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1. European Public Health Conference



Malta 2012 5th Annual European Public Health Conference – 8-10 November 2012

10 More weeks and the biggest European public health event will take place in Malta. Early registration is still possible until 15 September, offering you a €50 reduction in registration fees. Make sure you book your travel and accommodation as soon as possible!

The conference website, twitter and facebook are regularly updated. Malta 2012 website: http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

If you are attending with your project partners or international colleagues, there is still some room available for organising smaller meetings during the conference. Please contact EUPHA office for the possibilities.

2. EUPHA update

Our president and past president have just published an article in the EJPH on: *Health impact assessment in Europe--current dilemmas and challenges*
Stanislaw Tarkowski; Walter Ricciardi
The European Journal of Public Health 2012; doi: 10.1093/eurpub/cks120

EUPHA's 1992-2012 prize contest! Win a dinner with our president!

To celebrate the 20 years of EUPHA, we launched a prize contest in January. Check out the August question at: http://www.eupha.org/site/projects.php?project_page=19922012.

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



There are now 2758 documents available in the database (increase of 37 from July). In August, 63 documents were downloaded.

The most recent interesting articles can be found on our opening page: www.eupha.org
Please feel free to send your feedback to: office@eupha.org

EUPHA section on Urban Public Health

As you may also be aware, the European Urban Health Conference is being held at Felix Meritis in Amsterdam on September 12th-14th 2012. There will be many inspirational talks from acclaimed urban health experts from across the globe. You can find the full programme at http://www.urhis.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=114&Itemid=73.

EUPHA section on Health Services Research



The EUPHA Section on Health Services Research will organise a special working conference on Wednesday 7 November, as preconference event to the upcoming EPH conference. Join us during this special extra event, which will address the added value of international

comparisons in HSR and their use for (national) decision-makers. Focus will be on discussion and debate in four areas:

- Improving service delivery for non-communicable diseases, NCDs;
- Evaluating health care reforms and health care financing options;
- Better using international (e.g. EU-funded) evidence at national level;
- The fine-tuning of national and European research agendas.

Note. The event is being organised in collaboration with the network HSR-Europe. Details about the programme are available [here](#). If you already registered to the EPH conference, you can re-enter your registration to add the working conference to your basket.

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Up to 7 new posts at School of Health and Population Sciences, University of Birmingham

Senior Lecturer or Lecturer: Teaching and Research (Clinical or Non Clinical)
College of Medical and Dental Sciences - School of Health and Population Science

Competitive package for an outstanding candidate

Come and join one of the largest, most vibrant and most successful groups of academics working in applied health and health service research in the UK. Following our continued success in attaining new and substantial research grant income, a number of newly-established posts have been created within the School of Health and Population Sciences to take forward its expanding research portfolio.

The School has research expertise in the fields of primary care, public health and epidemiology, health technology assessments, health economics, occupational health, biostatistics, health services research, biomedical and public health ethics, medical education, policy analysis and health care development. The School also offers an excellent research infrastructure including an expert Primary Care Clinical Research & Trials Unit (PCCRTU), a large, well established research practices networks (MidReC/PCRN-CE) and access to other accredited Trials and MRC Methodological Units on-site.

Research in the School is structured around three main programmes (I) Population Health Research and Epidemiology; (II) Service Design and Delivery; and (III) Healthcare Evaluation and Methodology. We welcome applicants with interests in any of these areas, and with experience in quantitative and/or qualitative research methods.

We are especially interested to hear from applicants with research interests in the following areas:

- International Primary Health Care
- Qualitative techniques to support clinical trials
- Work and Health
- Evidence Synthesis

Informal enquiries:

Head of School: Professor Jayne Parry J.M.Parry.1@bham.ac.uk Tel: 0121 414 7688; or
Deputy Head of School: Professor David Fitzmaurice d.a.fitzmaurice@bham.ac.uk Tel: 0121 414 7420;

Closing date: 14 September 2012. Reference: 49629

To download the details and submit an electronic application online visit:

www.hr.bham.ac.uk/jobs alternatively information can be obtained from 0121 415 9000.

Research Award offered in Non-Communicable Disease Prevention at the IDRC

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC)'s [Non-Communicable Disease Prevention program](#) (NCDP, formerly Research for International Tobacco Control) invites applications for a 2013 Research Award. Join us in furthering research to prevent non-communicable disease.

A key part of Canada's aid program since 1970, IDRC supports research in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to promote growth and development. The result is innovative, lasting local solutions that aim to bring choice and change to those who need it most. The NCDP program generates new knowledge to help inform policies and programs that are low cost but can have a high impact on reducing the non-communicable disease (NCD) burden and improving overall population health in LMICs. NCDP funds research focusing on the main risk factors for NCDs: tobacco use, unhealthy diet, alcohol misuse, and physical inactivity. IDRC Research Awards are given to Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and citizens of LMICs pursuing masters or doctoral studies at a recognized university or having completed a master's or doctoral program at a recognized university. As a Research Award Recipient you will complete a research project related to non-communicable disease prevention and support us in our regular programming activities. A description of this year's NCDP Research Award position can be found [here](#). This one-year placement is based in our Ottawa Head Office and provides experience in both research program management and conducting research. Interested applicants should visit [IDRC Research Awards](#) for details on how to apply. Applications close September 12, 2012. Questions? Contact us at ncdp@idrc.ca.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) for the Collaboration for Health Systems Analysis and Innovation (CHESAI)

CHESAI is a four year collaborative endeavour between the University of Cape Town (UCT) and the University of Western Cape (UWC), Schools of Public Health, funded by the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

This call is for TWO such Fellowships to commence January 2013

Closing date for applications: 15th October 2012

Website: <http://bit.ly/PmbK6X>

This collaboration is based on the understanding that Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) is an emerging field within the broader terrain of health research, with conceptual and methodological foundations that require substantial development.

The overall aim for CHESAI is, therefore, to contribute to expanding and strengthening the health policy and systems knowledge base in Africa through building an intellectual hub for HPSR in Cape Town, South Africa, creating spaces for engagements between researchers and practitioners, supporting African HSPR capacity development and sharing/disseminating HPSR conceptual and methodological innovations.

The successful candidates will be required to register at the University of Cape Town OR the University of the Western Cape in January 2013.

They will join the CHESAI team, led by Profs Lucy Gilson and Uta Lehmann

Contact details for submission of applications and for enquiries -Jill Olivier and Thubelihle Mathole (UWC) at chesai.mail@gmail.com

Selection of short-listed candidates will be made by the principal investigators and a sub-committee of academics from both institutions and IDRC representatives, and eligible applicants will be notified of the result of their applications by the end of November 2012.

4. Interesting News

EHMA / European Observatory Workshop PALANTE Project

Empowerment of patients is considered a potential tool to reduce healthcare costs, improve efficiency of the health systems and reinforcing healthcare quality. Therefore, patient empowerment has become an element of high priority in the EU health strategy. The PALANTE project focuses on the implementation, scaling up and optimisation of 7 new and 2 existing demonstration pilots that are based on the concept: "secure and user friendly online access by citizens to their medical/health data". The main goal is to empower patients with chronic conditions to make informed decisions about their health, take an active role in their care and collaborate effectively with their healthcare team thanks to the use of information and communication technologies.

The public website went online at the end of July; discover more about the project visiting the brand-new website: www.palante-project.eu

Free email service for all with an interest in drug abuse prevention

Prevention Update offers the latest research and news from the world of drug abuse prevention. Subscribe online at: mentorfoundation.org/prevention-update.

European Network of Medical Residents in Public Health (EuronetMRPH) has launched a web page: <http://www.euronetmrph.org/>

At the moment, the network connects the national associations of public health residents of five European Countries (Italy, France, United Kingdom, Spain and Portugal) and is very dynamic: our last work, a comparative study of knowledge and attitudes of public health residents towards childhood vaccines in five Countries, has been accepted for oral presentation at the EPH Conference 2012. Some members of EuronetMRPH will be in Malta in November to present and to introduce the network.

GlobalPANet



GlobalPANet is a free service brought to you by The International Society for Physical Activity and Health (ISPAH) and its Advocacy Council Global Action on Physical Activity GAPA. It is designed to share evidence and best practice across a global network of physical activity practitioners, scientists, policy makers and advocates.

Subscribing to GlobalPANet allows free access to:

- Up-to-date knowledge base of links to research articles and policy documents
- Information about forthcoming meetings and conferences
- Information about employment opportunities in physical activity
- Key people and networks in physical activity across the world

Euro Hepatitis Care Index

The [European Liver Patients Association](#) (ELPA) is pleased to invite you to the Launch of the Euro Hepatitis Care Index on November 6, 2012, from 14h00-19h00 at the [Sofitel Brussels Europe](#).

5. EUPHA member updates

German Association of Social Medicine and Prevention

www.dgsmp.de

Is organizing its annual meeting in Essen from 12 to 14 September. More information can be found at: <http://www.dgsmp.de/index.php/jahrestagung/essen-2012/programm/tagungsprogramm>. Both the president and executive director will be at this conference.

French Society of Public Health – SFSP – www.sfsp.fr

Is (co-)organizing two workshops:

- Colloque "Qualité de vie des personnes atteintes de maladies chroniques – Restons mobilisés" - 18 octobre 2012
Organisé par le Ministère des Affaires sociales et de la Santé avec la Société française de santé publique au Ministère salle Laroque à Paris
- 3^e journée de débat prévention en santé le 4 décembre 2012 à Paris
Co-organisée par la Société Française de Santé Publique (SFSP) et la Fédération Nationale d'Éducation et de Promotion de la Santé (FNES)

Netherlands Public Health Federation – NPHF – www.nphf.nl

In collaboration with the PHIRE project, the NPHF is organising a working conference: 'Van nazorg naar voorzorg: welk R&D beleid hoort hierbij?' on 14 September 2012.

Society of Social Medicine - Public Health of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Has updated the link to their journal, available free of charge at: www.msm.scopemed.org

Icelandic Public Health Association

Has unfortunately withdrawn its membership from EUPHA.

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: 15th European Health Forum Gastein - Crisis and Opportunity:
Health in and Age of Austerity

Dates: 3-6 October 2012

Place: Bad Hofgastein, Salzburg, Austria

More info: [August Update](#)

Title: 2nd European Congress on preconception care and health

Dates: 4-5 October 2012

Place: Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Organiser: Erasmuc MC

More info: www.erasmusmc.nl/epch2012

Title: 'Quality assurance in prevention and health promotion'
["Qualitätssicherung in Prävention und Gesundheitsförderung"]

Date: 15-16 October 2012

Place: Krems, Austria

Organiser: Dept for Evidence-based Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology/ Danube University Krems

More info: <http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/de/studium/workshopqualitaetssicherunggesundheitsfoerderung/index.php>

Language: German

Title: European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE)

Dates: 24-26 October 2012

Place: Edinburgh, Scotland

More info: www.escaide.eu

Title: The Florence International Training Course – the "FIT" Course:
Improving health for all and reducing health inequities

Dates: 11-16 November 2012

Place: Florence, Italy

Deadline: for application: 14 September 2012

More info: <http://bit.ly/U8X3Jq>

Title: 'Health Technology Assessments'

Date: 10-14 December 2012

Place: Krems, Austria

Organiser: Dept for Evidence-based Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology/Danube University Krems

More info: <http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/de/studium/healthtechnologyassessments/index.php>

Language: German

Title: Concepts of Epidemiology (5-Day Course)

Date: 10-14 December 2012

Place: Edinburgh, UK

Organiser: University of Edinburgh

More info: <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/epidemiology>

7. Interesting publications

Austerity: a failed experiment on the people of Europe.

Martin McKee, Marina Karanikolos, Paul Belcher, David Stuckler

Free access is available here:

<http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/sites/default/files/documents/clinmed-124-p346-350-mckee.pdf>

Focus on gender and health

Eurohealth, 18(2), 2012

Available online at: www.euro.who.int/en/who-we-are/partners/observatory/eurohealth

Public health in Wales (c. 1800-2012): a brief history

Pamela Michael and Steven Thompson.

Available online at: www.cmo.wales.gov.uk

What types of interventions generate inequalities?

Evidence from systematic reviews

Theo Lorenc, Mark Petticrew, Vivian Welch, Peter Tugwell

J Epidemiol Community Health doi:10.1136/jech-2012-201257 - 8 August 2012

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

A new typology of policies to tackle health inequalities and scenarios of impact based on Rose's population approach

Joan Benach, Davide Malmusi, Yutaka Yasui, Jose Miguel Martinez

J Epidemiol Community Health (2012). JECH August 17, 2012

Website: <http://bit.ly/OED6YV>

The Cost-Effectiveness of Environmental Approaches to Disease Prevention

Dave A. Chokshi, and Thomas A. Farley

N Engl J Med 2012; 367:295-297 July 26, 2012

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

Why corporate power is a public health priority

Gerard Hastings

BMJ - 2012; 345 doi: 10.1136/bmj.e5124 - Published 21 August 2012

Website: <http://bit.ly/PD49po>

Global oral public health – the current situation and recent developments

Kenneth A Eaton

Journal of Public Health Policy (2012) 33, 382–386. doi:10.1057/jphp.2012.22

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

Ecological public health: the 21st century's big idea?

Tim Lang, Geof Rayner,

BMJ 2012; 345 doi: 10.1136/bmj.e5466 - Published 21 August 2012

Website: <http://bit.ly/PCvQi7>

Bayesian probabilistic population projections for all countries

Adrian E. Rafterya, Nan Lib, Hana Ševčíková, Patrick Gerlandb, and Gerhard K. Heilig

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America

PNAS Early Edition August 20, 2012
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/MJ3faF>

Action Plan for implementation of the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2012–2016

World Health Organization WHO Regional Office for Europe
Copenhagen, Denmark – 2012
Available online PDF [33p.] at: <http://bit.ly/NgJxo5>

An Alternative Framework for Analyzing Financial Protection in Health

Jennifer Prah Ruger
PLoS Med 9(8): e1001294. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001294
Published: August 21, 2012 at: <http://bit.ly/NkzdFC>

DRG-based payments systems in low- and middle-income countries: Implementation experiences and challenges

Inke Mathauer, Friedrich Wittenbecher
HSF Discussion Paper 01-2012, Department of Health Systems Financing, World Health Organization
Available online PDF [55p.] at: <http://bit.ly/SSqM70>

Interrogating scarcity: how to think about ‘resource-scarce settings’

Ted Schrecker
Health Policy Planning (2012); August 16, 2012
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/N6EEYU>

Test, Learn, Adapt: Developing Public Policy with Randomised Controlled Trials

Laura Haynes, Owain Service, Ben Goldacre, David Torgerson,
Published by UK Cabinet Office Behavioural Insights Team – June 2012
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/NGBz3Q>

International shortfall inequality in life expectancy in women and in men, 1950–2010

Ahmad Reza Hosseinpoor, Sam Harper, Jennifer H Lee, John Lynch, Colin Mathers & Carla Abou-Zahr
Bulletin of the World Health Organization - Volume 90, Number 8, August 2012
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/Sxo8DE>

Equity and Social Justice – at King County WA USA

Annual Report August 2012
Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies
Available online PDF [30p.] at: <http://1.usa.gov/P1qLgd>

Why We Need Urban Health Equity Indicators: Integrating Science, Policy, and Community

Jason Corburn, Alison K. Cohen
PLoS Med 9(8): e1001285. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001285 – August 14, 2012
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/RWpBFS>

Health policy responses to the financial crisis in Europe

Philipa Mladovsky, Divya Srivastava, Jonathan Cylus, Marina Karanikolos, Tamás Evetovits, Sarah Thomson, Martin McKee
World Health Organization, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies 2012
Available online PDF file [132p.] at: <http://bit.ly/OjPpqD>

The quest for universal health coverage: achieving social protection for all in Mexico

Felicia Marie Knaul et al.
The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 16 August 2012 doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(12)61068-X
Full text PDF [22p.] at: <http://bit.ly/NHqb9H>

Equal power to shape society and one’s own life

The Swedish Government's gender equality policy 2010–2014
14 August 2012 - Ministry of Education and Research
Available online PDF [16P.] at: <http://bit.ly/RQBVZO>

For the Public's Health: Investing in a Healthier Future

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

The Economics of Public Health Care Reform in Advanced and Emerging Economies

Edited by Benedict Clements, David Coady, and Sanjeev Gupta
International Monetary Fund IMF - ISBN: 978-1-61635-244-8 - April 2012
PDF [35p.] of an excerpt online at: <http://bit.ly/Mu6anq>

Children and Youth in Crisis

Protecting and Promoting Human Development in Times of Economic Shocks
Mattias Lundberg and Alice Wuermli - Editors
2012 International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / The World Bank - 2012
Available online PDF [318p.] at: <http://bit.ly/QGgE3N>

Researching the Urban Dilemma: Urbanization, Poverty and Violence

Governance, Security, and Justice
Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) 2012
Available online PDF [118p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Rn08W2>

CDC Health Equity Resource Toolkit for State Practitioners - Addressing Obesity Disparities

CDC - Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity
Center for Training and Research Translation's (Center TRT) – 2012
Available online PDF [94p.] at: bit.ly/OZu0sh

Social determinants of health: The role of social protection in addressing social inequalities in health

Barbara Rohregger
Deutsche Gesellschaft für - Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Eschborn/ Germany
Available online at: <http://www.gtz.de/de/dokumente/giz2011-en-social-determinants-of-health.pdf>

Copenhagen Consensus 2012 Challenge Paper

Infectious Disease, Injury and Reproductive Health
Dean T. Jamison ; Prabhat Jha ; Ramanan Laxminarayan ; Toby Ord
Available online PDF [94p.] at: <http://bit.ly/RiTwdJD>

The Impact of Daycare Programs on Child Health, Nutrition and Development in Developing Countries: a systematic review

Jef L Leroy, Paola Gadsden, Maite Guijarro
The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)
Available online PDF [46p.] at: <http://bit.ly/PzEvNm>

Incentives, health promotion and equality

Kristin Voigt
Health Economics, Policy and Law (2012), Volume 7 - Issue 03 -Cambridge University Press
Website – PDF [27p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Rptq3v>

Better aid modalities: are we risking real results?

Bibliography and literature reviews, July 2012
Helen Tilley and Heidi Tavakoli
Available online PDF [39p.] at: <http://bit.ly/OMZW2V>

Is social capital good for health? A European perspective

Lorenzo Rocco, Marc Suhrcke
WHO Regional Office for Europe - Copenhagen, Denmark – 2012

Available online PDF [24p.] at: <http://bit.ly/OMAeLM>

Technologies for Global Health

The Imperial College London/ Lancet Commission
Website: <http://bit.ly/Rhxx2L>

Health, well-being, and measuring the burden of disease

Hausman DM
Population Health Metrics 2012, 10:13 (1 August 2012)
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/MAOZNN>

Tools for Implementing an Evidence-Based Approach in Public Health Practice

Julie A. Jacobs, Ellen Jones, Barbara A. Gabella, Bonnie Spring, Ross C. Brownson
Prev Chronic Dis 2012;9:110324. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5888/pcd9.110324>. July 20th, 2012
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/NaFy70>

A systems science perspective and transdisciplinary models for food and nutrition security

Ross A. Hammond , and Laurette Dubé
Edited by Prabhu Pingali, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, WA
PNAS Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America
Doi: 10.1073/pnas.0913003109 -PNAS July 23, 2012
Available online PDF [8p.] at: <http://bit.ly/PceluV>

The challenges confronting clinicians in rural acute care settings: a participatory research project

Paliadelis PS, Parmenter G, Parker V, Giles M, Higgins I
Rural Remote Health. 2012 ; vol. 12(2) pp. 2017
Available online PDF [12p.] at: <http://bit.ly/QZiMVe>

From efficacy to equity: Literature review of decision criteria for resource allocation and healthcare decisionmaking

Guindo LA, Wagner M, Baltussen R, Rindress D, van Til J, Kind P, Goetghebeur MM
Cost effectiveness and resource allocation : C/E. 2012 Jul 18; vol. 10(1)
Available online PDF [27p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Nf4BEY>

8. European Commission news

- **Communicable diseases**
[Commissioner Dalli delivers speech on Cross Border Health Threats in the EU and Neighbouring Countries, Nicosia, 5 July 2012](#)
- **EU in the world**
[Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 28 June 2012 - Minutes and contributions available](#)
- **Healthcare**
[Commission Decision 2012/C 198/06 on setting up a multisectoral and independent expert panel to provide advice on effective ways of investing in health](#)
[Midday express: Panel of independent experts to work on the improvement of health care systems](#)
- **Health programme**
[List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated](#)
- **Health workforce**
[Information on health workforce updated](#)

- **Pharmaceuticals**

Publication: New rules on importing active pharmaceutical ingredients into the European Union

- **Scientific Committees**

Citizens' Summary on Artificial Light and Health

SCENIHR - Call for experts in medical devices containing DEHP (Deadline for submission: 24 September 2012)

SCENIHR - Call for experts in EMF (Deadline for submission: 24 September 2012)

SCENIHR - Call for experts in metal-on-metal hip implants (Deadline for submission: 24 September 2012)

SCCS - Minutes of the combined meeting of the working groups on Cosmetic Ingredients and Methodologies, 7 August 2012

9. European Centre for Diseases Control

All publications below are available online on the [ECDC website](#)

Risk assessments:

Rapid risk assessment: Multi-country outbreak of Salmonella Stanley infections

Risk assessment: Anthrax cases among injecting drug users Germany, June-July 2012 2

Risk assessment: Epidemiological situation of West Nile virus infection in the European Union - Update, 13 July 2012

Risk assessment: Outbreak of cholera in Cuba, potential risk for European travelers

Risk assessment: Outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in a hotel in Calpe, Spain November 2011 - June 2012

Technical reports:

The climatic suitability for dengue transmission in continental Europe

Influenza virus characterisation - Summary Europe, June 2012

Survey of National Reference Laboratory capacity for six FWD in EU/EEA countries

Prevention of norovirus infection in schools and childcare facilities - Public Consultation on the draft of the report

Surveillance reports:

Legionnaires' disease in Europe, 2010

ECDC communicable disease threats report

Fortnightly Influenza Surveillance Overview

Measles and rubella monitoring - July 2012

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 31, 2 August 2012

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

New endemic West Nile virus lineage 1a in northern Italy, July 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20231>

Did public health travel advice reach EURO 2012 football fans? A social network survey

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20238>

PERSPECTIVES

Infectious disease surveillance for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20232>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

A new surveillance system for undiagnosed serious infectious illness for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20237>

LETTERS

Is the basic reproductive number (R0) for measles viruses observed in recent outbreaks lower than in the pre-vaccination era?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20233>

Authors' reply: An ongoing large outbreak of measles in Merseyside, England, January to June 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20234>

MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2012;17(29)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20235>

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2012;17(12)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20236>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 32, 09 August 2012

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Cutaneous infection caused by *Bacillus anthracis* in Larissa, Thessaly, Central Greece, July 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20245>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Travel-associated Legionnaires' disease in residents from England and Wales travelling to Corfu, Greece, August to October 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20240>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

High heterogeneity in methods used for the laboratory confirmation of pertussis diagnosis among European countries, 2010: integration of epidemiological and laboratory surveillance must include standardisation of methodologies and quality assurance

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20239>

LETTERS

Does the Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) represent a threat for human health in Europe?

Detection of JEV RNA sequences in birds collected in Italy

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20241>

Is Japanese encephalitis emerging in Europe?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20242>

MISCELLANEOUS

Addendum for Euro Surveill. 2012;17(32)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20244>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 33, 16 August 2012

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Carbapenem non-susceptible *Klebsiella pneumoniae* from Micronet network hospitals, Italy, 2009 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20247>

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Is social capital good for health? A European perspective

The aim of the research reported here was to examine the causal impact of social capital on health in 14 European countries. Using data from the European Social Survey, supplemented by regional-level data, the authors studied whether individual and/or community-level social capital positively affects health. They controlled for other factors expected to affect health, and addressed – via an instrumental variable approach – the challenge of assessing causality in the relationship between social capital and health.

The large variance of the error term due to measurement errors calls for strong instruments to obtain reliable estimates in a finite sample. The dataset was rich enough in information to allow the finding of a seemingly strong causal relationship between social capital and individual health. Community social capital (defined at the regional level) appears not to affect health once individual-level social capital is controlled for. Taken at face value, the findings suggest that policy interventions should be aimed at improving primarily individual social capital. This would achieve a double effect: directly improving individuals' health and contributing to community social capital, which reinforces the beneficial role of individual social capital.

For more information about the book and a link to the electronic version check:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/is-social-capital-good-for-health-a-european-perspective>

Action Plan for implementation of the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2012–2016

No less than 86% of deaths and 77% of the disease burden in the WHO European Region are caused by noncommunicable diseases. Investing in prevention and better control of this broad group of disorders will reduce premature death and preventable morbidity and disability, improve the quality of life and well-being of people and societies, and help reduce the growing health inequalities they cause.

With attention to noncommunicable diseases reaching unprecedented levels worldwide, this action plan was adopted in September 2011. It identifies priority action areas and interventions for countries to focus on over the next five years (2012–2016), as they implement the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases. 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/action-plan-for-implementation-of-the-european-strategy-for-the-prevention-and-control-of-noncommunicable-diseases-20122016>

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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 [Spring 2012 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online.

[Safe Abortion. Second edition](#)

In view of the need for evidence-based best practices for providing safe abortion care in order to protect the health and human rights of women, the World Health Organization (WHO) has updated its 2003 publication *Safe abortion: technical and policy guidance for health systems*.

[Global Plan for Insecticide Resistance Management in Malaria Vectors](#)

This global plan puts forward a comprehensive strategy for global and country levels, including a short-term action plan with clear responsibilities, and sets out research and development priorities for academia and industry in the fight against malaria.

[Toxicological Evaluation of Certain Veterinary Drug Residues in Food](#)

The toxicological monographs in this volume summarize data on the veterinary drug residues that were evaluated toxicologically by the Committee.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 90, No. 08, 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.

[Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 18 No. 6, 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

[Voyages internationaux et santé 2012](#)

Cet ouvrage explique comment rester en bonne santé lors d'un voyage et indique les recommandations de l'OMS concernant les vaccinations, la chimioprophylaxie et le traitement du paludisme, les [moyens](#) de protection individuelle contre les insectes et autres vecteurs de maladies et la sécurité dans divers environnements.