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1. EUPHA – ASPHER conference 2008: DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT!!

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

The abstract submission for both conferences is now open! The deadline for submission is 1 May 2008 (midnight). The submission system has been improved for abstract submitters:

In the past, EUPHA offered two abstract submission forms: one for research abstracts and one for policy/practice abstracts. Even though there was a difference in format and in scoring instructions, all submitted abstracts entered the same system. Furthermore, the abstract submitter was requested to select a track for the abstract out of a long list of proposed tracks.

This has now been changed. An abstract submitter is offered a choice of four abstract forms:

- to present research
- to present policy
- to present practice
- to present training and education.

After this first selection, the submitter can choose the sort of presentation: workshop (90 minutes session), single oral presentation (10 minutes) or single poster presentation. If so desired, the submitter can link the abstract to a EUPHA section.

A new item in the abstract submission is that corrections to the submitted abstracts are possible until the 1st of May (deadline for submission). The submitted abstract is easily accessible for smaller corrections (e.g. change of presenting author or updated results).

All abstracts are peer-reviewed by a selection of our International Scientific Committee with 41 public health experts from 30 countries. Each field (e.g. practice abstract) will be scored by experts experienced in that field.

Time-table:

1 May:	deadline for the submission of abstracts
5-31 May:	Scoring by the International Scientific Committee assisted by the EUPHA sections

31 May-5 June:	Preliminary analysis of the scoring and preparation of the decisional meeting
7-8 June:	Decisional meeting in Lisbon, Portugal; setting up of the preliminary programme
9-16 June:	Elaboration of the programme, preparation of the emails
16-18 June:	Sending out the decisional emails
June – end of July:	Preparation of the abstract supplement

2. News:

EUPHA - Infectious Disease Control (IDC) Section News

The IDC Section would like your help in planning our workshops for the Lisbon Conference. We particularly want to involve members from other sections as well as our own and our suggested themes are:

- the public health challenge of health care associated infections; what's happening with young peoples' sexual health?;
- Legionnaires' Disease - an emerging environmental problem; and,
- challenges of implementing the International Health Regulations.

We have started discussion on these themes on IDC-Space, our section website, which you can access by going to www.eupha.org, EUPHA sections, then clicking on Infectious Disease Control.

The call for proposals for the second EU Action programme on Public Health has much to interest IDC section members. If you have some ideas for proposals and want to develop these, or are looking for collaborators, then IDC-space can help you find other EUPHA members to work with. Join the discussion or start a new thread of your own - it's your space!

European information system on primary care

Launch PHAMEU project: Primary Healthcare Activity Monitor for Europe

The development of a Primary Healthcare Activity Monitor for Europe (PHAMEU) has started. From 4-6 February, NIVEL (Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research) hosted the kick-off meeting of the PHAMEU project. This EU funded project will result in a primary care monitoring system applicable in 31 European countries. The Monitor will generate information that will enable countries to identify elements of primary care that need to be strengthened and to take relevant policy decisions. It will be implemented in 3 years by institutes in 10 countries together with EUPHA and other international organisations, coordinated by NIVEL (Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research).

Further information on the project is available at www.phameu.eu or contact Ms. Dionne Sofia Kringos at phameu@nivel.nl

3. Call for proposals /collaboration:

Announcement: Novo Nordisk Foundation Professorship of Global Public Health with Emphasis on Prevention of Chronic Diseases

The University of Copenhagen, The Centre for International Health (CISU), is seeking expressions of interests from highly qualified candidates for a 5-year Novo Nordisk Foundation Professorship of Global Public Health with Emphasis on Prevention of Chronic Diseases. The selected candidate would be responsible for designing and carrying out collaborative research in middle- and low-income countries with the aim to increase the knowledge and understanding of chronic diseases, to test and evaluate innovative primary prevention strategies, and to increase awareness of this rapidly growing problem. The selected candidate would also be expected to take on related teaching and capacity building activities both in Copenhagen and selected middle- and low-income countries, as needed.

While chronic diseases have long been the main causes of mortality and morbidity in high-income countries, recent evidence from the World Health Organization and the World Bank indicates that the prevalence of these diseases are growing at alarming rate. Indeed, it is projected that by 2015, more than half off all deaths even in low-income countries will be due to chronic diseases, such as diabetes type 2, hypertension, stroke, heart disease, cancer. Yet we know very little about the epidemiology of chronic diseases in this part of the world, and even less about effective strategies to prevent them. Since the impact on both the individuals and society in these countries will be extensive, it is urgent that work be initiated to address these problems. With a grant from the Novo Nordisk Foundation, CISU is seeking to become a global center of excellence in the primary prevention of chronic diseases in developing countries. The Novo Nordisk Foundation Professor is expected to lead the activities needed to achieve this goal. The position carries with it an endowment of approximately US\$2 million which may be used to hire additional center staff and fund research and capacity building.

The selected candidate will have an extensive publication record related to primary prevention of chronic diseases, preferably in developing countries. Interested candidates should send a brief letter of interest and their CVs to the chair of the search committee, Professor Ib Bygbjerg e-mail: i.bygbjerg@pubhealth.ku.dk and Cc.: likj@sund.ku.dk

Letters of interest will be treated with full confidentiality.

Further information about the position, including salaries, benefits, etc. may be obtained by contacting Professor Ib Bygbjerg. For further information about University of Copenhagen and CISU see: www.ku.dk/english/

MTEC Scholarships available:

The Maastricht University, Faculty Health, Medicine and Life Sciences are pleased to announce the availability of MTEC Scholarships for Promising Students and Public Health Professionals. Approximately 15 full scholarships are available (2008-2009) for the M.Sc. Programme in Public Health as offered by the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences in close cooperation with the Netherlands School of Public and Occupational Health (Amsterdam). Prospective students from any of the following countries may apply: Albania; Belarus; Bosnia; Bulgaria; Croatia; Jordan; Macedonia; Moldova; Montenegro; Morocco; Romania; Russian Federation; Serbia; Turkey and Ukraine.

MTEC Scholarships are intended for promising students and public health professionals. Students who have completed a bachelor degree in public health, the health sciences or an associated domain or have started their career in a relevant field of work are eligible.

The MTEC scholarship covers tuition fee, study materials, housing, travel to and from home country, insurance, a personal development programme and one social programme.

For more information please visit our website: www.unimaas.nl/fhlm/masters click on Health Sciences.

Proposals Sought for Innovative Global Health Research

First round of Grand Challenges Explorations to support bold, unconventional ideas to fight infectious diseases

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced that beginning March 31, 2008, it will accept grant proposals for the first funding round of Grand Challenges Explorations, a new \$100 million initiative to help scientists across the globe pursue ideas that have never before been tested for solving major health problems.

Initial grants through the Explorations initiative will be \$100,000 each, and projects showing success will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of \$1 million or more. The initiative will use an agile, accelerated grant-making process—applications will be two pages, and preliminary data are not required.

Grant proposals from March 31 through May 30, 2008. Applicants must register intent to submit a proposal by May 15, 2008. The foundation will select and award grants within approximately three months from the proposal submission deadline of May 30, 2008.

<http://www.gcgh.org/explorations>

Topics for First Funding Round of Grand Challenges Explorations

The first funding round will consider proposals in four topic areas:

- *Creating new ways to protect against infectious diseases:* Untried or unproven approaches to protect against infectious diseases, including harnessing natural or synthetic immune responses, or eliminating the need for an effective immune response.
- *Creating drugs or delivery systems that limit the emergence of resistance:* Innovative ideas for discovering or delivering drugs that are less likely to lose effectiveness because of resistance developing in the disease-causing agent.
- *Creating new ways to prevent or cure HIV infection:* Innovative ideas for HIV prevention or treatment methods that fall outside current research on vaccines, antiretroviral drugs, and other biomedical and behavior-change strategies.
- *Exploring the basis for latency in TB:* Unconventional approaches to understanding latent TB infection, with the goal of discovering new ways to identify and eliminate latent infection, and break the cycle of TB transmission.

Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health Improving the Equity of Health Financing in Developing Countries and Donor Harmonization and Alignment

Call for submissions: http://www.resultsfordevelopment.org/_docs/MLIRFP1.pdf

Technical call for submissions: http://www.resultsfordevelopment.org/_docs/MLIRFP4.pdf

Project Summary: http://www.resultsfordevelopment.org/_docs/MLISummary.pdf

Dateline: April 25, 2008 www.healthfinancingtaskforce.org

Making financing and budgets – whether from the public treasury or from external aid – work to improve the health of the poor in developing countries is a continual challenge. Political leadership is central to any effort to improve financing equity and align aid with national health plans.

The Ministerial Leadership Initiative

The Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health (MLI) is a four-year project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to strengthen the leadership capacity of Ministers of Health and their senior staff to promote pro-poor financing reforms and harmonization and alignment in donor funds for health. This project is a partnership between Realizing Rights, the Health Financing Task Force, and the Council of Women World Leaders.

- It seeks to provide leadership support and technical assistance to Ministers of Health and their senior staff in developing countries in two policy areas:
The first is making sure health services and financing reach the poorest people in their societies.
- The second is helping to align donor programs with national health plans.

Participating ministers and senior staff will have opportunities to come together, share their experiences, and discuss challenges and breakthroughs.

Submission and Selection Criteria

Any lower- or middle-income country may apply for support from MLI. Four to five ministerial teams will be selected.

MLI will evaluate submissions for evidence of: leadership vision and team; technical and political feasibility to get the job done; and strong political will, evidenced in part by assigning a senior official to work with MLI.

Submissions will be accepted until the close of business (17:00 EST) on April 25, 2008.

Submissions should be no longer than five pages and can be written in English, Spanish, or French. Please include information on the proposed reform and its objectives, who would participate in the ministerial team, how to contact the team, and other sources of support that might be relevant to the proposed reform.

Please send the submissions by email in the form of a Microsoft Word document or PDF file to

mli@resultsfordevelopment.org

The Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health Building the capacity of ministries of health to impact policy for more equitable health outcomes

The Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health (MLI), funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is a four-year initiative (October 2007 – October 2011) of Realizing Rights, the Health Financing Task Force and the Council of Women World Leaders to strengthen the leadership capacity of Ministers of Health and their senior staff to promote pro-poor health financing reforms and harmonization and alignment in donor funds for health. In addition, the Initiative will also support the World Health Organization (WHO) in its implementation of interventions that will have a positive impact on women's health.

Because political leadership is an essential element of successful, scaled-up, and sustainable health systems, MLI will support ministerial teams through peer learning opportunities, tailored intensive technical assistance and practical, business-style cases highlighting ministerial-led best practice. MLI will pilot an innovative leadership development model, which is grounded in practical experience, building on the wealth of ministerial experience, matched with world-class technical expertise.

Health Ministry leadership is critical to improving equity and effectiveness. Ministers of Health are charged with the leadership, stewardship and implementation of national health policy and health systems. They are ultimately accountable for ensuring public health and equitable access to services. Public policies that build pro-poor health financing and utilization of services, in combination with the increased effectiveness and harmonization of donor aid, can dramatically improve the equity of health status and systems, especially for those most marginalized - usually the poor and women.

Program Objectives

- enhance decision-making capacity and skills of Ministers of Health to improve the equity of health financing and utilization of health services in favor of the poor and needy;
 - enhance ministerial leadership teams' management and negotiation skills and provide assistance in the development of country-led strategies in order to increase harmonization of donor funds for health and alignment with national health strategies; and
 - support the continued implementation by WHO of interventions prioritizing women's health at WHO, and bring more awareness to these issues globally. Major Activities
 - provide a tailored package of technical assistance and other needed support to move harmonization and alignment in donor funds for health and health financing reforms forward in 4-5 target countries to be selected on a competitive basis;
 - conduct annual technical workshop for all ministers of health and senior staff at the time of World Health Assembly (WHA) on the topic of health financing for equity and donor harmonization and alignment, which will include showcasing program findings and country-level experiences with reform;
 - provide a forum and carry out study tours for Ministers of Health and senior staff from the 4-5 target countries to come together and share their experiences, discuss challenges they face and potential solutions, and develop supportive relationships with one another;
 - establish a Women's Health Ministerial Consultative Network to serve in a supportive and advisory role to the Director-General (DG) of WHO in the implementation of WHO interventions that prioritize women's health; and
 - create an online resource library and community of practice to broadly disseminate MLI project learning and to provide a forum for global peer support and learning exchange.
- The key role of Ministers of Health in ensuring the public health of citizens and providing equitable access to health services underscores the fact that political leadership must form the cornerstone of any effort to improve the status of global health outcomes.

Essay competition for the under-30s on the theme 'Climate change and health: research challenges for vulnerable populations'

The Global Forum for Health Research and The Lancet announce their third joint essay competition for the under-30s on the theme 'Climate change and health: research challenges for vulnerable populations'.

For submission criteria and instructions, please visit:

<http://www.globalforumhealth.org/shlinks/yvhr2008.php>

Pour lire la version française de ce courriel visiter :

<http://www.globalforumhealth.org/announcements/08/EssayCompetition08Fr.pdf>

EpiNorth

EpiNorth is a co-operation project for communicable disease control in Northern Europe (Nordic, Baltic countries and some regions of North-West Russia). Our website is www.epinorth.org. In EpiWatch we publish different short articles about outbreaks and epidemiological surveillance in Northern Europe and other places in the world, if cases are interesting. For instance, in 2008 we have published the following articles:

1. Increase of borreliosis cases in winter time in Estonia, 10.03.08
2. Situation with tuberculosis in Pskov oblast, Russia, 10.03.08
3. Measles in Denmark: imported cases in January-February 2008, 04.03.08
4. Outbreak of hepatitis A in Latvia, 29.02.08
5. Press release "Sanitary-epidemiological wellbeing of environment and health of children population of the Russian Federation", 27.02.08
6. Situation with HIV infection and hepatitis B in Iceland in 2007, 26.02.08
7. Number of HIV-infected increased by 20% in Sweden in 2007, 18.02.08
8. Rotavirus infection is increasing in Murmansk, Russia, 18.02.08
9. Trichinosis in Vitebskaya oblast, Belarus, 13.02.08
10. Outbreak of Salmonella Paratyphi in Norway, 12.02.08
11. WHO and ECDC monitors oseltamivir resistant influenza virus, 11.02.08
12. Outbreak of enteric infection in Ust-Kulomskij region in the Republic of Komi, Russia, 04.02.08
13. New outbreak of acute enteric infection in Stavroploskij krai, Russia, 01.02.08
14. Update on oseltamivir resistant influenza virus, 01.02.08

Read more about EpiWatch on

http://www.epinorth.org/eway/default0.asp?pid=230&oid=0&e=0&trg=MainArea_5260&MainArea_5260=5270:0:15,3019:1:0:0:5260;;;0:0:0

2008 Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health – Call for abstracts

The Programme Committee of the 2008 Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health invites submission of abstracts on any area of research related to the theme of Research for Health.

For submission criteria and instructions, please visit:

<http://www.globalforumhealth.org/shlinks/bamako2008en.php>

Bamako 2008 is being co-organized by six partners working together, namely: the Council on Health Research for Development (<http://www.cohred.org>), the Global Forum for Health Research (<http://www.globalforumhealth.org>), the Government of Mali (<http://www.koulouba.pr.ml>), UNESCO (<http://www.unesco.org>), the World Bank (<http://www.worldbank.org>), and the World Health Organization (<http://www.who.int>).

4. Upcoming courses and conferences

Title	What's the Use of Race?
Date	April 25-26, 2008
Place	Cambridge, Massachusetts, US
Organiser	Center for the Study of Diversity in Science, Technology, and Medicine Massachusetts Institute of Technology- MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Deadline abstracts	-
More information	http://web.mit.edu/csd/WUR/Program.html

Title	Social Inequalities in Health in Europe Course
Date	16 - 20 June 2008
Place	Florence, Italy

Organiser	European Educational Programme in Epidemiology – EEPE Johan Mackenbach and Anton Kunst, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Deadline abstracts	Dateline to submit applications: May 7, 2008
More information	http://www.eepe.org/programsocial.html
Title	Executive course on Global Health Diplomacy
Date	June 23 – 27 2008
Place	Geneva Switzerland
Organiser	Graduate Institute of International Studies
Deadline application	Application deadline 1st April 2008
More information	http://graduateinstitute.ch/executive/global-health-diplomacy_en.html
Title	12th European Symposium on Suicide and suicidal behaviour: working together to prevent suicide: research, policy and practice
Date	27-30 August 2008
Place	Glasgow, Scotland
Organiser	Universities of Stirling and Edinburgh
Deadline abstracts	Posters: 28 April 2008
More information	www.esssb12.org
Title	The Future of Primary Healthcare in Europe
Date	September 15-17, 2008
Place	Southampton, England
Organiser	University of Southampton
Deadline abstracts	15 May 2008
More information	http://www.futureofprimarycare.com/?opt=0
Title	Public health without borders
Date	25-29 October 2008
Place	San Diego, United States
Organiser	American Public Health Association
Deadline abstracts	-
More information	www.apha.org
Title	International courses in special topics in epidemiology and biostatistics
Date	November 2008
Place	Rome, Italy
Organiser	Institute of Hygiene, Catholic University of Rome
Deadline abstracts	There are several courses organised in November.
More information	Dr Stefania Boccia, Dr Guiseppe la Torre sboccia@rm.unicatt.it , Giuseppe.latorre@rm.unicatt.it

5. Interesting publications

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention - A Handbook for Teachers, Researchers, Health Professionals and Decision Makers

Editors: Doncho Donev, Gordana Pavlekovic, Lijana Zaletel Kragelj

Situation analysis on non-communicable diseases prevention and control in Macedonia

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Macedonia. Editor: Doncho Donev, 2008.

Eurohealth: volume 13-3, 2007. Making the economic case for mental health in Europe

Published by LSE Health, London, UK. www.lse.ac.uk/lsehealth

Euro Observer, Winter 2007: Migration and health in EU health systems

Health policy bulletin of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.
www.observatory.dk

Italian Journal of Public Health, volume 4-3, 2007: Health impact assessment and public health.

For further information: www.ijph.it

Stability Pact Forum for Public Health Cooperation in South Eastern Europe (FPH-SEE)

FPH-SEE Project Coordinators: Ulrich Laaser and Luka Kovacic

Publisher: Hans Jacobs Publishing Company, Lage, Germany (October 2007); ISBN 978-3-89918-169-2

Available online PDF [841p.] at: <http://www.snz.hr/fph-see>

SIGN 50. A Guideline developer's handbook

Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network - Revised Edition, January 2008

Available online as PDF file [110p.] at: <http://www.sign.ac.uk/pdf/sign50.pdf>

State of the Evidence Review on Urban Health and Healthy Weights

Canadian Population Health Initiative - 2008 Canadian Institute for Health Information

Available online PDF file [126p.] at:

http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/dispPage.jsp?cw_page=GR_1929_E

Challenges To Using A Business Case For Addressing Health Disparities

N. Lurie, S. A. Somers, A. Fremont, J. Angeles, E. K. Murphy, and A. Hamblin

Health Affairs, Volume 27, No. 2 March-April 2008

Available online at: <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/27/2/334>

Toward A Policy-Relevant Analysis Of Geographic And Racial/Ethnic Disparities In Child Health

Dolores Acevedo-Garcia, Theresa L. Osypuk, Nancy McArdle and David R. Williams

Health Affairs, Volume 27, No. 2 March-April 2008

Available online at: <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/27/2/321>

Constructing the evidence base on the social determinants of health: A guide

Josiane Bonnefoy, Antony Morgan, Michael P. Kelly, Jennifer Butt, Vivian Bergman With Peter Tugwell, Vivian Robinson, Mark Exworthy, Johan Mackenbach, Jennie Popay, Catherine Pope, Thelma Narayan, Landon Myer, Sarah Simpson, Tanja Houweling, Liliana Jadue
The Measurement and Evidence Knowledge Network (MEKN) of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health, November 2007

Available online as PDF file [337p.] at: <http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/2007/a91145.pdf>

Capacity planning in health care: a review of the international experience

New policy brief on capacity planning

Stefanie Ettelt, Ellen Nolte, Sarah Thomson, Nicholas Mays, and the International Healthcare Comparisons Network

World Health Organization on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. Policy Brief No.13, February 2008

Available online PDF file [67p.] at: <http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E91193.pdf>

Reaching the Poor Policy Brief Series

World Bank Institute with financial support from the Government of the Netherlands - 2008

Website: <http://go.worldbank.org/O5U5WKVJ40>

Global action on health systems: a proposal for the Toyako G8 summit

Prof Michael R Reich, Prof Keizo Takemi, Prof Marc J Roberts and Prof William C Hsiao

The Lancet, Volume 371, Number 9615, 8 March 2008

Available online at: [Free subscription required]

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673608603840/fulltext>

Role of cash in conditional cash transfer programmes for child health, growth, and development: an analysis of Mexico's *Oportunidades*

Lia CH Fernald, Paul J Gertler and Lynnette M Neufeld

The Lancet, Volume 371, Number 9615, 8 March 2008

Available online at:

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673608603827/fulltext>

Revitalizing Health for All: A Call for Expressions of Interest to Participate in New Research and Research Training in omprehensive Primary Health Care

The Globalization and Health Equity Research Unit at the Institute of Population Health - University of Ottawa

English version:

<http://www.globalhealthequity.ca/electronic%20library/Call%20for%20Expressions%20of%20Interest%20CPHC.pdf>

Developing a Canadian Economic Case for Financing the Social Determinants of Health

David Hay, March 2008

Canadian Policy Research Networks Inc. CPRN

This research initiative was commissioned by the Public Health Agency of Canada

Available online as PDF file [68p.] at: http://www.cprn.org/documents/49485_EN.pdf

The Cochrane Health Equity Field

Website: <http://www.equity.cochrane.org/en/index.html>

Newsletter: Equity Update. 2008 Mar 3;2(1)

Concepts and Measures of Agency

Sabine Alkire, Director of the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative

Department of International Development - Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford

Working paper No.9 January 2008

Identifies five aspects of agency and scrutinises which of these are routinely measured

Available online as PDF file [23p.] at: http://www.ophi.org.uk/pubs/Alkire_Agency_WP9.pdf

Reported Health and Health-influencing Behaviors Among Urban American Indians and Alaska Natives

An Analysis of Data Collected by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

The Urban Indian Health Institute, March 2008

Available online as PDF file [40p.] at:

http://www.uihi.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/03/health_health-influencing_behaviors_among_urban_indians.pdf

Promotion and protection of All Human Rights, Civil, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

Paul Hunt, The Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, United Kingdom

Report on health systems and the right to the highest attainable standard of health. This report (A/HRC/7/11) was submitted to the Human Rights Council on 31 January 2008.

Available online [25p.] at: http://www2.essex.ac.uk/human_rights_centre/rth/docs/A-HRC-7-11.doc

The Population Approach and Vulnerable Populations

Katherine L. Frohlich, and Louise Potvin, at Lea Roback Centre for Research on Health Inequalities, Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Montreal, and le Groupe de Recherche Interdisciplinaire en Santé, Montreal, Quebec.

American Journal of Public Health - March 1 2008, Volume 98, Issue 3

Website: <http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/full/98/2/216>

The Public Health Approach to Eliminating Disparities in Health

David Satcher and Eve J. Higginbotham

American Journal of Public Health - March 1 2008, Volume 98, Issue 3

Abstract: <http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/98/3/400>

In the know: using information to make better decisions - A discussion paper

Audit Commission for local authorities and the National Health Service in England
February 2008 - London UK

Available online as PDF file [52p.] at:

http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/Products/NATIONAL-REPORT/77C7B4DB-0C48-4038-A93F-DFE3E645A26E/In%20the%20know_report.pdf

Are You Being Served? New Tools for Measuring Service Delivery

Edited by Samia Amin, Jishnu Das, Markus Goldstein

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / The World Bank
Washington DC - 2008

Available online as PDF file [454p.] at:

http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2008/02/15/000333038_20080215064605/Rendered/PDF/424820PUB0ISBN1LIC0disclosed0Feb131.pdf

Big Cities Health Inventory (BCHI) - The Health of Urban USA

US National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Metro Forum. 2007

Available online as PDF file [150p.] at:

<http://www.naccho.org/topics/crosscutting/documents/BCHI07COLORFINAL.pdf>

The Future Control of Food. A Guide to International Negotiations and Rules on Intellectual Property, Biodiversity and Food Security

Earthscan/IDRC 2008-ISBN 978-1-84407-429-7 Edited by Geoff Tansey and Tasmin Rajotte
International Development Research Centre (IDRC), 2008

Available online at: http://www.crdi.ca/en/ev-118094-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

Anti-Tuberculosis Drug Resistance in the World

Fourth Global Report World Health Organization – February 2008 - WHO/IUATLD Global
Project on Anti-tuberculosis

Drug Resistance Surveillance - WHO/HTM/TB/

Available online as PDF file [142p.] at:

http://www.who.int/tb/publications/2008/drs_report4_26feb08.pdf

Responding to Requests for Information on Health Systems from Policy Makers in Asian Countries

Judith Healy, John Maxwell, Phua Kai Hong, Vivian Lin and collaborators

Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, World Health Organization, December 2007

Available online as PDF file [115p.] at: <http://www.who.int/alliance-hpsr/TR1Healy.pdf>

Height, health, and inequality: the distribution of adult heights in India

Angus Deaton, Research Program in Development Studies

Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University - January 2008

Forthcoming in the American Economic Review, papers and proceedings, May 2008

Available online as PDF file [15p.] at:

http://www.princeton.edu/~rpd/downloads/deaton_height_health_inequality_revised_ack_jan08.pdf

Overcoming Obstacles to Health

Report from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to the Commission to Build a Healthier
America February 2008

University of California, San Francisco Center on Social Disparities in Health

Paula Braveman, M.D., M.P.H. Susan Egerter, Ph.D.

Available online as PDF file [84p.] at: <http://www.rwjf.org/files/research/obstaclestohealth.pdf>

Us and Them - The Enduring Power of Ethnic Nationalism

Jerry Z. Muller

From Foreign Affairs, March/April 2008

Available online at: <http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20080301faessay87203-p0/jerry-z-muller/us-and-them.html>

Health and Medical Research in Canada

Edward Nason

RAND Europe's Health Research System Observatory, 2008

Available online as PDF file [54p.] at:

http://www.rand.org/pubs/documented_briefings/2008/RAND_DB532.pdf

The fall and rise of US inequities in premature mortality: 1960-2002

Nancy Krieger, David H. Rehkopf, Jarvis T. Chen, Pamela D. Waterman, Enrico Marcellini, Malinda Kennedy

PLoS Med 5(2) February 2008: e46.doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.0050046

Available online at: <http://medicine.plosjournals.org/periserv/?request=get-document&doi=10.1371/journal.pmed.0050046>

The Effects of Childhood Stress on Health across the Lifespan

Jennifer S. Middlebrooks, Natalie C. Audage

Atlanta (GA): Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2008

Available online PDF [18p.] at: http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/pdf/Childhood_Stress.pdf

The Duty of States to Assist Other States in Need: Ethics, Human Rights, and International Law

Lawrence O. Gostin, Robert Archer

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7. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

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- [Rapid communications: Measles outbreak in Switzerland - an update relevant for the European football championship \(EURO 2008\)](#)
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- Miscellaneous: Conference on Global Health: Current Issues, Future Trends and Foreign Policy
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We would like to inform you that the **Framework Action Plan to Fight TB in the European Union** has been posted on the ECDC webpage (see <http://ecdc.europa.eu/>).

ECDC in collaboration with many experts in Europe developed the framework action plan following a request from the European Commissioner for Health in March 2007. The document provides a roadmap to control, and ultimately eliminate, TB in the EU. Central to this plan is ensuring rapid detection and effective treatment of TB cases. Though most of the activities set out in the document rely on national efforts, a catalyst role for EU organisations and other partners is proposed. The plan identifies four key areas for action: Ensuring prompt and quality TB care for all; strengthening health systems; development and assessment of new tools; building partnerships and international collaboration.