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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 conference is *Mind the gap: reducing inequalities in health and health care*. This theme was chosen to encourage discussion on how European countries cannot just promote the health of the public but also reduce inequalities in health and health care. Understanding the causes underlying inequities in health and discovering which interventions or policies may reduce inequalities. Current economic circumstances in many countries mean that it is more important than ever for researchers and policy makers to learn from the experiences of each other rather than constantly 'reinventing the wheel'.

Plenary sessions are organized on the following themes:

- Inequalities in the population: large scale interventions
- Equity across the European region: the European Action Plan for strengthening Public Health Services and Capacity
- Communicable and non-communicable diseases: old challenges, novel solutions
- Marginalised groups: migrant and ethnic minority health
- Looking to the future: translating evidence into policy

Confirmed keynote presenters include:

- Margaret McCartney, General Practitioner and *BMJ* contributor, Scotland
- Marc Sprenger, Director of ECDC
- Raj Bhopal, University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe

Please check the conference website at www.eupha.org/glasgow2014 regularly for updated information.

2. EUPHA update

European Union Data Protection Regulation

EUPHA has produced a one page factsheet describing the current situation and the consequences of the proposed regulation and amendments. The factsheet enables our members to raise awareness among the wider public health community and among decision makers in their country about the consequences of the legislation for public health monitoring and research. The revision process is still ongoing, so there still is room for us as a public health community to inform the decision makers about the potential negative effects of the current proposal. More information can be found on the web pages of the [EUPHA Section on Public Health Monitoring and Reporting](#).

For the factsheet see:

http://www.eupha.org/repository/publications/Data_Protection_Factsheet_December_2013_def.pdf

International Conference on Urban Health – March 2014

EUPHA through its section on Urban public health is a partner in the International Conference on Urban Health 2014, 4-7 March 2014, Manchester Central Convention Centre, UK.

For all the information you need about the conference, including instructions on how to register visit <https://www.icuh2014.com/> or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/icuh2014>.

European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health – April 2014

The EUPHA Section of Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health is organizing the next European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Granada 10-12 April 2014. The third Formal Announcement can be found on the website at http://www.eupha-migranthealthconference.com/?page_id=1018.

LEPH2014: The 2nd International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health

EUPHA has become a Supporter of 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.

Policing and public health are both more effective when they are developed and operate in partnership – a critical partnership long in tradition but often neglected in practice. The LEPH Conferences confront this neglect by bringing together police, public health practitioners, academics and policy makers to examine, review, assess, share and learn from each other. A very diverse range of LEPH2014 Conference topics – each with their own challenges – will comprise the program. They include:

- Public health as crime prevention
- Policing and Public Health: the research, education and training agenda
- Alcohol regulation: regulation for health and public order
- Vulnerability, policing and public health issues
- Policing and HIV
- Disability: policing and People with Disabilities
- Road trauma: impacts of road policing on public health
- Mental health: special challenges for policing
- Violence: the Unsafe City and other violence prevention
- Migrant, Refugee, Minority and Indigenous health
- Police leadership in public health responses

This is a ‘must attend’ conference for anyone in public health or law enforcement concerned with enhancing the effectiveness of their work. The call for abstracts is open until 7 March 2014. More information: www.leph2014.com

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Research fellow posts Warwick Medical School, Health Sciences, UK

See for details on each vacancy:

[Research Fellow - Health Services Research with expertise in evidence synthesis CLAHRC WM](#)

[Research Fellow - Health Services Research with expertise in Statistics/Modelling CLAHRC WM](#)

[Research Fellow - Health Services Research with expertise in mixed methods CLAHRC WM](#)

Closing date 14 January 2014

Call for abstracts EFPC fifth Bi-annual conference

The EFPC Fifth Bi-annual conference “Twinning Population Health and Primary Care”; will be held in Barcelona, Spain, 1-2 September 2014.

The scientific committee of the EFPC fifth Bi-annual conference “Twinning Population Health and Primary Care” invites submissions of abstracts for presentations related to the issues and themes of the conference. Submissions should follow one of the following formats:

Research abstracts: These presentations will provide the results, completed or in advanced in-progress form, of original research projects. The material should not have been published elsewhere, except in preliminary form, and it should be ready for publication as a journal article. Papers related to PhD projects, either completed or in progress, are especially encouraged, resulting in a specific PhD strand in the conference. The selected abstracts will be discussed within workshops that are moderated by key-experts in the specific theme.

Policy Debate abstracts: These abstracts describe significant developments in policy (whether governmental, organizational, or any other) that affects primary care associated with the themes of the conference. In particular national, regional or local policy makers are invited to provide new policy developments. These abstracts will be presented as posters with clear statements for debate. All selected posters will be publically presented / defended in specific parallel sessions with a 15 minutes time-slot for each poster. These sessions are located at innovative settings, such as "debate corners", animated by an expert facilitator.

Practice Multi-media abstracts: Projects and developments focusing on practice-oriented questions and reporting on recent experiences and innovations in primary care. These presentations should present case descriptions of primary care on the national, regional or local level and are presented as such, without oral explanation. The selected multi-media presentations (video's, slide-shows, small photo exhibitions, etc.) will be prominently presented with non-stop shows during the conference.

All submissions will be reviewed by the conference scientific committee and you will be e-mailed notification of the results of your submission by June 1st , 2014.

Abstracts will be published in a book of abstracts including the program prior to the conference and in a conference supplement to an International Journal after the conference.

More information at www.euprimarycare.org

WFPHA - Call for Working Group Members

The WFPHA Governing Council has decided to support the initiative of the International Epidemiological Association (IEA) on "Health in the Post-2015 Development Agenda", and to develop a cooperation with the IEA in this connection. It has charged Professor Theodor Abelin, MD, MPH, former WFPHA President, with developing and leading a new small ad hoc Committee, and with this group, to develop ideas for a joint session for the International Congress of Epidemiology, to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, USA, from 17 to 21 August, 2014. As a first step its task is to submit an outline for a session on this subject for the 2014 IEA World Congress on Epidemiology, and we are looking for colleagues interested in participating in its preparation.

Therefore, if you know of one of your leaders or colleagues, for example in an academic function, interested in participating, please let Professor Abelin know ([th.abelin\(at\)bluewin.ch](mailto:th.abelin@bluewin.ch)). An intention to participate at the Epidemiology congress in Anchorage is not needed, but would of course be helpful.

The IEA Position Paper can be downloaded at www.worldwewant2015.org/node/292903 . In summary, it argues that the first drafts in the UN framework for the post-2015 goals omitted all specific health goals, and therefore, emphasis should be on a simple summary health goal, which can be supported by as many health interest groups as possible, and from which specific sub- goals can be deducted. The proposal is to define a Post-2015 Development Goal for life expectancies at different ages, in particular at birth (to stimulate activities in the area of Maternal and Child Health) and at age 40 (to stimulate activities in the area of chronic diseases). WHO had proposed an overarching goal of universal health coverage, but this is considered as less suited, as it neglects addressing prevention based on the social determinants of health.

ISQUA – Call for papers – 31st International Conference in Rio 2014

Submissions are now being accepted under the following tracks:

1. Governance, Leadership and Health Policy
2. Improvement Science and Patient Safety Solutions
3. Patient Centred Care
4. Accreditation and External Evaluations Systems
5. Education and Research
6. Learning with Transitional and Developing Countries

7. Comparative Effectiveness in Health Information Technology and Health Technology Assessment
8. Health and Social Care for Vulnerable and Older Persons
9. Integrated Care

Further information on the Conference and our Call for Papers Guidelines can be found on our website -www.isqua.org

Deadline for Submission: 6th February 2014

Call for symposia and pre-conference workshops - University of Washington School of Public Health

The University of Washington School of Public Health is pleased to announce the 26th Annual International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Conference - From Local to Global: Advancing Science for Policy in Environmental Health. The meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington, USA on August 24-28th, 2014. Updates on this meeting can be found on our conference website: www.isee2014.org

[The Call for SYMPOSIA is now open](#). Symposia will be 90 minute forums of closely related talks on a specific topic relevant to the interests of the conference. At this time we invite you to submit a proposal for symposia, please complete the online submission form by January 15, 2014. Detailed instructions can be found on the conference website.

[The Call for Pre-Conference Workshop Proposals is open until January 15, 2014](#). Instructions can be found on the conference website.

We are inviting additional members of our Scientific Committee to join our Scientific Program Committee. We especially welcome volunteers from outside North America and Western Europe or whose scientific area is outside of the most commonly represented topics at ISEE meetings. Committee members will work with the committee to review and rank submitted abstracts for symposia, oral and/or poster presentations. Please email isee2014@uw.edu to request to join a committee, and provide a summary of your area of expertise/interest. If you are associated with an organization or scientific group which would like to hold a meeting coordinated with this conference, please contact us at isee2014@uw.edu so we can work with you to locate space and coordinate timing.

Publish in the Health Service Management Research!

Submit papers or become a reviewer for HSRM today!

To register as a candidate peer reviewer, please register on the journal's [online submission](#).

You will be asked to register for the first time by adding your contact details as well as assigning a number of keywords describing your particular area(s) of expertise. Please take a moment to complete these details - it is much appreciated. To find more information, please click [here](#).

Calls for independent experts for Horizon 2020

The DG RTD and Innovation of the European Commission announce that the calls for independent experts for Horizon 2020 have been published (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:C:2013:342:SOM:EN:HTML>). They are addressed to individuals for the establishment of a database of prospective independent experts and to organisations such as research agencies, research institutions, universities, standardisation organisations, civil society organisations or enterprises, to attract experts with the widest range of profiles needed for Horizon 2020. These include all the areas of research but also cross-cutting aspects such as: innovation, SMEs, dissemination, knowledge transfer and intellectual property rights, social and economic sciences and humanities, sustainable development and international cooperation. The final expert database will be used, amongst others, to select expert evaluators and reviewers. Your knowledge and experience in FP7 as individuals can be extremely helpful for managing Horizon 2020. We would encourage you to register and/or update your file in the Research and Innovation Participant portal for experts. Please see instructions on how to register here below.

The call can be found at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal4/desktop/en/support/about.html>

For individuals: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/support/h2020_call-individual_experts_oj_c342_03.pdf

For organisations: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/support/h2020_call-relevant_organisations_oj_c342_03.pdf

Should you need any question, please consult:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/faq.html#f13>.

Student & Early Career Researchers' Forum

The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) is organizing a Student & Early Career Researchers' Forum to be held at Public Health 2014 in Toronto, Ontario on May 26, 2014. The forum will be a collaborative effort with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Population & Public Health and ASPHER.

Deadline for applications: Wednesday, January 15, 2014. The call details can be found at this link: <http://www.cpha.ca/en/conferences/conf2014/european.aspx>

New journal launched: South Eastern European Journal of Public Health (SEEJPH)

Available at: <http://www.seejph.com/><<http://www.seejph.com/?cat=7>

At this stage the SEEJPH will be collecting papers and, therefore, invite colleagues in different institutions worldwide and students to consider submissions of their research findings in this new journal with a prestigious Editorial Board, please see at:

<http://www.seejph.com/category/imprint><<http://www.seejph.com/?cat=6>>.

The journal's website provides detailed instructions for submission of articles and, as stated at the very end of the section "Instructions for authors" the first issue will be free of charge.

Please see at: <http://www.seejph.com/category/authors-instructions><<http://www.seejph.com/?cat=5>>.

4. Interesting News

Charter of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region "The global dimension of education and training for public health in the 21st century in Europe and in the world"

During the 6th European Public Health Conference in Brussels, November 15, 2013, ASPHER adopted a charter dedicated to improving public health education and training in Europe and elsewhere. The Charter outlines ASPHER's leadership into the 21st century and includes the road map for 2020. Read more: <http://aspher.org/pg/news/aspher/read/351597/the-global-dimension-of-education-and-training-for-public-health-in-the-21st-century-in-europe-and-in-the-world>

7th Edition of the Best Practices in Health Award

Press release 30 November 2013 – The Portuguese Association for the Hospital Development (APDH) and the Directorate-General for Health (DGS) in association with the Central Health Administration (ACSS) and the five Regional Health Administrations and sponsored by external institutions organized the 7th Edition of the Best Practices in Health Award. Public and private entities were invited to apply with ongoing projects which would also take into consideration the Major Planning Options - Health, specifically with regard to the strategy "Improving the quality of care and the patient safety" (www.boaspraticasemsaude.com).

The award means to:

1. Distinguish the best practices projects, within the scope of quality and innovation, respecting the defined standards and adding value for the citizen/community or for the practices of the whole Organization therefore impacting directly in the health care delivered.
2. Distinguish the health professionals or teams from the public, private and social sector:
 - a) Who stand out in developing the quality and/or innovations projects thus contributing to improved health outcomes;

- b) Who develop creativity projects related with services, products and processes or with new forms of organizing and managing the services delivered and that might enhance quality and safety improvements within the health care.
3. Provide a wider dissemination of the best practices in quality and in innovation, both at national and international levels and wishing for the projects to be replicated or to serve as an incentive for new projects in similar areas

For more information, please contact: Portuguese Association for the Hospital Development www.boaspraticasemsaude.com and www.apdh.pt

5. EUPHA members update

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

Samedi 30 novembre, la SFSP a réuni en séminaire le conseil d'administration et les adhérents qui ont contribué aux 1^{res} prises de position sur la SNS. Deux groupes de travail ont été institués, l'un sur la question de "la gouvernance", l'autre sur l'approche clivée "promotion de la santé/prévention", deux axes sur lesquels la SFSP demande un éclairage particulier. Les adhérents SFSP peuvent apporter leur contribution aux groupes de travail à accueil@sfsp.info en communiquant leurs attentes et idées de leviers les plus opératoires possibles sur ces deux grands thèmes.

Les ARS organisent jusqu'en février 2014 des débats régionaux pour alimenter la stratégie nationale de santé. Un 1er calendrier vient d'être communiqué par le Ministère des affaires sociales et de la santé.

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: Addressing Health Inequalities 2014 and beyond: building cohesion and strengthening health for growth

Date: 23 January 2014

Place: Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: Joint Action on Health Inequalities

More info: <http://www.equityaction-project.eu/final-conference/>

Title: 1er Colloque du Réseau Santé pour tous

Dates: 23 – 24 January 2014

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

More info: www.soignerladiversite.ch

Title: Winter School in Clinical Epidemiology

Dates: 3 – 8 February 2014

Place: Hall in Tyrol, Austria

Organiser: UMIT - University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology

More info: www.umat.at/htads/

Title: **Evidenzbasierung in der Suchtprävention – Möglichkeiten und Grenzen**
Dates: 17 – 21 February 2014
Place: Cologne, Germany
Deadline: Abstract submission deadline January 6 2014
More info: <http://www.katho-nrw.de/katho-nrw/hochschule/presse-oeffentlichkeitsarbeit/pressemitteilungen/artikel/datum/2013/12/17/disup-organisiert-klausurwoche-ueber-wirkung-von-praeventionsmassnahmen/>

Title: **Nursing Leadership in Global Health**
Dates: 27 – 28 February 2014
Place: Nashville, TN, USA
More info: www.nlgh2014.org

Title: **11th International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH)**
Dates: 4 – 7 March 2014
Place: Manchester, UK
More info: <http://www.icuh2014.com/>

Title: **Health Financing**
Dates: 10 – 14 March 2014
Place: Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: WHO Barcelona office for Health Systems Strengthening

Title: **The power of patients 3.0» – Patients are changing the face of healthcare**
Dates: 17-18 March 2014
Place: Basel, Switzerland
More info: Simultaneous translation in the plenary and workshops in english/german
www.careum-congress.ch,

Title: **Public Health 2014: Improving and Protecting Public Health**
Dates: 18 March 2014
Place: London, UK
More info: [VIEW FULL DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME](#)

Title: **2ème Université de printemps francophone de santé internationale et développement "le financement des systèmes de santé"**
Dates: 24 - 28 March 2014
Place: Paris, France
Organiser: Le RESAMD (Réseau pour la Santé Mondiale et le Développement)
More info: <http://www.resamd.u-psud.fr/index.php/programme>

Title: **The Dementia Challenge: Responding to a National Priority**
Date: 8 April 2014
Place: London, UK
Organiser: co-organised by Aarhus University, the HLS-EU Consortium and Health Literacy Europe
More info: [VIEW FULL DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME](#)

Title: **2nd European Health Literacy Conference**
Dates: 10 - 11 April 2014
Place: Aarhus, Denmark
More info: www.healthliteracyeurope.net

Title: 22nd International Conference on health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services - Changing hospital and health service culture to better promote health

Dates: 23 – 25 April 2014

Place: Barcelona, Spain

More info: <http://www.hphconferences.org/barcelona2014.html>

Title: Modeling Approaches for HTA: a Practical Hands-On Workshop

Dates: 5 – 7 June 2014

Place: Antwerp, Belgium

Organiser: UMIT - University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology

More info: www.umat.at/htads/

Title: first European Conference on Donor Health and Management

Dates: 3 – 5 September 2014

Place: The Hague, Netherlands

More info: www.sanquin.nl and www.domaine-europe.eu

Title: 3rd World Congress of Clinical Safety (3WCCS)

Dates: 10 - 12 September 2014

Place: University of Cantabria, Spain

Deadlines: Abstract submission: 1 February - 31 May 2014

More info: <http://www.iarmm.org/3WCCS/>

Title: The Second International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health

Dates: 5 – 8 October 2014

Place: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Deadline: Abstracts 7 March 2014

More info: <http://www.leph2014.com>

7. Interesting publications

Eur J Public Health Open Access 2013

Unmet health care needs of older people: prevalence and predictors in a French cross-sectional survey

M Herr et al.

Eur J Public Health published 27 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt179

[\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

Editor's Choices:

HIV testing and counselling for migrant populations living in high-income countries: a systematic review

D. Alvarez-del Arco et al.

[Full Text \(PDF\)](#)

Have health trends worsened in Greece as a result of the financial crisis? A quasi-experimental approach

S. Vitoratos et al.

[Full Text \(PDF\)](#)

Unemployment at a young age and later sickness absence, disability pension and death in native Swedes and immigrants

M. Helgesson et al.

[Full Text \(PDF\)](#)

The relationship between avoidable hospitalization and accessibility to primary care: a systematic review

A. Rosano et al.

[Full Text \(PDF\) Supplementary Data](#)

A comparative analysis of health policy performance in 43 European countries

JP. Mackenbach and M. McKee

[Full Text \(PDF\) Supplementary Data](#)

You have to be there to enjoy it? Neighbourhood social capital and health

SM. Mohnen et al.

[Full Text \(PDF\) Supplementary Data](#)

Has Scotland always been the 'sick man' of Europe? An observational study from 1855 to 2006

G. McCartney et al.

[Full Text \(PDF\) Supplementary Data](#)

Health indicators in Europe: availability and data needs

K. Kilpeläinen et al.

[Full Text \(PDF\) Supplementary Data](#)

The validity of indicators for assessing quality of care: a review of the European literature on hospital readmission rate

C. Fischer et al.

[Full Text \(PDF\)](#)

Inequalities in male mortality by occupational class, perceived status and education in Russia, 1994–2006

A. Bessudnov et al.

[Full Text \(PDF\) Supplementary Data](#)

Eur J Public Health Advanced Access (subscription needed)

Relevance of hospital characteristics as performance indicators for treatment of very-low-birth-weight neonates

M Esser et al.

Eur J Public Health published 28 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt176

[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Sleep problems, exercise and obesity and risk of chronic musculoskeletal pain: The Norwegian HUNT study

P.J. Mork et al.

Eur J Public Health published 28 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt198

[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Blood pressure among rural Montenegrin children in relation to poverty and gender

M. Martinovic et al.

Eur J Public Health published 27 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt181

[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Association of children's eating behaviors with parental education, and teachers' health awareness, attitudes and behaviors: a national school-based survey in China

L. He, et al.

Eur J Public Health published 27 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt177

[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Sweden *SimSmoke*: the effect of tobacco control policies on smoking and snus prevalence and attributable deaths

A.M. Nearet al.

Eur J Public Health published 27 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt178
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Implementation of smoking ban: a survey in a public hospital setting
R. Principe et al.

Eur J Public Health published 15 December 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt200
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Other publications

Second edition of Forum for Public Health in Southeastern Europe A Handbook for Teachers, Researchers and Health Professionals Volume I Health: Systems - Lifestyle - Policies

Editors: G Burazeri (Albania) and L Zaletel Kragelj (Slovenia). Assistant editor: K Petrela (Albania)

Free download at <http://www.seejph.com/documents/Volume-I-Health-Systems-Lifestyle-Policies.pdf>

Volume II Health Investigation: Analysis – Planning – Evaluation

Editors: G Burazeri (Albania) and L Zaletel Kragelj (Slovenia) . Assistant editors: K Petrela and H Muja (Albania)

Free download at: <http://www.seejph.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Volume-II-Health-Investigation.pdf>

Guide to Online and Blended Learning Modern Teaching – Distance Learning

published by Jacobs Company on behalf of ASPHER.

http://www.aspher.org/repository/index.php?get_action=open_file&repository_id=0&file=%2FASPHER%2FGuidelines%20and%20Recommendations%2FModern_Teaching_-_Distance_Learning_WGIGP-OG2012.pdf

or at: <http://www.seejph.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Modern-Teaching-%E2%80%93-Distance-Learning.pdf>

8. European Commission news

Antimicrobial resistance

Commission convenes high-level conference to take stock on anti-microbial resistance in Europe

Joint Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance: State of Play of the 5-year action plan (Brussels, 11 december 2013) Presentations available

EU Health newsletter - Issue 120

Special Edition - Scientific Committees: 'SCENIHR: Protecting citizens against new health risks'

EAHC - Executive Agency for Health and Consumers

The next edition of the Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX) will include a new strand on health

Expert panel on effective ways of investing in health

3rd plenary meeting of the Expert Panel, Brussels, 12 December 2013 Agenda

2nd WG meeting on Assessment study Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in health care (28 November 2013) Minutes of the meeting

2nd Plenary meeting (Brussels, 24 October 2013) Minutes of the meeting

Horizon 2020

Council adopts "Horizon 2020": the EU's research and innovation programme for 2014-2020

Nutrition and physical activity

19th plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity (Brussels, 25 November 2013) Agenda, contributions

19th plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity (Brussels, 25 November 2013) Flash report

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (Brussels, 26 September 2013) Minutes of the meeting

Patient safety

Public consultation on patient safety and quality of care Open until 28 February 2014

Preparedness and response

Global Health Security Initiative Ministerial Meeting, 13 December 2013 Ministerial Communiqué

Scientific committees

Public consultation on Nanosilver: safety, health and environmental effects and role in antimicrobial resistance Deadline for submission of comments: 02 February 2014

Sexually transmitted diseases

Call for the expression of interest to become a member of the EU HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum Deadline for application : 31 January 2014

Social determinants and health inequalities

Conference "Addressing health inequalities 2014 and beyond: building cohesion and strengthening health for growth", Brussels, 23 January 2014 Registration opens

Meeting of the Expert Group on Social Determinants and Health Inequalities (Luxembourg, 29-30 October 2013) Notes of the meeting

Health inequalities in the EU Final Report of a Consortium lead by Sir Michael Marmot

Speech

The EU will provide € 1 billion over 10 years to fund the Human Brain Project, which should help develop new treatments for dementia and other brain diseases. – Commissioner Tonio Borg

Tobacco

Meeting on the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive with TVECA (Tobacco Vapor Electronic Cigarette Association) Minutes of the meeting

Commissioner Borg welcomes agreement on the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive

9. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 49, 05 December 2013

In this issue: Two papers demonstrating the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in food-borne outbreaks

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Outbreak of Salmonella enterica Goldcoast infection associated with whelk consumption, England, June to October 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20654>

Tularaemia in a brown hare (Lepus europaeus) in 2013: first case in the Netherlands in 60 years

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20655>

Case of vaccine-associated measles five weeks post-immunisation, British Columbia, Canada, October 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20649>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

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Promoting health, preventing disease: is there an economic case?

This new policy summary reviews some of the economic arguments for investing in a number of different areas of health promotion and noncommunicable disease prevention. It argues that there is a substantial evidence base on the effectiveness of a wide range of actions, addressing some of the main risk factors to health including tobacco and alcohol consumption, impacts of diet and patterns of physical activity, children's exposure to environmental harm, the protection of mental health and road safety. While some of these interventions will generate direct cost savings, many will require increased investment but generate additional health (and other) benefits.

This new publication draws on a major international study undertaken jointly by the Observatory, OECD and WHO/Europe, that collates the evidence on investing in health promotion and non-communicable disease prevention. This study, that will be published next year as a book "Health Promotion, Disease Prevention: The Economic Case", forms the basis for one of the evidence pillars for WHO's Health 2020 strategy.

The policy summary was presented at a special event in London on 4 November 2013 hosted by England's Department of Health to inaugurate the newly established partnership with the Observatory, promoting and facilitating international knowledge transfer in health policy making.

The policy summary is now available online: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/policy-briefs-and-summaries/promoting-health,-preventing-disease-is-there-an-economic-case>