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1. European Public Health Conference

Malta 2012
The 5th ANNUAL EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE 2012, co-organised with the Maltese Association of Public Health Medicine, will be organised from 8 to 10 November 2012. The main theme of the conference is All Inclusive Public Health.

Abstract submission is now open until 1 May 2012 (midnight CET).

Malta 2012 website: http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

Questions? Feel free to contact us at: conferences@eupha.org

2. EUPHA update

EUPHA launches a prize contest!
To celebrate the 20 years of EUPHA, we launched a prize contest in January. Every month, we will give a link to the website with a question on EUPHA. For each answer, you will receive a letter, which – if you have answered everything perfectly – will form a word. Send this word between 1 and 5 November to: office@eupha.org

From the correct entries, we will draw 4 winners. The prize to win is the Malta 2012 Conference dinner (free of charge) at the EUPHA president’s table. Click here for the second question!

New EUPHA snapshot
EUPHA is proud to present the newest EUPHA snapshot on The economic crisis and its impact on public health. EUPHA snapshots are based on abstracts presented at our conferences. The snapshots can be downloaded from http://www.eupha.org/site/publications.php?publications_page=2

European Journal of Public Health
A supplement on the Progress on tobacco control in Europe has just been published. If you are a EUPHA member, you can access the full text by logging on to the EUPHA database and then clicking on EJPH.

EUPHA facebook and twitter
Did you know that we are also on facebook and twitter https://twitter.com/#!/EUPHActs Join us!

EUPHA section on Urban public health:
We are pleased to announce that the EURO-URHIS 2 final conference will be on 12th-14th September. Please see www.urhis.eu for registration and abstract submission.

EUPHA is collaborating with the following conference:

Title: 4th Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe
Date: 21-23 June 2012
Place: Milan, Italy
We are pleased to announce that EUPHApedia continues to grow. We have 2562 documents (increase of 33 from January) in the database.

Interesting articles now available in the EUPHApedia database:

27 February, 2012
Health Policy Toolkit
This publication of the World Bank offers online access to a regularly updated collection of information about policies and practices that can help enhance the contribution of the private sector to important health goals in developing countries.

17 February, 2012
Marmot Review (Fair Society Healthy Lives.)
Two years after the start of the "Marmot Review" an updated report on the monitoring of health inequalities and their social determinants in Europe has been published.

17 February, 2012
Insights from past millennia into climatic impacts on human health and survival
This publication by Tony McMichael gives an overview of historical experiences of climatic changes.

14 February, 2012
Jubilee Conference FPH Pleven Bulgaria Abstracts Book
The abstracts of the Jubilee Conference of the Faculty of Public Health in Pleven, Bulgaria have been included in EUPHApedia and are now searchable by keywords.

Please feel free to send your feedback to: office@eupha.org

3. **Call for proposals, job opportunities**

**Regional Studies Association European Conference 2012: Call for papers**
13th - 16th May 2012 - Delft University of Technology, Delft, Netherlands
Networked regions and cities in times of fragmentation: Developing smart, sustainable and inclusive places
Deadline for Abstract submission: 10th February 2012
Session Organiser: - Erio Ziglio, Head of the WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development

".....Regions and cities are increasingly interdependent; economically, socially and environmentally. Patterns of interactions between regions are experiencing rapid changes as a result of dramatic shifts in production and consumption patterns, advances in communication technologies and the development of transport infrastructure.
These changes pose many challenges for the analysis and management of regions. They are also leading to new patterns of activities and relationships and new forms of clustering and networking between regions. At the same time, regions are becoming increasingly fragmented in many ways; economically, socially, environmentally and also politically. The governance of regions faces multi-level, multi-actor and multi-sectoral challenges. New spatial interactions at new scales demand new approaches for consultation and coordination. More flexible ('softer') forms of governance are beginning to emerge which seek to work around traditional governmental arrangements. These new arrangements pose many as yet unresolved dilemmas concerning the transparency, accountability and legitimacy of decision-making.
The 2012 RSA conference in Delft provides a timely opportunity for participants to come together and reflect on the various strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities of networked cities and regions within these different contexts of fragmentation.

Papers that consider these issues in relation to the development of smart, sustainable and inclusive places (the three dimensions of the Europe 2020 Strategy) are particularly encouraged. …"
Call for innovative health technologies and eHealth solutions for low-resource settings

WHO World Health Organization - GOe - Global Observatory for eHealth


Submission of Application Deadlines:
- Dateline for Innovative health technologies - 29 February 2012
- Dateline for eHealth solutions – 30 April 2012

“……Medical devices and eHealth solutions have the potential to improve lives. However, too many people worldwide suffer because they don’t have access to the appropriate health technologies. This call highlights the importance of these innovative technologies towards improved health outcomes and the quality of life.

WHO aims to raise awareness of the pressing need for appropriate design solutions. The Compendium series was initiated to encourage a dialogue between stakeholders and stimulate further development and technology dissemination.

The annual publication serves as a neutral platform to introduce health technologies and eHealth solutions that have the potential to improve health outcomes or to offer a solution to an unmet medical need. The Compendium series specifically focuses on showcasing innovative technologies that are not yet widely available in under-resourced regions.

It is designed to help developing countries becoming aware of appropriate health technologies and eHealth solutions in support of their environment."

“….Entries must demonstrate the technology’s suitability for use in low-resource settings. Technologies are then selected for inclusion in the Compendium if they fulfill at least one of the criteria below:
- The technology or the practice is better suited to address a health problem or to improve current health systems and services than existing solutions available. Examples of improvements over existing technologies may include superior effectiveness; enhanced ease of use and maintenance; reduced training requirements; labor saving; improved safety level for user, patient, and/or environment; increased social and cultural acceptability; technical superiority; improved accessibility, better cost-effectiveness and affordability; reduced energy requirements.
- The technology provides an appropriate solution to a health problem not yet addressed by any other technology…”

4. Interesting News

High Level Conference on EU Health Programmes
A High Level Conference on EU Health Programmes will be organised in Brussels on 3 May 2012 by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Consumers and its Executive Agency. The results and success stories from the first and second Health Programmes will be presented. There will also be the opportunity to share views and build consensus for the future third programme which is currently under discussion at the Council and in the European Parliament.

EUPHA's Research Lead Mark McCarthy will speak in a plenary panel session at the event on behalf of the research community about priorities for a future health programme.

For more information: http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/docs/ev_20120503_prog_en.pdf

Health impact assessment portal opened at CREIS
The new HIA portal in Spanish, the CREIS, Centro de Recursos de Evaluación de Impacto en Salud is already on line at http://www.creis.es/.

The CREIS provides key information and resources in Spanish, as well as links to relevant documents, tools, evidence and other helpful resources available in other specialised websites and HIA portals. The site was launched last December 2011. It is an ongoing project and its full functionality will evolve throughout this year accordingly to new developments and emerging needs.

It has been created and it is maintained by the Andalusian School of Public Health. Nonetheless, we're planning to build on partnerships and collaboration with other public health institutions at the regional/national level, as well as with the private sector, as part of a wider strategy to promote HIA development and practice across Spain. The idea is to make it also a useful resource in other Spanish speaking countries interested in HIA.
Final Conference of the AIR Project
19th April 2012, Hotel Helia, Budapest, Hungary.
The best practices and recommendations to reduce health inequalities in primary care setting in the European regions
The AIR partners have worked on identifying practices and policies developed to reduce inequalities in primary care settings at regional level in Europe. After identifying and analyzing these practices, the AIR team is proposing recommendations to decision makers and health professionals.
The project began by a systematic review of academic. Then two questionnaires have identified actions which contribute to reduce health inequalities through primary care settings in the regions of the E.U and the specific population targeted in these actions. Finally the interventions have been selected and analysed. The high standard interventions that have met the evaluation criteria have been scrutinized to identify the “key factors” of success. A catalogue of good practices has been developed and recommendations will be disseminated to the policy makers and health professionals. The purpose of the AIR final conference is to present the results of the project and examples of interventions, taking into account their efficiency, cost and target population. This conference will also be an opportunity to discuss the means to reduce health inequalities in Europe as well as to debate the role primary care could play in the reducing of health inequalities. We hope that decision makers in the field of health, health care and social policy will attend, as well as representatives from national and regional organisations concerned by the issues of health inequalities in primary care.
To register online: http://aquitaine.fr/politiques-regionales/conferences.html
http://www.air.healthinequalities.eu/content/final-conference-budapest-programme-and-online-registration

Survey of National Public Health Associations experience of influencing national public health policy and practice in their country
The Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) is in the process of formulating strategies on engaging more effectively in health policy issues and influencing our national health authorities. We would like to canvass your ideas on how you have been able to engage with government as an independent national Public Health Association.
PHASA has been in operation for 10 years. Our successes include holding an annual conference, being relatively financially viable, and having a regular newsletter and webpage (http://www.phasa.org.za). We feel we should be influencing public health policy nationally but we have not had the resources or capacity to do so effectively.
We have also proposed a Satellite Session at the 2012 World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) Meeting entitled: ”Increasing policy influence and engagement of national public health associations in Africa: Progress and challenges”
Your responses to questions would make this session much more exciting and useful for those attending.
Please complete this survey by 11 March 2012 by clicking on the following link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PHASA_Policy

5. EUPHA member updates

UK Society of Social Medicine  http://www.so soc smed.org.uk/
Call for abstracts: SSM Annual Scientific Meeting, London 2012
Deadline: 19th March 2012, 23.59 GMT.

The Society for Social Medicine’s 56th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) will be held in London from Wednesday lunchtime 12th September until Friday lunchtime 14th September 2012, jointly hosted by LSHTM and UCL.
The Society welcomes abstracts on all aspects of social medicine, including health services research, epidemiology, public health, statistics, sociology, psychology, health policy and/or mixed methods research.

Abstracts can only be submitted via the conference website at www.ssmconference.org.uk/. The word limit is 400 words and the abstract should follow the format specified.
### 6. Upcoming courses and conferences

Going International (GI) promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of GI is the international course catalogue "medicine & health", a unique annual publication listing courses and congresses in the fields of biomedicine, public health and development cooperation. For further information: [http://www.going-international.at/index.php?lang=EN](http://www.going-international.at/index.php?lang=EN) Global International is an official partner of EUPHA.

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Organiser: O'Neill Institute’s inaugural Summer Program on Global Health Law and Governance
More information: http://bit.ly/wDUfI0

Title: 11th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy
Date: 25 - 28 June 2012
Place: Athens, Greece
Organiser: Athens Institute for Education and Research-ATINER
More information: www.atiner.gr

Title: EEPE European Educational Programme in Epidemiology Residential Summer Course in Epidemiology
Date: 25 June - 13 July 2012
Place: Florence, Italy
Organiser: International Epidemiological Association, the WHO Centre for Environment and Health and the Italian Association of Epidemiology

Title: Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations – APHES 2012
Date: 2 - 13 July 2012
Place: Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED), Université catholique de Louvain
More information: www.aphes.be

Title: 4th Well-being in the Information Society conference Exploring the Abyss of Inequalities
Dates: 22 - 24 August 2012
Place: Turku, Finland
Organiser: WIS
Deadline: abstracts: 15 March 2012
More information: http://www.wis.fi

Title: 14th International Summer School 2012 "Infectious Disease Epidemiology: Concepts, Methods, Mathematical Models, and Public Health"
and
4th International Summer School 2012 "Spatial-epidemiological modelling in Megacities: Statistical and spatial analysis for urban health under a changing climate"
Date: 3 - 7 September 2012
Language: English
Place: Bielefeld University, Germany
More information: http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/gesundhw/ag2/summerschoolide/
http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/gesundhw/ag2/summerschoolmc/
Contact: f.fischer@uni-bielefeld.de

Title: Union of Risk Management for Preventive Medicine (URMPM)
World Congress for Health and Safety
Date: 8 - 9 September, 2012
Place: University of London, UK
More information: http://www.urmpm.org/UWC2012/
Title  Conducting Qualitative Research in Health: An Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods
Organiser  SSPH + PhD Program in Public Health
Date  10 - 12 September 2012
Place  University of Basel, Switzerland

Title  Introduction to Mathematical Models of the Epidemiology & Control of infectious diseases
Short Course for Professionals
Date  10 - 21 September 2012
Place  Imperial College London, UK
Organiser  Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Imperial College London
More information  http://www.InfectiousDiseaseModels.org

Title  9th European IUHPE Conference on Health Promotion
Date  27 - 29 September 2012
Place  Tallinn, Estonia
Organiser  IUHPE
Deadline  early bird registration: 29 February 2012
Abstract submission: 1 April 2012

Title  Inclusion and Innovation Towards Universal Health Coverage
Date  31 October - 3 November 2012
Place  Beijing, People's Republic of China
Deadlines  Organized Sessions: 15 March 2012 at 23:59 GMT
Individual Abstracts: 1 May 2012 at 23:59 GMT

7. Interesting publications

Health Policy and Systems Research: A Methodology Reader
Edited by Lucy Gilson
Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, World Health Organization 2012
Available online as PDF file [474p.] at: http://bit.ly/x7tSkg

Health Policy Toolkit
The World Bank
Available at: http://bit.ly/zp8Ysm

ECOHEALTH Research in Practice
Innovative Applications of an Ecosystem Approach to Health
Dominique F. Charron, Editor
International Development Research Centre, 2012
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Sustainable Lifestyles: Today’s Facts & Tomorrow’s Trends
SPREAD Sustainable Lifestyles 2050
J. Backhaus et al.
UNEP/Wuppertal Institute Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP)
Wuppertal. Germany – 2012
Social and Economic Costs of Violence: Workshop Summary
D.M. Patel and R.M. Taylor, Rapporteurs; Forum on Global Violence Prevention; Institute of Medicine
US National Academy of Sciences and the Department of Health and Human Services – 2012
Available online at: http://bit.ly/z9pi6x

Environmental health inequalities in Europe - Assessment report
WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, Bonn Office
WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2012

Getting Started with Health in All Policies: A Resource Pack
Health in All Policies: A Snapshot for Ontario
2011 - Report to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Ontario) Canada
Scoping Review of the Literature
Prepared by the Centre for Research on Inner City Health (CRICH) in the Keenan Research Centre of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael’s Hospital
K. Shankardass et al.

Fair Enough? Inviting Inequities in State Health Benefits
Jennifer Prah Ruger
Available online at: http://bit.ly/znBMDd

Health Inequalities Intervention Toolkit
Website: http://bit.ly/wyoX1t

The Public Health Observatory Handbook of Health Inequalities Measurement
Roy Carr-Hill and Paul Chalmers
Edited by Jennifer Lin
South East Public Health Observatory - SEPHO

Health, wealth and ways of life:
What can we learn from the Swedish, US and UK experience?
Social Science & Medicine  Volume 74, Issue 5,  March 2012
Available at: http://bit.ly/zKr6AT

Evaluating and implementing actions for health equity among children and their families
GEF - the Gradient Evaluation Framework
Access the Gradient Evaluation Framework (GEF) - 10MB at:http://bit.ly/yfKF9m

Two years on data
Marmot Review (Fair Society Healthy Lives)
Website: http://bit.ly/zX8U82

Ethical tensions in dealing with noncommunicable diseases globally
Sridhar Venkatapuram, Martin McKee, & David Stuckler
Bulletin of the World Health Organization
Online First -Published online: 3 February 2012
Available online at: http://bit.ly/zGC2jk

Evidence summaries: the evolution of a rapid review approach
S. Khangura et al.

Good health at low cost: from slogan to wicked problem
Lincoln C Chen
Good Health at Low Cost 25 Years On: What Makes a Successful health System?
Dina Balabanova, Martin McKee, Anne Mills
The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 2011

Water for Life
Presented to UK Parliament by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs by Command of Her Majesty
December 2011

Insights from past millennia into climatic impacts on human health and survival
Anthony J. McMichael
National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University, Canberra
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences PNAS 2012 ; February 7, 2012,
Available online at; http://bit.ly/wyHFYG

Urban Physical Environments and Health Inequalities:
A Scoping Review of Interventions
Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI)
February 7, 2012

Legal frameworks for eHealth
Based on the findings of the second global survey on eHealth
WHO World Health Organization
GOe - Global Observatory for eHealth Series, v. 5, 2012
Available online PDF [89p.] at: http://bit.ly/xu0VNC

The Case for Europe as a Leader in Research and Innovation for Global Health
S. Battams, Global Health Programme, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Email: samantha.battams@graduateinstitute.ch
S.A. Matlin, A. Jahn, I. Kickbusch,
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The Cost of Universal Health Care in India: A Model Based Estimate
Shankar Prinja1, Pankaj Bahuguna1, Andrew D. Pinto2,3, Atul Sharma1, Gursimer Bharaj1, Vishal Kaur1,
Jaya Prasad Tripathy, Manmeet Kaur, Rajesh Kumar
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Greening Development
Enhancing Capacity for Environmental Management and Governance
OECD -25 Jan 2012
Available online at : http://bit.ly/Aisz3n

Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A future worth choosing
United Nations Secretary-General’s High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (January 2012).
New York: United Nations
Available online at: http://bit.ly/A53RPs

The economic burden of child maltreatment in the United States and implications for prevention
Xiangming Fang, Derek S. Brown, Curtis S. Florence, James A. Mercy
Child Abuse & Neglect - 31 January 2012
CDC press release: http://1.usa.gov/wEPxKC
Making evaluations matter: A practical guide for evaluators.
Kusters, C.S.L. et al. 2011
Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen University & Research centre, The Netherlands

Deadly Sins and Living Virtues of Public Health
H.V. Fineberg et al.
January 2012 *President and staff of the US IOM Institute of medicine
Available online at: http://bit.ly/wtFg1M

Living Well with Chronic Illness: A Call for Public Health Action
Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice (BPH)
US Institute of Medicine (IOM) January 31st, 2012
Available online at: http://bit.ly/xQAQqv

Indicators as Interventions: pitfalls and prospects in supporting development initiatives
Rockefeller Foundation, December 2011
Kevin Davis and Benedict Kingsbury

Strengthening Health Systems: Perspectives for economic evaluation
Till Bärnighausen, David E. Bloom, Salal Humair
Available online at: http://bit.ly/zcTV3L

A Framework for Disseminating Evidence-Based Health Promotion Practices
J.R. Harris et al.
Available online at: http://1.usa.gov/ysYbwJ

World Development Report 2012: The focus of the report is Gender Equality and Development
The World Bank, 2012
Website: http://bit.ly/xiQkAq

8. European Commission news

- **Ageing**
  Presentation on European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing: from Plan to Action - Information meeting for Member States Health Attachés, 17 February 2012

  European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing – from Plan to Action: “Invitations for commitment” kick off - 29 February 2012

- **Ageing Tobacco**
  Commissioner Dalli presents the "Ex-smokers are unstoppable" campaign to Bulgarian journalists, 16 February 2012 - See the pictures of the event

- **Data collection**
  Data protection - page updated

- **EU in the World**
  International organisations: OECD - Page updated

- **Healthcare**
  Commissioner Dalli delivers speech on Scenarios for Sustainable Health Systems at the Work Economic Forum, Davos, 27 January 2012

- **Health indicators**
  ECHI - Indicators on Diabetes: self-reported prevalence updated
  ECHI - Indicators on selected surgeries updated
• Healthy environments
Meeting of the Experts Group on Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), Luxembourg, 9 December 2011 - Minutes and presentations available

• Health Programme
High Level Conference on EU Health Programmes: results and future perspectives, Brussels, 3 May 2012 - Register now!
List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated
List of projects updated

• Health reports
New EU statistical report added - Eurostat demography report 2010

• Nutrition and physical activity
Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 28 November 2011 - Minutes available
Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 9 February 2012 - Contributions available
Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 9 February 2012 - Flash report available
Fourteenth plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Brussels, 2 February 2012 - Flash report available
Workshop on communication and information of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 25 January 2012 - Contributions now available
Call for Information on the safety of oxidative hair dye substances and hydrogen peroxide in products to colour eyelashes Deadline: 23 March 2012
Workshop on communication and information of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 25 January 2012 Flash report now available

• Major and chronic diseases
Pages on diabetes updated

• Pharmaceuticals
Commissioner Dalli visits the European Medicines Agency in London

• Public health
Commission announces winners of the 3rd EU Health Prize for Journalists
EU Health Prize for Journalists - Watch the video and pictures of the welcome dinner

• Preparedness and response
Proposal for a decision on serious cross-border threats to health - Key documents updated

• Rare diseases
World Rare Disease Day (29 February 2012) - Read the dedicated Health-EU newsletter

• Scientific Committees
SCCS - Minutes of 19th Working Group on Nanomaterials in Cosmetic Products of 1 February 2012
SCENIHR - Minutes of the First Four Meetings of the Working Group on Security Scanners (October 2011-January 2012)
SCENIHR - Minutes of the three latest Meetings of the Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment (October-December 2011)
SCENIHR - Minutes of the two latest Meetings of the Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light (October-November 2011)
SCCS - Minutes of 10th Working Group on Nitrosamines of 8 February 2012
SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on HC Red No. 3 (CAS 2871-01-4) submission III (B050)
Bringing the results of the Scientific Committees closer to the public - Summary of the scientific opinion on Fluoridation available
9. European Centre for Diseases Control

Rapid risk assessment: Human fatality from highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1) virus infection in Guangdong province, China
Date of publication: 5 January 2012
Following reports of a human fatality due to highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1) virus infection in China's Guangdong province, the European Commission requested an update to the assessment of risk of human-to-human transmission occurring. ECDC does not consider that there is any change to the previous assessments that the risk for EU/EEA countries is very low.
Available online on the ECDC website

Joint ECDC and EMCDDA rapid risk assessment: HIV in injecting drug users in the EU/EEA, following a reported increase of cases in Greece and Romania
Date of publication: 12 January 2012
In response to a notified increase in HIV cases among injecting drug users (IDU) in Greece and Romania, the European Commission asked the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) in November 2011 to conduct a rapid inquiry among their network of HIV surveillance- and drug focal points to investigate whether such increases had occurred in other countries.
Available online on the ECDC website

Surveillance reports
European Monthly Measles Monitoring
Date of publication: 16 January 2012
ECDC monitors measles transmission in the EU and EEA/EFTA countries and produces monthly epidemiological updates. These European Monthly Measles Monitoring (EMMO) reports are based on information from multiple sources including national websites, the EUVAC.NET database, the Early Warning and Response System (EWRS), validated media reports, and personal communication from national authorities.
Read the latest update on the ECDC website

Weekly Influenza Surveillance Overview
Date of publication: every Friday
The weekly influenza surveillance overview is a collection of timely and relevant information regarding influenza activity in Europe. It provides key statistical data on a variety of issues including the following: sentinel surveillance of influenza like illness (ILI) and acute respiratory illness (ARI); virological surveillance; aggregate numbers of pandemic H1N1 2009; hospital surveillance of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI); mortality surveillance; and qualitative reporting.
Available online on the ECDC website

Technical reports
Influenza virus characterisation report December 2011
Date of publication: 6 January 2012
The Community Network of Reference Laboratories (CNRL) for Human Influenza in Europe presents a...
summary of the latest results of genetic and antigenic characterisation of influenza viruses received at
the WHO Collaborating Centre in London from ECDC-affiliated countries.
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Environmental health inequalities in Europe Assessment report
The WHO Regional Office for Europe has carried out a baseline assessment of the magnitude of environmental health inequality in the European Region based on a core set of 14 inequality indicators. The main findings indicate that socioeconomic and demographic inequalities in risk exposure are present in all countries, though they vary from country to country. The report reviews inequalities related to housing, injuries, and the environment, identifies gaps in evidence that still need to be filled, and suggests priority action to be taken at both the subregional and the national level, bearing in mind those national variations.

Guidance on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events
(Edited by L. Sinisi and R. Aertgeerts)
Extreme weather events, including floods and droughts, are increasing in frequency and intensity. They affect the operation of water-supply, drainage and sewerage infrastructure, and the functioning of wastewater treatment plants, thereby affecting the protection of public health. Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health reviewed experience and good practice in Europe through a broad consultative process, to devise the present guidance.
This publication describes how adaptation policies should consider the new risks from extreme weather events, how vulnerabilities can be identified and which management procedures can be applied to ensure sustained protection of health. It takes an integrated environment-and-health approach and addresses cross-cutting issues, such as the role of the health and environment sectors in extreme weather, the need for policy dialogue and multisectoral partnership to assess and control risks, and the challenges of different settings (such as urban and rural, small and centralized large-scale supplies).
The publication is aimed at a broad audience, including policy-makers; environment, health and water-resources professionals; and water service managers.
For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version check: http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/sections/latest-books/guidance-on-water-supply-and-sanitation-in-extreme-weather-events

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This new edition of WHO's International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) has been fully updated for the third time. Originally published in the early 1990s, ICD-10 now incorporates all edits and updates since 1996 up to end of 2010. In addition, the numbering system has changed and now clearly indicates the year that the updates were incorporated.

Safety and Security on the Internet
This publication explores how the Internet has moved beyond an educational and research tool that once served as a social network for a few elite scientists and has been transformed into a commerce and health care juggernaut now accessible to much of the planet.

Enterohaemorrhagic Escherichia coli in Raw Beef and Beef Products
This volume and others in this Microbiological Risk Assessment Series contain information that is useful to both
risk assessors and risk managers.

Guidelines on Optimal Feeding of Low Birth Weight Infants in Low- and Middle-income Countries
The objective of these guidelines is to improve the quality of care received by LBW infants in developing countries through improved capacity of health workers.

Handbook for Inspection of Ships and Issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificates
This handbook is intended to be used as reference material for port health officials, regulators, ship operators and other competent authorities in charge of implementing the IHR (2005) at ports and on ships.

Human Rights and Gender Equality in Health Sector Strategies
The specific objectives of the tool are to assess the extent to which health sector strategies are consistent with, and promote, human rights standards and principles, including gender equality.

Housing: Shared Interests in Health and Development
The target audience for this series is public health officers, who are not experts on determinants of health, but who have responsibilities for dealing with a broad range of development issues and partners.

Education: Shared Interests in Health and Development
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Transport (Road transport): Shared Interests in Health and Development
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WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization, 57th report
This report presents the recommendations of a WHO Expert Committee commissioned to coordinate activities leading to the adoption of international recommendations to assure the quality, safety and efficacy of vaccines, blood products and other biological medicines, and the establishment of international biological reference standards.

WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization, 58th report
This report presents the recommendations of a WHO Expert Committee commissioned to coordinate activities leading to the adoption of international recommendations to assure the quality, safety and efficacy of vaccines, blood products and other biological medicines, and the establishment of international biological reference standards.

Effectiveness of Tax and Price Policies for Tobacco Control
This new volume of the IARC Handbooks of Cancer Prevention in Tobacco Control presents a critical review and evaluation of the evidence by 25 international experts from twelve countries on the economics, epidemiology, public policy and tobacco control aspects of tax and price policies.

As the flagship periodical of WHO, the Bulletin is a leading international voice on public health issues. This peer-reviewed monthly draws on the expertise within WHO to provide a vital resource for those interested in research, policy issues and debate on international public health, particularly the problems confronting developing countries.

Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health
The Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH) is an open-access, peer-reviewed monthly journal, published as the flagship scientific and technical periodical publication by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), headquartered in Washington, D.C., the United States of America. Its mission is to serve as an important vehicle for disseminating scientific public health information of international significance, mainly in areas related to PAHO’s essential mission to strengthen national and local health systems and improve the health of the peoples of the Americas.

The EMHJ was launched in 1995 as a peer-reviewed medical journal. Starting January 2010, the Journal has been given a new format and is now published monthly. The EMHJ serves as a forum for the dissemination of biomedical information through the publication of scientific research papers on a range of topics related to public health, with particular relevance to the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

BOOKS IN FRENCH
Lutte contre les leishmanioses
Ce rapport fait des recommandations concernant de nouveaux schémas thérapeutiques contre les leishmanioses viscérale et cutanée, l’utilisation de tests de diagnostic rapide, la prise en charge détaillée de la co-infection.
leishmaniose-VIH et la prise en considération de facteurs sociaux et liés aux changements climatiques en tant que facteurs de risque de propagation accrue.

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Interinternational Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceutical Substances CD-ROM
This CD-ROM lists all International Nonproprietary Names (INN) in Latin, English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Russian published up to November 2011, together with references to the lists of proposed and recommended INN in which they have been published.

Bugs, Drugs & Smoke
This book is primarily for young people, especially those interested in working in public health. It explains in simple, non-technical language how humankind developed techniques to protect the health of communities, drawing on first-hand interviews with leading public health figures.

Toxicological and Health Aspects of Bisphenol A
In light of uncertainties about the possibility of adverse human health effects at low doses of BPA, especially on reproduction, the nervous system and behavioural development, and considering the relatively higher exposure of very young children compared with adults, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) jointly organized an Expert Meeting to assess the safety of BPA.

IARC Biennial Report 2010-2011
A wide range of projects are described in the latest Biennial Report of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections
These new regional guidelines for STI management take into consideration the new technologies and therapeutics that are now available.

Guide to Clinical Management and Public Health Response for Hand, Foot and Mouth disease (HFMD) (A)
This publication provides practical support for the treatment, prevention and control of HFMD based on the most recent scientific literature and the current understanding and experiences of international experts.

Regional Strategy to Stop Tuberculosis in the Western Pacific Region 2011- 2015
This new Strategy builds upon the previous two regional strategic plans and introduces new, evidence-based interventions and technologies in response to the new and emerging challenges.

Tuberculosis Control in the Western Pacific Region - 2010 Report
This report presents data on multidrug resistant-TB from various drug resistance surveys from the countries and areas in the Region.

Strategy to Halt and Reverse the HIV Epidemic among People who Inject Drugs in Asia and the Pacific 2010-2015 (A)
This document is a call to action and a road map to ensure that the HIV and hepatitis epidemics among people who use drugs and their sexual partners in the Asia Pacific region will be halted

Planning for the Health Sector Response to HIV/AIDS
This set of training modules on Planning for the Health Sector Response to HIV/AIDS are intended to assist member countries of WHO to more effectively take up their responsibilities for their national health sector strategic planning.

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WHO Drug Information, Vol. 25, No. 4, 2011
WHO Drug Information communicates pharmaceutical information that is either developed and issued by WHO or transmitted to WHO by research and regulatory agencies throughout the World. The journal also includes regular presentations of newly proposed and recommended International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceuticals Substances. This volume contains the proposed INN List no. 106.
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