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1. EUPHA 2009: Lodz, Poland

In 2009, the second joint European Conference on Public Health will be held in Łódź, Poland from 25 to 28 November. The conference is jointly organised by:

- EUPHA – The European Public Health Association
- ASPHER – The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region
- The Polish Association of Public Health
- The Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine

The second announcement can be downloaded from our website. Abstract submission is now open until 1 May 2009 (midnight).

Please go to: http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php for more information.

2. Job opportunities

Research (HQ/HSR)
Organization unit: HQ/HSS Health Systems and Services (HQ/HSS) /World Health Organization
Vacancy Notice No: HQ/09/HQ/HSS/FT16
Title: Executive Director Grade: D1  Duty Station: Geneva Switzerland
Deadline for application: 19 February 2009
Website: https://erecruit.who.int/public/hrd-cl-vac-view.asp?o_c=1000&jobinfo_uid_c=20394&vaclng=en

The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research is an international collaboration situated in the Health Systems and Services (HSS) cluster, that aims to promote the generation and use of health policy and systems research (HPSR) as a means to improve developing country health systems.

The objectives of the Alliance are to:
- Stimulate the generation and synthesis of policy relevant health systems knowledge, encompassing evidence, tools and methods
- Promote the dissemination and use of health policy and systems research knowledge to improve the performance of health systems.
- Facilitate the development of capacity for the generation, dissemination and use of HPSR knowledge amongst researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders.
Description of duties:

- Conceptualise, develop and coordinate the Alliance strategy, work plan and budget, seeking inputs from Partners, the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC), and WHO for approval by the Board.
- Oversee the implementation of the work plan and budget, and maintain an organizational structure and staffing plan to meet the goals and objectives of the Alliance, in accordance with the approved work plan.
- Facilitate internal communications between the organs of the Alliance (Board, STAC, Secretariat) and Partners including WHO, and ensure regular and productive meetings of the Alliance Board and STAC.
- Monitor and ensure the quality of all activities and products, including ensuring transparent and competitive procedures for the award of Alliance grants.
- Develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Alliance and report to the Board and inform the STAC on a regular basis on the achievement of strategies and objectives and on the use of resources by the Alliance.
- Develop and implement a fundraising strategy for the Alliance.
- Liaise with donors, and other strategic partners to identify common interests and develop memoranda of understanding, grant agreements or other agreements in order to support the goals of the Alliance as approved by the Board.
- Act as a spokesperson and advocate for HPSR in general, and the Alliance specifically, through presentations and published articles, and represent the Alliance and WHO at inter-agency, international, regional and national research meetings, providing authoritative advice and technical expertise to internal and external partners.
- Advise the Assistant Director-General HSS on HPSR issues and contribute through membership of the HSS senior management team to the overall strategic directions, management and promotion of HSS.
- Liaise with other clusters of WHO (eg. IER) and other relevant departments and programmes (eg. TDR, HRP) on health systems research issues and act as an organizational focal for HPSR within WHO.

Looking for a new dynamic medical research environment?
The Center for Primary Health Care Research (CPF) may be looking for you. The CPF is a new collaborative venture of Lund University and Region Skåne in southern Sweden. We are located at the Clinical Research Centre, a translational research environment at Malmö University Hospital in the city of Malmö, Sweden.

Using primary health care as our arena, we will conduct world-class translational research in five program areas: ● migration and neighborhoods ● welfare diseases, medical epidemiology, and genetic epidemiology ● research methods in family medicine and research on quality aspects of medical education ● public health science and social epidemiology and ● health economy, organization of health care, and evaluation of health and medical programs.

To improve the quality of our research, we will work closely with primary health care center and hospital personnel and with international collaborators at a number of universities, including Stanford and Harvard.

We are building our team and are looking for people to fill a number of positions. The CPF needs biostatisticians, postdoctoral research fellows, postdoctoral students, and doctoral students in epidemiology and physical activity. Interested? Send an informal letter to Jan.Sundquist@med.lu.se describing your qualifications and explaining why you want to be one of us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Position for a M.D. Geneticist
Location: Laboratoire de génétique moléculaire, Institut Universitaire de Recherche Clinique, Montpellier, France (http://www.umd.be/u8277)
Description: The Molecular Genetic Center of the Hospital-University of Montpellier has an opening for a M.D. specialized in molecular genetics, with a strong background in human genetics including laboratory
diagnosis and research. The selected candidate will have first a contract of at least one year that may be followed by a permanent position. Our lab comprises 58 people including hospital, university and Inserm teams working close together.

**Absolute Requirements**: be a Medical Doctor from the EUROPEAN COMMUNITY with a strong background in human genetics.

The applicant will be expected to:
1. validate the requirements of genetic tests (pre-analytical expertise) of one or two diseases for which we work as a National Reference Laboratory
2. supervise the daily tasks of highly specialized technicians involved in in-depth molecular genetic diagnosis of these diseases,
3. validate and sign the results of molecular diagnosis in tight interaction with the other geneticists of the lab,
4. develop new diagnostic technologies,
5. participate in research effort (Inserm unit u827 entitled "Rare diseases: molecular pathology, functional studies and genetic databases"),
6. participate in the training and the teaching of medical, pharmaceutic, and scientific students.

The selected candidate will be proficient in English and capable to attain proficiency in French at a reasonable notice.

Applications and CV and cover letter, complete with the names and addresses (including e-mail) of at least two referees are to be submitted to Prof. Mireille Claustres detailing past experience, motivations and future plans.

For further information, call Professor Mireille Claustres
Chef de Service de génétique moléculaire
CHU, UM1 et INSERM
Directeur Unité Inserm U827
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### 3. Interesting news

**Change of Director at NIVEL, The Netherlands**
On the 1st of January, a change of director took place at EUPHA’s home base NIVEL – the Netherlands Institute of Health Care Research. Both directors, Prof. Jouke van der Zee and Prof. Jozien Bensing, stepped down. The incoming director is Prof. Peter Groenewegen.

**Finnish National Institute for Health and Welfare launched 1 January 2009**
The new National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) started operations on 1 January 2009, following the merger of the National Public Health Institute (KTL) and the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES).

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E-mail addresses: firstname.lastname@thl.fi
Postal address: P.O. Box 30, FI-00271 Helsinki, Finland
Street address: Mannerheimintie 166, Helsinki

**In 2008, the Global Forum for Health research celebrated 10 years of achievements.**
We effectively advocated around the "10/90" gap and drove the case for better targeted and prioritized research to address the health needs of poor populations -provided a forum for exchange, learning and innovation to decision-makers in research, funding and policy -developed high-quality evidence and tools that help guide decisions in research for health
But we could not do this alone. We thank all those who have contributed to our success: participants in Forum meetings, partners in numerous activities, Foundation Council members, staff and of course funders.
European Commission's press release on safe, innovative and accessible medicines: a renewed vision for the pharmaceutical sector.

The EU has been losing ground in pharmaceutical innovation. European patients still suffer from inequalities in the availability of information about medicines, whilst counterfeiters are on the rise. To address these challenges, the Commission has tabled a package, consisting of four key parts:

1. A communication to launch reflections on ways to improve market access and to develop initiatives to boost EU pharmaceutical research.
2. A proposal to tackle the growing issues of counterfeiting and illegal distribution of medicines,
3. Proposals to enable citizens to have access to high-quality information on prescription-only medicines,
4. Proposals to improve patient protection by strengthening the EU system for the safety monitoring ('pharmacovigilance') of medicines.

The full text of the press release and memos in all EU languages (in DOC, PDF, HTML, for downloading and further use) can be found at: http://europa.eu/rapid/searchResultAction.do?search=OK&query=Indus&username=PROF&advanced=0&guiLanguage=en

More information on Pharmaceuticals in the EU can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/pharmaceuticals/index_en.htm

Innovative Community-based Ecosystem Management Interventions for Improved Dengue and Chagas Disease Prevention in Latin America and the Caribbean

A TDR/IDRC Research Initiative. Deadline for receipt of concept notes: Wednesday, 15 April 2009

Website: http://www.who.int/trd/svc/grants/calls/innovative-ecosystem-management

English: Call for concept notes [PDF: 169Kb, 6 pages]
Spanish: Convocatoria para la presentación de notas conceptuales en catalán [PDF: 75Kb, 6 páginas]
French: Demande de notes de synthèse en français [PDF: 140Kb, 5 pages]

The UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), in collaboration with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), invites concept notes for research projects on innovative community-based ecosystem management approaches to dengue and Chagas disease prevention in low and middle-income countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). It is expected that projects funded under this initiative will:

- lead to a better understanding of the interaction between ecological, biological, social and economic ('eco-bio-social') determinants of dengue and Chagas disease transmission in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- contribute to the development of inter-sectoral ecosystem management interventions for dengue and Chagas disease prevention; and
- contribute to innovation and application in public health policy and practice regarding ecosystem management interventions for communicable disease prevention.

Manager Innovative Ecosystem Management and Community Directed Interventions for Dengue and Chagas Disease Control
Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) - WHO
1211 Geneva 27 Switzerland
Tel: (+41-22) 791-3954, 3365 and 3398 Fax: (+41-22) 791-4854
Contact Dr Johannes Sommerfeld. Please send also a copy of the application to Dr. Olaf Horstick.

Best Practices that incorporate a gender/ethnic equality perspective in health

http://devserver.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=457&amp;Itemid=207&amp;lang=en

Deadline 31 January 2009
The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) is convening the second competition of Best Practices that incorporate a gender/ethnic equality perspective in health, within the framework of the celebration of the International Women’s Day that will take place in Washington DC.

In this competition, two experiences will be selected and rewarded. During the Celebration, an award will be given to the winning Best Practice for each of the following categories:

- An organization related to the public sector (Ministry of Health, another Sector—Education, Ministry of Women -, NGO or academic institution that works with the public health sector) that has developed a Best Practice incorporating a gender perspective in health that includes populations of ethnic origin (indigenous population, African descent, migrant, displaced).
- A regional, national or local project and/or program developed or supported by PAHO that includes a gender equality approach.

A representative per each of the two winning Best Practice will be invited by the Director of PAHO, Dr Mirta Roses, to present the experience during the International Women’s Day celebration on 9 March 2009 in Washington, D.C. Furthermore, each institution that represents the winning experience will receive five thousand dollars in order to publish the Best Practice and lessons learned, using a PAHO Best Practice template, that then will be disseminated and included in PAHO database of Best Practices for Mainstreaming Gender Equality in Health.

For more information please send an e-mail to: buenasprac@paho.org

Oxford University Press information

As you are already aware, Oxford University Press provides a range of educational resources for the healthcare industry. Your online book club allows your members to purchase copies of our medical books at a discounted rate. However, we now offer a bespoke publishing programme that provides you with the following:

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- Branded bookmarks to accompany each copy of the title to fit your own design and requirements
- Chapter off-prints so that you can select the most relevant material from the book and create a smaller bespoke guide

This programme allows you to brand copies of our smaller pocket books (or create smaller books by taking off-prints from the larger texts) and give these away or sell on to new members / those who renew their membership. They also make excellent educational tools and conferences and workshops. Please see below for an update on our titles, as well as the new medical catalogue which is attached to this email. If you require any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sarah Borien, Medical Sales Executive Academic Division
E: sarah.borien@oup.com

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If you have any questions regarding your application please contact:
Netherlands Institute for Health Sciences, Educational Support Center (DCO) Room Ee308, PO Box 2040, 3000 CA Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Phone: +31 (0)10 703 8450, Fax: +31 (0)10 704 4680, E-mail: info@nihes.nl

4. European NGOs working for public health in Europe

This new section will introduce a different NGO working for public health in Europe every month. This month: the Health & Environment Alliance (HEAL) http://www.env-health.org/.
The Health and Environment Alliance aims to raise awareness of how environmental protection improves health. It achieves this by creating opportunities for better representation of citizens' and health experts' perspectives in the environment and health-related European policy-making.

Membership includes a diverse network of 54 citizens', patients', women's, health professionals' and environmental organisations across Europe and has a strong track record in increasing public and expert engagement in both EU debates and the decision-making process. 11 members are international or European organisations and 43 works at national or local in 22 different countries.

Aims:
- Make European citizens and NGOs more aware of policy changes that can help or hinder progress towards sustainable development
- Support the participation of citizens in policy making at the European level and represent their concerns
- Strengthen EU policies in favour of better protection of health and the environment
- Link significant research findings to recommendations on policy action

HEAL is pleased to present their latest publication entitled “Choosing our Future – For A Healthier Life, Consume Chemicals in Moderation!”, published together with Mouvement pour les Droits et le Respect des Générations Futures (MDRGF) and David Ratte are delighted to present you their latest publication

The “Choosing our Future” comic strip highlights – in a humorous and simple way – the recent evidence of harm to health from certain widely used chemicals. The publication and associated website, produced in English and French, aim to provide readers with what is currently known about the links between health and man-made chemicals and examples of individual action and EU policy opportunities that can help produce changes for the better.

The book is divided into the four comic strips and five other sections: an introduction; explanations of certain key words in “Behind the dialogue” section, all of which are scientifically referenced; a “What you can do yourself” section; a chapter on EU chemicals policy, including REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Restriction and Authorisation of Chemicals); and, a glossary.

The four comic strip stories highlight different worrying aspects of exposure to man-made chemicals, such as the special vulnerabilities of the unborn baby and children, how synthetic substances are building up in our bodies, and how exposure to a mixture of chemicals known as the “cocktail effect” may be multiplying the adverse effects of exposure. The final story and texts suggest some alternatives found in an “organic life”.

The stories touch on the health conditions associated with environmental risks, such as allergies, asthma, brain development disturbances, certain cancers due to disruption to our hormone system, and fertility problems. The publication explains the facts behind the dialogue, which are scientifically referenced. Other sections cover both what the individual and the EU can do to ensure and healthier and better future.

5. Upcoming courses and conferences

Going International (Partner of EUPHA)

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

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5th World Congress World Institute of Pain - WIP
Date March 13-16, 2009
Place New York, United States
Organiser UEMS
More information http://www.uems.net

17th Annual Public Health Forum
Date 25th & 26th March 2009
Place Brighton, UK
Organiser UK Public Health Association

University of Liverpool, Division of Public Health
“Improving Health in Europe”
Date 20th – 24th April 2009.
Place Liverpool UK
Organiser Liverpool University
More information Christopher.Birt@liv.ac.uk or n.gotch@liv.ac.uk

World Health Care Congress Europe
Date 13-14 May 2009
Place Brussels, Belgium
Organiser WHCCE
More information http://www.worldcongress.com/events/HR09015/

The Campbell Collaboration colloquium Conference on Better evidence for a better world
Date May 18–19, 2009
Place Oslo, Norway
More information http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/Colloquium/Colloquium.shtml

5th International Conference theme: Social and Societal Influences on Equity in Health
Date June 9, 11 2009
Place Crete, Greece
Organiser International Society for Equity in Health (ISEqH)
Deadline abstracts February 28, 2009

BIT Life Sciences’ 2nd World Cancer Congress 2009
Gateway to Future Medicine
Date June 22-25, 2009
Place Beijing International Convention Center, China

1st International student medical congress Kosice
Date 23-25 June 2009
Place Kosice, Slovakia
Organiser ISMCK
More information www.upjs.sk/ismck

Intervention mapping for HIV/AIDS prevention: designing theory-based and evidence-based programs
Date 29 June – 3 July 2009
Place Maastricht, the Netherlands
Organiser University of Maastricht
More information Ms Anja Ronken, anja.ronken@fd.unimaas.nl

**Title**
Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF2010) Passion for Science

**Date**
2-7 July 2010

**Place**
Torino, Italy

**Deadline abstracts**
15 June 2009

**More information**
http://www.esof2010.org/media/call_sc_pr/data

**Title**
Summer school on health law and ethics

**Date**
2nd/3rd week of July 2009

**Place**
Rotterdam, the Netherlands

**Organiser**
The Erasmus Observatory on Health Law

**More information**
www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl

**Title**
2009 Summer School of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

**Date**
26-31 July 2009

**Place**
Venice, Italy

**Organiser**
OBS

**More information**
summerschool2009@obs.euro.who.int

**Title**
The role of Health Promotion in the transition of the Nordic Welfare states

**Date**
20-22 August 2009

**Place**
Gothenburg, Sweden

**Organiser**
Nordic School of Public Health

**Deadline abstracts**
March 1, 2009

**More information**
www.nhv.se/HPconference2009

**Title**
Swiss Public Health Conference: Gesundheitskompetenz

**Date**
27-28 August 2009

**Place**
Zurich, Switzerland

**Organiser**
Public Health Schweiz

**Deadline abstracts**
1 May 2009

**More information**
www.public-health.ch

**Title**
26th International Conference of ISQua

**Date**
11-14 October 2009

**Place**
Dublin, Ireland

**Organiser**
International Society for Quality in Health Care

**Deadline abstracts**
16 February 2009

**More information**
http://www.isqua.org/Dublin2009-
InternationalSocietyforQualityinHealthCareLtd.html

**Title**
7th European Congress of Community Psychology « Common values, diverse practices »

**Date**
October 29th to Friday, October 30th, 2009

**Place**
Paris France

**Deadline abstracts**
30 April 2009

**More information**
www.eccp-paris2009.com
6. Interesting publications

Primary care quality management in Slovenia: Primary care in the WHO European Region.  
Boerma WGW, Kringos DS, Verschuuren M., Pellny M., Bulc M.  
WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, 2008; 83 pages.  
A new report by WHO (DK) in collaboration with NIVEL (NL) on how Slovenia is making use of available know-how and resources to improve the quality of primary care services, following Slovenia’s pilot testing of the new WHO Primary Care Quality Management Tool. 
Further information on NIVEL’s activities as a WHO Collaborating Centre is available at: www.nivel.eu

Primary care quality management in Uzbekistan: Primary care in the WHO European Region  
Boerma WGW, Kringos DS, Verschuuren M., Pellny M., Baymirova L.  
WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, 2008; 91 pages. 
A new report by WHO (DK) in collaboration with NIVEL (NL) on Uzbekistan’s participation in a pilot of the new WHO Primary Care Quality Management Tool. Its findings are followed by recommendations for policy action to improve the quality of primary care services in Uzbekistan. 
Further information on NIVEL’s activities as a WHO Collaborating Centre is available at: www.nivel.eu

The European APOLLO-project, ‘Strategies and Best Practices for the Reduction of Injuries’, launched two reports on vulnerable road users. The first offers a comprehensive view on injuries to vulnerable road users and falls in pedestrians in the European Union, and the second is an evaluation report of an intervention on the prevention of child pedestrian injuries in Austria. Both the reports are available at:  
http://www.europin.org/apollo/WP5.htm

European Perinatal Health Report  
Visit our website to learn about the report and to download a free copy. To help you understand the media reaction to this landmark report, we are tracking and displaying all articles and video on this page. For more information, you can email the coordination team (europeperistat.coordination@gmail.com) or directly contact the official Scientific Committee representative from your country. Contact information is provided on this page. www.europeperistat.com

Healthcare in the UK  
by Ian Greener.  
For more information please see:  

Global Forum Update on Research for Health Volume 5  
Fostering innovation for global health  
Available online as a PDF file [155p.] at:  
Order a hard copy here, free of charge:  
http://www.globalforumhealth.org/hide/common/forms/orderpub/orderform.php

A retrospective analysis of health systems in Denmark and Kaiser Permanente  
Anne Frølich, Michaela L Schiøtz, Martin Strandberg-Larsen, John Hsu, Allan Krasnik, Finn Diderichsen, Jim Bellows, Jes Seggaard, Karen White  
BMC Health Services Research – December 2008  
Available online at: http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1472-6963-8-252.pdf

Japan Center for International Exchange  
The final report of the Working Group on Challenges in Global Health and Japan’s Contributions was submitted to the Japanese and Italian governments in January 2009 for consideration for the 2009 G8 Summit agenda.  
Healthy Societies: Addressing 21st Century Health Challenges
Prepared by Professor Ilona Kickbusch, Adelaide Thinker in Residence Department of the Premier and Cabinet. May 2008 - State of South Australia

Improving Patient Safety in the EU Assessing the expected effects of three policy areas for future action
Annalijn Conklin, Anna-Marie Vilamovska, Han de Vries, Evi Hatziandreu
Health and Consumer Protection Commission (DG SANCO)

Primary health care delivery models in rural and remote Australia a systematic review
John Wakerman, John S Humphreys, Robert Wells, Pim Kuipers, Philip Entwistle and Judith Jones
Available online as PDF file [31p.] at: http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1472-6963-8-276.pdf

Health Situation in the Americas - Basic Indicators 2008
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)
Available online:

Global-health research architecture—time for mergers?
John-Arne Røttingen, Paulo Marchiori Buss, Sally Davies, Oumar Touré
Department of Health, London, UK (SD); and Ministry of Health, Bamako, Mali (OT)
The Lancet, Volume 373, Issue 9659, 17 January 2009
Website: http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current [subscription required]

Tackling the burden of chronic diseases in the USA
The Lancet, Volume 373, Issue 9659, 17 January 2009
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60048-9/fulltext

Preventing Chronic Illness
Health Affairs, January/February 2009
Available free online at: http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/28/1/36

New series of policy briefs launched at WHO European Ministerial Conference Health Systems, Health and Wealth
A joint project between the Health Evidence Network and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies World Health Organization
The briefs are available in English, French, German and Russian at http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E91946.pdf

Health systems and the challenge of communicable diseases. Experiences from Europe and Latin America
Editors: Richard Coker, Rifat Atun, Martin McKee

Scoping Literature Review of Collaboration between Primary Care and Public Health
Ruth Martin-Misener, Ruta Valaitis
A Report to the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation September 30, 2008
Available online PDF [38p.] at: http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/nursing/docs/MartinMisener-Valaitis-Review.pdf

The Remuneration of General Practitioners and Specialists in 14 OECD Countries:
What are the Factors Influencing Variations across Countries?
Michelle Funk, Gabriel Ivbijaro
World Health Organization and World Organization of Family Doctors (Wonca) 2008
Available online PDF file [224p] at:
http://www.who.int/mental_health/policy/Mental%20health%20+%20primary%20care-%20final%20low-res%20140908.pdf

Doctors, Dollars & Quality
Health Affairs, doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.28.1.w91 - Published online December 4, 2008
The Child Development Index
The Save the Children Fund 2008
Overall, child well-being as improved by 34% since 1990, but progress is slow. Leaders must consider how children are doing and how their decisions impact them.
Download the full report The Child Development Index: Holding governments to account for children's wellbeing (PDF 228KB). Download the data The Child Development Index - data (.xls 143KB).

Health systems and the right to health: an assessment of 194 countries
Gunilla Backman MSc, Paul Hunt MJur, Rajat Khosla LLM, Camila Jaramillo-Strouss LLM, Belachew Mekuria Fikre LLM, Caroline Rumble MBChB, David Pevalin PhD, David Acuño Páez MPH, Mónica Armiños Pineda MA, Ariel Frisancho MHPPF, Duniska Tarco MD, Mitra Motlagh LLM, Dana Farcusanu MPH, Cristian Vladescu PhD
The Lancet released a special report on the right to health on 10 December 2008 International Human Rights Day, to mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal
Website: www.thelancet.com [subscription required]

Green Paper on EU Workforce for Health now out for consultation
European Commission - December 2008
Website: http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_systems/workforce_en.htm

World report on child injury prevention
Available online as PDF file [232p.] at:

Is clinical prevention better than cure?
Barbara Starfield, Juan Géras
Lancet 2008 Viewpoint
Website: www.thelancet.com [Subscription required]

Medical devices: exploiting the potential in Europe
Eurohealth, volume 14, number 3, 2008:
For more information: www.lse.ac.uk/lsehealth

Médicos murcianos de la escuela histológica Espanola
Pedro Marset Campos (Editor). Editum, April 2008.
La Introducción de la regiología en la región de Mrcrcia (1896-1936)
Sáez, López, Garcia y Marset. Murcia Editora Regional Ensayo, June 2007

Dutch voices in a European tale – a history of public health in four chapters.
J. Mackenbach, 12 January 2009, Department of public health, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

7. European Commission: update

- **Health information: 2003 funded projects**
  EMS-db - EUROMEDSTAT-Database Outcomes

- **Health determinants: Genetics and screening**
  Europe needs to intensify and double cancer screening, concludes Commission report Press release

- **Health determinants: Genetics and screening**
  Overview of the current coverage of population-based screening programmes for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer across the EU MEMO

- **Health information: Major and chronic diseases information sheets**
  Cancer Recent developments

- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks**
  Opinions Chemicals under Reg.793/93 section updated

- **Health determinants**
  Mental health News section updated

- **Health systems: Patient safety**
  Proposal for a Council Recommendation on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections Updated version

- **Health determinants: Health and environment**
  Thematic meeting on Healthy Environments – Addressing respiratory disease, obesity and injuries through health promoting environments, Luxembourg, 28-29 January 2009

- **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 19 January 2009

- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
  Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtype Data as of 19 January 2009

- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
  Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) since 2003 Data as of 19 January 2009

- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
  Distribution H5N1 cases by age group up to date Data as of 19 January 2009

- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
  Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtypes Data as of 19 January 2009 (flash map)

- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks**
  Scientific Committee opinion on the need for non-human primates in biomedical research, production and testing of products and devices E-News

- **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign**
  The first phase of the new “help 2.0” campaign has been launched

- **Health determinants: Mental health**
  Commission hosts presentation of UK Foresight Project Mental Capital and Wellbeing in Brussels, 22 January 2009 Read the agenda and watch the event online

- **Health systems**
  Health workforce Citizens’ summary now available in 22 languages
Risk assessment: Event
*Workshop on EMF and Health: Science and Policy to address public concerns, Brussels, 11-12 February 2009*
Programme updated and new deadline for registration: 25 January 2009

Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets
*Alzheimer disease and other dementias* Page updated

Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Products
*Opinions* UV Filters section updated

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*Opinions* Other substances section updated

Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Products
*Minutes of the 17th Plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee on Consumers Products (SCCP), Brussels, 30 September 2008*

Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks
*Opinions* Corrigendum for 2 opinions

Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Products
*Opinions* Hair Dyes section updated

Health determinants: Nutrition and Physical Activity
*Events* page updated

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*A new Flash Eurobarometer on Mental Health of Children and Young People has been published*

Health determinants: Environment
*Health and environment* Pages updated

Health information
*Extreme weather conditions* What’s new section updated

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*Cancer* What’s new section updated

Health systems: Health workforce
*Conference to launch the Green Paper on the EU Workforce for Health, Brussels, 10 December 2008* Presentations available

*Edition: January 2009*

Health determinants: Call for tender
*B-Brussels: call for tender SANCO/2008/C6/047 concerning the development and testing of combined text and picture health warnings for tobacco packages* Prior information notice

Risk assessment: Event
*2nd Annual Nanotechnology Safety for Success Dialogue Workshop, Brussels, 2-3 October 2008* Photos now available

Risk Assessment - Key documents
*Common guidelines on practical arrangements for the sharing of scientific data between the Scientific Committees and panels of European Agencies and the Scientific Committees of the Commission*

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*Rare diseases* Page updated

Threats to health: Rare diseases
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• Health information
  Developing European Union health indicators What's new section updated

• Programme 2003/2008 - Executive Agency
  National Focal Points Updated

• Workshop on EMF and Health
  Workshop on EMF and Health: Science and Policy to address public concerns, Brussels, 11-12 February 2009 Venue Address Updated

• Health information: Developing European Union health indicators
  European Community Health Indicators (ECHI) Indicator Age dependency ratio updated

• Health information: Cancer

• Health determinants: European Alcohol and Health Forum
  Alcohol Library Updated

• Health systems
  Health Workforce Green Paper now available in 22 languages

• Health determinants: European Alcohol and Health Forum
  Alcohol Library Updated

• Risk assessment: Event
  2nd Annual Nanotechnology Safety for Success Dialogue Workshop, 2-3 October 2008 Workshop report available

• Health information: Analysing and reporting on health
  EU Health reports under the Community Public Health Programme Page updated

• Health systems: Patient safety
  The Commission adopted a Communication and a proposal for a Council Recommendation on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections Documents now available in 22 languages

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• Threats to health: Communicable diseases
  Healthcare associated infections Page updated

• Risk assessment: Event
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• Threats to health: Organs
  Organ donation and transplantation. Policy actions at EU level Proposal for a Directive and Action Plan now available in 22 languages

• Health Systems: Health Workforce
  The Commission adopted a Green paper on the EU Workforce for Health and launched the consultation

• Open Health Forum: live web streaming (11 December 2008)
  The Conference will be broadcast live. Read the programme and watch the event online

• Threats to health
  The Commission adopts a proposal for a Directive on quality and safety of organ donation and transplantation and a 10 point action plan to work with Member States on strengthening organ donation and transplantation systems in Europe

• Health determinants: Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action
  Third meeting of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action, Luxembourg, 13-14 October 2008 Summary report
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HIV/AIDS surveillance in Europe: update 2007
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HIV among injecting drug users in Europe: increasing trends in the East
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Anorectal lymphogranuloma venereum: the first two confirmed cases in Portugal
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Syphilis epidemiology in Sweden: re-emergence since 2000 primarily due to spread among men who have sex with men
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Reported cases of congenital syphilis in the French national hospital database
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An international outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli O157 infection due to lettuce, September – October 2007
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Ethical and legal issues related to health access for migrant populations in the Euro-Mediterranean Area
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Cohort study of an outbreak of viral gastroenteritis in a nursing home for elderly, Majorca, Spain, February 2008
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You can also consult our information products catalogues in pdf format or select a subject catalogue from our e-commerce web site: WHO Catalogues

Please note that our new Autumn 2008 Catalogue of WHO Information Products is now available online:

Midwifery Education Modules. Second Edition
A set of 6 training manuals developed to equip midwives with essential life-saving skills.

Exposure Assessment of Microbiological Hazards in Food - Guidelines
Exposure assessment is one of the four steps of microbiological risk assessment, which include hazard identification, exposure assessment, hazard characterization and risk characterization.

Anti-Tuberculosis Drug Resistance in the World. Fourth Global Report
This fourth global report is based on information collected between 2002 and 2006 on 90 000 TB patients in 81 countries.

A Practical Handbook on the Pharmacovigilance of Antimalarial Medicines
This handbook is a detailed manual giving a step by step approach to undertaking the pharmacovigilance of antimalarials.

Guidelines for the Programmatic Management of Drug-resistant Tuberculosis
The guidelines offer updated recommendations for the diagnosis and management of drug-resistant tuberculosis in a variety of geographical, economic and social settings, and the recording of data that enables the monitoring and evaluation of programmes.

Operational Guidelines for the Management of Opioid Dependence in the South-East Asia Region
These practical guidelines aim to assist physicians and drug treatment professionals in establishing and delivering evidence-based, good quality, effective OST services in South-East Asia.

Management of Common Health Problems of Drug Users
These clinical guidelines offer guidance on the provision of primary health care to drug users and focus on the clinical management of common medical problems associated with drug use, in particular, injecting drug use in the presence or absence of HIV infection.

Implications of SAFTA on Tobacco Trade and Public Health in the SAARC Region
This document lists ways in which trade in tobacco products can be managed under SAFTA in the context of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

Health Situation in the South-East Asia Region: 2001-2007
This publication presents the health situation in the Member States, as reflected by epidemiological data, primarily covering the period 2001-2007.
Health in Asia and the Pacific
This publication provides a narrative of many aspects of the current health situation in the Region, supported by the statistical data.

2008 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic
Extensively illustrated with graphs and charts this biennial report presents concise but comprehensive summaries of major issues in the global AIDS response.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

Rapport sur l’épidémie mondiale de SIDA 2008
Largement illustré de graphiques, diagrammes et tableaux, ce rapport biennal présente des synthèses concises mais complètes des principaux aspects de la riposte mondiale au sida.

Considérations éthiques relative aux essais de méthodes biomédicales de prévention du VIH
Ce document propose des normes et peut servir de guide pour l’élaboration de directives nationales sur la conduite des essais de méthodes biomédicales de prévention du VIH.

Prévenir l’épuisement des dispensateurs de soins
Le présent document envisage la réponse susceptible d’être apportée à l’épuisement des dispensateurs de soins.

BOOKS IN SPANISH

El Uso de las pruebas rápidas para sífilis
En este práctico manual se proporciona una panorámica general de la utilización de pruebas rápidas contra la sífilis, su adquisición, transporte y almacenamiento.

Informe sobre la epidemia mundial de SIDA 2008
Este informe bianual, ilustrado ampliamente con gráficos y tablas, presenta resúmenes concisos pero integrales de los asuntos primordiales en la respuesta mundial al SIDA.

Consideraciones éticas en los ensayos biomédicos de prevención del VIH
Se sugieren criterios y procesos para configurar el desarrollo de pautas nacionales para llevar a cabo ensayos biomédicos de prevención del VIH.

Prevención del desgaste del cuidador
Este documento analiza cómo se puede evitar el desgaste del cuidador.