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# 1. European Public Health Conference



## Malta 2012

The 5th ANNUAL EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE 2012, co-organised with the Maltese Association of Public Health Medicine and ASPHER, will be organised from 8 to 10 November 2012. The main theme of the conference is All Inclusive Public Health.

Abstract submission is open until 1 May 2012 (midnight CET).

Malta 2012 website: [http://eupha.org/site/upcoming\\_conference.php](http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php)

Malta 2012 has also just created a page on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/5th-European-Public-Health-Conference-Malta-2012/213687192050284>

To evaluate the use of the conference documents and bag, we have launched a questionnaire online at: [http://www.eupha.org/questionnaire/questionnaire\\_2.php](http://www.eupha.org/questionnaire/questionnaire_2.php) The questionnaire will remain open until 15 April 2012.

Questions? Feel free to contact us at: [conferences@eupha.org](mailto:conferences@eupha.org)

# 2. EUPHA update

## EUPHA's 1992-2012 prize contest!

To celebrate the 20 years of EUPHA, we launched a prize contest in January. Every month, a question will be asked on the EUPHA website at: [http://www.eupha.org/site/projects.php?project\\_page=19922012](http://www.eupha.org/site/projects.php?project_page=19922012).

For each answer, you will receive a letter, which – if you have answered everything perfectly – will form a word. Send this word between 1 and 5 November to: [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org)

From the correct entries, we will draw 4 winners. The prize to win is the Malta 2012 Conference dinner (free of charge) at the EUPHA president's table.

## EUPHA/HQ

EUPHA organised its first **Think tank meeting** on 19-20 March in Utrecht. This meeting was a joint meeting with our Committee of Past Presidents and reflected on the future of public health in Europe as well as the future role of EUPHA.

EUPHA has also participated actively (2 meetings and written reaction) to the Health 2020 consultation of **WHO/EURO**. The feedback from the Second technical Consultation on the EAP/PHS is on WHO Europe HS and PHS web pages. Please see below the link below: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/Health-systems/sections/news/2012/03/european-public-health-action-plan-consultation-generates-important-feedback>

EUPHA is one of the presenters in the round table session on Preparing for the future programme: which priorities and actors? during the High level Conference "EU Health Programmes: results and future perspectives", organised on 3 May by **DG Sanco**.

### **EUPHA section on public health genomics:**

The Genome-based Research and Population Health International Network (GRaPH-Int), the European Science Foundation "Forward Look on Personalised Medicine for the European citizen" (ESF) and the Public Health Genomics European Network (PHGEN) would like to invite you for three upcoming back-to-back conferences in association with the European Flagship Pilot for Future Emerging Technologies "IT Future of Medicine" (ITFoM) on 17-20 April 2012 at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Rome. Attending is free of charge. For more information and on how to register for these conferences please go to: [www.phgen-meeting.eu](http://www.phgen-meeting.eu)

### **EUPHA is collaborating with the following conference:**

**Title:** 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe

**Date:** 21-23 June 2012

**Place:** Milan, Italy

More information: [www.unibocconi.eu/mighealth2012](http://www.unibocconi.eu/mighealth2012)

### **EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together**



**EUPHApedia**

We are pleased to announce that EUPHApedia continues to grow. We have 2615 documents (increase of 50 from February) in the database. These include the non-public country reports from the PHIRE project. In March, 12 documents were downloaded by 10 public health professionals.

Interesting articles now available in the EUPHApedia database:

#### **07 March, 2012**

[Patient safety research: introductory course \(on-line\)](#)

This publication combines a series of free on-line courses that were broadcast in April and May 2010 to introduce the basic elements of patient safety research. There were eight sessions for health-care professionals and researchers interested in learning how to identify patient safety problems. Through these sessions, participants were informed of the core principles of patient safety research.

#### **08 March, 2012**

[Guidance for Evidence-Informed Policies about Health Systems: Rationale for and Challenges of Guidance Development](#)

This paper is the first in a three-part series on health systems guidance. Summarizing, the paper talks about: Policies to strengthen weak health systems need to draw on the best available evidence. Health systems evidence is best delivered in the form of guidance. The translation of research on problems, interventions, and implementation into decisions and policies is one challenge facing the development of health systems guidance. The development of guidance that is timely and adaptable is an additional challenge. Further research is needed.

Please feel free to send your feedback to: [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org)

## **3. Call for proposals, job opportunities**

### **Erasmus-Western Balkans – ERAWEB**

Unique opportunity for an international research career in medicine and the health sciences! ERAWEB, the European network of leading medical schools, is now offering 180 scholarships for academic exchange between the European Union and the Western Balkans at five academic levels: undergraduate, Master's, doctorate and post-doctorate students, and also for academic staff. From 1 to 36 months.

Submit your online application before April 2, 2012!

<http://www.erasmus-westernbalkans.eu>

## **International MPH Program at the Braun SPH of Hebrew University in Jerusalem**

Since its establishment in 1970, the International MPH Program (in English) at the Braun SPH of Hebrew University in Jerusalem has graduated nearly 750 MPH students from 90 countries worldwide – mostly from low-income and middle-income regions.

Every candidate from a low-income or middle-income country accepted into the IMPH Program is awarded a full scholarship (valued at over EUR22,000) to cover all costs associated with studying and living in Israel during the 12-month course.

Applications are now being received for the 2012-2013 course that begins in October, 2012.

They are in the processing of launching a new website, so in the meantime, details and application materials are available from the IMPH Program Secretary Mrs. Pamela Malka: [pam@hadassah.org.il](mailto:pam@hadassah.org.il)

## **4. Interesting News**

### **EPHA Press release – World Water Day 2012**

<http://www.epha.org/a/5056>

World Water Day 2012: “Access to water and sanitation is a human right, not an ordinary commodity”

22 March 2012 - On the occasion of the World Water Day, EPHA encourages policy makers and citizens alike to join and sign the European petition on Water and Sanitation asking for the European Union to help achieve universal access to water and sanitation within and outside the European Union.

The objectives of the campaign, led by EPSU and joined by EPHA is to guarantee water and sanitation for all in Europe, not to liberalise water services, and ensure a universal access to water and sanitation across the globe. 780 million people lack access to drinking water according to the World Health Organization, including in Europe: more than 50% of the rural population in ten countries have no access to improved water stated the European Environmental Agency in 2012. This has a direct impact on their health status and creates an unfair level of avoidable health inequalities.

### **Sage publisher launches new website on health and nursing**

New Health and Nursing website a mention launched at: <http://healthandnursing.sagepub.com>

### **WFPHA**

The General Assembly of the WFPHA will take place on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 16:00 in Addis Ababa.

The WFPHA Newsletter of March 2012 is now available at: [http://www.wfpha.org/online-newsletter/item/WFPHA\\_Newsletter\\_March\\_2012.html](http://www.wfpha.org/online-newsletter/item/WFPHA_Newsletter_March_2012.html)

## **5. EUPHA member updates**

### **Slovak Public Health Association – SAVEZ: [www.savez.sk](http://www.savez.sk)**

SAVEZ has successfully managed their registration as a research NGO at the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the SR in January 2012.

### **German Public Health Association DGPH – <http://bsph.charite.de/>**

Change of contact person to: Birgit Babitsch, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin - Berlin School of Public Health, Seestr. 73 / Haus 10, 10347 Berlin, email: [birgit.babitsch@charite.de](mailto:birgit.babitsch@charite.de)

### **Austrian Public Health Association – <http://www.oeph.at/>**

Change of contact person to: Herr Manuel Hötendorfer, Wiener Medizinische Akademie für Ärztliche Fortbildung und Forschung (WMA), Alser Straße 4, 1090 Wien, email: [mah@medacad.org](mailto:mah@medacad.org)

## **Center for Public Health Research, CSISP, Valencia, Spain – [www.csisp.gva.es](http://www.csisp.gva.es)**

Announcing their Second Edition of the CSISP Summer School, aimed primarily at graduate students and professionals of biomedical research, public health and other biological and health sciences. The school consists of five independent 1-week-long modules, with all classes taught in English. Students can choose from several options, depending on the subjects in which they are interested: they can attend individual modules or the complete Summer School.

The Summer School will take place at CSISP, Centro Superior de Investigación en Salud Pública (Center for Public Health Research, CSISP, and will be taught by CSISP researchers and by invited professors from leading international institutions.

The school is scheduled to start on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 and end on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: [summerschool\\_csisp@gva.es](mailto:summerschool_csisp@gva.es)

## **6. 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: Final conference of the AIR project**

Dates: 19 April 2012

Place: Budapest, Hungary

Organiser: Region Aquitaine

More info: [www.aquitaine.fr](http://www.aquitaine.fr)

**Title: Increasing Active Healthy Ageing: How can monitoring help achieve the EU goal?**

Dates: 19 April 2012

Place: Paris, France

Organiser: European Joint Action on Healthy Life Years

More info:

<http://europa.eu/ey2012/ey2012main.jsp?langId=nl&catId=970&eventsId=459&furtherEvents=yes>

**Title: Methods for Research Synthesis: From meta-analysis to meta-ethnography**

Dates: 30 April – 30 July 2012

Place: Online

Organiser: EPPI-Centre, Institute of Education, University of London

More info: <http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/msc/mrs>

**Title: 12th World Congress on Environmental Health**

Dates: 22-27 May 2012

Place: Vilnius, Lithuania

More info: [www.ifeh2012.org](http://www.ifeh2012.org)

**Title: EHMA Conference – Public Health Care: Who pays, who provides?**

Dates: 13-15 June 2012

Place: Bern, Switzerland

Organiser: EHMA

More info: [www.ehma.org](http://www.ehma.org)

**Title: Annual Summer School on Health Law and Ethics**

Dates: 18th of June until 29th June 2012

Place: Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Organiser: Erasmus Observatory

More info: [www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl](http://www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl)

**Title: Health District Management: Planning and Programme Design**

Dates: 18 - 29 June 2012

Place: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel/Switzerland

More info: <http://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/professional-postgraduate/health-distr-management-planning-and-programme-design.html>

**Title: Global Obesity Forum**

Dates: 27th and 28th of June – EIN Members only

29th of June – Open to the Public

Place: New York, US

Organiser: EPODE International Network (EIN)

More info:

[http://www.ein.proteines-digital.net/savethedate/Pre-Programme\\_GLOBAL\\_OBESITY\\_FORUM.pdf](http://www.ein.proteines-digital.net/savethedate/Pre-Programme_GLOBAL_OBESITY_FORUM.pdf)

**Title: Health District Management: Priority Setting and Resource Allocation**

Dates: 2 - 13 July 2012

Place: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel/Switzerland

More info: <http://www.swisstph.ch/teaching/professional-postgraduate/health-distr-management-priority-setting-and-resource-allocation.html>

**Title: 8th World Congress on Active Ageing**

Dates: 13-17 August 2012

Place: Glasgow, Scotland

Organiser: WCAA

More info: [www.wcaa2012.com](http://www.wcaa2012.com)

**Title: MSc Research for Public Policy and Practice**

Dates: September 2012

Place: Online

Organiser: EPPI-Centre, Institute of Education, University of London

More info: <http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/msc/rppp>

**Title: Bridging the health divide: from policy to practice**

Dates: 5 – 7 September 2012

Place: Bloemfontein, South Africa

Organiser: Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) and Rural Doctors Association of Southern Africa (RUDASA)

**Title: Union of Risk Management for Preventive Medicine (URMPM)  
World Congress for Health and Safety**

Dates: 8th - 9th September, 2012

Place: University of London, UK

More info: <http://www.urmpm.org/UWC2012/>

**Title: International Conference - Transforming Healthcare Infrastructure and Services in an Age of Austerity**

Dates: 19 – 21 September 2012  
Place: Cardiff, Wales  
Organiser: Health and Care Infrastructure Research and Innovation Centre (HaCIRIC)  
Deadline: for abstracts: 1 May 2012  
More info: <http://haciric.org/events/2012/09/19/HaCIRIC-International-Conference-2012-Transforming-Healthcare-Infrastructure-and-Services-in-an-Age-of-Austerity/>

**Title: 9th European IUHPE Conference on Health Promotion**

Dates: 27-29 September 2012  
Place: Tallinn, Estonia  
Organiser: IUHPE  
More info: [www.conferences.ee/iuheli2012](http://www.conferences.ee/iuheli2012)

**Title: How to Pass Your Research Protocol through an Ethics Review Committee**

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health  
Dates: 4 October 2012  
Place: University of Zurich, Switzerland  
More info: [http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd\\_courses&lang=en](http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en)

**Title:** City Health 2012  
Dates: 22-23 October 2012  
Place: London, UK  
More info: [www.cityhealth.org.uk](http://www.cityhealth.org.uk)

**Title: Media Training Workshop: Communication Skills**

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health  
Dates: 29-30 October 2012  
Place: University of Bern, Switzerland  
More info: [http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd\\_courses&lang=en](http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en)

## 7. Interesting publications

### **Research agenda for tackling inequalities related to migration and ethnicity in Europe**

Raj S. Bhopal  
Journal of Public Health 2012; doi: 10.1093/pubmed/fds004  
Full Text: <http://jpubhealth.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/fds004?ijkey=DqspLYxjzpf5Ks&keytype=ref>  
PDF: <http://jpubhealth.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/fds004?ijkey=DqspLYxjzpf5Ks&keytype=ref>

### **Ethical and Economic Perspectives on Global Health Interventions**

Sonia Bhalotra, Thomas Pogge  
The Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) – Bonn Germany  
IZA Policy Paper No. 38 March 2012  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/GKCZDR>

### **Method for Synthesizing Knowledge about Public Policies**

Florence Morestin, François-Pierre Gauvin, Marie-Christine Hogue, François Benoit  
National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy  
Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ)  
Available online PDF [65p.] at: <http://bit.ly/dRO8Y3>

### **Conceptual Issues Related to Health Systems Research to Inform a WHO Global Strategy on Health Systems Research**

Steven J. Hoffman et al.  
A Working Paper in Progress - Last Revised 29 February 2012



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

### **Rationale for and Challenges of Guidance Development for Evidence-informed Policies About Health Systems**

Bosch-Capblanch X, Lavis JN, Lewin S, Atun R, Røttingen J-A, et al. (2012)  
PLoS Med 9(3): e1001185. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001185 - March 6, 2012  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/zQJ4NU>

### **Linking Guidance Development to Policy Development in Health Systems**

Lavis JN, Røttingen J-A, Bosch-Capblanch X, Atun R, El-Jardali F, et al. (2012)  
PLoS Med 9(3): e1001186. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001186 - March 13, 2012  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/wZqYpr>

### **The Health of Canada's Young People: a mental health focus**

John G. Freeman et al.  
Public Health Agency of Canada 2011  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/GCWIsi>

### **The Role of Social Support in Reducing Psychological Distress Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI) - Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)**

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada - March 2012  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/FRErag>

### **21 Issues for the 21st Century**

United Nations Environment Programme UNEP – February 2012  
Results of the UNEP Foresight Process on Emerging Environmental Issues  
Available online PDF file [60p.] at: <http://bit.ly/zNKhAV>

### **Tackling Cross-Sectoral Challenges to Advance Health as Part of Foreign Policy**

A report of the international research initiative: Foreign Policy as Part of Global Health Challenges  
Commissioned by the Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Oslo, 2012  
Miriam Faid  
Available online as PDF [51p.] at: <http://bit.ly/wqhGLf>

### **Swiss Health Foreign Policy**

Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA  
The Federal Authorities of the Swiss Confederation – March 2012  
Available online PDF [31p.] at: <http://bit.ly/ygx58i>

### **Successful strategies to safeguard medications**

#### **The evolving threat of antimicrobial resistance – Options for Action**

World Health Organization – March 2012  
Available online PDF [125p.] at: <http://bit.ly/xN3bXz>

### **Guidance for Evidence-Informed Policies about Health Systems:**

#### **Rationale for and Challenges of Guidance Development**

Xavier Bosch-Capblanch et al.  
PLoS Med 9(3): e1001185. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001185 - March 6, 2012  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/zQJ4NU>

### **Socioeconomic Factors and All Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality among Older People in Latin America, India, and China: A Population-Based Cohort Study**

Academic Editor: Peter Byass et al.  
PLoS Med 9(2): e1001179. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001179 February 2012  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/A2U1ml>

### **Disparities in Primary Health Care Experiences Among Canadians With Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions**

Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). Mar 6, 2012  
Available online PDF [22p.] at: <http://bit.ly/yUukXu>



### **Progress on drinking water and sanitation**

2012 update WHO

UNICEF and World Health Organization 2012

Available online PDF file [66p.] at: <http://bit.ly/wlUJoc>

### **World Atlas of Gender Equality in Education**

UNESCO - Institute for Statistics (UIS) – March 2012

Available online PDF [64p.] at: UNESCO: <http://bit.ly/yIv4BH>

### **United Nations E-Government Survey 2012 - E-Government for the People**

Division for Public Administration & Development Management /

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Poster available online at: <http://bit.ly/xdAYDr>

Full report PDF [160p.] at: <http://bit.ly/ytS1wO>

### **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) - February 2012**

Full report available in PDF [156p.] at: <http://uni.cf/zLwQa6>

Website: <http://uni.cf/zLR3hJ>

### **Paying for performance to improve the delivery of health interventions in low- and middle-income countries (Review)**

Sophie Witter, Atle Fretheim, Flora L Kessy, Anne Karin Lindahl

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD007899

Available online PDF [83p.] at: <http://bit.ly/wAk4Gf>

### **Social Inequalities in Health in Montréal**

2011 Report of the Director of Public Health

Direction de santé publique - Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Montréal -Canada

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/wjwf4K>

### **Social determinants of health: the environmental dimension**

The Lancet, Volume 379, Issue 9817, Page 686, 25 February 2012

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

### **Environmental health inequalities in Europe - Assessment report**

WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, Bonn Office

WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2012

Available online PDF [212p.] at: <http://bit.ly/xA9tmV>

## **8. European Commission news**

### **Ageing**

Conference: "European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing: From plan to action" (Brussels, 3 April 2012) - Draft programme available

European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing – from Plan to Action. Get involved!

Taking forward the strategic implementation plan of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing Communication from the Commission to the EP and Council

Press release - European Commission takes action to support European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

### **Blood, tissues and organs**

Minutes of the third meeting of the Competent Authorities on Organ Donation and Transplantation

### **Health strategy**

[Health Information Committee \(Luxembourg, 08 December 2011\) Summary record and presentations](#)

### **Health indicators**

[Indicator on equity of access to dental care services updated with 2010 data](#)

[Indicators on self-reported health status updated with 2010 data \(# 33, 34 and 35\)](#)

### **Health programme**

[Mid-Term Evaluation of the Health Programme \(2008-2013\) Report, case study report, action leaders survey](#)

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

### **Healthy ageing**

[European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing: From Plan to Action - Register for the conference!](#)

### **Major and chronic diseases**

[Stakeholders consultation: invitation to provide input to the chronic disease reflection process](#) Deadline for contribution: 15 April 2012

### **Tobacco Preparedness and response**

[What has the EU done after the Fukushima accident? Press release](#)

### **Tobacco**

[Commission Directive 2012/9/EU adopting a new set of written health warnings for tobacco products](#)

[Eurobarometer on tobacco packaging health warning labels](#) Qualitative Eurobarometer study investigating a second generation of tobacco packaging health warnings. Also available in French

[John Dalli Commissioner for Health : Strengthening EU legislation on tobacco products \(High-level conference on pictorial health warnings and standardised packaging for tobacco products - Brussels, 29 February 2012\)](#)

[Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive: Commissioner Dalli listens to the views of those concerned](#)

### **Rare diseases**

[Today is the World Rare Disease Day - Read the dedicated Health-EU newsletter](#)

[World Rare Disease Day - Watch the video on European initiatives for rare diseases](#)

## **9. European Centre for Diseases Control**

### **Risk assessment: Laboratory-created A(H5N1) viruses transmissible between ferrets**

Date of publication: 29 February 2012

The results of two, as yet unpublished, investigations of laboratory-induced genetic changes in avian influenza A(H5N1) viruses have been reported to have found that a surprisingly few number of changes make the viruses transmissible between ferrets, the most commonly used model for the way influenza behaves in humans. The possibility that this could have resulted in the development in laboratories of A(H5N1) influenza viruses transmissible between humans has caused concern for public safety and generated unusually high levels of debate in the scientific community. This report summarises and explains the complex public health and scientific issues around these developments including the positive and negative aspects of some of the responses that have been proposed internationally.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

**Rapid risk assessment: Outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in a hotel in Calpe, Spain. December 2011 - January 2012**

Date of publication: 6 February 2012

Following notification of a cluster of cases of Legionnaires' disease, all associated with the same hotel in Spain, ECDC has prepared an assessment of the risk to the EU. It concludes that as the hotel has been closed, the residual risk is limited to recent hotel visitors and staff, as well as staff still working in the hotel; particularly those involved in the implementation of control measures.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

#### **Rapid risk assessment: Transmission of Foot and Mouth disease to humans visiting affected areas**

Date of publication: 21 February 2012

Following several outbreaks of Foot and Mouth disease in Libya and a request by Malta, ECDC has assessed the risk to humans, and proposed precautionary measures to be taken for people visiting affecting areas.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

#### **ECDC communicable disease threats report**

Date of publication: every Friday

The ECDC communicable disease threats report is a weekly bulletin intended for epidemiologists and health professionals in the area of communicable disease prevention and control. Summarising information gathered by ECDC through its epidemic intelligence activities regarding communicable disease threats of concern to the European Union, it also provides updates on the global situation and changes in the epidemiology of communicable diseases with potential to affect Europe, including diseases that are the focus of eradication efforts.

Read the latest update on the [ECDC website](#)

#### **European Monthly Measles Monitoring**

Date of publication: 21 February 2012

ECDC monitors measles transmission in the EU and EEA/EFTA countries and produces monthly epidemiological updates. These European Monthly Measles Monitoring (EMMO) reports are based on information from multiple sources including national websites, the EUVAC.NET database, the Early Warning and Response System (EWRS), validated media reports, and personal communication from national authorities.

Read the latest update on the [ECDC website](#)

#### **Weekly Influenza Surveillance Overview**

Date of publication: every Friday

The weekly influenza surveillance overview is a collection of timely and relevant information regarding influenza activity in Europe. It provides key statistical data on a variety of issues including the following: sentinel surveillance of influenza like illness (ILI) and acute respiratory illness (ARI); virological surveillance; aggregate numbers of pandemic H1N1 2009; hospital surveillance of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI); mortality surveillance; and qualitative reporting.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

#### **Surveillance of healthcare-associated infections in Europe 2007**

Date of publication: 15 February 2012

The primary aim of this report is to present the results of the 2007 surveillance of surgical site infections (with follow-up data until December 2008) and ICU-acquired infections (with ICU stays until March 2008), and to compare these data with those obtained from 2004 until 2006.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

#### **Surgical site infection 2008-2009**

Date of publication: 15 February 2012

Surgical site infections are among the most common types of infection. All patients undergoing surgery are at risk of complications, including surgical site infections. The primary aim of this report is to present the results of the 2008-2009 surveillance of surgical site infections across Europe.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

#### **Surveillance of surgical site infections in European hospitals — HAISSI protocol**

Date of publication: 15 February 2012

The main objective of the European protocol for the surveillance of surgical site infections is to ensure standardisation of definitions, data collection and reporting procedures for hospitals participating in the national/regional surveillance of surgical site infections across Europe, in order to contribute to the EU surveillance of healthcare-associated infections and to improve the quality of care in a multicenter setting.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

#### **European Legionnaires' Disease Surveillance Network (ELDSNet) - Operating procedures**

Date of publication: 24 February 2012

This document explains the operating procedures of the European Legionnaires' Disease Surveillance Network, coordinated by ECDC. It specifically relates to reporting cases of travel-associated Legionnaires' disease arising from stays in hotel or other commercial holiday accommodation. The aim is to quickly identify and control outbreaks of the disease and minimise the risk to holidaymakers.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

### **Second meeting of the ECDC expert group on climate change**

Date of publication: 23 February 2012

The ECDC expert group on climate change met in November 2011 to discuss a range of issues of common interest connected with the likely effect of a changing climate on infectious diseases in Europe. The group comprises representatives from EU Member States, plus representatives from some EU neighbourhood countries and ECDC staff.

Available online on the [ECDC website](#)

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 9, 01 March 2012**

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Strengthening health-system emergency preparedness. Toolkit for assessing health-system capacity for crisis management. Part 1. User manual. For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version check:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/strengthening-health-system-emergency-preparedness.-toolkit-for-assessing-health-system-capacity-for-crisis-management.-part-1.-user-manual>

We are pleased to provide you with the list of WHO information products recently released. Please click on [Just published](#)

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Please note that our new [Autumn 2011 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online.

### [Helminth Control in School-age Children. Second edition](#)

This revised edition incorporates more recent experiences and lessons learned from school-based control programmes in several countries not previously reported. It also includes references to web sites where useful information is available.

### [Handbook for Integrated Vector Management](#)

This handbook presents an operational framework to guide managers and those implementing vector-borne disease control programmes in designing more efficient, cost-effective systems.

### [Fourth Ten Years of the World Health Organization: 1978-1987 \(The\)](#)

Like its predecessors in the series, this volume details how the Organization responded to the trials of the day; in this instance by orienting its work under the leadership of Dr Halfdan Mahler to the health-for-all vision.

### [Evaluation of Certain Food Additives and Contaminants \(70th report \(74th report\)\)](#)

This report represents the conclusions of a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee convened to evaluate the safety of various food additives, with a view to recommending acceptable daily intakes (ADIs) and to preparing specifications for identity and purity.

### [Report of the Second WHO Consultation on the Global Action Plan for Influenza Vaccines \(GAP\)](#)

The overall objective of this consultation was to review the progress made and lessons learnt during the first five years of GAP in order to identify which approaches and factors lead to the successful implementation of activities.

### [DDT in Indoor Residual Spraying: Human Health Aspects](#)

This publication presents an updated human health risk assessment for the insecticide DDT, focusing on DDT use in indoor residual spraying for disease vector control.



#### [Definition and Application of Terms for Vaccine Pharmacovigilance](#)

This working group's report covers general terms and definitions for vaccine safety and discusses the application of such harmonized tools in vaccine safety surveillance and studies. As well, the report highlights case definitions for adverse events typically reported for vaccines.

#### [Field Guidelines for Surveillance of Measles, Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome](#)

These field guidelines provide countries with a technical resource to use in developing comprehensive standard operating procedures for measles, rubella and congenital rubella syndrome surveillance.

#### [Situation of HIV Testing and Counselling Policies and Practices in the Eastern Mediterranean Region \(The\)](#)

This publication provides policy-makers with an up-to-date and comprehensive review of the situation in 2010 and argues powerfully for an effective public health approach to HIV testing and counselling.

#### [Design Guidelines for Blood Centres](#)

These guidelines were prepared to assist countries in developing appropriate, purpose-built facilities for blood services. They may be used to guide the design of new buildings, to direct the renovation of existing facilities or even to improve work patterns by considering the layout in established facilities.

#### [World AIDS Day Report - 2011](#)

A new report by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), released on 21 November, shows that 2011 was a game changing year for the AIDS response with unprecedented progress in science, political leadership and results. The report also shows that new HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths have fallen to the lowest levels since the peak of the epidemic.

#### [Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 90, No. 03, 2012](#)

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.

#### [Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health](#)

The Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH) is an open-access, peer-reviewed monthly journal, published as the flagship scientific and technical periodical publication by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), headquartered in Washington, D.C., the United States of America. Its mission is to serve as an important vehicle for disseminating scientific public health information of international significance, mainly in areas related to PAHO's essential mission to strengthen national and local health systems and improve the health of the peoples of the Americas.

### **BOOKS IN FRENCH**

#### [Premiers secours psychologiques \(Les\)](#)

Ce guide couvre les premiers secours psychologiques, qui impliquent une aide humaine, de soutien et concrète à nos congénères confrontés à de graves situations de crise. Il a été rédigé pour les personnes se trouvant dans une position leur permettant d'aider d'autres personnes ayant vécu un événement extrêmement pénible. Il fournit un cadre permettant de soutenir les personnes en respectant leur dignité, leur culture et leurs capacités. En dépit de leur nom, les premiers secours psychologiques couvrent à la fois le soutien social et le soutien psychologique.