



EUPHA Newsletter February 2007

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1. EUPHA conference Helsinki: February update

The 2007 EUPHA conference is organised by the Society for Social Medicine in the Finlandia Hall, Helsinki, Finland. The main theme is "Future of Public Health in the Unified Europe". The dates are 11 to 13 October 2007. More information on the conference can be found on the regularly updated EUPHA website: www.eupha.org.

Please note that the abstract submission is now open. Abstracts can only be submitted through the online submission system at www.eupha.org. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **1 MAY 2007**. Abstracts can be submitted for single presentations (both oral and poster) and for workshops/seminars. Please read the instructions for submission carefully before submitting.

2. OUP book club

EUPHA members have the possibility to order OUP books through the EUPHA/OUP book club at: <http://www.oup.co.uk/promotions/medicine/eupha/>. Some new publications included here are:

- Oxford Handbook of Public Health Practice, 2nd Edition
- Decision Modelling for Health Economic Evaluation
- Public Health Evidence
- The Economics of Infectious Diseases
- A Dictionary of Public Health
- Critical Appraisal for Epidemiological Studies and Clinical Trials, 3rd Edition
- Ethnicity, Race, and Health in Multicultural Societies
- An Introduction to Health Planning For Developing Health Systems, 3rd Edition
- Ethnicity, Race, and Health in Multicultural Societies

3. Job vacancies/call for interest

EUPHA has received the following job vacancies/call for interest. Please note the short deadlines!

- **Professor of European Public Health, Maastricht University, The Netherlands**
Maastricht University, the Netherlands, is looking for enthusiastic and visionary candidates (F/M) for a new established full professorship in European Public Health.

Job Description

The following key research themes have been projected: Research focusing on public health in urbanised, often (re-)industrialised regions, related to poverty and aging; Research in the area of infectious diseases and diseases related to welfare developments in Europe; Epidemiological research linked to (European) policy research; Euregional and European/international comparative research on cross border developments in the field of health and care. The core educational activities include rolling out the bachelor's programme in European Public Health and the development of an MSc programme. We envisage integration with international networks through linking up with strategic alliances and partnering, introducing specific research in cooperation with partners, and in addition to a research network, a political and decision-making network.

Requirements

Academic training in one of the relevant disciplines in the field of public health; PhD degree, in one of the relevant disciplines in the field of New Public Health; ample research experience, preferably in the field of public health from a comparative perspective; demonstrable expertise and capability in building up a support network within the relevant European field of study; demonstrable expertise and capability in making a contribution to education in the field of public health from a comparative international perspective; demonstrable expertise and experience in the field of new public health within a European and/or international setting; the potential to further develop and encourage research activities in the relevant field of research as well as demonstrable ability to acquire research funding; the potential to make a contribution to European and international developments in the field of public health; demonstrable management and team building skills.

Thus, a person with a European perspective, who can be characterised as a "shaker and mover", and who has the ability to influence the European public health research agenda.

Organization
The Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences of Maastricht University merged to form the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences as of 1 January 2007. The main reasons for this merger are a new vision of health and health care, the creation of an excellent partner for strategic educational and research alliances, an effective internal organisation, and the introduction of a strong university component in the future Maastricht UMC+, which is expected to be established in 2008. The merger will combine the various fields of expertise and strengthen the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach to education and research. The chair will be positioned within the School for Public Health and Primary Care.

Conditions of Employment

For a period of five years, with a view towards a permanent appointment;

Maximum hours per week: 38

Additional Information

Additional information about the vacancy and/or the full text of the "Structure Report Chair European Public Health" can be obtained from:

Prof.dr. G.G. van Merode

Vice Dean Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences

Telephone number: 0031 (0)43 388 5962

E-mail address: f.vanmerode@beoz.unimaas.nl

Deadline for application: 15 March

• **WHITEHALL II STUDY – NUTRITIONAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST (Ref 310)**

Applications are sought from postdoctoral researchers or more senior academic staff wishing to develop their own area of research to join the Whitehall II team as a nutritional epidemiologist. The successful candidate will have an interest in inequalities in health and PhD or equivalent research experience in nutrition, medicine, biochemistry, statistics, epidemiology, or another relevant discipline.

It is hoped that the appointee will work collaboratively on: nutrition and dietary patterns in relation to chronic disease (incident CHD and diabetes), functioning and other health outcomes; the role of diet and nutrition in social inequalities in health in an ageing cohort; and develop epidemiological methods

that take account of measurement error in dietary data and make use of the longitudinal design of the Whitehall II study.

This post is for 2 years initially, with the expectation of renewal subject to grant applications. Salary: Research Fellow (Grade 7, £28,386 - £34,337 pa inclusive) or Senior Research Fellow (Grade 8, £35,292 - £38,333 pa inclusive) level as appropriate.

Please refer to <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/epidemiology/jobs/index.htm> for full job description and person specification. Application forms at http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/docs/job_pages.php or from f.bortolotti@ucl.ac.uk, 020 7679 1681 Applications to Ms Floriana Bortolotti, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, UCL, 1-19 Torrington Place, London WC1E 6BT.

Closing date: Midday, 15th February 2007.

- **EHMA Special Interest Group (SIG): Healthcare Workforce Management**

EHMA is planning to start up a Special Interest Group on the management of the healthcare workforce. In particular, they wish to provide a platform for EHMA members working in the full range of acute, primary and/or social care settings to have real dialogue on workforce issues and share best practice on management of workforce change across Europe. The SIG's main purpose will be to provide a forum, voice and collaborative opportunities for its members within EHMA. They would welcome participation from all those interested in the healthcare workforce field including healthcare professionals and managers, academics/researchers, policy makers and service user groups.

If you are interested in joining us, please register your contact details and main areas of interest via the following web-link so that we can get in touch:

<http://panorama.som.surrey.ac.uk/survey?code=6368059442729384>.

- **Call for Letters of Interest - World Health Organization: Case studies of programmes addressing social determinants of health and equity**

Website: http://www.who.int/social_determinants/en/

This initiative aims at compiling detailed case studies of public health programmes addressing social determinants of health in order to have a specific public health impact at a population level, such as level and distribution of infectious disease, reproductive health and/or noncommunicable diseases outcomes. The case study focus should be on the process of implementation. Five types of processes are of particular interest:

- Going to scale: the challenges faced in moving from small scale pilot programmes to widespread interventions.
- Managing policy change: the challenges associated with policy formulation and change particularly for policies that are likely to benefit the poor and vulnerable, the influence of the political environment, the role of individuals as policy champions, managing opposing professional views.
- Managing intersectoral processes: including stewardship challenges in working with other sectors, difficulties in coordination.
- Adjusting design: adjustments made to the original programme design during implementation, issues of sequencing elements of the programme, effects of stakeholder views upon design.
- Ensuring sustainability: issues in securing ongoing financial support for the programme, as well as promoting institutional sustainability.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: Tuesday, 28 February 2007. Send your proposal to Johannes Sommerfeld at the World Health Organization by email (sommerfeldj@who.int).

- **Global theme issue on: Poverty and Human Development**

WHO Bulletin joins 120 science journals around the world in inviting submissions on the topic of Poverty and Human Development, to be published in a Global Theme Issue in October 2007,

organized by the Council of Science Editors.

This international collaboration is designed to raise awareness of, and stimulate research on, poverty and human development. More information on Global theme issue participants is available at www.councilscienceeditors.org/globalthemeissue.cfm.

The journals plan to publish new original research, review articles, editorials, perspectives, news stories, and other types of articles on the subject of poverty and human development with a common publication or release date of Monday, October 22, 2007.

Some journals will dedicate an entire issue to this subject, others will publish a few papers, and still others plan to publish an editorial. Some journals with less frequent publication schedules plan to release these articles early online to coincide with the common release date.

Manuscripts should be submitted to <http://submit.bwho.org> by **1 April 2007**, respecting the Guidelines for Contributors, accompanied by a cover letter mentioning this call for papers.

The Bulletin's guidelines for contributors and information on how to submit your manuscript can be found at: [information for contributors](#).

4. Upcoming conferences/seminars

Title	XII Congress of the Spanish Public Health and Health Administration Association: Effectiveness of interventions on population's health
Date	20-22 June 2007
Place	Barcelona
Organiser	SESPAS
Deadline abstracts	28 February 2007
More information	http://www.sespas.es/congres2007

Title	Social Epidemiology Course
Date	18 June - 22 June 2007
Place	Florence, Italy
Organiser	University of Bristol, UK and Harvard University, Boston, USA
Deadline application	May 7, 2007
More information	http://www.eepe.org/registration.html ; eepe@eepe.org

Title	Shaping the Future for Community Action on Health Services
Date	Friday 30 March 2007
Place	Brussels, Belgium
Deadline abstracts	-
More information	http://www.ehma.org/activities/default.asp?NCID=104&NID=167 , sabine@ehma.org or celine@ehma.org

Title	SETTING AN ETHICAL AGENDA FOR HEALTH PROMOTION
Date	18-20 September 2007
Place	Ghent, Belgium
Organiser	
Deadline abstracts	March 1, 2007
More information	www.healthpromotionethics.eu

Title	24th International Conference of ISQua: Transforming Healthcare in the Electronic Age
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Date 30 September to 3 October 2007
Place Boston, US
Organiser ISQUA
Deadline abstracts 1 March 2007
More information Go to: BostonCallPapers.pdf

Title 6th ISBNPA annual meeting
Date 20-23 June 2007
Place Oslo, Norway
Organiser International Society of Behavioural Nutrition and Physical Activity
Deadline abstracts Has passed. Deadline for late breaking abstracts 18th of March 2007, but then for posters only.
More information www.isbnpa.org

Title Equitable Access: Research challenges for health in developing countries
Date 29 October - 2 November 2007
Place Beijing, China
Organiser Global Forum for Health Research
Deadline abstracts Has passed
More information <http://www.globalforumhealth.org/>

Title Spreading of Excellence-Doctoral Program in Public Health with emphasis on biobank-based research
Date 1 year 2007-2008
Place Tampere school of public health, Tampere, Finland
Organiser EU Network of Excellence CCPRB and Tampere School of Public Health
Deadline applications 15 February 2007
More information <http://www.cancerbiobank.org/> and at:
<http://www.uta.fi/laitokset/tsph/SoE.htm>

Title 2007 Asociación de Economía de la Salud Conference – "El buen gobierno de la sanidad"
Date 6-8 June 2007
Place La Coruna, Spain
Organiser Asociación de Economía de la Salud
Deadline abstracts Has passed
More information www.aes.es

Title Eurpubhealth: European Public Health Master
Date As of September 2007
Place - University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- National School of Public Health, France
- University of Rennes 1, France
- Jagiellonian University of Cracow, Poland
- Andalusian School of Public Health, Spain
- University of Sheffield, UK
Organiser Europubhealth
Deadline application 30 April 2007
More information www.europubhealth.org

5. Interesting publications

European Perspectives on Global Health: A Policy Glossary
Ilona Kickbusch and Graham Lister

European Foundation Centre, AISBL - Brussels, Belgium
European Partnership for Global Health, November 2006
Available online as PDF file at : http://www.who.int/km4ph/EFC_EPGH_GlobalHealthGlossary.pdf

Social Health Insurance Reexamined

Adam Wagstaff, Development Research Group, The World Bank, Washington DC, USA

Available online as PDF file [27p] at:

<http://www->

wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/IW3P/IB/2007/01/09/000016406_20070109161148/Rendered/PDF/wps4111.pdf

As TXT file at:

<http://www->

wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/IW3P/IB/2007/01/09/000016406_20070109161148/Rendered/INDEX/wps4111.txt

Reducing The Growing Burden Of Cardiovascular Disease In The Developing World

Thomas A. Gaziano

Health Affairs, 26, no. 1 (2007): 13-24 doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.26.1.13 2007 by Project HOPE

Available online at: <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/26/1/13>

Early childhood development: the global challenge

Richard Jolly, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK

The Lancet, Volume 369, Number 9555, 06 January 2007

Toward a Theory of a Right to Health:

Capability and Incompletely Theorized Agreements

JENNIFER PRAH RUGER

Yale University - School of Medicine

Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities, Vol. 18, pp. 273-326, 2006

Available online as PDF file [54p.] at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=933009

Health Systems and their Evidence Based Development

Laaser, U., L. Kovacic (Project Coordinators):. Edited by V. Bjegovic and D. Donev with the assistance of B. Djikanovic. Jacobs-Verlag, Lage 2004, 2. 2005, 578 pages

Health Determinants in the Scope of New Public Health

Laaser, U., L. Kovacic (Project Coordinators):. Edited by L. Georgieva & G. Burazeri with the assistance of M. Dyakova & B. Djikanovic. Jacobs-Verlag, 2005, 633 pages

Public Health Strategies: A Tool for Regional Development

Laaser, U., L. Kovacic (Project Coordinators):. Edited by G. Scintee and A. Galan.

Jacobs-Verlag, 2005: 647 pages

The Global Gender Gap Report 2006

World Economic Forum, December 2006

The report and individual country profiles are available free of charge online at

<http://www.weforum.org/gendergap>

Also you could download the full Global Gender Gap Report 2006 Index in Excel format.

The State of the World's Children 2007: Women and Children - The double dividend of gender equality

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), 2006

Available online as PDF file [160p.] at: <http://www.unicef.org/sowc07/docs/sowc07.pdf>

Australia: Health system review. Health Systems in Transition 2006

Judith Healy, Regulatory Institutions Network, Australian National University

Evelyn Sharman, Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

Buddhima Lokuge, Regulatory Institutions Network, Australian National University

World Health Organization 2006 - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Available online as PDF File [178p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E89731.pdf>

The Challenge of Global Health

Laurie Garrett is Senior Fellow for Global Health at the Council on Foreign Relations and the author of *Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health* Foreign Affairs, January/February 2007

Available online at:

URL: <http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20070101faessay86103-p90/laurie-garrett/the-challenge-of-global-health.html>

National Healthcare Disparities Report, 2006

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality - AHRQ Publication No. 07-0012 - December 2006

Full report available online as PDF file [212p.] at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nhdr06/nhdr06report.pdf>

Minimum Health Indicator Set for PH-SEE Countries, Second Report.

Zaletel-Kragelj, L., D. Bardehle, G. Burazeri, D. Donev, U. Laaser:

Edited by Stability Pact – Public Health Collaboration in South Eastern Europe (PH-SEE). LÖGD Bielefeld: 2005 (ISBN 3-88139-128-2)

Financing Health Care - A Dialogue between South Eastern Europe and Germany.

Laaser, Ulrich and Radermacher, Ralf (Eds.): Series International Public Health, Vol. 18, Jacobs Editing Company, Lage/Germany 2006: 334 pages

Promoting physical activity and active living in urban environments

THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS -THE SOLID FACTS

The Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization, 2006

Available online as PDF file [66p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/document/e89498.pdf>

The Challenge of Capacity Development: Working Towards Good Practice

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - 2006

Available online as PDF file [35p.] at:

http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTCDRC/Resources/oezd_challenge_of_capacity_development.pdf

Developing the evidence base for tackling health inequalities and differential effects

Economic and Social Research Council, ESRC 2007

Available online as PDF file [20p.] at:

http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/Images/Developing%20the%20evidence%20base%20for%20tackling%20health%20inequalities%20and%20differential%20effects_tcm6-17859.pdf
or <http://tinyurl.com/2uegms>

A conceptual framework for community-based health insurance in low-income countries: social capital and economic development

PHILIPA MLADOVSKY and ELIAS MOSSIALOS

LSE Health Working Paper No 2/2006 - LSE Health, The London School of Economics & Political Science

Available online as PDF file [28p.] at:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEHealthAndSocialCare/pdf/LSEHealthworkingpaperseries/LSEHW P2.pdf>

Inequality in health care use among older people in the United Kingdom: an analysis of panel data

Sara Allin, Cristina Masseria and Elias Mossialos

Working Paper No. 1/2006 - November 2006

LSE Health, The London School of Economics and Political Science

Available online as PDF file [23p.] at:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEHealthAndSocialCare/pdf/LSEHealthworkingpaperseries/LSEHW P1.pdf>

SLOWING THE GROWTH OF U.S. HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES: WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

Karen Davis, president of The Commonwealth Fund; Cathy Schoen, Stuart Guterman, Tony Shih, Stephen C. Schoenbaum, and Ilana Weinbaum

The Commonwealth Fund, January 2007

Prepared for The Commonwealth Fund/Alliance for Health Reform

Available online as PDF file [46p.] at:

http://www.cmwf.org/usr_doc/Davis_slowinggrowthUSHltcareexpenditureswhatareoptions_989.pdf

Exploring the international arena of global public health surveillance

Philippe Calain

Health Policy Plan. January 2007 22: 2-12; doi:10.1093/heapol/czl034

<http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/22/1/2>

Euro Observer: Autumn 2006, volume 8 number 3

Articles include:

- Screening for diseases – considerations for policy
- Screening for tuberculosis
- Screening for Chlamydia
- Screening for prostate cancer
- Cervical cancer screening
- Antenatal and neonatal screening

For information and ordering details, please contact: info@obs.euro.who.int or visit the website www.observatory.dk

EUROHEALTH, volume 12, number 3, 2006

Articles include:

- Sexually transmitted infections in Europe
- Obesity-control policies in Europe
- Several articles focussing on France

For more information: LSE Health, eurohealth@lse.ac.uk or visit the website:

www.lse.ac.uk/LSEhealth

The value of health care – a matter of discussion in Germany

Franz Porzsolt^{1,3}, Moritz Ackermann¹ and Volker Amelung^{2,3}

BMC Health Services Research – January 2007, 7:1 doi:10.1186/1472-6963-7-1

Available online at: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/7/1>

What Should Macroeconomists Know about Health Care Policy?

William Hsiao, is K.T. Li Professor of Economics and Director of the Program in Health Care Financing at the School of Public Health, Harvard University

Peter S. Heller, former Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department of the International Monetary Fund.

International Monetary Fund WP/07/13 – January 2007

Available online as PDF file [123p.] at: <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2007/wp0713.pdf>

USING KNOWLEDGE IN SOCIAL CARE RESEARCH RESOURCE 1

The conduct of systematic research reviews for SCIE knowledge reviews

Social Care Institute for Excellence SCIE, London December 2006

Available online as PDF file [85p.] at: <http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/misc/rr01.pdf>

Costs, risks and benefits of surgery: a milestone in the development of health services research

McPherson K, Bunker JP (2006).

The James Lind Library (www.jameslindlibrary.org).

Available online at:

http://www.jameslindlibrary.org/trial_records/20th_Century/1970s/bunker/mcpherson-commentary.html

Value-Based Insurance Design

Michael Chernew, professor of health care policy at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Allison Rosen, assistant professor in the Division of General Medicine at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Mark Fendrick, professor of internal medicine

Fair tests of treatments in health care

The James Lind Library, 2006

Website: http://www.jameslindlibrary.org/essays/fair_tests/fair-tests-of-treatments-in-health-care.html

Inequity and unwanted fertility in developing countries

Iqbal H. Shah & Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli

Volume 85, Number 2, February 2007, 85-160

Bulletin of the World Health Organization | February 2007, 85 (2)

HTML | doi: 10.2471/BLT.06.037366 [pdf 54kb]

6. European Commission: update

Public Health



- Threats to health: Communicable diseases
Projects Updated
- Threats to health
Rare diseases Updated
- Injury Prevention: Newsletter
EuroSafe Alert - Issue 3 Edition: December 2006
- Threats to health: Rare diseases
Public health national initiatives or other institutions responsible for rare diseases Tobacco:
HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign
The Help campaign in 2005-2006 Key document
- Tobacco: HELP For a life without tobacco campaign
"Help" January 2007 TV and Internet flight, country by country detailed spot lists
- Health Information
Newsletter of the Working Party on Morbidity and Mortality Edition : December 2006 - Issue 1
- health information
Newsletter of the Working Party on Health Indicators Edition : November 2006 - Issue 1
- Health information
Newsletter of the Working Party on Lifestyle Edition : November 2006 - Issue 3
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
Documented avian influenza infections in humans since 1997 data as of 12 January 2007
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
Current Situation of Avian Influenza and human cases related to the H5 virus subtype data as
of 12 January 2007
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
Distribution H5N1 cases by age group data as of 12 January 2007

- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
Human cases (infected) of A/H5N1 by date of onset and country from July 2006 up to date data as of 12 January 2007
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
Human cases (infected) of A/H5N1 by date of onset from November 2003 to December 2006 data as of 10 January 2007
- Health determinants: Alcohol
Factsheet on alcohol Key document
- Health information
Extreme weather Page updated
- Threats to Health
Major and chronic diseases Page updated
- Health information: Analysing and reporting on health
Health reporting systems at national level What's new section updated
- Health information: Health-EU Portal
Health-EU now available in 10 languages at <http://health.europa.eu>
- Health information: Health-EU Portal
Download logos to connect to the Health Portal
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Products
SCCP's notes of guidance for the testing of cosmetic ingredients and their safety evaluation - 6th revision Adopted by the SCCP during the 10th plenary of 19 December 2006
- Health information: funded projects 2003
HA - Healthy Ageing Final report
- Threats to Health: Rare diseases
Public health national initiatives or other institutions responsible for rare diseases Page updated
- Health information: Data collection on health indicators at sub-national level
Regional health data in Eurostat Page updated
- Health information: Extreme weather conditions
Cold can kill ? excess winter deaths
- Threats to health: Avian influenza
Avian Influenza: Highly pathogenic H5 virus confirmed in Hungary Press release
- Health information: The Healthy Life Years indicator
The EHEMU database: calculating life expectancies in the EU Member States Available in en, de, es, fr
- Health information: The Healthy Life Years indicator
Are we living longer, healthier lives in the EU? (reports of the EHEMU Project) Page updated
- Health information: Developing European Union health indicators
Events Page updated
- Health information: Publication
Healthy ageing: keystone for a sustainable Europe

- Health determinants: Tobacco
Speech by Markos Kyprianou, European Commissioner for Health, The Role of Pictorial Health Warnings in Europe's Tobacco Control Policy
- Health determinants: Tobacco
Green Paper: Towards a Europe free from tobacco smoke: policy options at EU level
Available in de, en, fr
- Health determinants: Tobacco
Questions and answers on the Green Paper on a smoke-free Europe Press release
- Health determinants: Tobacco
Commission launches public debate on the best way to promote smoke-free environments
Press release
- Health services
News: Health services and patient mobility
- Health services
Results of the consultation regarding community action on health services
- Newsletter: Health & Consumer Voice Newsletter on Food Safety, Health and Consumer Policy from Health and Consumer Protection DG
Edition: January 2007
- Risk assessment: Key document
Intermediate evaluation of Directorate-General Health and Consumer Protection non-food scientific committees (Final report)