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EUPHA and ASPHER are pleased to invite you to the 3rd joint European Public Health Conference combining the 18th annual EUPHA meeting and the 32nd annual meeting of ASPHER. The conference will be organised from 10 to 13 November in Amsterdam by the Netherlands Public Health Federation (NPHF). The main theme of the conference is Integrated public health.

For your information, we have attached the overview of the preliminary programme. Please find regularly updated information on: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

Please note that the deadline for early registration is: 15 September 2010.

2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

(Call for application for external PhD fellows at CAPHRI)
Department of International Health (INTHEALTH), School for Public Health and Primary Care (CAPHRI), Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences
PhD network for Southeast Europe (PhD-SEE)

The Department of International Health (INTHEALTH) is the coordinating centre of the Public Health Research Network for Southeast Europe (PHR-Net). Through this call, INTHEALTH invites candidates from Southeast European (SEE) countries (namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia) to apply for 2 (two) external PhD positions at the School for Public Health and Primary Care (CAPHRI), Maastricht University, The Netherlands.

The aim of this call is to offer research possibilities, which would ultimately materialize in PhD defences, to talented and motivated SEE public health professionals who can not leave their countries for work or family reasons, but nevertheless wish to combine work, research and public health practice. This philosophy is in line with the mission and vision of the PHR-Net which, through the support of Maastricht University, is seeking for effective and efficient solutions for reconstructing and strengthening public health research capacities in SEE countries.

Features of the external PhD track at CAPHRI

Successful candidates may obtain the PhD degree after 4 years from the start of their PhD work. End-terms for acquiring the PhD title are made clear from the start of the PhD track and are communicated to the PhD fellows by the (co-)promoters and the PhD coordinator. A provisional publication plan is made in the first three months, and is regularly updated by the PhD fellows and (co-)promoters. Each PhD thesis defended at CAPHRI consists of at least 5 high quality papers (in which the PhD fellow is the first author) that have been submitted to international scientific journals. At least 3 papers have to be accepted for publication at the time of graduation. Apart from a successful defence of the PhD thesis, the Training and Supervision Plan has to be completed successfully to show one has become a well-equipped researcher.

The topic of the PhD will be chosen by the candidate and preferably should be in line with the work they are currently doing in their home countries in agreement, however, with the (co-)promoters. PhD topics related to the work of INTHEALTH are also possible.

In principle, external PhD fellows are not required to attend additional courses at Maastricht University. Nevertheless, all the external PhD fellows will be invited 2-3 times per year for Department of International Health (INTHEALTH), School for Public Health and Primary Care (CAPHRI), Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences.
Various lectures/courses which will be tailored in accordance with their needs and preferences. Partial funding for these meetings will be made available by INTHEALTH.
The external PhD track at CAPHRI grants to the successful candidates full access to the online University Library (both, Medical and Health sciences) at their home countries for the whole duration of the PhD program.

All steps of the research work (including data collection, data analysis and subsequently writing of the thesis and scientific articles) are conducted at applicants' home countries under online supervision of INTHEALTH and CAPHRI (co-)promoters, as well as local supervisor(s).

External PhD fellows do not receive wages or other forms of reimbursement from CAPHRI.

Interested candidates should submit the following documents (please scan all documents and send as e-mail attachments to the following address: anita.creusen@inthealth.unimaas.nl):

- A letter of motivation
- A short description of the suggested PhD topic
- Curriculum Vitae
- A copy of the Bachelor degree
- A copy of the Master degree (MSc, MPH, MBA, MA, or equivalent degrees)
- English language proficiency
- Two letters of reference from renowned professors at applicants’ home countries.

Preference will be given to the following candidates:

- Quality of the proposed topic
- Work experience in public health education, research and practice
- Publications in international scientific journals
- Other relevant certificates/proofs

For further questions regarding the application procedures and selection criteria, please contact Genc Burazeri at: genc.burazeri@inthealth.unimaas.nl.

**Deadline for submission of the documents is Friday, October 15, 2010.**

Decision about acceptance will be done until October 22, 2010.

The second workshop of the PhD-SEE network will take place in Maastricht, The Netherlands, in November 17-19, 2010.

**EuroHealthNet**

EuroHealthNet, the not for profit network leading work at EU levels on health promotion and social, environmental and economic determinants of health, seeks a Network Development Coordinator to support its Directors to implement its Strategic Development Plan 2010-14.

The tasks of this new post will include:

- Helping to implement the annual work programme for our Brussels office, including linking our knowledge development, policy and communications work plus overseeing administrative and employment functions;
- Carrying out a vigorous recruitment programme to attract new members and partners;
- Implementing a varied and ethical fundraising programme;
- Supporting sustainable development of a modern effective international networking organisation.

Deadline for applications is 12:00 CET Monday 6 September 2010.

More information can be found on our website: www.eurohealthnet.eu

**EU Health Policy Forum – Call for expressions of interest**

Deadline: 30 September 2010

The EU health policy forum has been asked to inform you that DG Health and Consumers has launched a call for expressions of interest to complete the membership of the Advisory Group on the Food Chain, Animal and Plant Health. This Group advises the European Commission on food safety policy, and specifically on issues related to food and feed safety, food and feed labelling and presentation, human nutrition in relation to food legislation, animal health and welfare, and plant health etc.

It currently comprises 36 key stakeholder organisations representing farmers, the food industry, retailers, consumer organisations and others, out of a possible 45. The Commission wishes to extend the current membership by incorporating sectors not already represented. Current members are not required to reapply.

The details of the call can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/advisory/call_interest_20100930_en.htm
3. Interesting news

**Evaluating primary care in Europe: Launch of the QUALICOPC project**
From 24-25 June, NIVEL (Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research) hosted the kick-off meeting of the QUALICOPC project. The EC funded project aims to evaluate primary care systems in Europe against criteria of quality, equity and costs in 31 European countries. It will be implemented until 2013 by institutes in 5 countries coordinated by NIVEL. Other international organisations such as the European Forum for Primary Care will be involved. The project will provide an answer to the question what strong primary care systems entail and which effects strong primary care systems have on the performance of overall health care systems. More information is available on the website [www.qualicopc.eu](http://www.qualicopc.eu).

**European Health Examination Survey (EHES)**
The European Health Examination Survey (EHES) is a project funded by the EC. The project publishes a newsletter where more details on the project can be found. The EHES Newsletter is available at the EHES web site ([http://www.ehes.info](http://www.ehes.info)). The latest Newsletter can be directly accessed at [http://www.ehes.info/newsletter/ehes_newsletter1.pdf](http://www.ehes.info/newsletter/ehes_newsletter1.pdf).

**European Urban Health Indicator System 2 (EURO-URHIS 2)**
The European Urban Health Indicator System 2 (EURO-URHIS 2), is a European Commission co-funded project which began in January 2009, following on from the EURO-URHIS 1 project which developed a network of 60 urban areas across Europe. In 2005, the EU Public Health Programme work plan identified the development of an urban health indicator system as an essential part of a comprehensive and integrated EU health information and knowledge system. Based on this, and all the previous work co-funded by the European Commission, such as ECHI, ISARE, ECHIM and others, a group led by the University of Manchester, UK, has worked on the development of a system of urban health indicators. This first project sought to find availability of many health indicators across Europe and to describe some features of health that have a major impact on the health of urban residents. EURO-URHIS 2 takes the work further by developing instruments for collecting data at an urban level and developing methodology and tools useful to policy makers at all levels to make health gains via evidence based policy decisions for urban populations. The project is co-financed through the European Commission 7th Framework Programme for Research and brings together 21 partners. You can find more information about the project, its partners and our activities reading the periodical newsletters we send out. For more details you can go to our website [www.urhis.eu](http://www.urhis.eu) or sign up for the URBAN HEALTH NETWORK, an online communication platform set up by the Euro Urhis 2 partners to bring together all those who are interested in the effects of urbanization on health and the solutions to ensure healthy urban planning and improve urban living conditions.

**Journal of Ambulatory Care Management – Call for papers**
Special Issue: Community health workers in primary health care: evidence, challenges, and future directions
The *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management* is a peer-reviewed journal that provides timely, applied information on the most important developments and issues in ambulatory care management. General guidelines for submission to the journal are available at [http://www.ambulatorycaremanagement.com/pt/re/jacm/authorinfo.htm](http://www.ambulatorycaremanagement.com/pt/re/jacm/authorinfo.htm)
The deadline for submitting completed manuscripts is February 1, 2011.

Community health workers have been described as “members of communities who work either for pay or as volunteers in association with the local health care system…[who] usually share ethnicity, language, socioeconomic status and life experiences with the community members they serve” (HRSA, 2008). Throughout the world, community health workers have been employed as members of
healthcare delivery teams, navigators of the health system, screening and education providers, outreach workers, community organizers, and in other roles. This special issue of the *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management* will focus on documenting evidence on costs, benefits, outcomes, and challenges associated with community health workers in primary health care and examine policy initiatives to support CHW services.

Authors describing original empirical research assessing the effectiveness of community health workers in different primary care settings, including analyses of costs, management, sustainability, effects on the health labor market, health outcomes, and policy strategies are invited to submit their work. We encourage submissions from both high and low income countries and communities and are particularly interested in impact evaluations, demonstrations of best practices, and policy analyses, but will consider other themes. All manuscripts should be submitted in English.

For articles discussing community health worker interventions, authors should describe program elements in their full articles, including: the type and amount of community health worker education; community health worker programmatic roles played; program financing mechanisms; and main outcome measures. As possible, reference to these elements should be briefly reviewed in submitted abstracts.

Authors should email a structured abstract (up to 350 words and including introduction, methods, results, conclusions) no later than October 1, 2010. The editors will then be in contact with authors upon review of the abstract.

Full manuscripts will be solicited from a selection of authors who have submitted abstracts. The deadline for submitting completed manuscripts is February 1, 2011.

For more information or to answer any questions, authors should feel free to contact guest editors, James Macinko james.macinko@nyu.edu and E. Lee Rosenthal elrosenthal@utep.edu, or journal editor, Norbert Goldfield nigoldfield@mmm.com

**Open Health Forum 2010 Conference – updated information**

On 29-30 June the Open Health Forum 2010 Conference took place in Brussels. The conference was organised by the European Commission in co-operation with EUHPF members The Forum hosted around 600 participants and 60 speakers from governments, academia, EU institutions, representatives of citizens, health professionals and patients.

The central theme was "Together for Health - a strategy for the EU 2020". The discussions focused on integrating Health in all Policies - how to increase dialogue and involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of HiAP. The event was opened by Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy Mr Dalli, followed by presentation of Ms Jakab from WHO and a panel of high level speakers. In the following two days these thematic workshops were held:

- Integrating Health and Environmental Policy to better people's Health,
- Positioning Health at the Centre of the post - 2013 Cohesion Policy,
- Impact Assessment and EU Health Policies: treat or opportunity?,
- Innovation for Health,
- Integrating Public Health in the Common Agriculture Policy,
- Involving Stakeholders - the role of non-state actors in the implementation of HiAP.

You can find the conference documents (workshop abstracts, workshop programmes, workshop recommendations, conference final resolution), the opening speech of Commissioner Dalli, presentations and outcomes from conference workshops, conference video and video from main room (the place where the plenary sessions and 2 workshops were held ) on the conference website.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/interest_groups/eu_health_forum/open_forum/2010/documents_en.htm#full width  

The programme can be found at  
http://ec.europa.eu/health/interest_groups/eu_health_forum/open_forum/2010/programme_en.htm#full width

**University of Southampton, School of Geography**

MSc / MRes Healthy Cities

New MSc and MRes programmes at the University of Southampton offer an exciting, interdisciplinary approach to urban health and healthy cities linking academic core study of theoretical and policy issues concerned with healthy cities with a focus on skills in geographical information systems (GIS), a
key tool for assessing variations in health needs and outcomes across urban areas. For further details see http://www.southampton.ac.uk/geography/images/masters/healthy_citiesleaflet.pdf

European Medicines Agency – new website
The European Medicines Agency unveiled its new corporate website at www.ema.europa.eu. The site has been completely redesigned and rebuilt to optimize usability for the Agency’s key online audiences and build on existing activities to improve openness and transparency.
The Agency website now receives an average of half a million unique visits per month and is a key resource for patients, healthcare professionals, regulators and those interested in the regulation and safety of medicines in the European Union.
Some of the website’s new features include:
* Quick medicine searches: Allows you to search for human and veterinary medicines by name and active substance and for herbal medicinal substances by name
* An online library: Enables you to search for all Agency documents currently online through a search on title and date published online.
* Improved navigation: More intuitive labelling and improved organisation of content so that browsing is quicker for all audience groups
* Audience landing pages: Flags information of specific value to different key users
* Online calendar and news search: Allows you to keep up to date with the latest news and events at the Agency
* RSS feeds: Brings information straight to you as soon as it is published online.

European Public Health Alliance – Smart Regulation
The European Public Health Alliance has responded to the European Commission consultation on Smart Regulation and proposed several ways to ensure that public interests, transparency and accountability of decision making to citizens are at the centre of the future Smart Regulation Agenda. The Smart Regulation Agenda is the follow-up to the ‘Better Regulation Agenda’ which aimed to simplify legislations and reduce administrative burdens; better implement Impact Assessments; and reinforce stakeholder dialogues. EPHA considers that the current approach to improving legislation put too much emphasis on conditions to improve competitiveness in economic sectors without due attention to the public interest, including health and well-being.

4. EUPHA member of the month – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sozialmedizin und Prävention (DGSMP)
Website: www.dgsmp.de

The DGSMP – German Society of Social Medicine and Prevention is the largest German member of EUPHA. The DGSMP is a multidisciplinary scientific organisation for research, education and practice in the field of social medicine and prevention. Activities include information exchange and dissemination, through – amongst others - the publication of a scientific journal and the organisation of conferences and training seminars.
The DGSMP is divided in 6 thematic departments:
- Epidemiology
- Practical social medicine and rehabilitation
- Prevention and health promotion
- Public health
- Health systems research, health economics
- Women- and gender specific health research

The annual conference will be organised for the 46th time in Berlin from 21-25 September 2010. The theme of the conference is Individualised prevention and epidemiology: modern medicine. More information on the conference can be found on www.kongress2010.de/
5. 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 Global International is an official partner of EUPHA.

**Title:** ESPACOMP2010  
**Date:** 17 - 18 September 2010  
**Place:** Lodz, Poland  
**Organiser:** ESPACOMP (European Society for Patient Adherence, COMpliance, and Persistence), Medical University of Lodz  
More information: http://www.espacomp.eu/

**Title:** Better healthcare through better infrastructure  
**Date:** 22-24 September 2010  
**Place:** Edingburg, Scotland  
**Organiser:** HaCIRIC10  
More information: www. haciric.org

**Title:** Konferenz „Der Kampf ums Gewicht“ Körper und Gewicht im Spannungsfeld von Wirtschaftsinteressen, Gesellschaftsnormen, Public Health und Lebensstil  
**Date:** 28 September 2010  
**Place:** Vienna, Austria  
More information: www.frauengesundheit-wien.at/konferenz/anmeldung.html

**Title:** Introduction to Health Technology Assessment (HTA)  
**Date:** 4-7 October 2010  
**Place:** Hall, Austria  
**Organiser:** Institutes für Public Health, Medical Decision Making & HTA in Hall i.T. (Austria)  
More information: www.umit.at/htads

**Title:** Master Class "Public health interventions in real-life settings: the AGORA experience"  
**Date:** 8-10 November 2010  
**Place:** Wageningen, The Netherlands  
**Organiser:** Academic Collaborative Centre AGORA, which is a consortium of the Community Health Service Gelre-IJssel and Wageningen University  
More information: http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/courses/agora-10.htm

**Title:** Healthcare Abroad and Health Tourism- 2nd International Temos Conference  
**Date:** 14-16 November 2010  
**Place:** Cologne, Germany  
**Organiser:** Temos  
More information: info@temos-international.com

**Title:** Congress of the European Childhood Obesity Group ()  
**Date:** 16-20 November 2010  
**Place:** Brussels, Belgium  
**Organiser:** ECOG
6. Interesting publications

Remco Coppen, NIVEL, 2010

Mind the Gap
The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger
Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett - Bloomsbury Press
By Claude S. Fischer Boston Review July/August 2010
Available online at: http://bostonreview.net/BR35.4/fischer.php

Managing the health effects of climate change
Lancet and University College London Institute for Global Health Commission
Anthony Costello et al.
Lancet 2009; 373: 1693–733

Health Systems and Health Related Behaviour Change: A Critical Review of Primary and Secondary Evidence
Catherine Swann, Chris Carmona, Mary Ryan, Michael Raynor, Enis Barış, Sarah Dunsdon, Jane Huntley and Michael P. Kelly
London: NICE/ Copenhagen: WHO - 2010

Prevent and Cure
World Policy Journal - Volume 27, Issue 2 - Summer 2010
Available free online at: http://bit.ly/b1exlc

Informe regional sobre desarrollo humano para América Latina y el Caribe 2010
Actuar sobre el futuro: romper la transmisión intergeneracional de la desigualdad
Informe disponible en texto completo - Website: http://bit.ly/caPasZ
Teaching Epidemiology
A guide for teachers in epidemiology, public health and clinical medicine
Third Edition
Jorn Olsen, Rodolfo Saracci, and Dimitrios Trichopoulos
978-0-19-923947-4 | 15 April 2010
Oxford University Press 2010 - Website: http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199239474.do

Providing evidence-based solutions for world health problems
The Division of Policy Translation and Leadership Development is a new division at the School that became official on July 1, 2010
Website: http://bit.ly/b5GKAh

Global operating theatre distribution and pulse oximetry supply: an estimation from reported data
L M Funk et al.
The Lancet, 1 July 2010doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(10)60392-3
Abstract: http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(10)60392-3/fulltext

Control of Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (XDRTB): A Root Cause Analysis
Jennifer Prah Ruger
Global Health Governance, Vol III, No. 2 (Spring 2010)
http://www.ghgj.org

Contributions for Repositioning a Regional Strategy for Healthy Municipalities, Cities and Communities (HM&C):
Results of a Pan-American Survey
Sergio Meresman, Marilyn Rice, Carlos Vizzotti, Romina Frassia, Pablo Vizzotti, Marco Akerman, Santo André,
Journal of Urban Health: Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine
doi:10.1007/s11524-010-9457-1-

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Available online at: http://bit.ly/aG7WSk

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Policy Brief
Corinna Sorenson, Michael Drummond, Finn Børlum Kristensen and Reinhard Busse
World Health Organization on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
Also available in:
Deutsch (PDF), 297.5 KB
Français (PDF), 264.0 KB
Русский (PDF), 439.9 KB

Putting Citizens at the Centre: Linking States and Societies for Responsive Governance
A policy-maker’s guide to the research of the Development Research Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability
Prepared for the Conference on ‘The Politics of Poverty, Elites, Citizens and States’
Sponsored by the Department for International Development
June 21 – 23, 2010
School feeding for improving the physical and psychosocial health of disadvantaged students (Review)
Betsy Kristjansson et al.
The Cochrane Collaboration. Published by JohnWiley & Sons, Ltd. 2009

The Quality of Death: Ranking end-of-life care across the world
2010 The Economist Intelligence Unit

Poverty and social exclusion in the WHO European Region: health systems respond
Edited by Theadora Koller
WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development
Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2010

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Interventions to Combat Childhood Diarrhoea in Developing Countries
Hugh Waddington, Birte Snilstveit, Howard White, Lorna Fewtrell,
The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

Acute Multidimensional Poverty: A New Index for Developing Countries
Sabina Alkire, Maria Emma Santos,
Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI) - Oxford Department of International Development - Queen Elizabeth House (QEH), University of Oxford - July 2010

The Global Health System: Institutions in a Time of Transition
William C. Clark, Nicole A. Szlezak, Suerie Moon, Barry R. Bloom, Gerald T. Keusch, Catherine M. Michaud, Dean T. Jamison, Julio Frenk, and Wen L. Kilama
CID Working Paper No. 193 Center for International Development at Harvard University, January 2010

What kind of State? What kind of equality?
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC/CEPAL) - June 2010
Spanish: ¿Qué Estado para qué igualdad?
French: Quel genre d'État pour quel genre d'égalité?
Portuguese: Que tipo de Estado? Que tipo de igualdade?

Access: how do good health technologies get to poor people in poor countries?
Laura J. Frost & Michael R. Reich.
Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies
Published in the Harvard Series on Population and International Health

The Food System: a prism of present and future challenges for health promotion and sustainable development
Available online PDF [27p.] at: http://bit.ly/9wBwCk
Editorial: Who, and what, causes health inequities?
Reflections on emerging debates from an exploratory Latin American/North American workshop
Nancy Krieger et al.
Website: http://bit.ly/bOEiKj

Redressing the Unconscionable Health Gap: A Global Plan for Justice
Lawrence O. Gostin
O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center
Caring for people with chronic conditions
A health system perspective
Edited by Ellen Nolte and Martin McKee - Open University Press
World Health Organization on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.

Increasing access to health workers in remote and rural areas through improved retention
Global Policy Recommendations

Making the Case for Laws That Improve Health: A Framework for Public Health Law Research
Scott Burris, Alexander C. Wagenaar, Jeffrey Swanson, Jennifer K. Ibrahim, Jennifer Wood, and Michelle M. Mello
The Milbank Quarterly Volume 88, Number 2, 2010

Gaining Health
Analysis of policy development in European countries for tackling non communicable diseases
By Anna Ritsatakis and Péter Makara
Editors: Jill L. Farrington, Robert Geneau and Bosse Pettersson
Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization 2009

Do we need an international collaboration for synthesizing health-system evidence?
Working Group on Health Systems Research Synthesis
Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research 20 May 2010

Valuing the Environment: Economics for a Sustainable Future
David Glover leads the Environmental Economics program at Canada’s International Development Research Centre IDRC
Disponible en français / Disponible en español

Global Justice and the Social Determinants of Health
Ethics & International Affairs, Volume 24.2 (Summer 2010)
Sridhar Venkatapuram
June 14, 2010
Available online at: http://bit.ly/cQtPe7

Human Development: Definitions, Critiques, and Related Concepts
Sabina Alkire, United Nations Development Programme
Human Development Reports - Research Paper - June 2010
Available online PDF [100p.] at: http://bit.ly/d0Wlz4

Healthy workplaces: a model for action
For employers, workers, policy-makers and practitioners
World Health Organization 2010

Survivors of the war in the Northern Kosovo: violence exposure, risk factors and public health effects of an ethnic conflict.
Wang SJ, Salihu M, Rushiti F, Bala L, Modvig J.
http://www.conflictandhealth.com/content/4/1/11
It’s not ‘just deprivation’: Why do equally deprived UK cities experience different health outcomes?
D. Walsh, N. Bendel, R. Jones, P. Hanlon
Web: www.gcph.co.uk

7. European Commission: update

Antimicrobial resistance
Health workforce
Transatlantic task force on urgent antimicrobial resistance - TATFAR Ministerial Conference: Investing in the health professionals of tomorrow in Europe 9-10/09/2010

Healthcare
Pharmaceutical Health Information System (PHIS) - Hospital Pharma Project - Report 2010

Indicators
A new version of the ECHI (European Community health indicators) tool is now available
Data collection on health indicators at sub-national level - Page updated
ECHI - list of indicators - Expenditures on health updated
Healthy Life Years (HLY) - Page updated

Interest groups
EU Open Health Forum 2010, Brussels, 29-30 June 2010 - Speakers presentations, video records and final resolution published

Major and chronic diseases
Mortality - Causes of death - Page updated

Medicinal products for human use
EMA Agency publishes policy on communicating safety issues for human medicines

Mental health
Announcement of Empowerment Leadership Meeting (27-28 October 2010 Leuven, Belgium)
Thematic Conference Mental Health and Well-being in Older People, Madrid, 28-29 June 2010 - Conclusions from the conference now available
User empowerment in mental health - a statement by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, supported by European Commission

Nutrition and physical activity
European Platform for action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health: 5 year evaluation Report

Preparedness and response
Stakeholder Consultation on Strengthening European Union Preparedness on Pandemic Influenza - Deadline extended to 30 July 2010

Public health
Sixtieth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (13 -16 September 2010)

Reports
EU Health statistical reports - Page updated

Scientific committees
Call for information on the toxicity and the assessment of mixtures of chemicals Deadline: 8 September 2010
Hearing on the Fluoridation of Drinking Water, Brussels, 17 September 2010 Deadline for registration: 10 September 2010
Public consultation on the SCENIHR pre-consultation opinion on the Addictiveness and Attractiveness of Tobacco Additives Deadline: 5 September 2010
Public consultation on the SCENIHR pre-consultation opinion on the Scientific Basis for a Definition of the Term "Nanomaterial" Deadline: 15 September 2010
SCCS - Minutes of the 6th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 23 March 2010
SCCS - New statement available
SCCS - Opinion on Triclosan Antimicrobial Resistance
SCCS - Opinions open for comments - Deadline for comments: 27 August 2010
SCENIHR - Minutes of 3rd Working Group on Health Effects of Artificial Light Meeting of 21 April 2010
SCENIHR - Minutes of the 8th Plenary Meetings, Brussels, 10 May 2010
SCENIHR Call for experts in ophthalmology - Deadline for submission: 1 September 2010
8. European Centre for Diseases Control

ECDC publications available online since June 2010
Core functions of microbiology reference laboratories for communicable diseases
This document is intended to provide a common understanding of the core functions and activities of microbiology reference laboratories. The five core functions included in this report are reference diagnostics; reference material resources; scientific advice; collaboration and research; and monitoring, alert and response.
Possible target readership: microbiologists, laboratory technicians, public health experts, outbreak experts, policy makers
Read more:
This publication will be also soon available in print. To order a hard copy, please send an email to publications@ecdc.europa.eu

First annual meeting of the European Reference Laboratory Network for Tuberculosis
Delegates from nominated TB reference laboratories in EU and EEA Member States, along with others from EU candidate countries, attended the meeting.
Key outcomes were an agreed outline and writing plan for a handbook on diagnostic methods and practices for TB reference laboratories and implementation plans for external quality assurance.
Possible target readership: microbiologists working with TB
Read more:

Meeting report: Expert consultation on healthcare-associated infection prevention and control
The purpose of this meeting, held from 25 to 26 February 2010, was to consult with a group of experts from across Europe and representatives of the World Health Organization (WHO) and European Commission to reach a consensus on the current needs and key priorities for developing evidence-based guidance on prevention of HAI at the European level.
During the meeting, experts were asked to rank priority guidance topics for the top five organisational elements of hospital infection control programmes and top five care-specific measures. The criteria for priority ranking were based on the perceived level of effectiveness of interventions and extent of potential benefit in reducing the burden of HAI disease across Europe.
Draft outlines on methods of development and content of ECDC guidance were also reviewed and agreed upon.
Read more:

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Type and quantity of data needed for an early estimate of transmissibility when an infectious disease emerges
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Association between 2009 seasonal influenza vaccine and influenza-like illness during the 2009 pandemic: preliminary results of a large household transmission study in Western Australia
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Impact of emergency oral rabies vaccination of foxes in northeastern Italy, 28 December 2009–20 January 2010: preliminary evaluation
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Tuberculosis in Greece: bacteriologically confirmed cases and anti-tuberculosis drug resistance, 1995-2009
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Outbreak investigation in two groups of coach passengers with gastroenteritis returning from Germany to the Netherlands in February 2009
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The influenza A(H5N1) epidemic at six and a half years: 500 notified human cases and more to come
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Alarming spread of vancomycin resistant enterococci in Sweden since 2007
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19620

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Estimation of the reproduction number for 2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1) in the presence of imported cases
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Author’s reply: Estimation of the reproduction number for 2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1) in the presence of imported cases
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9. WHO publications

Just published by WHO/EURO
Best practice in estimating the costs of alcohol – Recommendations for future studies
This publication is only available online.
This report aims to summarize best practice in estimating the attributable and avoidable costs of alcohol, and to make recommendations for making such estimates in future studies. It discusses the conceptual basis for such cost studies, and examines the conceptual and methodological challenges for each type of cost in turn.

For more information about the book and a link to the electronic version check:

Poverty and social exclusion in the WHO European Region: Health systems respond

In 22 case studies from across the WHO European Region, and 3 background papers on Roma, migrants and children, this publication focuses on how health systems can meet the needs of populations that are experiencing poverty and social exclusion, and thus at greater risk of being deprived of their right to health.

The studies show some of the social conditions make people particularly vulnerable, and the ways in which interventions work to improve the accessibility, availability, acceptability and quality of health services, and the health system works through four functions (stewardship, service delivery, financing and resource generation) to address socially determined health inequities.

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The European Commission’s Communication on alcohol and the WHO framework for alcohol policy – Analysis to guide development of national alcohol action plans.
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This public health analysis examines the supporting documentation for the formulation and implementation of the European Commission’s 2006 Communication on a strategy to reduce alcohol-related harm and the framework for alcohol policy in the WHO European Region, to provide guidance for the development of national action plans on alcohol. This report also examines relevant findings from projects co-financed by the Commission.

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Prevention of acute drug-related mortality in prison populations during the immediate post-release period
The rate of acute drug-related mortality, or overdose deaths, among prisoners immediately after their release is unacceptably high. Substance dependence is a chronic disorder with high relapse rates, and often requires long-term continuous treatment. Trials and cohort studies give good evidence that opioid substitution treatment reduces the risk of overdose among opioid users.
This report identifies the main areas that need to be improved to decrease the risk of overdose death. Linking prison health and public health systems closely is essential to mitigating the risk. Recommendations cover preventive responses across all levels of the justice system. The report includes a literature review that identifies a substantial body of research from various countries. This research supports the finding that the initial post-release period presents ex-prisoners with a significantly heightened risk of acute drug-related mortality.

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Counselling for Maternal and Newborn Health Care
The main aim of this practical Handbook is to strengthen counselling and communication skills of skilled attendants (SAs) and other health providers, helping them to effectively discuss with women, families and communities the key issues surrounding pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum, postnatal and post-abortion care.

WHO Recommended Classification of Pesticides by Hazard and Guidelines to Classification 2009
The document lists common technical grade pesticides and recommended classifications together with a listing of active ingredients believed to be obsolete or discontinued for use as pesticides.

WHO Technical Manual on Tobacco Tax Administration
Of all the many interventions for reducing tobacco use, a significant increase in tobacco product taxes and prices has been demonstrated to be the single most effective and cost-effective intervention, particularly among the poor and the young.

HIV Stand Up for Human Rights
This cartoon launched by the United Nations Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Joint Programme for HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the World Health Organization (WHO), is designed to empower young people to promote human rights in relation to HIV.

How to Conduct Patent Searches for Medicines
This guide describes a step-by-step approach to locating information about patents on medicines, which, though not easily found, is often available on the Internet.

Malaria in the Greater Mekong Sub-region
This report provides an overview of the epidemiological patterns of malaria in the Greater Mekong Subregion from 1988 to 2007, and highlights critical challenges facing National Malaria Control Programmes and partners as they move towards malaria elimination as a programmatic goal.

Methodological Approach to Assessing Trade in Health Services
Country studies on assessing trade in health services require a valid and reliable methodology that will allow the possible impact of international trade on access, quality, equity and efficiency of health services to be estimated. This monograph addresses such a need.

Guidelines for the Management of Snake-bites
These guidelines aim to promote the rational management of snake-bite cases in various health facilities where trained health functionaries and quality snake antivenom are available.

Epilepsy in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region
This report brings together, for the first time, all the available evidence on epidemiology, etiology and management available from the Region and suggests the directions that need to be pursued to bridge the gap between the resources needed and those available, in order to make treatment of epilepsy accessible and affordable to the community.

Prevention of Acute Drug-related Mortality in Prison Populations during the Immediate Post-release Period
This report identifies the main areas that need to be improved in order to decrease the risk of death. Recommendations for preventive responses are considered across all levels of the justice system.

Household Combustion of Solid Fuels and High Temperature Frying
This volume provides a first-time evaluation of the carcinogenicity of household solid fuel combustion (coal and biomass) and of high-temperature frying.

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.

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. 103.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

Soins primaires de l'oreille et de l'audition CDROM
Le matériel de formation de l'OMS sur les soins primaires de l'oreille et de l'audition se compose de manuels simples d'utilisation et divisés en trois niveaux : niveau élémentaire, niveau intermédiaire et niveau avancé. Des outils d'aide pédagogique, comme des affiches, viennent les compléter.

BOOKS IN SPANISH

Cuidado Primario del oído y la audición CDROM
La serie de la OMS de Capacitación en Cuidado Primario del Oído y la Audición es un nuevo conjunto de cuatro manuales de formación destinados a dotar al personal de atención primaria de salud de los países en desarrollo de métodos simples y costoefficaces para disminuir la carga de trastornos del oído y de la audición.

BOOKS IN RUSSIAN

Sixty Years of WHO in Europe (Russian)
This booklet tells the story of the WHO Regional Office for Europe from its beginnings to its state in 2010.