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1. 7th European Public Health Conference, Glasgow

The 7th European Public Health Conference will be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 19 to 22 November 2014. The theme for the conference is *Mind the gap: reducing inequalities in health and health care.*

**GLASGOW: THE PLACE TO BE!**

**Keynote programme**
We are very pleased to have the following keynote speakers/panelists and moderators confirmed:

- Raj Bhopal, UK
- Vesna Bjegovic-Mikanovic, ASPHER (moderator)
- Marine Buissonniere, OSI
- Simon Capewell, UK
- Josep Figueras, European Observatory (moderator)
- Anders Foldspang, Denmark (panelist)
- Abdul Ghaffar, WHO
- Zsuzsana Jakab, WHO Europe
- Alastair Leyland, Chair of the 7th European Public Health Conference
- Johan Mackenbach, The Netherlands
- Jose Martin-Moreno, Spain (moderator)
- Margaret McCartney, UK
- Martin McKee, UK (moderator)
- Jacqueline Müller-Nordhorn, Germany (panelist)
- Iveta Nagyova, Slovakia (panelist)
- Walter Ricciardi, EUPHA
- Carlo Signorelli, Chair of the 8th European Public Health Conference 2015
- Marc Sprenger, ECDC
- Louise Stjernberg, Sweden (panelist)
- Aura Timen, The Netherlands (panelist)

**Abstract and workshop submission**
Don’t miss the opportunity to present your work to the largest public health audience in Europe. Abstract submission is still open for 6 days, so hurry up and go to: [http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=398](http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=398)

Please check the conference website at [www.eupha.org/glasgow2014](http://www.eupha.org/glasgow2014) regularly for updated information.

2. EUPHA update

**EUPHA Collaboration**

- Seminar: The international dimension in comparative health services research
  The EUPHA Section on Health Services Research is co-organising the HSR-Europe meeting ‘The
international dimension in comparative health services research’, to be held at NIVEL offices on
15-16 May 2014 in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

- LEPH2014: The 2nd International Conference on law Enforcement and Public Health
EUPHA is supporting the 2nd International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health
(LEPH2014). The conference will be held at the Free University, Amsterdam, 5 – 8 October 2014.
The conference is organised by the Centre for Law Enforcement and Public Health (CLEPH),
Melbourne, Australia in collaboration with the Free University, Police, and Public Health Services,
Amsterdam, Netherlands. More information: www.leph2014.com

Granada Declaration
This 5th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, co-organised by EUPHA was a great
and very successful conference with about 350 participants. A big thank you to the local organisers at the
Andalusian School of Public Health.
During the conference, the Granada Declaration was accepted with full support from EUPHA calling
European governments to protect the health of migrants and ethnic minorities in Europe.

Update EU Summit on Chronic Diseases
EUPHA was represented at this important meeting by Dr Iveta Nagyova, president of the EUPHA section
on chronic diseases. The presentations and video recordings of the sessions as well as the conference
conclusions have been uploaded on the website of the event:
http://ec.europa.eu/health/major_chronic_diseases/events/ev_20140403_en.htm

EJPH: Why the European Journal of Public Health will no longer publish tobacco industry-
supported research
Martin McKee and Peter Allebeck
Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 182
[Extract]

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Call for Papers: Special issue on Communication Technology, Media Use and the Health of
Our Kids
Deadline: 15 July 2014
The International Journal of Public Health invites authors to submit papers (Original Articles, Brief Reports,
or Reviews) that explore the impact of new media technologies and communication platforms on health and
health-related behaviours of children, and the social contexts with which this media is used. While we invite
a broad range of topics and perspectives, papers that address issues of social inequality and cultural
diversity are particularly welcome. Manuscripts can be submitted online through the Journal’s website:
http://www.springer.com/public+health/journal/38 Authors should mention that the submission refers to this
Call.

4. Interesting News

7 April: World Health Day - small bite: big threat
Mosquitoes, flies, ticks and bugs may be a threat to your health – and that of your family - at home and
when travelling. This is the message of this year’s World Health Day, on 7 April.
http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2014/en/

Health inequalities in the EU -- Final report of a consortium
A report has been published outlining new evidence on health inequalities in the European Union (EU) and
the policy response at EU and national level to health inequalities since 2009.
The report:
- Confirms significant inequalities in health between and within EU Member States, which for the
most part are similar to those identified in ‘Health inequalities: Europe in profile’ (2006). Some
inequalities have increased, while others have decreased, suggesting that significant headway has not been made in the EU in reducing health inequalities.

- **Demonstrates marked differences in the social determinants of health – in turn caused by the existence of marked social inequalities – across EU Member States** and inequalities in health between social groups based on these determinants.

- **Examines the factors causing health inequalities.** Like the WHO CSDH, this report agrees that health inequalities result from social inequalities in the conditions of daily life and their fundamental drivers (e.g. early childhood, employment conditions, social spending and protection, etc.) that give rise to them.

- **Presents research showing the policy response to health inequalities in EU member states and regions.** Countries’ responses are characterised as having a: 1) Relatively positive and active response, 2) Variable response, 3) Relatively undeveloped response to health inequalities. These results, including those showing that serious headway has not been made in tackling health inequalities in EU countries, justify the headline conclusion of the WHO Europe report which was that all countries can do something to improve the social determinants of health, do more, or do better with their existing policies and spending. Worryingly, the research suggests a widening of the policy response across EU member states since 2006.

- **Provides a comprehensive set of recommendations for the European Commission, and individual member states and regions.**

The report was co-ordinated by the UCL Institute for Health Equity, and a chapter on EU member state policy responses to health inequalities was provided by EuroHealthNet. To download the report: [http://ec.europa.eu/health/social_determinants/docs/healthinequalitiesineu_2013_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/social_determinants/docs/healthinequalitiesineu_2013_en.pdf)

### Call Dutch Heart Foundation: Sign the Statement on the introduction of plain packaging!

Together with a variety of other stakeholders, the Dutch Heart Foundation fights the battle for a tobacco free society. Smoking is one of the most important modifiable risk factors for the development of cardiovascular disease. Within the European Union thousands of people die each year because of cardiovascular diseases caused by smoking. The Dutch Heart Foundation and the European Heart Network (EHN) have drafted a statement advocating the introduction of legislation on plain packaging - neutral tobacco product packaging. By signing the statement you help putting plain packaging on the agenda and possibly with the realization of plain packaging legislation throughout Europe. Plain packaging is an effective method to reduce the appeal of cigarettes, to make quitting smoking easier, and to have less young people start smoking altogether. Sign the statement on [www.hartstichting.nl/rookvrij](http://www.hartstichting.nl/rookvrij).

### WFPHA: March newsletter

The March issue of the WFPHA newsletter is now available. To read the newsletter, [click here](http://ec.europa.eu/health/social_determinants/docs/healthinequalitiesineu_2013_en.pdf)

### A European Social Union - 10 tough nuts to crack

*Friends of Europe* – an independent think-tank for EU policy analysis and debate – has asked Frank Vandenbroucke and Bart Vanhercke to write a report on ‘A European Social Union: 10 tough nuts to crack’.

The report argues that we need a coherent conception of a ‘European Social Union’. It provides a comprehensive survey of the development of the social dimension in European cooperation, and defines ten key questions that have to be tackled with a view to developing this Social Union. *Friends of Europe* has convened a High-Level Working Group to tackle some of these issues in the course of 2014, with the ambition to take the EU’s social dimension out of its ‘specialist-only’ corner and to bring these social concerns to the top of the political agenda. Download the full background report [here](http://ec.europa.eu/health/social_determinants/docs/healthinequalitiesineu_2013_en.pdf).

### 5. EUPHA members update

*Netherlands Public Health Federation: www.nphf.nl*

Hans Baaijens, director of the NPHF, will leave the NPHF on the 1st of July. He will be replaced by Thomas Plochg, who has worked for the NPHF since 2008 as senior policy officer. We would like to thank Hans for his support for EUPHA and wish him a wonderful (early) retirement.
6. Upcoming courses and conferences

Going International promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of Going International is the online education database »medicine & health«. It contains international courses, master programmes and conferences in the field of medicine and international health. Due to the large number and variety of training events the education database enables health professionals to find their educational event at their fingertips. For further information: www.goinginternational.eu/en/online-datenbank/ Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: European Patients’ Rights Day 2014: The role of citizens’ organisations in the empowerment of patients with chronic diseases
Date / location: 12 May 2014 - 13 May 2014 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Active Citizenship Network

Title: Women’s Health and Well-being in Europe: Protecting Rights, Preventing Inequalities
Date / location: 13 May 2014 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Public Policy Exchange

Title: Medizinische Statistik für Nicht-StatistikerInnen
Date / location: 14 May 2014 - 15 May 2014 / Krems, Austria
Organiser: Danube University Krems

Title: Multilevel Modeling: Analysis of Clustered Data
Date / location: 14 May 2014 - 16 May 2014 / Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Title: Legionnaires disease- exploring the implications of the new HSE ACoP
Date / location: 15 May 2014 / Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: Royal Society for Public Health

Title: Systematic Reviews and Meta - Analysis: a Practical Approach
Date / location: 19 May 2014 - 21 May 2014 / Bern, Switzerland
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Title: Infectious diseases in Europe: HIV and Hepatitis
Date / location: 2 Jun 2014 - 4 Jun 2014 / Porto, Portugal
Organiser: ISPUP

Title: Colloque APEMAC - Chronic diseases, adaptation and perceived health, stakes and future
Date / location: 3 Jun 2014 - 6 Jun 2014 / Nancy, France
Organiser: Faculté de Médecine, Université de Lorraine
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<td>5 Jun 2014 - 7 Jun 2014 / Antwerp, Belgium</td>
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<td><strong>Meta - Analysen für Nicht - StatistikerInnen</strong></td>
<td>6 Jun 2014 / Krems, Austria</td>
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<td><strong>Netzwerktagung: Gesundheit partizipativ gestalten, fördern und erforschen</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Outbreak investigations and management course</strong></td>
<td>23 Jun 2014 - 27 Jun 2014 / Singapore, Singapore</td>
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<td><strong>Unlocking the Potential of Migrants in Europe: From Isolation to Multi-level Integration</strong></td>
<td>2 Jul 2014 / Brussels, Belgium</td>
<td>Public Policy Exchange</td>
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<td><strong>Mobilising Local Health Promotion Systems for Equity - Taking up the challenge of the social determinants of health</strong></td>
<td>20 Jul 2014 - 1 Aug 2014 / Rennes, France</td>
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<td><strong>ERASMUS Summer Programme 2 014</strong></td>
<td>11 Aug 2014 - 29 Aug 2014 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands</td>
<td>Erasmus university</td>
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<td><strong>WIS 2014 – safe and secure cities</strong></td>
<td>18 Aug 2014 - 20 Aug 2014 / Turku, Finland</td>
<td>University of Turku and the Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association</td>
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<td><strong>10th Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) Conference: Dignity, rights and quality: towards a health care revolution</strong></td>
<td>3 Sep 2014 - 6 Sep 2014 / Polokwane, South Africa</td>
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<td><strong>Qualitative Research in Health: An Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods</strong></td>
<td>10 Sep 2014 - 12 Sep 2014 / Basel, Switzerland</td>
<td>SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health</td>
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Title: 5th International Public Health Summer School - Primary Health Care: Quality and Performance
Date / location: 15 Sep 2014 - 20 Sep 2014 / Graz, Austria
Organiser: Medical University Graz

Title: 16th International Summer School 2014: Burden of Infectious Diseases: Epidemiology, Population Health, and Mathematical Modelling
Date / location: 22 Sep 2014 - 26 Sep 2014 / Bielefeld, Germany
Organiser: University of Bielefeld

Title: 6th International Summer School 2014: Spatial Epidemiology and Climate Change: Concepts and Modelling
Date / location: 22 Sep 2014 - 26 Sep 2014 / Bielefeld, Germany
Organiser: University of Bielefeld

Title: Permanente Verfügbarkeit in der Arbeits- und Lebenswelt – Risiken und Chancen
Date / location: 24 Sep 2014 - 26 Sep 2014 / Erlangen, Germany
Organiser: DGMSP and partners

7. European Journal of Public Health

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Editorials
Public health and the Transatlantic trade and investment partnership

Why the European Journal of Public Health will no longer publish tobacco industry-supported research

Letters to the Editor
Suicides, hurricanes and economic crisis

RE: The effect of the late 2000s financial crisis on suicides in Spain: an interrupted time-series analysis

The realisation of a European health information system—time to get the politicians involved

Obesity, physical activity
Risk of child obesity from parental obesity: analysis of repeat national cross-sectional surveys

Editor’s Choice: Urban greenways have the potential to increase physical activity levels cost-effectively

Using threshold messages to promote physical activity: implications for public perceptions of health effects
Educational inequalities in leisure-time physical activity in 15 European countries

Association of physical activity, waist circumference and body mass index with subjective health among Belgian adults

Trends of overweight and obesity, physical activity and sedentary behaviour in Czech schoolchildren: HBSC study
Dagmar Sigmundová, Erik Sigmund, Zdenek Hamrik, and Michal Kalman, Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 210-215, [Abstract] [Full Text] [PDF] OPEN ACCESS

Cardiovascular disease

Anthropometric measures in relation to risk of heart failure hospitalization: a Swedish population-based cohort study

Quality of life in a cohort of familial hypercholesterolemia patients from the south of Europe

Not smoking is associated with lower risk of hypertension: results of the Olivetti Heart Study

Educational and homeownership inequalities in stroke incidence: a population-based longitudinal study of mid-aged women

Cold-related cardiorespiratory symptoms among subjects with and without hypertension: the National FINRISK Study 2002

Migraine predicts hypertension—a cohort study of the Finnish working-age population

Cancer

Parity, age at first birth and risk of death from kidney cancer: a population-based cohort study in Taiwan

Cytology use for cervical cancer screening in Portugal: results from the 2005/2006 National Health Survey

Breast cancer screening implementation and reassurance

Awareness and uptake of colorectal, breast, cervical and prostate cancer screening tests in Spain
Widening educational differences in cancer survival in Norway

Using multiple measures to assess changes in social inequalities for breast cancer screening

Does breast cancer screening level health inequalities out? A population-based study in an Italian region

Mental health

Risk factors for diagnosed intentional self-injury: a total population-based study


Is exposure to night-time traffic noise a risk factor for purchase of anxiolytic–hypnotic medication? A cohort study

Vaccine uptake

Vaccine uptake determinants in The Netherlands

Kicking against the pricks: vaccine sceptics have a different social orientation

Health survey methods

Examining self-rated health of young Central and Eastern Europeans in the context of other world regions

Influence of alternative lifestyles on self-reported body weight and health characteristics in women

Effect of survey mode on response patterns: comparison of face-to-face and self-administered modes in health surveys

Social networks, social participation and self-perceived health among older people in transitional Kosovo
European Health Examination Survey—towards a sustainable monitoring system

8. Interesting publications

Equity in human papilloma virus vaccination uptake?: sexual behaviour, knowledge and demographics in a cross-sectional study in (un)vaccinated girls in The Netherlands
Madelief Mollers, Karin Lubbers, Symen K Spoelstra, Willibrord CM Weijmar-Schultz, Toos Daemen, Tjalke A Westra, Marianne AB van der Sande, Hans W Nijman, Hester E de Melker and Adriana Tami
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/288

Mothers impose physical activity restrictions on their asthmatic children and adolescents: an analytical cross-sectional study
Fabianne MNA Dantas, Marco AV Correia, Almerinda R Silva, Décio M Peixoto, Emanuel SC Sarinho and José A Rizzo
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/287/abstract#

Trends in socioeconomic inequalities in amenable mortality in urban areas of Spanish cities, 1996-2007
Andreu Nolasco, José Antonio Quesada, Joaquín Moncho, Inmaculada Melchor, Pamela Pereyra-Zamora, Nayara Tamayo-Fonseca, Miguel Angel Martínez-Beneito and Oscar Zurriaga
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/299/abstract

Measuring the health systems impact of disease control programmes: a critical reflection on the WHO building blocks framework
Sandra Mounier-Jack, Ulla K Griffiths, Svea Closser, Helen Burchett and Bruno Marchal
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/278/abstract

Social relationship correlates of major depressive disorder and depressive symptoms in Switzerland: nationally representative cross sectional study
Steven D Barger, Nadine Messerli-Bürgy and Jürgen Barth
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/273/abstract

Revue Sante Publique (rubrique Pratiques et organisation des soins) n°1-2014

Can gender difference in prescription drug use be explained by gender-related morbidity?: a study on a Swedish population during 2006
Jessica Skoog, Patrik Midlöv, Lars Borgquist, Jan Sundquist and Anders Halling
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/329/abstract#

Stress-related eating, obesity and associated behavioural traits in adolescents: a prospective population-based cohort study
Anne Jääskeläinen, Nina Nevanperä, Jouko Remes, Fanni Rahkonen, Marjo-Riitta Järvelin and Jaana Laitinen
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/321/abstract#

Are psychosocial stressors associated with the relationship of alcohol consumption and all-cause mortality?
Sick leave and the impact of job-to-job mobility on the likelihood of remaining on the labour market - a longitudinal Swedish register study
Karin Nordström, Kerstin Ekberg, Tomas Hemmingsson and Gun Johansson
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/305/abstract

Does the primary screening test influence women’s anxiety and intention to screen for cervical cancer? A randomized survey of Norwegian women
Emily A Burger, Mari Nygård, Dorte Gyrd-Hansen, Tron Anders Moger and Ivar Sonbo Kristiansen
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/360/abstract

Trends in television time, non-gaming PC use and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity among German adolescents 2002-2010
Jens Bucksch, Joanna Inchley, Zdenek Hamrik Emily Finne, Petra Kolip and the HBSC Study Group
Germany
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/351

South Eastern European Journal of Public Health
The first issue of the South Eastern European Journal of Public Health (SEEJPH) is now available at:

9. European Commission news

The EU Health Prize for Journalists has selected its winners for a fifth consecutive year!
The winners were announced by Health Commissioner, Mr Tonio Borg, at an award ceremony in Brussels on the 8th of April. Out of more than 850 articles entered into the competition, 28 national finalists were chosen by juries in each EU country. Amidst the shortlist of 28 excellent articles, the winners are:

1st place: Henk Blanken writing for Dagblad van het Noorden (the Netherlands) for his article “Carel’s Head”, a story which follows a young man suffering from Parkinson's disease from diagnosis to treatment, and gives a detailed and emotional account of the pioneering surgery he receives.

2nd place: Christiane Hawranek and Marco Maurer, writing for Die Zeit (Germany) for their sharp, ‘documentary-style’ article “The Patient Traffickers” which highlights dubious practices in non-regulated medical care across borders.

3rd place: Mette Dahlgaard writing for the Berlingske newspaper (Denmark) for “Am I Killing Someone?”, the story of a sperm donor who discovers that he carries the gene for a highly hereditary form of cancer, but hits a brick wall when he tries to find a way of warning potential children who could be affected.

You can find more information on the winners in the Journalist's Prize website: http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/journalist_prize/2013/winners/index_en.htm

Presentations available

European Structural and Investment Funds Commission Guide for health investments under ESIF (European Structural and Investment Funds) 2014-2020

Expert Panel 2nd Working Group meeting on Future EU agenda on quality of health care, 14 March 2014
Minutes of the meeting
Healthcare Communication from the Commission on effective, accessible and resilient health systems

Health-EU Newsletter 'EU committed to action on chronic diseases' Editorial by Tonio Borg, EU Commissioner for Health


Medical devices Public consultations on Medical Device Single Audit Program and on the Software as a Medical Device. The International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF) has launched public consultations on Medical Device Single Audit Program and on the Software as a Medical Device. Closing date: 31.5 2014

Medicinal products for human use Commission supplements legislation on post-authorisation efficacy studies for medicines

Patient safety Meeting of the Patient Safety and Quality of Care Working Group Agenda, list of attendees, presentations

Preparedness and response Ebola traveller advice leaflet published by European Center for Disease Prevention and Control Available in all EU languages

Preparedness and response Joint purchasing of vaccines and medicines becomes a reality in the EU

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 12, 27 March 2014

In this issue:
Resistance mechanism in azole-resistant environmental isolates of A. fumigatus in northern Italy the same as in clinical isolates from several European and Asian countries

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Increase in scarlet fever notifications in the United Kingdom, 2013/2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20749

Atypical hand, foot, and mouth disease associated with coxsackievirus A6 infection, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, January to February 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20745

RESEARCH ARTICLE
Azole-resistant Aspergillus fumigatus in the environment of northern Italy, May 2011 to June 2012
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20747

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT
Decreasing incidence and changes in serotype distribution of invasive pneumococcal disease in persons aged under 18 years since introduction of 10-valent and 13-valent conjugate vaccines in Portugal, July 2008 to June 2012
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20750

NEWS
European Union Summary Report on antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic and indicator bacteria from humans, animals and food 2012 published
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20748

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 14, 10 April 2014

In this issue:
Results from French study indicate that healthy travellers recently returning from India might be considered as at risk for CPE carriage

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Acquisition of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae by healthy travellers to India, France, February 2012 to March 2013
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20768

Potential for Zika virus transmission through blood transfusion demonstrated during an outbreak in French Polynesia, November 2013 to February 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20761

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT
Results of surveillance for infections with Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) of serotype O104:H4 after the large outbreak in Germany, July to December 2011
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20760

RESEARCH
Two decades of successes and failures in controlling the transmission of HIV through injecting drug use in England and Wales, 1990 to 2011
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20762

NEWS
European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) - save the date
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20769

EFSA launches call for expressions of interest for Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20767

MISCELLANEOUS
Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(13)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20763

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(13)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20764

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(13)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20765

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2013;19(13)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20766

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 13, 3 April 2014

In this issue:
Tying in with the 2014 World Health Day theme of the serious and increasing threat of VBD, we present reports on chikungunya fever, Zika virus infections, West Nile fever and TBE.

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Integrated surveillance for prevention and control of emerging vector-borne diseases in Europe
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20757

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS
Emergence of chikungunya fever on the French side of Saint Martin island, October to December 2013
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20752
Importance of case definition to monitor ongoing outbreak of chikungunya virus on a background of actively circulating dengue virus, St Martin, December 2013 to January 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20753

Evidence of perinatal transmission of Zika virus, French Polynesia, December 2013 and February 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20751

EUROROUNDUP
Chikungunya outbreak in the Caribbean region, December 2013 to March 2014, and the significance for Europe
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20759

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT
West Nile virus outbreak in humans, Greece, 2012: third consecutive year of local transmission
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20758

Epidemiology of tick-borne encephalitis in Switzerland, 2005 to 2011
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20756

MISCELLANEOUS
In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20754

ECDC’s latest publications
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20755

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 15, 17 April 2014

In this issue:
Berries likely source of hepatitis A cases in early 2014 in Norway

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Ongoing hepatitis A outbreak in Europe 2013-2014: Imported berry mix cake suspected to be the source of infection in Norway
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20775

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS
Infectious diseases prioritisation for event-based surveillance at the European Union level for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20770

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11. WHO news

New data on antibiotic use in European Region
20-03-2014 WHO/Europe and the University of Antwerp, Belgium have made the first collection and analysis of data on antibiotic use in 13 countries and areas in eastern Europe and central Asia. This research is vital to address the challenge of antibiotic resistance.

Four-fold difference in antibiotic consumption across the European Region – new WHO report 17-03-2014
A new report published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases on 20 March 2014, is the first to release data on total antibiotic consumption for countries outside the European Union (EU). The data (from 2011) indicate an almost fourfold difference between the lowest and the highest antibiotic users among 42 countries and regions in the WHO European Region (within and outside the EU), and provide a clear picture of the use of different groups of antibiotics.

WHO revising sugar guidelines 06-03-2014 WHO is holding a public consultation on draft guidelines on sugar intake on 5–31 March 2014; it is open to anyone submitting a declaration of interest. After the consultation and peer review, the guidelines will be finalized; they will provide countries with recommendations on limiting the consumption of sugars to reduce public health problems such as obesity and dental caries.

WHO Country updates
Tajikistan moves quickly to prevent a polio outbreak 31-03-2014
Young TB scientists annual conference in Russian Federation 19-03-2014
WHO and the International Agency for Research on Cancer advise Belarus on tackling NCDs 27-02-2014