



## **EUPHA Newsletter 2, 2008**

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### **1. EUPHA conference 2008: ABSTRACT SUBMISSION NOW OPEN!!**

The 2008 conference will be organized in Lisbon, Portugal from 6-8 November and the main theme is I-health: innovation and health in Europe. Abstracts can be submitted from 1 February to 1 May.

We are very pleased to combine our annual meeting with the annual meeting of our partner association – ASPHER (Association for Schools of Public Health in the European Region).

The abstract submission for both conferences is now open at <http://www.eupha.org/>. The deadline for submission is 1 May 2008 (midnight).

The abstract submission has been changed from last year. Abstracts can be submitted in the following areas: research, policy, practice and education-training. The lay-out for each abstract is slightly different. Abstracts can be submitted for single presentations (oral or poster) and for workshops (90 minute sessions). The abstracts are submitted using the EUPHA database. This also allows abstracts to be corrected until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

The abstracts will be scored by our International Scientific Committee (ISC) in the month of May. Every abstract is scored by 5 members of the ISC. Decisions on acceptance/rejection are sent out by mid-June.

### **2. News from our members**

Our French member, the French Society of Public Health (Société française de santé publique) has a new website: <http://www.sfsp.fr>

Our new associate member, the European Society for Quality in Healthcare (ESQH) publishes a very informative e-Newsletter. If you are interested in reading this newsletter, it is also published on the homepage of the ESQH website – [www.esqh.net](http://www.esqh.net)

Our association member, The European Forum for Primary Care has a new address from the 1st of January 2008:

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Web-site: <http://www.euprimarycare.org/>

### 3. News

#### **EUROPE'S HEARTACHE - Brussels, 14 February 2008:**

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the main cause of death in the EU with over 2 million people dying from CVD every year. Moreover, the statistics published today indicate that there are significant inequalities between Member States and that together, CVD across all Member States is estimated to cost the EU economy €192 billion a year.

"The European Heart Network is heartened by the strong support that the European Commission and the European Parliament have already demonstrated for addressing cardiovascular diseases" says Susanne Logstrup, Director of the European Heart Network.

#### **European Cardiovascular Disease Statistics 2008 Report – Additional Key Facts:**

- CVD is the main cause of the disease burden (illness and death) in Europe (23% of all disease burdens) and the second main cause of the disease burden in those EU countries with very low child and adult mortality (17%).
- Coronary heart disease (CHD) by itself is the single most common cause of death in the WHO European region while one in six deaths in men (16%) and one in seven deaths in women (15%) are caused by CHD in the EU Member States every year.
- Close behind, stroke is the second single most common cause of death in the WHO European region while one in eight deaths in women (12%) and one in eleven deaths in men (9%) are caused by stroke in the EU Member States every year.
- Trends are also different across the EU and the wider European region: while CVD mortality is falling in most Northern, Southern and Western European countries, it is not falling, or not nearly as fast, in Central and Eastern European countries:
- Between 1995 and 2005, death rates from coronary heart disease (CHD) fell by 53% in men in Ireland while in Romania (1994-2004) death rates in men fell by only 18%. In Ukraine, death rates from CHD increased by 13% for men and 12% for women.
- For stroke, death rates among women fell by 57% in Ireland but only by 21% in Romania (1994-2004).
- Each year smoking kills over 1.2 million people in Europe (450 000 from CVD) and about 650,000 people in the EU (185 000 from CVD). The numbers dying in Europe from CVD due to smoking rose by 13% between 1990 and 2000.
- Nearly 80 000 people in the EU-25 died from passive smoking in 2002 of which over 60 000 died from CHD and stroke.
- Levels of obesity are increasing across Europe in both adults and children.

#### **About the European Heart Network**

The European Heart Network (EHN) is a Brussels-based alliance of heart foundations and other concerned non-governmental organisations throughout Europe. EHN has 31 members in 26 countries. The European Heart Network plays a leading role in the prevention and reduction of cardiovascular disease through advocacy, networking and education so that it is no longer a major cause of premature death and disability throughout Europe.

For further information contact Susanne Løgstrup, Director, European Heart Network, Brussels, Tel.: + 32 2 512 91 74 or email: [info@ehnheart.org](mailto:info@ehnheart.org) or website: [www.ehnheart.org](http://www.ehnheart.org)

#### **European Agency for Safety and Health at Work**

#### **European Risk Observatory: Many of Europe's migrant workers face poor safety and health conditions**

In a new report from the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), the European Risk Observatory (ERO) provides an overview of the most important issues relating to the occupational safety and health (OSH) of migrant workers. Migration can bring career opportunities that

can enhance workers' general well-being, but it can also involve a degree of deskilling and downward social mobility which can be associated with potential health and safety problems.

#### **Labour market segregation**

Existing evidence suggests a concentration of migrant workers in certain sectors and occupations: on the one hand, they work in high skill professions such as IT, on the other hand, many face poorer working conditions in sectors such as agriculture and horticulture, construction, health care, households, transport and the food sector.

The significant presence of migrant workers in these sectors may be explained not only by labour shortages but also by language and legal barriers along with more subtle forms of discrimination. And their presence is likely to be even higher as official statistics refer only to legal permanent migration and not temporary or undeclared workers, which may be particularly relevant in agriculture.

#### **The impact of working conditions on migrants' health and safety**

Labour market segmentation can have negative consequences in terms of lower wages, longer working hours, higher occupational instability, more physically demanding and monotonous work and more risks of accidents at work.

Migrant workers face additional health and safety risks due to their relatively short period of work in the host countries and their limited knowledge of the health and safety systems in place. They also report being subject to harassment more frequently than their native counterparts. Coupled with more unfavourable working conditions, higher rates of stress and burnout are one visible consequence.

#### **Undeclared work**

It is estimated that in the nine largest economies of the former EU15 between 4.4 and 5.5 million immigrants are working in the "informal economy", although precise data about undeclared employment is still not available. There are serious health concerns for undeclared workers as they often do not have access to occupational health care services and lack the legal protection mechanisms for employees in dangerous occupations. The few studies carried out on safety and health of undeclared workers suggest that they are under-reported in statistics and that they are likely to endure very poor working conditions.

#### **An ongoing concern**

Safety and health of migrant workers is an ongoing concern in the EU. Therefore, the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work will continue to monitor the state of knowledge on the topic and promote the exchange of existing good practice information through its website.

### **Newsletter of the European Commission Scientific Committees**

The Directorate General for Health and Consumer Protection of the European Commission has the pleasure to announce the publication of the **Newsletter of the European Commission Scientific Committees**.

The January edition of the Newsletter has been published at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_risk/newsletters\\_risk\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/newsletters_risk_en.htm)

The next edition will be available in May 2008.

The Newsletter provides updates on the work of the European Commission Scientific Committees managed by Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection.

The Scientific Committees provide the Commission with the sound scientific advice it needs when preparing policy and proposals relating to consumer safety, public health and the environment. The Committees also draw the Commission's attention to the new or emerging problems which may pose an actual or potential threat.

- The *Scientific Committee on Consumer Products* (SCCP) is systematically consulted on the safety of cosmetics under the Cosmetics Directive and other consumer products such as toys, sun beds etc.
- The *Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks* (SCHER) provides advice on risk assessment of chemicals, health and environment issues like effects of atmospheric pollution, indoor air quality on the health, etc.
- The *Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks* (SCENIHR) covers broad multidisciplinary issues and examines new issues like potential risks of electromagnetic fields, or nanotechnology.

For free online subscription to the Newsletter please go to:

<http://ec.europa.eu/coreservices/mailing/index.cfm?form=register&serviceid=1>

### **Electronic newsletter of the URHIS project – URHIS-NEWS**

The EURO\_URHIS project is publishing an electronic newsletter called URHIS-NEWS. This exciting European project is co-financed by the European Commission Public Health Programme and aims to

develop a European system of urban health indicators. This second edition of **URHIS-NEWS** provides you with the following articles of interest:

- EURO-URHIS project update including details of the pilot phase, data collection and the EURO-URHIS 45 indicator list.
- Details of a new Urban Health network
- A pre-announcement for the final EURO-URHIS Conference in May 2008

If you are interested in urban health issues or wish to collaborate with the EURO-URHIS project we are keen to hear from you! Please feel free to visit our website [www.urhis.eu](http://www.urhis.eu) or email [euro@urhis.eu](mailto:euro@urhis.eu) for more information.

#### **New HIS/HES website:**

it is with a great pleasure that we announce the opening of the new HIS/HES website (version 2). You can access this new version at the following address:

<https://hishes.iph.fgov.be>

#### **Two projects of the Vienna Women's Health Programme:**

- **S-O-Ess** - an initiative against unhealthy body perfection to combat eating disorders: [www.s-o-ess.at](http://www.s-o-ess.at)
- **Ich schau auf mich** - pilot mammography screening project in selected Viennese districts: [www.ich-schau-auf-mich.at](http://www.ich-schau-auf-mich.at)

## **4. Call for proposals/collaboration:**

#### **The CARSO Health Institute:**

Call for nominations to the three categories of the 2008 CARSO Awards in Health and Nutrition

- Outstanding achievement in health research
- Innovation of health systems
- Outstanding institutions or programs

Award amount: \$100,000 American dollars

Final date of submission: May 9, 2008

Website: [http://www.salud.carso.org/ca\\_pecs.html](http://www.salud.carso.org/ca_pecs.html)

#### **University of Ghent, Belgium**

Special invitation: European African Network for Community Oriented Primary Care (EANCOPC);  
Partner search

As announced in the EFPC Newsflash 2, the University of Ghent, Belgium, intends to react on a EC open call for proposals of the EC program Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development for "Coordination, Cooperation and Networking Activities in Europe".

We invite, in particular, Health Centres in Central & Eastern Europe, but also in Western Europe, to join this initiative by becoming partner.

Check the invitational letter and the supporting documents (concept note and strategic approach) for further information. In case you would like to join as a partner, please fill out the two standard forms (applicant information and partnership statement) and send it to the secretariat of the EFPC, also indicated in the invitational letter.

We would like to have your response before the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. Please contact: Diederik Aarendonk  
e-mail: [d.aarendonk@euprimarycare.org](mailto:d.aarendonk@euprimarycare.org) or visit the web-site: <http://www.euprimarycare.org/>

## **5. Upcoming Courses and conferences**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Training course on 'Investment for health: integrating health in all policies'</b>
Date	9-14 March 2008
Place	Venice, Italy
Organiser	University of Padua, Medical School
More information	<a href="http://www.sabiwork.it">www.sabiwork.it</a> or <a href="mailto:segreteria@sabiwork.it">segreteria@sabiwork.it</a>

- Title** **5th Warwick Healthy Housing Conference**  
**Date** 17th - 19th March 2008  
**Place** Coventry, UK  
**Organiser** The University of Warwick,  
**Deadline abstracts** -  
**More information** <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/healthyhousing>
- Title** 6th International Bird Flu Summit  
**Date** March 27-28, 2008  
**Place** Bali , Indonesia  
**Organiser** -  
**Deadline abstracts** -  
**More information** <http://www.new-fields.com/birdflu6/index.php>
- Title** **International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care**  
**Date** 22-25 April 2008  
**Place** Paris, France  
**Organiser** Institute for healthcare improvement, BMJ group  
**Deadline abstracts** -  
**More information** [www.internationalforum.bmj.com](http://www.internationalforum.bmj.com)
- Title** 15th ISRRT (International Society of Radiographers and Radiological  
Technology) World Congress  
**Date** 24 to 27 April 2008  
**Place** Durban ICC, South Africa  
**Organiser** ISRTT  
**Deadline abstracts** -  
**More information** [www.isrrt.org](http://www.isrrt.org)
- Title** **WPA Thematic Conference on Depression and Other Common Mental  
Disorders in Primary Care**  
**Date** 18-21 June 2008  
**Place** Granada, Spain  
**Organiser** -  
**Deadline abstracts** -  
**More information** <http://www.wpa2008granada.org/>
- Title** **Health and Society Summer School**  
**Date** 30 June - 4 July 2008  
**Place** Central London, UK  
**Organiser** International Institute for Society and Health, UCL  
**Deadline applications** April 30, 2008  
**More information** <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/healthandsociety/>
- Title** **Summer School of the European Observatory on Health Systems and  
Policies**  
**Date** 3-8 August 2008  
**Place** Venice, Italy  
**Organiser** European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies  
**Deadline application** 30 April 2008  
**More information** [www.observatorysummerschool.org](http://www.observatorysummerschool.org)
- Title** **Introduction to Mathematical Models of the Epidemiology & Control of  
Infectious Diseases**  
**Date** Short Course for Public Health Professionals, since 1990  
1-12 September 2008  
**Place** Imperial College London, UK  
**Organiser** Imperial College London  
**More information** [www.imperial.ac.uk/cpd/epidemiology/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/cpd/epidemiology/)

**Title** 3rd Annual Meeting of the German Society of Epidemiology (DGEpi)  
**Date** 24-27 September 2008  
**Place** Bielefeld, Germany  
**Organiser** School of Public Health, Bielefeld University Deadline abstracts: 1 March 2008  
**More information** <http://www.dgepi2008.de/>

**Title** 2. Kongress der transkulturellen Psychiatrie im Deutschsprachigen  
**Raum: Flüchtlinge: Schwerpunkt: Frauen und Kinder**  
**Date** 26-28 September 2008  
**Place** Vienna, Austria (conference will be in German)  
**Organiser** University of Vienna  
**Deadline abstracts** [www.transkulturellepsychiatrie.de](http://www.transkulturellepsychiatrie.de)  
**More information** [www.transkulturellepsychiatrie.de](http://www.transkulturellepsychiatrie.de)

**Title** XII International Congress on IFPE (International Federation of  
**Psychiatric Epidemiology)**  
**Date** 16-19 April 2009  
**Place** Vienna, Austria  
**Organiser** IFPE  
**Deadline abstracts** 30 August 2008  
**More information** [www.ifpe2009.at](http://www.ifpe2009.at)

**Title** 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health  
**Date** 27 April - 1 May 2009  
**Place** Istanbul, Turkey  
**Organiser** WFPHA in collaboration with the Turkish Public Health Association  
**Deadline abstracts** -  
**More information** [www.worldpublichealth2009.org](http://www.worldpublichealth2009.org)

## 6. Interesting publications

Second Expert Report website, launched on 31 October 2007 and featuring the WCRF/AICR Expert Report, **Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Prevention of Cancer: a Global Perspective**, has been updated. You can access the website at [www.dietandcancerreport.org](http://www.dietandcancerreport.org)

### **Modelling the results of health promotion activities in Switzerland: development of the Swiss Model for Outcome Classification in Health Promotion and Prevention**

Brenda Spencer, Ursel Broesskamp-Stone, Brigitte Ruckstuh, Günter Ackermann, Adrian Spoerri and Bernhard Cloetta.

Health Promotion International 2008 23(1):86-97; doi:10.1093/heapro/dam038 (advanced access)

### **Growth and Inequality: Understanding Recent Trends and Political Choices**

By Thomas Pogge, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics at the Australian National University and (soon) in the Philosophy Department of Yale University

Foundation for Study of Independent Ideas - Dissent.org Winter 2008

Available online at: <http://dissentmagazine.org/article/?article=990>

### **The Lancet: Maternal and Child Undernutrition**

Website: <http://go.worldbank.org/7Q8VB5QK90>

### **Devolution and Health, Diverging Values?**

Paul Jervis

The Nuffield Trust, 2008

Available online at: <http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/publications/detail.asp?id=0&PRid=307>

PDF file [103p.] at:

<http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/members/download.asp?f=%2Fecomm%2Ffiles%2Fdevolving%5FPolicy%5FDiverging%5FValues%2Epdf>

### **Corporate influences on epidemiology**

Neil Pearce

Centre for Public Health Research, Massey University Wellington Campus - Wellington, New Zealand  
International Journal of Epidemiology - Volume 37, Number 1, February 2, 2008  
Int. J. Epidemiol. 2008 37: 46-53; doi:10.1093/ije/dym270 [Abstract] [Full Text] [PDF]

### **The Chinese Health Care System: Structure, Problems and Challenges**

Jens Leth Hougaard, Lars Peter Østerdal and Yi Yu

Department of Economics - University of Copenhagen - January 2008

Available online PDF [34p.] at: <http://www.econ.ku.dk/Research/Publications/pink/2008/0801.pdf>

### **Health Impact Assessment: A practical guide**

Harris, P., Harris-Roxas, B., Harris, E., & Kemp, L.

Sydney: Centre for Health Equity Training, Research and Evaluation (CHETRE)

Part of the UNSW Research Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity

The University of New South Wales, Australia UNSW -2007

Available online as PDF file [43p.] at:

[http://www.hia2007.com/Health\\_Impact\\_Assessment\\_A\\_Practical\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.hia2007.com/Health_Impact_Assessment_A_Practical_Guide.pdf)

### **What works? Interventions for maternal and child undernutrition and survival**

The Lancet Series, Maternal and child undernutrition

Zulfiqar A Bhutta, Tahmeed Ahmed, Robert E Black, Simon Cousens Kathryn Dewey, Elsa Giugliani, Batool A Haider, Betty Kirkwood, Saul S Morris, HPS Sachdev and Meera Shekar, for the Maternal and Child Undernutrition Study Group

The Lancet, Volume 371, Number 9610, 2 February 2008

Full text available online at: [Free subscription required]

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673607616936/fulltext>

### **Evidence-Informed Health Policy: Using Research to Make Health Systems Healthier**

Report from Kunnskapssenteret (Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services)

No 1–2008 A Multimethod Study

Moynihan R, Oxman AD, Lavis JN, Paulsen E.

Available online PDF at [http://www.kunnskapssenteret.no/filer/Rapport\\_08\\_01\\_EIHP.pdf](http://www.kunnskapssenteret.no/filer/Rapport_08_01_EIHP.pdf)

The video documentaries can be found at

<http://www.kunnskapssenteret.no/index.php?artikkelid=1030&back=2>

### **Equitable access: Research challenges for health in developing countries**

Global Forum for Health Research and Pro-Brook Publishing

Available online as PDF file [180p.] at:

[http://www.globalforumhealth.org/filesupld/global\\_update4/GlobalUpdate4Full.pdf](http://www.globalforumhealth.org/filesupld/global_update4/GlobalUpdate4Full.pdf)

Order hard copy here, free of charge:

<http://www.globalforumhealth.org/hidden/common/forms/orderpub/orderform.php>

### **WHO in 60 years: a chronology of public health milestones**

The chronology tells the story of WHO and public health achievements over the last 60 years.

[http://www.who.int/features/history/WHO\\_60th\\_anniversary\\_chronology.pdf](http://www.who.int/features/history/WHO_60th_anniversary_chronology.pdf)

### **HSMR: A New Approach for Measuring Hospital Mortality Trends in Canada**

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)

Available online PDF file [113p.] at:

[http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/products/HSMR\\_hospital\\_mortality\\_trends\\_in\\_canada.pdf](http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/products/HSMR_hospital_mortality_trends_in_canada.pdf)

### **The State of the World's Children 2008 – Child Survival**

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) December 2007

Available online as PDF file [164p.] at: <http://www.unicef.org/sowc08/docs/sowc08.pdf>

### **Mapping global health inequalities: challenges and opportunities**

Peter Tugwell, Vivian Robinson, and Erin Morris

December 12, 2007 - *Center for Global, International and Regional Studies*

*Mapping Global Inequalities - conference papers* University of California - Santa Cruz - USA

Available online PDF [36p.] at:

<http://repositories.cdlib.org/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1085&context=cgirs>

Or: <http://repositories.cdlib.org/cgirs/mgi/mgi-22>

### **Safeguarding the health system in times of macroeconomic instability**

Policy Lessons for Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Edited by Slim Haddad, Enis Barış, Delampady Narayana,

International Development Research Centre, IDRC Canada - Research for Health Equity 2007

Available online at: [http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-114337-201-1-DO\\_TOPIC.html](http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-114337-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html)

### **Knowing what works in health care: A roadmap for the nation.**

US Institute of Medicine (IOM). January 2008.

Washington, DC: The National Academies Press

Available online at: [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12038](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12038)

### **Maternal and child undernutrition: consequences for adult health and human capital**

The Lancet Series: Maternal and child undernutrition

Cesar G Victora, Linda Adair, Caroline Fall, Pedro C Hallal, Reynaldo Martorell, Linda Richter, Harshpal Singh Sachdev

Maternal and Child Undernutrition Study Group

The Lancet, Volume 371, Number 9609, 26 January 2008

Available online at; <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673607616924/fulltext>

### **Pathways of influence on equity in health**

Barbara Starfield

Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, Baltimore, USA

Social Science & Medicine 64 (2007) 1355–1362

Available online at:

[http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?\\_ob=MIimg&\\_imagekey=B6VBF-4MS9K51-2-5&\\_cdi=5925&\\_user=75682&\\_orig=browse&\\_coverDate=04%2F30%2F2007&\\_sk=999359992&\\_view=c&\\_wchp=dGLzVzz-zSkWz&\\_valck=1&md5=3272b1a44e7557279ad2164055ea8462&ie=/sdarticle.pdf](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=MIimg&_imagekey=B6VBF-4MS9K51-2-5&_cdi=5925&_user=75682&_orig=browse&_coverDate=04%2F30%2F2007&_sk=999359992&_view=c&_wchp=dGLzVzz-zSkWz&_valck=1&md5=3272b1a44e7557279ad2164055ea8462&ie=/sdarticle.pdf)

### **Health Situation in the Americas: Basic Indicators 2007**

Regional Core Health Data and Country Profiles Initiative- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)

Available online as PDF file [12p.] English version at:

[http://www.paho.org/english/dd/ais/BI\\_2007\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.paho.org/english/dd/ais/BI_2007_ENG.pdf)

### **Improving the reporting of public health intervention research: advancing TREND and CONSORT**

Rebecca Armstrong, Elizabeth Waters, Laurence Moore, Elisha Riggs, Luis Gabriel Cuervo, Pisake Lumbiganon, Penelope Hawe,

Journal of Public Health Advance Access published online on January 19, 2008

Website: <http://jpubhealth.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/fdm082v1>

### **Proximal, Distal, and the Politics of Causation: What's Level Got to Do With It?**

Krieger Nancy

American Journal of Public Health - February 2008, Vol 98, No. 2

Website: <http://www.ajph.org/>

### **Population health and waste management: scientific data and available options**

Report of a WHO workshop - Rome, Italy, 29–30 March 2007

World Health Organization - Regional Office for Europe

Available online as PDF file [90p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/document/E91021.pdf>

### **World in Your Pocket: A Handbook of International Health Economic Statistics**

The Institute of Health Economics (IHE) - Alberta Canada - 2007

Available online PDF [60p.] at:

[http://www.ihe.ca/documents/ihe/publications/reports/IHE\\_Report\\_World\\_in\\_Your\\_Pocket\\_International\\_Health\\_Economic\\_Statistics\\_2007.pdf](http://www.ihe.ca/documents/ihe/publications/reports/IHE_Report_World_in_Your_Pocket_International_Health_Economic_Statistics_2007.pdf)



### Technical briefs for policy-makers

Health Financing Policy - Department of Health Systems Financing

World Health Organization - 2007

Website: [http://www.who.int/health\\_financing/en/](http://www.who.int/health_financing/en/)

### Primary care physician supply and other key determinants of health care utilisation:

The case of Switzerland

Andre Busato, Beat Kuenzi

*BMC Health Services Research* – January 2008, **8**:doi:10.1186/1472-6963-8-8

Website: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/8/8>

Available online as PDF file [28p] at: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1472-6963-8-8.pdf>

### Characteristics of the Social Security System in Finland

Finland - Ministry of Social Affairs and Health 2007

Website: <http://www.stm.fi/Resource.phx/publishing/documents/13514/index.htx>

PDF file [36p].at:

<http://www.stm.fi/Resource.phx/publishing/store/2007/11/aa1197637712844/passthru.pdf>

### Education and Health in G7 Countries: Achieving Better Outcomes with Less Spending

Verhoeven Marijn ; Gunnarsson Victoria ; Carcillo Stéphane

**International Monetary Fund - Working Paper No. 07/263: November 2007**

Available online PDF [52p.] at: <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2007/wp07263.pdf>

## 7. European Commission: update



- Overview of health strategy: Pharmaceutical forum  
Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Working Group on Information to Patients on Pharmaceuticals
- Health programme: Call for proposals  
Information day 2008
- Brochures and Factsheets  
Factsheet on Harmful Drinking
- Health determinants: Tobacco  
Commission proposes to continue financing Community Tobacco Fund to pay for awareness-raising on dangers of tobacco [Press release available in 22 languages](#)
- ECDC Evaluation  
Contribute to the evaluation of the ECDC by filling in the survey
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks  
Opinion on The scientific aspects of the existing and proposed definitions relating to products of nanoscience and nanotechnologies + Accompanying information by Commission services  
[Nanotechnologies section](#)
- Health determinants: Alcohol  
First meeting of the Committee on National Policy and Action [Summary report](#)
- Threats to health: Health security and preparedness  
The Commission Health Emergency Operations Facility: for a coordinated management of public health emergency at EU level [Publication](#)

- Health determinants: Tobacco  
Newsletter of the "HELP - For a life without tobacco" campaign [Edition: January 2008](#)
- Health determinants: Nutrition  
Events [Page updated](#)
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Products  
Minutes of the 13th Plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee on Consumers Products (SCCP), Brussels, 2 October 2007
- Risk assessment: Statements  
Memorandum on the in vitro test EPISKIN? for skin irritation testing [Adopted by the SCCP during the 14th plenary on 18 December 2007](#)
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks  
Public Consultation on working mandate and call for the submission of information or data on phthalates in school supplies [Deadline for submission: 28 February 2008](#)
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet  
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) since 2003 [Data as of 24 January 2008](#)
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet  
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtypes [Data as of 24 January 2008](#) ([flash map](#))
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet  
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtype [Data as of 24 January 2008](#)
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet  
Distribution H5N1 cases by age group up to date [Data as of 24 January 2008](#)
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet  
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) by date of onset and country from January 2006 up to date [Data as of 24 January 2008](#)
- Health determinants: Tobacco control  
Second Report on the application of the Tobacco Products Directive [Available in 22 languages](#)
- Health information: 2003 funded projects  
ISARE 3 - Health indicators in Europe's regions (Phase 3) [Final report](#)
- Risk assessment  
Newsletter of the European Commission Scientific Committees [Edition: January 2008](#)
- Threats to health: Organs  
Summary report of the 2nd national expert meeting on organ donation and transplantation at community level, Brussels, 20 November 2007
- Health determinants: Alcohol  
European Alcohol and Health Forum [Task Forces section updated](#)
- Health information: 2005 funded projects  
EAIS - European Autism Information System [Second interim report](#)
- Health determinants: Tobacco  
Contributions of the consultation on smoke-free environments [Individuals contributions added](#)
- Health information: 2003 funded projects  
Ben RHM II - Benchmarking Regional Health Management (Phase 2) [Final report and annexes](#)

- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks  
Opinion on Risk Assessment Report on 2-nitrotoluene Human Health Part
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks  
Opinion on Risk Assessment Report on Alkanes, C14-17, chloro MCCP Human Health Part
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks  
Opinion on Risk Assessment Report on Bis(hydroxylammonium)sulfate
- Health information: 2003 funded projects  
REPROSTAT 2 - Assessing the usefulness of a comprehensive set of reproductive health indicators designed for the enlarged European Union, with particular emphasis on the reproductive health of adolescents and young adult (Phase 2) [Final report and annexes](#)
- Threats to health: Rare diseases  
Events [Page updated](#)
- Health information  
Analysing and reporting on health What's new section updated
- Health Programme  
Health Programme [Page now available in 11 languages](#)
- Overview of health strategy  
Health strategy Page updated
- Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign  
New Help TV Campaign against tobacco launched!

## 8. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

### Thursday 17 January 2008

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

- Rapid communication: Multidrug-resistant methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) strain in a men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) community in the United States: comment
- Rapid communication: Autochthonous chikungunya virus transmission may have occurred in Bologna, Italy, during the summer 2007 outbreak
- Rapid communication: Creating an online atlas of Salmonella serotypes in Europe
- Euroroundup: Analysis of the surveillance situation for viral encephalitis and meningitis in Europe
- Miscellaneous: International Meeting on Microbial Epidemiological Markers, 14-17 May 2008

### Thursday 24 January 2008

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

- Rapid communication: A secondary case of meningococcal disease in an ambulance worker, Berkshire, November 2007
- Rapid communication: The influenza season has started in a number of European countries
- Rapid communication: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control issues guidance for the introduction of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines in European Union countries
- Review article: High rates of metallo-beta-lactamase-producing Klebsiella pneumoniae in Greece - a review of the current evidence
- Meeting report: HIV testing in Europe: from policies to effectiveness - some highlights from the meeting

#### **Thursday 31 January 2008**

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

- Editorial: Observed oseltamivir resistance in seasonal influenza viruses in Europe – interpretation and potential implications
- Rapid communication: Emergence of resistance to oseltamivir among influenza A(H1N1) viruses in Europe
- Rapid communication: Public health response to an avian influenza A (H5N1) poultry outbreak in Suffolk, United Kingdom, in November 2007
- Rapid communication: Continuing importation of falciparum malaria from Goa into Europe
- Miscellaneous: In the national bulletins

#### **Thursday 7 February 2008**

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

- Editorial: Epidemic intelligence in the European Union: strengthening the ties
- Rapid communication: High rates of fluoroquinolone-resistant *Campylobacter* in Portugal - need for surveillance
- Oseltamivir resistance in human seasonal influenza viruses (A/H1N1) in EU and EFTA countries: an update
- Research article: The value of ProMED-mail for the Early Warning Committee in the Netherlands: more specific approach recommended
- Perspective: Strengthening Europe's epidemic intelligence capacity: the first collaboration between a European Union Member State and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- News: Swiss study suggests condom use not necessary for some HIV-positive patients
- Miscellaneous: Introduction to Infectious Disease Modelling and its Applications, 14-25 July 2008

#### **Thursday 14 February 2008**

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

- Rapid communications: Three cases of tularaemia in southern Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany, November 2007
- Rapid communications: Imported schistosomiasis in Europe: preliminary data for 2007 from TropNetEurop
- Rapid communications: Excess mortality as an epidemic intelligence tool in chikungunya mapping
- Rapid communications: Vector-related risk mapping of the introduction and establishment of *Aedes albopictus* in Europe
- Surveillance and outbreak reports: Outbreak of verocytotoxin-producing *E. coli* O145 and O26 infections associated with the consumption of ice cream produced at a farm, Belgium, 2007
- Surveillance and outbreak reports: Mumps outbreak in young adults following a festival in Austria, 2006