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1. 7th European Public Health Conference, Glasgow

The 7th European Public Health Conference will be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 19 to 22 November 2014. The theme for the conference is ***Mind the gap: reducing inequalities in health and health care.***

GLASGOW: THE PLACE TO BE!

Don't miss the opportunity to present your work to the largest public health audience in Europe. Abstract submission is open at http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=398

Please check the conference website at www.eupha.org/glasgow2014 regularly for updated information.

2. EUPHA update

EUPHA supports manifesto: *From public to planetary health*

In a recent commentary in the Lancet (8 March 2014), several renowned public health researchers – including our President-elect – call for a social movement to support collective public health action at all levels of society – personal, community, national, regional, global and planetary. Their manifesto aims to create a movement for planetary health that takes into account our interdependence and the interconnectedness of the risks we face. The manifesto emphasizes the need for a new vision of cooperative and democratic action at all levels of society and a new principle of planetism and wellbeing for every person on this Earth. “The role of public health professionals as the independent conscience of planetary health fits perfectly within the future strategy of EUPHA, where investing in a future generation of connected and engaged public health professionals is one of the priorities”, says Walter Ricciardi, EUPHA President. <http://www.eupha.org/site/publications.php>

EUPHA section on Health Impact Assessment

We are pleased to announce that Odile Mekel from Germany is the newly elected president of the EUPHA section on Health Impact Assessment. She will be assisted by the newly elected vice-president from Spain: Piedad Martin Olmedo. We would like to thank the outgoing presidents - Rainer Fehr and Gabriel Gulis – for their excellent work in putting this section on the agenda.

EUPHA Collaboration

• **International Conference on Urban Health – March 2014**

We would like to thank the organisers of the ICUH conference in Manchester, where EUPHA was a partner. The conference, with over 800 participants, was a successful event and we look forward continuing our efforts in the field of Urban Health. Details on the conference can be found at: <https://www.icuh2014.com/>

• **European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health – April 2014**

The EUPHA Section of Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health is organizing the next European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Granada 10-12 April 2014. The website link is: <http://www.eupha-migranthealthconference.com/>

- The EUPHA Section on Health Services Research is co-organising the HSR-Europe meeting ‘**The international dimension in comparative health services research**’, to be held at NIVEL offices on 15-16 May 2014 in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

- **LEPH2014: The 2nd International Conference on law Enforcement and Public Health**
EUPHA is supporting the 2nd International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEPH2014). The conference will be held at the Free University, Amsterdam, 5 – 8 October 2014. The conference is organised by the Centre for Law Enforcement and Public Health (CLEPH), Melbourne, Australia in collaboration with the Free University, Police, and Public Health Services, Amsterdam, Netherlands. More information: www.leph2014.com

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

CESP (France) - Call for applications for the position of Director

The Centre for research in Epidemiology and Population Health (*Centre de recherche en Epidémiologie et Santé des Populations*, CESP, Villejuif, <https://cesp.inserm.fr/en/>) invites applications for the position of its Director for the period 2015-2019, renewable. This is a position with tenure, either as Professor at Paris Sud University or Research Director at Inserm, the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research (*Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale*, <http://english.inserm.fr/>).

All applicants must have a doctoral degree in epidemiology, biostatistics or equivalent. They must also have a successful track record of funded research and a reputation for excellent scholarship; teaching experience is also appreciated. The successful candidate is expected to have strong leadership and management skills; French language skills are an advantage. The CESP was created by Inserm, Paris Sud University and Versailles Saint Quentin en Yvelines University. It has close links with the Paris University Hospitals Network (*Assistance publique - Hôpitaux de Paris*, AP-HP), Gustave Roussy cancer campus (*Institut Gustave Roussy*, IGR), and the French National Institute for Demographic Studies (*Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques*, INED). The Director will lead an exciting and innovative academic centre, entirely devoted to public health research. It is made-up of over 250 scientists and technical and administrative staff, PhD students, and post-doctoral fellows. As of 2015, the CESP will be organized as 9 teams with research on major public health areas, including the epidemiology of cancer and renal, vascular, and sexually transmitted diseases (HIV), health services research, aging, gender and sexual health, and infertility.

The anticipated hire date is January 1, 2015 but can be earlier. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2014; review of applications will continue until a successful candidate has been identified. Salary is competitive and depends on qualifications and experience.

Applicants are requested to prepare a single PDF file that contains letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and a statement of research and teaching interests.

Address correspondence to: cesp2015@inserm.fr

APHEA is looking for reviewers

The Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA) focuses on the accreditation of Master level public health degrees throughout the European Higher Education Area.

This year the agency is conducting a recruitment drive for new reviewers and we are especially keen that public health stakeholders join in these processes.

If you are a senior; public health practitioner, academic, staff member at an institute of higher education, accreditation agency or similar organization we would encourage your application.

This year the agency will also be conducting reviewer training on May 27th in Zagreb, Croatia, for which several subsidised places are available.

For further details please visit www.aphea.net under the page "application for site visitors" or simply write to Julien Goodman on julien.goodman@aphea.net

Research group for Evidence Based Public Health (Germany) 3 PhD positions

For 2 years in the first instance, with the option of an additional extension (Conditional on release of budgetary funds).

The University of Bremen (Institute for Public Health und Nursing Research) and the Leibniz-Institute for Prevention Research and Epidemiology – BIPS GmbH initiate jointly a cooperative research group for Evidence Based Public Health starting April 1st, 2014. The interdisciplinary research program intends to apply quantitative and qualitative research approaches to policy

relevant research questions, in particular concerning life-style related risk factors for chronic diseases. The aim of the research group is to conduct research structured along the policy cycle, i.e. (a) systematically reviewing evidence, (b) quantifying the expected impact of different interventions for the target population, and (c) communicating findings to policy makers.

The applicant should have interest or prior exposure in one or more of the following research topics:

- systematic reviews (preferably using Cochrane methodology)
- risk factor epidemiology, in particular obesity, alcohol, or tobacco
- modelling or projecting population-level health consequences of changes in risk factor exposure
- policy relevant public health research / impact assessment
- public health economics

The position requires an advanced degree in one of the following (or related) areas:

- Public Health / Environmental Impact Assessment
- Demography / Epidemiology
- Health Economics / Statistics

We welcome applications from highly qualified and motivated early-career scientists of all nationalities. The successful applicants will be employed by the University of Bremen which offers an innovative research support structure for doctoral studies. We look forward to receiving your complete application incl. a work sample (e.g. master thesis, publication, etc.) and details of two contactable referees as soon as possible via email:

Stefan K Lhachimi (Cooperative Research Group Leader) ebph.jobs@gmail.com

Research group for Evidence Based Public Health (Germany) Post Doc position Post-Doc / Research Associate

1 full time position for 3 years in the first instance, with the option of an additional extension (Conditional on release of budgetary funds).

The successful applicant will have experience—or show the capacity—in conducting policy relevant public health research. The aim of the research group is to do research structured along the policy cycle, i.e. (a) systematically reviewing evidence, (b) quantifying the expected impact of different interventions for the target population, and (c) communicating findings to policy makers.

The applicant should have experience in one or more of the following research topics:

- systematic reviews (preferably using Cochrane methodology)
- analysing epidemiological data (preferably to generate epidemiological evidence such as prevalence or incidence)
- modelling or projecting population-level health consequences of changes in risk factor exposure
- cost-effectiveness analysis for population level interventions /public health economics

The position requires a (nearly completed) PhD in one of the following or related areas:

- Public Health / Environmental Impact Assessment
- Demography / Epidemiology
- Health Economics / Statistics

We welcome applications from highly qualified and motivated early-career scientists of all nationalities. The applicant will be employed full time by the BIPS. We look forward to receiving your complete application: cover letter, curriculum vitae, key publications and details of three contactable referees as soon as possible via email:

Stefan K Lhachimi (Cooperative Research Group Leader) ebph.jobs@gmail.com

4. Interesting News

Report on National Action to Address Child Intentional Injury by the European Child Safety Alliance

We are pleased to announce the launch of the report on National Action to Address Child Intentional Injury, by the European Child Safety Alliance with the support of Vice President of the European Parliament Isabelle Durant and Chair of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children Bernard de Vos,

The report and press release are available at www.childsafetyeurope.org

The report describes the prevalence of intentional injuries to children in the European Union, including maltreatment, peer to peer violence and self-directed violence, and examines the level of uptake of national level policies to address intentional child injuries in over 25 Member States. This is the first time that national actions to address child intentional injury are being comprehensively assessed and reported on in the EU.

Within the report are individual country policy profiles for each of the participating Member States. Austria, Belgium (Flanders only), Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden and the United Kingdom (England and Scotland only).

European Child Safety Alliance Secretariat

Email: secretariat@childsafetyeurope.org

www.childsafetyeurope.org

5. EUPHA members update

HOGE - the German Association for Universities for Health - www.hochges.de

We are pleased to welcome HOGE - the German Association for Universities for Health as our newest member. Check www.hochges.de for more details.

Netherlands Public Health Federation – www.nphf.nl

Is organising its annual 'Healthy Lunch' seminar on 7 April 2014 in Utrecht. The theme of this meeting in Dutch is antibiotics – what to do?

6. Upcoming courses and conferences



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

Title: 14th International Conference on Integrated Care - Taking Integrated Care Forward: People, Policy and Practice

Dates: 2 – 4 April 2014

Place: Brussels, Belgium

More info: http://www.integratedcarefoundation.org/conference/14_annual

Title: 8th International Congress on Healthcare Quality, Accreditation and Patient Safety

Dates: 24 – 27 April 2014

Place: Belek-Antalya, Turkey
More info: qps-antalya.org/en

Title: Spring school on Human Populations Studies with Genetic Biomarkers
Dates: 19 – 21 May 2014
Place: Porto, Portugal
Organiser: National Institute of Health
More info: <http://biomarkers2014.webnode.pt/>

Title: Development and Application of Vaccines in Global Health
Dates: 19 – 28 May 2014
Place: Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: Faculty of Medicine, University of Barcelona
More info: http://www.isglobal.org/programme-train-/asset_publisher/oSgA0dGQ1Hzi/content/development-and-application-of-vaccines-in-global-health

Title: Integrating Health and Social Care: Collaboration and Cooperation
Dates: 20 May 2014
Place: London, United Kingdom
More info: <http://integratinghealthsocialcare.co.uk/overview>

Title: National Conference with International participation: Individual, Family, Society – Contemporary Challenges
Dates: 27 May 2014
Place: Bucharest, Romania
More info: corinabistriceanu@yahoo.com

Title: World Research and Innovation Congress – Pioneers in Healthcare
Dates: 4 – 5 June 2014
Place: Brussels, Belgium
More info: www.worldresearchcongress.com

Title: Consensus Development Conference on Surveillance & Screening for Antimicrobial Resistant Organisms (AROs)
Dates: 18 – 20 June 2014
Place: Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Organiser: The Institute of Health Economics
More info: www.AROsCalgary2014.ca

Title: 2014 EHMA Annual Conference "Leadership in healthcare: from bedside to board"
Dates: 24 – 26 June 2014
Place: Birmingham, United Kingdom
Organiser: EHMA
More info: www.ehma.org

Title: Health Education and Health Promotion: Theory and Practice
Dates: 30 June – 4 July 2014
Place: Maastricht, The Netherlands
Organiser: Maastricht University
More info: <http://www.maastricht-university.eu/hein.devries/summer-university-course>

Title: Intervention mapping: Designing theory-based and evidence-based programs
Dates: 7 – 11 July 2014
Place: Maastricht, The Netherlands
Organiser: Maastricht University
More info: registration@interventionmapping.com

Title: 23rd ETC-PHP Summer Course 2014: Mobilising Local Health Promotion Systems for Equity: Taking up the challenge of the social determinants of health
Dates: 20 July – 1 August 2014
Place: Rennes, France
Organiser: EHESP
More info: www.etc-summer-school.eu

Title: 26th Annual International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Conference - From Local to Global: Advancing Science for Policy in Environmental Health
Dates: 24 – 28 August 2014
Place: Seattle, United States
Organiser: University of Washington
More info: www.isee2014.org

Title: Health Promotion Research – An International Forum – “Next Health”
Dates: 25 – 27 August 2014
Place: Trondheim, Norway
Organiser: Norwegian University of Science and Technology
More info: <http://www.ntnu.edu/healthforum/>

Title: Health and Welfare Challenges in Europe: East, West, North and South
Dates: 28 – 30 August 2014
Place: Helsinki, Finland
Organiser: European Society for Health and Medical Sociology
More info: www.thl.fi/ESHMS2014

Title: EFPC conference: Twinning Population Health and Primary Care
Dates: 1 – 2 September 2014
Place: Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: European Forum for Primary Care
More info: <http://www.euprimarycare.org/barcelona/efpc-2014-bi-annual-conference-future-primary-health-care-europe-v-12-sept-barcelona>

Title: 17th European Health Forum Gastein: Electing Health - The Europe We Want!
Dates: 1 – 3 October 2014
Place: Gastein, Austria
Organiser: EHFG
More info: info@ehfg.org

7. European Journal of Public Health

The *European Journal of Public Health* is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public health, publishing contributions from social medicine, epidemiology, health services research,

management, ethics and law, health economics, social sciences and environmental health. The EJPH is published bimonthly. The journal provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region. A subscription is needed, however, there are open access and editor's choices which are freely available.

Open access

Editor's Choice

Suicide and unintentional injury mortality among homeless people: a Danish nationwide register-based cohort study

Sandra Feodor Nilsson, Carsten Rygaard Hjorthøj, Annette Erlangsen, and Merete Nordentoft
Eur J Public Health (2014) 24 (1): 50-56 first published online March 12, 2013
doi:10.1093/eurpub/ckt025

[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text \(HTML\)\]](#) [\[Full Text \(PDF\)\]](#) [\[Permissions\]](#)

The beliefs about pros and cons of drinking and intention to change among hazardous and moderate alcohol users: a population-based cross-sectional study

Fredrik G. Ansker, Asgeir R. Helgason, and Kozma Ahacic
Eur J Public Health published 24 February 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku007

[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

Advance access

DRG systems in Europe: variations in cost accounting systems among 12 countries

S. Swan Tan et al.
Eur J Public Health published 13 March 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku025
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Recent changes in school-based policies on physical activity and nutrition in Spain

P. Gallego, I. Galán, M.J. Medrano, P. Ramos, F. Rivera, and C. Moreno
Eur J Public Health published 10 March 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku022
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Trends in cardiovascular risk factors in Greece before and during the financial crisis: the impact of social disparities

F.T. Filippidis et al.
Eur J Public Health published 10 March 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku028
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Prefecture-level economic conditions and risk of suicide in Japan: a repeated cross-sectional analysis 1975–2010

Etsuji Suzuki, Saori Kashima, Ichiro Kawachi, and S. V. Subramanian
Eur J Public Health published 7 March 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku023
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Impact of physicians' attitude to vaccination on local vaccination coverage for pertussis and measles in Germany

M. Weigel, K. Weitmann, C. Rautmann, J. Schmidt, R. Bruns., and W. Hoffmann
Eur J Public Health published 5 March 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku013
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Trends in breast cancer stage distribution before, during and after introduction of a screening programme in Norway

Mette L. Lousdal, Ivar S. Kristiansen, Bjørn Møller, and Henrik Støvring
Eur J Public Health published 4 March 2014, 10.1093/eurpub/cku015
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

8. Interesting publications

The role of communication inequality in mediating the impacts of socioecological and socioeconomic disparities on HIV/AIDS knowledge and risk perception

Mesfin Awoke Bekalu and Steven Eggermont

Available at: <http://www.equityhealthj.com/content/pdf/1475-9276-13-10.pdf>

Impacts of drinking-age laws on mortality in Canada, 1980–2009.

Russell C. Callaghan, Marcos Sanches, Jodi M. Gatley, Tim Stockwell.

Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 2014.

DOI: [10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2014.02.019](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2014.02.019)

Q fever in the Netherlands: public perceptions and behavioral responses in three different epidemiological regions: a follow-up study

Bults M, Beaujean D, Wijkmans C, Richardus JH, Voeten H

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :263 (20 March 2014)

[Abstract](#) | [Provisional PDF](#)

Changes in physical activity during the transition from primary to secondary school in Belgian children: what is the role of the school environment?

De Meester F, Van Dyck D, De Bourdeaudhuij I, Deforche B, Cardon G

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :261 (19 March 2014)

[Abstract](#) | [Provisional PDF](#)

Psychological distress in French college students: demographic, economic and social stressors. Results from the 2010 National Health Barometer

Saïas T et al.

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :256 (17 March 2014)

[Abstract](#) | [Provisional PDF](#)

Associations of short sleep duration with prehypertension and hypertension among Lithuanian children and adolescents: a cross-sectional study

Kuciene R, Dulskiene V

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :255 (15 March 2014)

[Abstract](#) | [Provisional PDF](#)

A cross-sectional study identifying the pattern of factors related to psychological intimate partner violence exposure in Slovenian family practice attendees: what hurt them the most

Selic P, Svab I, Gucek NK

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :223 (4 March 2014)

[Abstract](#) | [Provisional PDF](#)

Effectiveness of a primary care-based intervention to reduce sitting time in overweight and obese patients (SEDESTACTIV): a randomized controlled trial; rationale and study design

Martín-Borràs C et al.

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :228 (5 March 2014)

[Abstract](#) | [Provisional PDF](#)

A cluster randomised controlled trial of an intervention to promote healthy lifestyle habits to school leavers: study rationale, design, and methods

Gillison F, Standage M, Verplanken B

BMC Public Health 2014, 14:221 (4 March 2014)

[Abstract](#) | [Full text](#) | [PDF](#)

I Move: systematic development of a web-based computer tailored physical activity intervention, based on motivational interviewing and self-determination theory

Friederichs SA, Oenema A, Bolman C, Guyaux J, van Keulen HM, Lechner L

BMC Public Health 2014, 14:212 (28 February 2014)

[Abstract](#) | [Full text](#) | [PDF](#)

Incidence rates of sickness absence related to mental disorders: a systematic literature review

Dewa CS, Loong D, Bonato S, Hees H
BMC Public Health 2014, 14:205 (26 February 2014)
[Abstract](#) | [Provisional PDF](#)

Social and health policies or interventions to tackle health inequalities in European cities: a scoping review

Pons-Vigués M et al.
BMC Public Health 2014, 14:198 (24 February 2014)
[Abstract](#) | [Provisional PDF](#)

9. European Commission news

Alcohol

[12th meeting of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action, Luxembourg, 22 October 2013](#)
Summary report available
[13th meeting of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action Flash report](#)

EU in the world

[Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 20 March 2014 - Access to Medicines](#)
[Global Health Policy Fora in 2014](#)
[Global Health Policy Forum on Access to Medicines](#)

Expert panel

[Public consultation on Preliminary Opinion on Definition Primary Care by Health Expert Panel Deadline for comments: 11 May 2014](#)
[Health Expert Panel adopts first three opinions](#)
[3rd Working Group meeting on the 'Definition of a frame of reference in relation to primary care', 09 January 2014 Minutes of the meeting](#)
[2nd Working Group meeting on the 'Criteria for assessing performance of health', 10 January 2014 Minutes of the meeting](#)
[1st Working Group meeting on Future EU agenda on quality of health care, 21 February 2014 Minutes of the meeting](#)

Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health

[4th plenary meeting of the Expert Panel, Brussels, 27 February 2014 Agenda](#)

Healthcare

[Study of the policy mix for the reimbursement of medicinal products Proposal for a best practice-based approach based on stakeholder assessment](#)
[External reference pricing of medicinal products: simulation-based considerations for cross-country coordination Final Report](#)

Health Indicators

[Indicators on Crude birth rate \(ECHI 2\) and Total fertility rate \(ECHI 4\) Updated with 2012 data and EU28 aggregate](#)
[Indicators on life expectancy at birth and age 65 Updated with 2012 data and EU28 aggregates \(ECHI 10\)](#)
[3rd Plenary meeting of the Expert Panel, 12 December 2013 Minutes of the meeting](#)

Health programme

[Statement by Commissioner Borg following the vote in Parliament on the Health Programme 2014-2020](#)
[Questions & answers on the third Health Programme 2014-2020](#)
[Information Day on Third Health Programme to take place on 11 April 2014](#)

Health-EU Newsletter

[Third Health Programme promotes optimal cooperation](#) By Tonio Borg, European Commissioner for Health
[Rare Disease Day 2014: Joining together across Europe for better care](#)
[Tobacco Products Directive Revision Special edition](#)

Major and chronic diseases

Kick-off meeting of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Joint Action (CANCON), Luxembourg, 11-13 March 2014

Nutrition and physical activity

Member States agree Plan to tackle Childhood Obesity
Nineteenth plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity (Brussels, 25 November 2013) Minutes
EC/WHO country profiles on nutrition, physical activity and obesity

Patient safety

Meeting of the Patient Safety & Quality of Care Working Group, 14 February 2014 Agenda, list of attendees, presentations

Tobacco

Statement of Commissioner Tonio Borg - Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive
Questions & answers: New rules on tobacco products

Sexually transmitted diseases

Fight against HIV/AIDS: launch of enhanced Action plan in EU and neighbouring countries for 2014-2016

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 8, 27 February 2014

In this issue: A software tool to help in outbreak investigation, and its application in a large norovirus outbreak in Germany

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Most but not all laboratories can detect the recently emerged *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* porA mutants – results from the QCMD 2013 *N. gonorrhoeae* external quality assessment programme

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20711>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

The 2012 dengue outbreak in Madeira: exploring the origins

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20718>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Large multistate outbreak of norovirus gastroenteritis associated with frozen strawberries, Germany, 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20719>

PERSPECTIVES

Reducing the barriers against analytical epidemiological studies in investigations of local foodborne disease outbreaks in Germany – a starter kit for local health authorities

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20714>

LETTERS

Letter to the editor: Diagnosis of single imported dengue case who had travelled to Japan – how serious is it for travellers?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20715>

Authors reply: Diagnosis of single imported dengue case travelled to Japan – how serious is it for travellers?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20716>

MISCELLANEOUS

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(1) Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(7)
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20717>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 9, 06 March 2014

In this issue: Tuberculosis control in big cities and urban risk groups including a consensus statement

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The city, its people, their health and tuberculosis

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20721>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Zika virus infection complicated by Guillain-Barré syndrome – case report, French Polynesia, December 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20720>

Influenza vaccine effectiveness in Spain 2013/14: subtype-specific early estimates using the cycEVA study

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20727>

Interim estimates of 2013/14 influenza clinical severity and vaccine effectiveness in the prevention of laboratory-confirmed influenza-related hospitalisation, Canada, February 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20729>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Epidemiology of tuberculosis in big cities of the European Union and European Economic Area countries

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20726>

Successful control of a hospital-wide outbreak of OXA-48 producing Enterobacteriaceae in the Netherlands, 2009 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20723>

PERSPECTIVES

Tuberculosis control in big cities and urban risk groups in the European Union: a consensus statement

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20728>

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In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20724>

ECDC's latest publications

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20722>

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(8)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20725>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 10, 13 March 2014

In this issue: Measles outbreak on cruise ship with 27 cases leads to resource intensive investigation and control measures – a preliminary report

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Measles outbreak on a cruise ship in the western Mediterranean, February 2014, preliminary report

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20735>

Dengue virus serotype 4 and chikungunya virus coinfection in a traveller returning from Luanda, Angola, January 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20730>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Drug resistance among tuberculosis cases in the European Union and European Economic Area, 2007 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20733>

Increased incidence of Clostridium difficile PCR ribotype 027 in Hesse, Germany, 2011 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20732>

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Nucleic acid-based detection of influenza A virus subtypes H7 and N9 with a special emphasis on the avian H7N9 virus

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FEATURE

[New WHO analysis shows alarming rates of overweight children](#)

Across the WHO European Region, more and more children are now overweight and obese. What can be done, and who needs to take action to stop overweight becoming the new norm? [Photo story – How can the obesity epidemic in children be stopped?](#)
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[Over 5% of the world's population has disabling hearing loss](#)

03-03-2014

WHO estimates that 360 million people have disabling hearing loss. It assists countries to develop programmes for primary ear and hearing care that raise awareness, provide support and technical guidance to health care workers and promote social inclusion for people with hearing loss.

[Joint position paper on United Nations support for Roma inclusion](#)

26-02-2014

"The role of the United Nations in advancing Roma inclusion" identifies a number of crucial areas where United Nations (UN) agencies can add significant value to work to achieve Roma inclusion and development.

[Global health security: all sectors and countries needed](#)

12-02-2014

Wide international travel and globalized trade offer extraordinary opportunities for the international spread of disease. Today, a health threat in any part of the world is a health threat to any population around the world. In the WHO European Region, 21 countries have requested extensions to the deadline set for developing the core capacities for implementing the International Health Regulations (IHR): June 2014.

RECENTLY PUBLISHED

[Health-sector involvement in chemicals management at the national level: review of current practice](#)

The chemical industry is one of the world's largest economic sectors, which, if managed improperly, poses risks to human health and the environment. This publication presents practical examples of health-sector involvement in chemicals management in selected countries around the world.

[Hospitals and borders. Seven case studies on cross-border collaboration and health system interactions](#)

How do hospitals interact with each other and with other health care actors across borders? Why does cross-border collaboration take place? Who actually benefits from it? And when does it work? Seven case studies examine the circumstances under which cross-border collaboration is likely to work, the motivations and incentives of health care actors and the role played by health systems, individuals and the EU in shaping cross-border collaboration.

[Health and environment: communicating the risks](#)

Public administrations at all levels must often manage complex situations related to environmental determinants of health, often surrounded by controversy. There is a need, in such circumstances, to assess the extent of possible effects on health and the environment and to manage information, evidence and communication on possible risks, while understanding and taking into consideration stakeholders' opinions, interests and values.

NATIONAL REPORTS

[Albanian health minister signs agreement with WHO/Europe](#)

03-03-2014

[Regional Director commends Catalonia's multisectoral public health plan](#)

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[Kyrgyzstan to develop roadmap for health care system with WHO help](#)

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["With a sober mind!" alcohol awareness campaign launched in the Republic of Moldova](#)

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