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1. European Public Health Conference


The abstracts for the Brussels 2013 conference are being submitted. Please do not forget the deadline for submission: 1 May 2013 (midnight CET).

The plenary programme has been updated and has a wide range of excellent speakers and panellists. Please check the website for the latest news: www.eupha.org/Brussels2013.

We are currently working on the pre conference programme with about 20 interesting sessions being planned at the moment.

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
EUPHA joins the EHMA case for Health Services Research funding in Horizon2020. The European Commission set out its priorities for research programme Horizon 2020 which holds a budget of €80 billion for the period 2014 to 2020. On behalf of EHMA, chair of EHMAs Scientific Advisory Committee Kieran Walshe co-authored with Martin McKee, Mark McCarthy, Peter Groenewegen, Johan Hansen, Josep Figueras and Walter Ricciardi an op-ed for the Lancet commenting on the envisioned budget.

Both the opportunity and need for learning about systems and services through health services research, and its significant contribution to making health services as safe and efficient as possible are outlined. In the light of Horizon 2020 it is emphasised that the European Commission’s view on health research priorities – and accordingly funding across the wider health sector – risks remaining too narrow and focused on biomedicine, pharmaceuticals and medical technologies. Consequently, a strong point is made for increasing funding for health services research for the benefit healthcare and the wider well-being of European citizens. The article is online available on the website of the Lancet (access required).

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together

At the end of March 2013, we have 2895 documents included in EUPHApedia (increase of 35 from last month). This month, we have included the presentations from the Malta 2012 conference we received. All persons in our database have access to search EUPHApedia, all EUPHA members can upload information on to EUPHApedia.
3. Interesting News

Pioneers in Healthcare – Conference with a reduction for EUPHA members

Pioneers in Healthcare provides a unique opportunity for those facilitating and effecting change within their field to interact and collaborate on the critical issues facing healthcare research today. Bringing together researchers from across the world, this is more than just an event: it is the sharing of over 500 research stories and experiences, and will offer the opportunity to build partnerships, promote collaboration and drive innovation.

Have a look at the full speaker line up [here](#)

We have secured an exclusive discount for you, when booking a ticket, just enter EUPHA13 in the box for an extra £100 off the 2 day or 2 day+dinner ticket.

[Book now](#)

New office for the WHO Regional Office for Europe

As of 2 April, WHO’s Regional office for Europe will be relocated to the new UN City in Copenhagen, Denmark. For more information: [http://www.euro.who.int/en/home/sections/news/2013/03/whoeurope-in-copenhagen-moving-to-new-premises](http://www.euro.who.int/en/home/sections/news/2013/03/whoeurope-in-copenhagen-moving-to-new-premises)

EUROSAFE

Brussels, 14 March 2013 – On the occasion of the 15th European Consumer Day, organised by the European Economic and Social Committee on 14 March in Brussels, a coalition of twenty-eight European umbrella organisations are issuing a Joint Call appealing to the European Institutions and the Member States to create an EU-funded accident & injury data system under the co-ordination of the European Commission.

Earlier this week EuroSafe reported that 41 million injuries per year are treated in Emergency Departments across the EU (see report ‘Injuries in the European Union’). This is not only an extraordinarily high number but these injuries also contribute to significant healthcare costs, a share that is estimated at €78 billion each year. Three-quarter of such accidents occur at home or while engaged in leisure, including sports.

Aiming to reduce the number of preventable injuries and also healthcare costs, a broad coalition of European business groups, consumer organisations, standardisation bodies and safety promoters urge the European Commission to found and fund an EU-wide accident and injury data system in a representative sample of emergency centres.

They are convinced that such a system would contribute to safer products for consumers, better standards and regulations, and fewer accidents and injuries. Moreover, the cost of creating such a system would be more than offset by reductions in health care costs.

HEAL publishes report: Coal’s health bill reaches €43 billion a year

- Air pollution from burning fossil fuels blamed for premature deaths and illnesses, health groups urge major rethink of EU energy policy
- New study shows how moving away from fossil fuels would boost health by significantly reducing chronic lung disease and some heart conditions
- Recent upturn in the use of coal makes awareness of health costs more urgent and is at odds with events promoting the EU Year of Air 2013

[Link to report on website](http://www.env-health.org)

EuroREACH – Health Data Navigator

EuroREACH, a coordinated action under the FP7-Health programme is providing the Health Data Navigator as a toolbox to researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders. This digitised compendium exhibits a conceptual framework and validated information about available data sources suitable for performance assessment.
The Health Data Navigator features EuroREACH results and is designed to be dynamic to encourage cross-country exchange of best practices without providing a comprehensive inventory of databases. The ultimate aim is to improve the quality of comparative health systems analysis and performance measurement.

On May 16 and 17 2013 we will present the findings of EuroREACH at the final conference in Vienna. For more information: www.euroreach.net/final-conference.

Europa Media – Proposal coordinator's actions (part 4)

In our last article, we arrived to the stage in proposal development when we have a sound partnership, a clear picture of all of the call requirements, and know what we need to compile in terms of technical, financial and administrative data. We are now ready to actually write the technical proposal, develop a budget and fill in the financial and administrative forms. Here comes the challenge: who will actually take on this responsibility and when and how everything will be prepared?

This is a team work to be led by a “proposal coordinator” (you!), who may be the owner of the project idea or assigned to this role by the institution coordinating the project. In this process, the proposal coordinator will need to act like a conductor of an orchestra. A sound plan also needs to be in place; this plan should indicate what needs to be compiled by when with a number of strict deadlines and milestones until the proposal submission deadline. Clearly, you will need the input of your partners to various parts of the proposal. Some of this input will be generic, which need to be provided by all of the partners (e.g. administrative and financial data), while you will also need specific technical input for the technical parts of the proposal. The latter is usually more difficult to acquire from the partners. Here, if you know your partners’ expertise very well, you can request and obtain from them very relevant input for different parts of the proposal. The proposal coordinator’s goal here should be to get the most out of these partners.

In order to organise this process and receive consistent and complementary input (as opposed to receiving overlapping input and ending up having gaps), first make a good outline of the proposal with specific sections and sub-sections including the major project activities and their brief definitions (i.e. work packages). Provided that you have a good picture of your partners’ expertise and capabilities vis-à-vis the project concept, you may already assign roles to the key partners, such as “work package (WP) leadership” in the project. In that case, those partners should compile and develop the relevant sections of the proposal (e.g. WP descriptions, related background information, etc.). Similarly, for those specific technical chapters, you can turn to the most relevant partners and ask them to compile those chapters.

In so doing, compile a first draft of the proposal with the main objectives and concepts as well as work plan laid out and ready to be further developed or adjusted, as needed.

In our next post, Part 6 of this series, we will discuss how to further develop and complete the proposal and bring it to finalisation.

4. EUPHA member updates

La Société Française de Santé Publique a le plaisir d’annoncer son prochain congrès biennal, qu’elle organise cette année avec l’Association des Epidémiologistes de Langue Française, sur le thème de la prévention, du 17 au 19 octobre 2013 à Bordeaux.
Pour pouvoir bénéficier du tarif préférentiel d’inscription au congrès, veuillez vous inscrire avant le 30 juin 2013.
Pour plus d’informations, consulter le site internet http://www.congres-adelf-sfsp-2013.fr
5. 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: Primary Health Care and NCDs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Where do we stand and where to go?
Date: 10 April 2013
Place: Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute
More info: www.swisstph.ch/spring_symposium_2013.html

Title: European Economic Congress 2013
Date: 13 – 15 May 2013
Place: Katowice, Poland

Title: European Public Health. 20 years after the Maastricht Treaty. Turning past experiences into visions
Date: 22 – 23 May 2013
Place: Maastricht, The Netherlands
Organiser: Department of International Health at Maastricht University
More info: http://euprevent.compleet.nu/evenement/eph/

Title: Multilevel Modeling: Analysis of Clustered Data
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
Date: 22 – 24 and 27-28 May 2013
Place: University of Basel, SwissTPH, Switzerland

Title: 31st Annual Graduate Summer Institute of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Date: 10 – 28 June 2013
Place: Baltimore, USA
Organiser: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Title: Executive Course on Global Health Diplomacy
Date: 1 – 5 July 2013
Place: Geneva, Switzerland
Organiser: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Title: APHES Summer Course – Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situation  
Date: 01 – 12 July 2013  
Place: Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disaster  
Deadline: for applications: May 15, 2013  
More info: http://www.aphes.be/

Title: Writing a Journal Article.. and Getting it Published  
Date: 03 – 03 July 2013  
Place: University of Bern, ISPM, Switzerland  
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health  

Title: EuroEpi 2013 - European Congress of Epidemiology  
Date: 11 – 14 August 2013  
Place: Aarhus, Denmark  
Organiser: European Epidemiology Federation of the International Epidemiological Association (IEA-EEF)  
More info: www.euroepi2013.org

Title: 21st IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion  
Date: 25 – 29 August 2013  
Place: Pattaya, Thailand  
Organiser: IUHPE  

Title: Summer school in public health policy, economics and management  
Date: 26 – 31 August 2013  
Place: Lugano, Switzerland  
Organiser: University of Lugano and Swiss School of Public Health+  
More info: Register now

Title: Conducting Qualitative Research in Health: Writing and Getting Published  
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health  
Date: 11 – 13 September 2013  
Place: University of Basel, Switzerland  

Title: International Conference on Intercultural Mediation in Health Care  
Date: 19 – 20 September 2013  
Place: Huelva, Spain  
Organiser: Centre for Migration Studies of the University of Huelva  
More info: uhu.es/health-migration/

Title: 13th International Conference on Health Impact Assessment (HIA)  
Date: 2 – 4 October 2013  
Place: Geneva, Switzerland  
More info: http://www.hia2013.net
Title: 2013 European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE)
Date: 5 – 7 November, 2013
Place: Stockholm, Sweden
Organiser: ECDC
More info: www.escaide.eu

Title: Genes - Are They Key to Public Health?
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
Date: 26 November and 4 December 2013
Place: University of Basel, Swiss TPH, Switzerland

Title: Concepts of Epidemiology (5-Day Course)
Date: 9 – 13 December 2013
Place: Edinburgh, UK
Organiser: University of Edinburgh
More info: http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/epidemiology

6. Interesting publications

New Edition of the Oxford Handbook of Public Health Practice
Third Edition
Edited by Charles Guest, Walter Ricciardi, Ichiro Kawachi, and Iain Lang
http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199586301.do

Alcohol: Science, Policy and Public Health
Peter Boyle et al.
http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199655786.do

New Edition of the Oxford Handbook of Clinical Immunology and Allergy
Third Edition
Gavin Spickett
Now members of the EUPHA can claim 20% off this title when ordering through the Oxford University Press website. Just click on the link below and 'Add to Basket' to receive your discount!

Global Health: Science and Practice
March 2013 - Volume 1 - Issue 1

Understanding Sexual Health and its Role in more Effective Prevention Programs
Public Health Reports / 2013 Supplement 1 / Volume 128
Available online at: http://bit.ly/YwR162

Using and abusing evidence in science and health policy
Edited by: Prof Timothy Caulfield
Collection: March 2013 BMC Medical Genomics 2013, 6:8
Available online at: http://bit.ly/YrXVJU
Making Health Care Safer:
A Critical Review of Evidence Supporting Strategies to Improve Patient Safety
Annals of Internal Medicine - March 2013 - Vol. 158. No. 5_Part_2

Working for Health Equity: The Role of Health Professionals
UCL Institute of Health Equity - Department of Epidemiology & Public Health
University College London – March 2013

Layers of complexity in interpreting evidence on effectiveness
A. Tannahill , M.P. Kelly
Public Health - Volume 127, Issue 2, February 2013

Population and Public Health Ethics: Cases from Research, Policy, and Practice
University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics: Toronto, ON Canada

Summarizing Social Disparities in Health
Yukiko Asada, Yoko Yoshida, Alyce M. Whipp
Milbank Quarterly Volume 91, Issue 1, March 2013

Performance Assessment in Primary Health Care: A Systematic Literature Review
CEFAGE-UE Working Paper 2013/03
Olena Kalinichenko, Carla A. F. Amado, Sérgio P. Santos
Available online at: http://bit.ly/1416eDv

The Rise of the South: Human Progress in a Diverse World
United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) 2013 Human Development Report
Website: http://bit.ly/Z21yoS

WHO - European health report 2012
The European health report 2012: charting the way to well-being
Website: http://bit.ly/10MAPUw

Developing a New Understanding of Enabling Health and Wellbeing in Europe
Harmonising Health and Social Care Delivery and Informatics Support to Ensure Holistic Care
Science Position Paper - Standing Committee for the Social Sciences (SCSS)
European Science Foundation (ESF) – January 2013

Patient-centred access to health care:
conceptualising access at the interface of health systems and populations
Jean-Frederic Levesque, Mark Harris and Grant Russell
WHO/World Bank ministerial meeting to discuss best practices for moving forward on universal health coverage
Joint WHO / World Bank statement

Health Inequalities Impact Assessment
- An approach to fair and effective policy making: Guidance, tools and templates
Published by NHS Health Scotland
Edinburgh office
Website: http://bit.ly/13HzCyg

Addressing the Gaps in Global Policy and Research for Non-Communicable Diseases
Policy Briefs from the NCD Working Group – 2012
Louis Galambos & Jeffrey L. Sturchio, Editors
The Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health and the Study of Business Enterprise at the Johns Hopkins University

Governance Challenges in Global Health
Julio Frenk and Suerie Moon
Website: http://bit.ly/YeNDvy

The Global Burden of Disease: Generating Evidence, Guiding Policy
Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation IHME - University of Washington
Seattle, WA: IHME, March 4, 2013
Website: http://bit.ly/14oMEfY

Twelve myths about systematic reviews for health system policymaking rebutted
Kaelan A Moat, John N Lavis, Mike G Wilson, John-Arne Røttingen and Till Bärnighausen
Health Policy PhD Program, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada
Available at: http://bit.ly/HSRKM

Health equity impact assessment
Susan L. Povall, Fiona A. Haigh, Debbie Abrahams and Alex Scott-Samuel
Website: http://bit.ly/W0djzn

7. European Commission news

Investment in Health set as a priority in the Social Investment Package published by DG Sanco.
The Social Investment Package (SIP), adopted by the European Commission today, aims to help Member States use their social and health budgets more efficiently and effectively. The investing in health component asserts that health, as well as being a value in itself, is a precondition for economic prosperity. It makes the case for smart investments for sustainable health systems - spending smarter, but not necessarily more, investing in people’s health -
particularly through health promotion programmes, and investing in reducing inequalities in health as a means of tackling social exclusion. For more information, please see the eNews on Investing in Health: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/dyna/enews/enews.cfm?al_id=1348

Data collection
Publication: Injuries in the European Union - Summary of injury statistics for the years 2008-2010

Health strategy
Health-EU newsletter 106 - Investment in Health a priority in the Social Investment Package

Health technology assessment
Ecorys Study on European Cooperation on Health Technology Assessment: Economic and governance analysis of the establishment of a permanent secretariat

Indicators
Indicator on Life expectancy (ECHI 10) updated with 2011 data

Mental health
Health programme: launch of the Joint Action on Mental Health and Well-Being

Nutrition and physical activity
Pilot project on increasing the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in vulnerable population groups - Progress report for February 2013 now available
Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 28 February 2013 - Contributions available
Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 28 February 2013 - Flash report available
Joint meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 14 November 2012 - Minutes available
Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 14 November 2012 - Minutes available

Patient safety
Meeting of the Patient Safety & Quality of Care Working Group, Brussels, 20 November 2012 - Minutes now available

Rare diseases
Press release: EU provides €144 million for new research on rare diseases
New events on Rare Diseases

Social determinants and health inequalities
Health-EU newsletter 105 - Health of Migrants and Ethnic Minorities including Roma

8. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 10, 07 March 2013
In this issue: Surveillance report on the situation of Legionnaires’ disease in Europe in 2009-2010

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Detection of a high-endemic focus of Echinococcus multilocularis in red foxes in southern Denmark, January 2013
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20420
SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS
Legionnaires’ disease in Europe, 2009-2010
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20417

RESEARCH ARTICLES
Capacities, practices and perceptions of evidence-based public health in Europe
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20421

NEWS
ECDC publishes its first data on antimicrobial consumption in Europe
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20419
ECDC publishes the annual epidemiological report 2012
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20418

MISCELLANEOUS
Addendum for Euro Surveill. 2013;18(9)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20416

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 11, 14 March 2013
In this issue: Review on outbreaks associated to large open air festivals, including music festivals, 1980 to 2012

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From national to international – challenges in cross-border multi-country, multi-vehicle foodborne outbreak investigations
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20423

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS
Evidence of person-to-person transmission within a family cluster of novel coronavirus infections, United Kingdom, February 2013
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20427
Nosocomial outbreak of disseminated orf infection in a burn unit, Gaziantep, Turkey, October to December 2012
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20425

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS
Investigation into an unusual increase of human cases of Salmonella Goldcoast infection in Hungary in 2009
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20422
A multistate epidemic outbreak of Salmonella Goldcoast infection in humans, June 2009 to March 2010: the investigation in Italy
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20424

REVIEW ARTICLES
Outbreaks associated to large open air festivals, including music festivals, 1980 to 2012
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20426

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 12, 21 March 2013
In this issue: We mark the upcoming World TB day with a variety of papers on aspects related to tuberculosis

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Joint efforts needed to stop transmission of tuberculosis in Europe
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20435
RAPID COMMUNICATIONS
Fatal case of extensively drug-resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis Beijing genotype infection in an injecting drug user, Athens, Greece, 2012
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20430

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS
Extrapulmonary tuberculosis in the European Union and European Economic Area, 2002 to 2011
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20431
The burden of extrapulmonary and meningitis tuberculosis: an investigation of national surveillance data, Germany, 2002 to 2009
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20436
Treatment outcome monitoring of pulmonary tuberculosis cases notified in France in 2009
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20434

EURORENDUPS
Challenges in diagnosing extrapulmonary tuberculosis in the European Union, 2011
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20432

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Tuberculosis diagnostic delay and therapy outcomes of non-national migrants in Tel Aviv, 1998-2008
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20433

NEWS
ECDC and WHO/Europe joint report on tuberculosis surveillance and monitoring in Europe
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20428

MISCELLANEOUS
Job vacancy at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20429

9. WHO publications
(Edited by Willy Palm, Irene A. Glinos, Bernd Rechel, Pascal Garel, Reinhard Busse, Josep Figueras)

Under the European Directive on the application of patients’ rights in cross-border health care, the development of European reference networks was promoted as one of the prime areas for cross-border cooperation among Member States. These networks are meant to improve access to and provision of high-quality specialized health care to those patients who need it, and to act as focal points for medical training and research, information dissemination and evaluation, especially for rare diseases.
This book examines the ways in which reference networks have developed in European countries, for what kind of medical conditions or interventions, the motivations behind their establishment, the regulatory and administrative processes involved, and the financial arrangements needed. This study outlines the key policy implications and challenges of developing the concept of reference networks at national and European levels, and will assist policy-makers, health professionals, administrators and others involved in implementing the Directive.
For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version: