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1. European Public Health Conference



Health in Europe: are we there yet?

Learning from the past, building the future

Malta 2012 - Call for presentations

If you were a presenting author at Malta 2012 and you are interested in disseminating your presentation (poster or PPT) more widely, we offer the possibility of uploading your presentation on EUPHApedia. Please send your presentation to office@eupha.org if you wish to use this extra dissemination tool.

Brussels - 6th European Public Health Conference – 13-16 November 2013
The 2013 conference is going to be *THE* meeting place for all public health professionals in Europe. We are working together with ASPHER, EPHA, EHMA, EuroHealthNet, European Commission, ECDC, WHO Regional office for Europe, European observatory for health systems and policies and the Belgian Association for Public Health. Please check the website for the latest news: www.eupha.org/Brussels2013.

Abstract submission will open on Friday 1 February 2013. Abstracts and workshops can be submitted until 1 May 2013 (midnight CET).

If you are interested in organizing a workshop or participating in one, please feel free to contact office@eupha.org.

2. EUPHA update

Latest news - EUPHA activates its members for input on the EU Data Protection Regulation

You may already be aware that the European Parliament's rapporteur on the Data Protection Regulation has just published a draft report that would, if enacted, have devastating consequences for research using health data. The rapporteur's report can be found: (http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/libe/pr/922/922387/922387e n.pdf).

EUPHA asked its members to:

- 1. Distribute this message among your members to inform them of the dangers.
- 2. Write to your MEPs to highlight your concerns.
- 3. Provide us (office@eupha.org) with examples of research that has contributed to policies that have saved lives and which would have been impossible had these amendments been passed.

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



At the end of January 2013, we have 2863 documents (month increase = 63) included in EUPHApedia. All persons in our database have access to search EUPHApedia, all EUPHA members can upload information on to EUPHApedia.

EUPHA sections

The websites of all our sections have been updated. Check it out at: http://www.eupha.org/site/sections.php#Sections

The **EUPHA section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health** is co-organising the 5th European conference on migrant and ethnic minority health from 10 to 12 April 2014 in Granada, Spain. The main theme is: Migrants' health and access to healthcare in the context of the current systemic crisis in Europe. For more information: www.easp.es

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

European Commission – DG Sanco - Evaluation tender

Call for tender SANCO/2012/02/011 concerning a multiple Framework Contract with reopened competition for the provision of evaluation, impact assessment and related services to the European Commission in the areas of public health, consumer protection and food chain. Closing date for submission: 08/02/2013.

More information on: Call for tender SANCO/2012/02/011

European Commission - DG Sanco - Call for tender on antimicrobial resistance

Call for tender SANCO/2012/C3/01 concerning a preparatory action on antimicrobial resistance and research on the causes of non-prudent use of antibiotics in human medicine Closing date for submission: 08/03/2013.

Time limit for obtaining additional information: 28/02/2013. More information on: Call for tender on antimicrobial resistance

Second call for applications of Erasmus Mundus Action 2 programme Erasmus-Western Balkans (ERAWEB)

For more information please visit our website (www.erasmus-westernbalkans.eu). From the first call for applications about 80 students and staff for scholarship divided over all levels of mobility were selected. For the second and third call about 100 scholarships are available.

VI Competition on Best Practices that Integrate Equality and Fairness in Gender and Interculturalism in Health

This year, the sixth Best Practices Competition will have two categories: Gender and Health and Health, Gender and Ethnicity. Unlike in previous years, the 2013 edition will form part of the celebration of the International Day of Action for Women's Health on May 28.

The 2013 competition seeks to identify programs that best address the differences and opportunities among men and women in the area of health with a gender-sensitive and gender-transformative focus and that promote the recognition of and respect for cultural diversity.

The call for submissions will run from January 9 to February 28, 2013

English website: http://bit.ly/YdpGuE Spanish website: http://bit.ly/XJpPlw

4. Interesting News

Press Release - HEAL -www.env-health.org

Air pollution ranked as top health risk factor in Europe

Brussels, 14 December 2012 – A global review of the burden of disease published today shows outdoor air quality has been recognised as a top level risk for public health. The study shows exposure to air pollution as one of the top ten risk factors for health globally. It is ranked 11th for countries of Western Europe, 14th for Central Europe and 15th for Eastern Europe, which includes Russia.

The analysis shows over 430,000 premature deaths and over 7 million years of healthy life lost in Western, Central and Eastern Europe in 2010 from exposure to fine particulate matter (PM 2.5), with 166,000 premature deaths in Western Europe, 95,000 deaths in Central Europe, and 169,000 deaths in Eastern Europe, which includes Russia.

Overall the study results reveal substantial shifts in the burden of disease from premature mortality to morbidity and disability as well as from communicable, maternal, neonatal and nutritional conditions to non-communicable diseases. This shift in population health towards more life years with chronic, non-communicable disease is likely to imply heavier health care costs and productivity losses.

Europa Media Non-profit Ltd – news update 3: Actual proposal preparation

In Part 3 of this blog series, we had established the consortium for our transnational European project proposal. Having established the consortium is a milestone, after which you can proceed with the actual preparation of the proposal. Of course, nothing prevents you from already starting developing the proposal before completing the partnership; however, as the consortium composition is intrinsically linked to your proposed action in terms of the required expertise to implement that action, it would be more advisable to proceed with the development of the major parts of the proposal upon completion of the partnership, or at least the "core" partnership. Paradoxically, it also happens oftentimes that you notice while detailing your work plan that you are actually missing certain expertise to cover certain tasks, and realise that you had better bring in another partner. This is also totally OK. Probably, the most characteristic feature of this whole process (proposal preparation) is that it is "**iterative**". It is typical to return back to various stages a number of times to refine, rectify and adjust certain things until perfection. Keeping this in mind, let's have a look at the next steps in putting together the proposal.

Most project proposals (applications) consist of three major parts:

- Administrative
- Technical
- Financial

Before starting filling in or developing any of these parts, it is imperative to make a sound planning on the preparation and compilation of the proposal. For this, it is important to understand clearly the formal requirements as well as the amount and scope of the information and material which you need to compile (quantitatively and qualitatively).

Clearly, you have already checked the requirements at first place while assessing your project concept against the call for proposals and while establishing your consortium. You may also have prior and ongoing experience in preparing and submitting proposals under EU programmes. However, although the general eligibility conditions and requirements of the programmes usual remain the same throughout the implementation period of that programme, the specific requirements of the call for proposals may show differences from year to year (or call to call). New sections may be added to application forms, templates may get updated, submission procedures may change. For this reason, it is advisable to check and double-check carefully the work programme and the call text:

- If not indicated already, try to figure out how much budget is available for the work programme topic you are targeting and how many proposals are expected to be funded (in so doing, understand the budgetary limitations for your project);
- Check whether there are any specific requirements on the partnership (e.g. SME involvement, involvement of certain end-users, etc.);
- See whether there are any other "horizontal" issues to consider and address in the proposal (e.g. gender issues, social aspects, spill-over effects of the action, etc.);
- Though a very simple suggestion, many mistakes actually happen here: make sure to download the latest application forms and templates!

Once you have a clear picture of all of the requirements as well as the data and information you need to compile, then make a plan. In our next post, Part 5 of this blog series, we will look into detailed planning of the compilation of the different pieces of a project proposal and the first steps of action by the proposal coordinator.

For more information go to: https://www.eutrainingsite.com/blog.php?id=76

5. EUPHA member updates

French Society of Public Health – www.sfsp.fr

Séminaire "Le PNNS 2011-2015 à mi-chemin : réflexions des sociétés savantes et d'experts en nutrition". Organisé par la Société française de santé publique jeudi 21 février 2013, Asiem (6 rue Albert de Lapparent, Paris 7e)

UK Faculty of Public Health - www.fph.org.uk

Change in administrative offier:

Lauren Ince (laureni@fph.org.uk) has taken over the responsibility for the administration of the FPH European and international activities from Caroline Wren.

Netherlands Public Health Federation – www.nphf.nl

Nederlands Congres Volksgezondheid 'Passie voor Gezondheid', on 3-4 April 2013 at De Reehorts, Ede, www.ncvqz.nl

6. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of Going International is the online education database »medicine & health«. It contains international courses, master programmes and conferences in the field of medicine and international health. Due to the large number and variety of training events the education database enables health professionals to find their educational event at their fingertips. For further information: www.goinginternational.eu/en/online-datenbank/ Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: EHMA/MCI Winter school 2013: Advancing responsible decision-making in

healthcare

Date: 20-22 February 2013 Place: Innsbruck, Austria

Organiser: EHMA

More info: www.ehma.org

Title: Cross-Border Healthcare in Europe:

Removing the Barriers to Deliver Clarity and Quality

Date: 26 February 2013
Place: Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Public policy exchange

More info: http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/DB26-PPE2.php

Title: 11th International Conference on Urban Health

Date: 4-7 March 2014 Place: Manchester, UK

Organiser: University of Manchester

More info: greg.williams@manchester.ac.uk

Title: Global Health: Innovation - Implementation - Impact

Date: 4-16 March 2013 Place: Washington, DC, USA

Organiser: Consortium of Universities for Global Health Annual Meeting

More info: http://bit.ly/WpL378

Title: Introduction to the Statistical Software Stata®

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Date: 06-07 March 2013 Place: ISPM Bern, Switzerland

More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: Applied Bayesian Statistics in Medical Research and Health-Care Evaluation

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Date: 18-20 March 2013
Place: ISPM Bern, Switzerland

More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: Universal Health Coverage in Low-Income Countries: Ethical Issues

Date: 18-19 April 2013
Place: Boston, Massachusetts

Organiser: Harvard University Program in Ethics and Health

More info: http://hvrd.me/XHvSH9

Title: Medizinische Statistik für Nicht-StatistikerInnen

Date: 23-24 April 2013 Place: Krems, Austria

Organiser: Dept for Evidence-based Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology/

Danube University Krems

More info: http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/de/studium/medizinische_statistik/index.php

Language: German

Title: Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis: a Practical Approach

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Date: 25-26 April 2013 Place: ISPM Bern, Switzerland

More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: Analysis of Data with Measurements Below the Detection Limit

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Date: 6-8 May 2013 Place: Basel, Switzerland

Organiser: University of Basel, SwissTPH

More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: Course on Infectious Diseases in Europe: HIV and TB

Date: 22-24 May 2013 Place: Porto, Portugal

Organiser: ISPUP, University of Porto, University of Copenhagen

Deadline: For registration: 11 March 2013 More info: www.epidemiologia.med.up.pt

Title: Multilevel Modeling: Analysis of Clustered Data

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Date: 22-24 and 27-28 May 2013

Place: University of Basel, SwissTPH, Switzerland

More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd courses&lang=en

Title: International child health meeting

Date: 30-31 May 2013 Place: Dublin, Ireland

Organiser: School of Nursing and Human Sciences and partners

More info: http://child2025.eu/

5th International Jerusalem Conference on Health Policy Title:

Date: 3-5 June 2013 Place: Jerusalem, Israel

Organiser: Israel National Institute for Health Policy Research

Deadline: For abstracts: 14 February 2013

More info: Conference website

Title: Course on Health systems methods and current research

Date: 12-14 June 2013 Place: Porto, Portugal

Organiser: ISPUP, University of Porto, University of Copenhagen

Deadline: For registration: 11 March 2013 More info: www.epidemiologia.med.up.pt

Title: How to plan successfully? Date: 17 June - 5 July 2013

Basel, Switzerland Place:

Organiser: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

More info: http://www.swisstph.ch/en/teaching/professional-postgraduate/how-to-plansuccessfully-a-focus-on-priority-setting-resource-allocation-and-strategic-planning.html

Title: What healthcare can we afford? Better, quicker, lower cost

Date: 26-28 June 2013 Place: Milano, Italy Organiser: EHMA

More info: 2013 Annual Conference

Title: Intervention mapping: designing theory-based and evidence-based programs

Date: 1-5 July 2013

Maastricht, The Netherlands Place:

Organiser: Maastricht University

More info: registration@interventionmapping.com

Title: Writing a Journal Article.. and Getting it Published

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

3 July 2013 Date: Place: Bern, Switzerland Organiser: University of Bern, ISPM,

More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd courses&lang=en

Title: EuroEpi and NordicEpi 2013

Date: 11-14 August 2013 Aarhus, Denmark Place: More info: www.euroepi2013.org Title: Balancing the Primary Care and Secondary Care provision for more

integration and better health outcomes!

Date: 9-10 September 2013 Place: Istanbul, Turkey

Organiser: EFPC, supported by WHO regional office for Europe and the IHF

More info: www.euprimarycare.org

Title: 2nd World Congress of Clinical Safety- Risk in Clinical Care

Date: 12 - 13 September 2013
Place: Heidelberg, Germany
Deadline: for abstracts: 31 May 2013

More info: http://www.iarmm.org/2WCCS/Abstract_Submissions.pdf

Title: Introduction to Mathematical Models of the Epidemiology & Control of

Infectious Diseases

Date: 16-27 September 2013

Place: London, UK

Organiser: Imperial College London

More info: http://www.InfectiousDiseaseModels.org

Title: Quality and Safety in Population Health and Healthcare

Date: 13-16 October 2013 Place: Edinburgh, UK

Organiser: ISQua

Deadline: For abstracts: 6 February 2013

More info: www.isqua.org

Title: 2nd GRF One Health Summit 2013

Date: 17 – 20 November 2013 Place: Davos, Switzerland

Organiser: Global Risk Forum GRF Davos More info: http://onehealth.grforum.org/

Title: 4th Asia-Pacific Conference on Public Health (APCPH)

Date: 21-22 November, 2013 Place: Nha Trang City, Viet Nam

Organiser: Vietnam Public Health Association

More info: www.apcphvn2013.com

7. Interesting publications

Global Health Promotion, vol. 19/4, December 2012

IUHPE/UIPES, www.iuhpe.org

Swiss TPH - Biennial report 2011-2012

Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, www.swisstph.ch

The Global Gender Gap Index 2012

World Economic Forum - Geneva Switzerland Ricardo Hausmann, Laura D. Tyson, Saadia Zahidi

Full report at: http://bit.ly/14dl2Mv

Home care across Europe. Current structure and future challenges

Edited by N. Genet, W. Boerma, M. Kroneman, A. Hutchinson and R. Saltman The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policie Studies Series 27 - 2012, Available online at: http://bit.ly/TrcQrl

Canada health system review HiT (2013)

Gregory P. Marchildon

World Health Organization 2013 (acting as the host organization for, and secretariat of, the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies)

Available online PDF [179p.] at: http://bit.ly/UYZOy2

Travelling Well: Essays in Medical Tourism

Transdisciplinary Studies in Population Health Series - Volume 4, Issue 1, 2013 Edited by Ronald Labonté, Vivien Runnels, Corinne Packer and Raywat Deonandan Available online at: http://bit.ly/10FwyS1

Global Risks 2013

World Economic Forum in collaboration with: Marsh & McLennan Companies - National University of Singapore - Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford -Swiss Reinsurance Company

Wharton Center for Risk Management, University of Pennsylvania - Zurich Insurance Group Eighth Edition - An Initiative of the Risk Response Network - 2013 World Economic Forum Available online at: http://bit.ly/WduZr5

Violence Against Women in Latin America and the Caribbean:

A comparative analysis of population-based data from 12 countries.

Sarah Bott, Alessandra Guedes, Mary Goodwin, Jennifer Adams Mendoza

A collaboration between the Pan American Health Organization PAHO/WHO and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC, with technical input from MEASURE DHS, ICF International, 2012

Available online PDF [156.] at: http://bit.ly/YdQdbl

Health Inequality - determinants and policies

Diderichsen F et al.

Scandinavian Journal of Public Health – November 12, 2012 40(8 Suppl):12-105. doi: 10.1177/1403494812457734.

Available online at: http://bit.ly/10C6fgG

Building blocks for equitable growth: lessons from the BRICS

Milo Vandemoortele et al.

January 2013 - Working Paper 365 - Overseas Development Institute ODI

Available online at: http://bit.ly/SPxIYV

Strengthening Mechanisms to Prioritize, Coordinate, Finance, and Execute R&D to Meet Health Needs in Developing Countries

Peter Hotez, Rachel Cohen, Carol Mimura, Tadataka Yamada, and Stephen L. Hoffman January 15, 2013

US Instituto of medicine IOM Global Health Interest Group

Available online at: http://bit.ly/13Hk7Vt

Sustaining the drive to overcome the global impact of neglected tropical diseases

WHO Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases – January 2013 Available online PDF at: http://bit.ly/Wd5LXs

Change in the Body Mass Index Distribution for Women:

Analysis of Surveys from 37 Low- and Middle-Income Countries Razak F, Corsi DJ, SV Subramanian (2013)

PLoS Med 10(1): e1001367. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001367

Available online at: http://bit.ly/U1Dogn

Evidence for Health: From Patient Choice to Global Policy

Anne Andermann -McGill University, Montreal Canada

Cambridge University Press – December 2012

Excerpt PDF: http://bit.ly/VQBhg3

Donor Funding for Health in Low- & Middle-Income Countries, 2002–2010

Adam Wexler, Allison Valentine, & Jen Kates Kaiser Family Foundation - January 2013 Available online at: http://bit.ly/WXnr8k

Well-being, Happiness, and Public Policy

Sabine Alkire

Research Paper: 37a - January 2013

Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Available online PDF [55p.] at: http://bit.ly/UZMn1s

The emergence of global attention to health systems strengthening

Tamara Hafner and Jeremy Shiffman

Health Policy Plan. (2013) 28 (1): 41-50. doi: 10.1093/heapol/czs023

Website: http://bit.ly/VTTff2

U.S. Health in International Perspective: Shorter Lives, Poorer Health

Steven H. Woolf and Laudan Aron, Editors;

Panel on Understanding Cross-National Health Differences Among High-Income Countries; Committee on Population; Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education; National

Research Council; Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice

US Institute of Medicine IOM – January 2013 Available online at: http://bit.ly/13iMwQB

Ethnicity, Migration and the 'Social Determinants of Health'- Agenda

David Ingleb

Psychosocial Intervention - Vol. 21, No. 3, 2012 - pp. 331-341

Available versions: English: http://bit.ly/ZIxIIZ

Human Security Report 2012 - Sexual Violence, Education, and War

Human Security Research Group.-School for International Studies

Simon Fraser University - Vancouver BC - Canada Available online PDF [230p.] at: http://bit.ly/VQiKgQ

The Broker Dossier on inequality

The Broker – Connecting Worlds of Knowledge – December 2012

Website: http://bit.ly/13esuql

Roadmap to Reduce Disparities

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - at: http://bit.ly/VyOQ1w

Global Health Justice and Governance

Ruger, Jennifer Prah, (December 12, 2012).

American Journal of Bioethics. 2012; 12(12):35-54.

Available at SSRN: http://bit.ly/Ra1Egl

A Global View of Health — An Unfolding Series

Harvey V. Fineberg, David J. Hunter

N Engl J Med 2013; 368:78-79 January 3, 2013

Website: http://bit.ly/UBeVkD

Global Health Justice and Governance

Ruger, Jennifer Prah, (December 12, 2012).

American Journal of Bioethics. 2012; 12(12):35-54.

Available at SSRN: http://bit.ly/Ra1Egl

Healthy Equity - A series of invited commentaries

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health Volume 36, Issue 6, pages 513–514, December 2012

Website: http://bit.ly/QVXzft

Health equity in an unequal country: the use of medical services in Chile

Guillermo Paraje and Felipe Vásquez

International Journal for Equity in Health - 18 December 2012

Available online at: http://bit.ly/UP5f14

8. European Commission news

Ageing

New round of Invitations for Commitment launched: your chance to join in the work of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy ageing

Alcohol

4th Open Forum on Alcohol and Health, Brussels, 23 November 2012 Presentations now available

11th plenary meeting European Alcohol and Health Forum, Brussels, 22 November 2012 - Flash report and presentations now available

Blood, tissues and organs

2012 Journalist Workshop on organ donation and transplantation – List of articles updated

Cross-border care

Cross-border healthcare Directive- National Contact Point websites: feasibility study Press release: Europe for patients: Common rules on medical prescriptions when travelling to another EU country

Commission implementing directive laying down measures to facilitate the recognition of medical prescriptions issued in another Member State adopted by the Commission

· Health indicators

New indicator 'Physical activity' now available with EHIS data (ECHI #52)

• Health programme

List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated

Healthy environments

New Eurobarometer on attitudes of Europeans towards air quality

· Health technology assessment

Results of Public Consultation on the Health Technology Assessment Network 2012 now available

· Major and chronic diseases

Chronic diseases - Policy page updated New page on the reflection process on chronic diseases

Mental health

Workshop on the role of mental health & social emotional learning in promoting educational attainment and preventing early school leaving, Luxembourg, 9 October 2012 - Report now available

Nutrition and physical activity

Video: EU action on nutrition & physical activity. Working together at local, regional, national and European level

The "EU Platform for action on diet, physical activity and health" visualised Key information on the pilot project on increasing the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in vulnerable population groups

Rare diseases

New events on Rare Diseases

Scientific Committees

Newsletter of the European Commission Scientific committees - December 2012 edition available

Tobacco Products

Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive

9. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

ECDC communicable disease threats report

Date of publication: every Friday

The ECDC communicable disease threats report is a weekly bulletin intended for epidemiologists and health professionals in the area of communicable disease prevention and control. Summarising information gathered by ECDC through its epidemic intelligence activities regarding communicable disease threats of concern to the European Union, it also provides updates on the global situation and changes in the epidemiology of communicable diseases with potential to affect Europe, including diseases that are the focus of eradication efforts. Available online on the ECDC website

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 1, 03 January 2013

In this issue: We list the names of our peer reviewers in 2012 and thank them for their support.

This week's table of contents:

EDITORIALS

A note from the editors: changes and stability – looking back to 2012 and forward to 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20342

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

The continued emergence of hantaviruses: isolation of a Seoul virus implicated in human disease, United Kingdom, October 2012

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20344

Indications for worldwide increased norovirus activity associated with emergence of a new variant of genotype II.4, late 2012

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20345

MISCELLANEOUS

Eurosurveillance reviewers in 2012

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20343

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20346

Job vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20347

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 2, 10 January 2013

In this issue: Eurosurveillance has implemented an electronic submission system and updated its editorial policy.

This week's table of contents:

MISCELLANEOUS

Note from the editors: Eurosurveillance online submission system now launched http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20353

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Simultaneous increase of Cryptosporidium infections in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Germany in late summer season, 2012

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20348

A verocytotoxin-producing E. coli outbreak with a surprisingly high risk of haemolytic uraemic syndrome, Denmark, September-October 2012

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20350

Mycobacterium tuberculosis Beijing outbreak in a school in Marseille, France, 2012

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20354

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Hospital-acquired infections due to multidrug-resistant organisms in Hungary, 2005-2010 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20352

LETTERS

Increased norovirus activity in Scotland in 2012 is associated with the emergence of a new norovirus GII.4 variant

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20349

Letter to the editor: Ongoing outbreak of dengue type 1 in the Autonomous Region of Madeira, Portugal

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20351

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 3, 17 January 2013

In this issue: Special issue on the molecular epidemiology of human pathogens.

This first part presents experiences and examples from various countries in applying molecular methods to a number of diseases.

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MISCELLANEOUS

A note from the editors: molecular epidemiology of human pathogens – current use and future prospects

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20374

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Within-patient emergence of the influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 HA1 222G variant and clear association with severe disease, Norway

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20369

Molecular epidemiological typing within the European Gonococcal Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Programme reveals predominance of a multidrug-resistant clone http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20358

A snapshot of genetic lineages of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in Ireland over a two-year period, 2010 and 2011

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20367

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Imported diphyllobothriasis in Switzerland: molecular methods to define a clinical case of Diphyllobothrium infection as Diphyllobothrium dendriticum, August 2010 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20355

PERSPECTIVES

Molecular-based surveillance of campylobacteriosis in New Zealand – from source attribution to genomic epidemiology

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20365

NEWS

ECDC starts pilot phase for collection of molecular typing data http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20357 Call for applications for EPIET and EUPHEM fellows http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20359

New issue of EpiNorth journal is online

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20373

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 4, 24 January 2013

In this issue: Special issue on the molecular epidemiology of human pathogens part two presenting several reviews on advantages and challenges of available molecular methods.

This week's table of contents:

EDITORIALS

From molecular to genomic epidemiology: transforming surveillance and control of infectious diseases

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20386

EUROROUNDUPS

Use of multilocus variable-number tandem repeat analysis (MLVA) in eight European countries, 2012

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20385

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10. WHO publications

Home care across Europe. Current structure and future challenges

(Edited by Nadine Genet, Wienke Boerma, Madelon Kroneman, Allen Hutchinson and Richard Saltman)

For every person over the age of 65 in today's European Union, there are four people of working age but, by 2050, there will only be two. Demand for long-term care, of which home care forms a significant part, will inevitably increase in the decades to come.

Despite the importance of the issue, however, up-to-date and comparative information on home care in Europe is lacking. This book attempts to fill some of that gap by examining current European policy on home care services and strategies.

Home care across Europe probes a wide range of topics including the links between social services and health-care systems, the prevailing funding mechanisms, how service providers are paid, the impact of governmental regulation, and the complex roles played by informal caregivers. Drawing on a set of Europe-wide case studies (available in a second, online volume), the study provides comparable descriptive information on many aspects of the organization, financing and provision of home care across the continent. It is a text that will help frame the coming debate about how best to serve elderly citizens as European populations age.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version: http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/home-care-across-europe.-current-structure-and-future-challenges

Measurement of and target-setting for well-being: an initiative by the WHO Regional Office for Europe. Second meeting of the expert group, Paris, France, 25–26 June 2012 One of the overarching targets of the European Health 2020 policy is how to set targets for well-being. Building on a first meeting held earlier in 2012, an expert group reviewed previous work on measuring well-being and on its definitions, concepts and domains; advised WHO on the definition and concept of well-being to be used in the context of Health 2020; and determined the next steps required to develop well-being indicators and targets.

As a result of these actions, an operational framework will be proposed to measure and set targets for well-being, including options to support Member States in its implementation. For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version: http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/measurement-of-and-target-setting-for-well-being-an-initiative-by-the-who-regional-office-for-europe

Alcohol problems in the criminal justice system: an opportunity for intervention

(Lesley Graham, Tessa Parkes, Andrew McAuley and Lawrence Doi)
Alcohol is linked with crime, especially violent crime. Many people are incarcerated because of alcohol-related crime. Alcohol is not permitted in prisons except in a very few cases, and illicit use of alcohol in prison is not a major problem. Nevertheless, imprisonment gives an

opportunity to tackle alcohol problems in prisoners, with the potential for positive effects on their families and friends and a reduction in the risk of re-offending, the costs to society and health inequalities.

This publication describes an integrated model of care for alcohol problems in prisoners, with elements for best practice. The model starts with assessment of the seriousness of prisoners' alcohol problems, using a validated screening tool, the WHO Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT), and calls for interventions tailored to prisoners' specific needs.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version: http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/sections/latest-books/alcohol-problems-in-the-criminal-justice-system-an-opportunity-for-intervention

NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - DECEMBER 2012

Assessing Mental Health and Psychosocial Needs and Resources

This document offers an approach to assessment that should help you review information that is already available and only collect new data that will be of practical use, depending on your capacity and the phase of the humanitarian crisis.

European Action Plan to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol 2012-2020

This action plan includes a range of evidence-based policy options to reduce the harmful use of alcohol.

Sasakawa Health Prize

This book is an attempt to capture some of the Primary Health Care-related success stories In the South-East Asia Region, the benchmark for the choice being that all of these efforts earned global recognition by being awarded the prestigious Sasakawa Health Prize of the World Health Organization.

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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.