disordered persons in European prison systems - Service provision and outcomes [Final report](#)
- Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign
European Excellence Award 2007 for "Help ? For a life without tobacco" - the campaign of the European Commission DG Sanco
- Health determinants: Tobacco
Newsletter of the "HELP - For a life without tobacco" campaign [Edition: December 2007](#)
- Newsletter: Health & Consumer Voice Newsletter on Food Safety, Health and Consumer Policy from Health and Consumer Protection DG
Edition: November 2007 - Special edition
- Threats to health
Rare diseases [What's new section updated](#)

- **Health information**
Developing European Union health indicators [What's new section updated](#)
- **Health determinants: Nutrition - EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health**
EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health member organisations [Document updated](#)
- **Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets**
Neurodegenerative, neurodevelopment and non-psychiatric brain diseases [Multiple sclerosis health information section updated](#)
- **Health determinants: Tobacco**
Newsletter of the "HELP - For a life without tobacco" campaign [Edition: December 2007](#)
- **Health determinants: Alcohol**
European Alcohol and Health Forum: 2nd series of commitments
- **Threats to health: Rare diseases**
Public Consultation regarding a European Action in the Field of Rare Diseases [Document of the consultation now available in 22 languages](#)
- **Health information: Developing European Union health indicators**
Data on the Healthy Life Years in the European Union [Updated](#)
- **Rare diseases: Newsletter**
OrphaNews Newsletter of the Rare diseases Task Force [Edition: December 2007](#)
- **Health information: Working Parties**
Fifth Newsletter of the Working Party Morbidity and Mortality - Scientific Assistant Office of the MMWP [Edition: December 2007 - Issue 5](#)

6. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

Thursday 20 December 2007

- Eurosurveillance - a look back at 2007
- Multinational Salmonella Paratyphi B variant Java (Salmonella Java) outbreak, August - December 2007
- Identification of Klebsiella pneumoniae carbapenemase in Sweden
- Ongoing outbreak of hepatitis A in Nis, Serbia: a preliminary report
- Preparing the European Union for the next pandemic - half way there
- Zoonotic infections in Europe: trends and figures - a summary of the EFSA-ECDC annual report
- Training fellowships for intervention epidemiology in Europe
- ECDC recruiting scientific experts

Read these reports at :<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ew/2007/071220.asp>

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- Editorial: Eurosurveillance moves on...
- Rapid Communication: Ongoing measles outbreak in southern Bavaria, Germany
- Letter to the Editor: Chikungunya virus in north-eastern Italy: a consequence of seasonal synchronicity
- Letter to the Editor: Author's reply - Chikungunya virus in north-eastern Italy: a consequence of seasonal synchronicity
- Miscellaneous: Eurosurveillance Reviewers in 2007
- Miscellaneous: Vacancy notice - Robert Koch-Institute recruiting scientific experts

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- Rapid communication: Fatal case of human rabies (Duvenhage virus) from a bat in Kenya: the Netherlands, December 2007
- Rapid communication: Fatal case of human rabies (Duvenhage virus) from a bat in Kenya: the Netherlands, December 2007
- Rapid communication: Outbreak of serogroup C meningococcal disease in Veneto region, Italy
- Rapid communication: Food-borne viruses in Europe network report: the norovirus GII.4 2006b (for US named Minerva-like, for Japan Kobe034-like, for UK V6) variant now dominant in early seasonal surveillance
- Rapid communication: An interactive central database of vaccinations in Iceland
- Rapid communication: First confirmed cases of Clostridium difficile PCR ribotype 027 in Norway
- Research article: Trends in hepatitis B incidence in Romania, 1989-2005
- News: Unusual brain disease death in the United Kingdom: possible implications for variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease
- Miscellaneous: Applications for ECDC traineeship programme now accepted until 30 January