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#### 1. EUPHA information

The European Journal of Public Health - Browse the Current Issue - Click on the Links Below to Start Reading Now!

The Impact of Smokefree Legislation in Scotland: Results from the Scottish ITC Scotland/UK Longitudinal Surveys

by Andrew Hyland, Louise M. Hassan, Cheryl Higbee, Christian Boudreau, Geoffrey T. Fong, Ron Borland, K. Michael Cummings, Mi Yan, Mary E. Thompson, and Gerard Hastings <a href="http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/19/2/198">http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/19/2/198</a>

The Epidemiological Patterns of Honour Killing of Women in Pakistan by Muazzam Nasrullah, Sobia Haqqi, and Kristin J. Cummings <a href="http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/19/2/178">http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/19/2/178</a>

Want to read more?

Simply visit: http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/current.dtl

EUPHA members have direct access to the electronic version of the EJPH. If you have forgotten your login and password or you have difficulties accessing the EJPH, please contact <a href="mailto:ejphqueries@oxfordjournals.org">ejphqueries@oxfordjournals.org</a>.

If you are not sure you are a EUPHA member, please contact your <u>national association:</u> http://www.eupha.org/site/full members.php

#### **Croatian Public Health Society - changes**

The Croatian Public Health Society had elections at the end of 2008:

- the new president is professor Slobodan Lang PhD
- the new secretary is Ivan Pristas, MD

Croatian Institute of Public Health Rockefellerova 7, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

## 2. EUPHA - ASPHER 2009: Lodz, Poland

The preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint European Public Health Conference in Lodz, Poland (25 to 28 November 2009) are well on its way.

The pre conference programme has been updated:

- Pre conference organised by the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) (2 workshops planned)
- Pre conference organised by ASPHER (2 workshops planned)
- Pre conference by the EUPHA section on Public Mental Health, organised as an excursion to Auschwitz /Oswiecim.
- Pre conference of the EUPHA section on Environment-related Diseases, which is a training based upon the PHEEDUNET project on training in environmental public health
- Pre conference of the EUPHA section on Social Security and Health on Research on gender differences in sickness absence.

#### Other activities include:

- A seminar organised on Thursday morning by Sanofi Pasteur MSD in collaboration with EUPHA
- A seminar organised on Friday lunch time by Glaxo Smithkline in collaboration with EUPHA.

The preliminary (detailed) programme will be available as of mid-June on the EUPHA and ASPHER websites: <a href="www.eupha.org">www.eupha.org</a> and <a href="www.aspher.org">www.aspher.org</a>

## 3. Job opportunities

#### Clinical\_Lecturer\_in\_Public\_Health - Integrated Academic Training (IAT)

Join our highly successful Integrated Academic Training (IAT) scheme, which is part of the National Institute of Health Research Programme (NIHR). Warwick Medical School is a vibrant, dynamic, expanding organisation with a strong research portfolio in public health, clinical trials and applied research. The post is designed to enable completion of integrated academic and service training for doctors who have an excellent track record in academic public health. During the post you will complete your clinical training and establish an independent research portfolio.

You should have experience of public health and have completed or be in the process of completing a PhD or MD. You will have excellent interpersonal skills and be committed to multidisciplinary academic public health.

If you are interested - please visit the link below for further information

http://www.jobs.ac.uk/jobs/QU328/NIHR\_Clinical\_Lecturer\_in\_Public\_Health/

Contact for further information: Dr Aileen Clarke, 02476 150189, aileen.clarke@warwick.ac.uk

## Project Director - Private Health Sector Programs - AED, Center for Private Sector Health Initiatives

Apply by: June 15, 2009

AED's Center for Private Sector Health Initiatives (CPSHI) facilitates mutually beneficial partnerships between the public and private sectors to create viable new markets for products and services that address pressing health challenges around the world.

The Project Director will lead a global private sector health program and country-level programs that will seek to increase the role of the private health sector in delivering affordable public health products and services to populations comprising the "base of the pyramid" in developing countries. The Project Director will have substantial project management experience and technical expertise in social marketing, health product/service marketing, health financing, health product/service quality control and improvements, business enabling policy, and a deep familiarity with private sector health programs and research. The Project Director will successfully lead an advocacy effort that will promote the role that the private sector can play in addressing public health problems, resulting in more USAID and other donor-funded health programs that incorporate a substantive private sector component.

#### **Essential Job Functions:**

- Manage and strengthen key relationships with USAID.
- Supervise global project team.
- Develop and oversee public-private partnerships in health.
- Manage the development of "social marketing" programs that foster behavior change and generate demand for public health products and services.
- Oversee the development and implementation of financing mechanisms that provide a demand-side incentive for health products and services in the private market.
- Foster the development of innovative rural marketing and distribution systems that reach the "base of the pyramid" cost-effectively.
- Develop programs and service networks that expand the role of private medical providers in delivering needed public health services, complementing the role of the public sector.
- Oversee the development of quality assurance and improvement mechanisms for public health products and services.
- Foster policy dialogue and oversee policy change efforts to create incentives and a positive climate for expansion of the private sector role in delivering public health products and services.
- Lead advocacy and "sales" efforts that will promote the role that the private sector can play in addressing public health problems, resulting in more USAID and other donor-funded health programs that incorporate a substantive private sector component.
- Oversee research initiatives that will illuminate and advance the state of the art in private health sector programming.
- Supervise performance monitoring and evaluation efforts.
- Manage the development of work plans, and preparation and submission of reports.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, skills, efforts, or working conditions associated with a job.

Education: PhD or Doctorate in public health, demography, sociology, psychology, biostatistics, statistics, or a related field.

#### Experience:

• At least 15 year(s) of relevant experience required, which could include: marketing, sales, communications or advertising of health products or services, or fast-moving consumer goods; and/or USAID private health sector or social marketing program management.

#### Skills:

- Demonstrated ability to design and manage monitoring, evaluation and research activities.
- Demonstrated skills in research administration and procurement.

- Excellent written and oral communication skills with an effective ability to work as part of a diverse team
- Proven self-starter and ability to work with limited supervision.
- Advanced mentoring and training skills.
- Proven determination to accomplish tasks with high degree of quality and on time.

Up to 30% international and domestic travel is required.

Interested applicants should send resume with cover letter referencing position to: <a href="mailto:privatesectorhealth@aed.org">privatesectorhealth@aed.org</a>. For additional information, visit our websites at <a href="https://pshi.aed.org/index.htm">https://pshi.aed.org/index.htm</a> and <a href="https://www.aed.org">https://www.aed.org</a>.

### 4. Interesting news

Call for Expressions of Interest: Assessing efforts towards universal financial risk protection in low- and middle-income countries

Issued: May 1st, 2009

Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research and the Health Systems Financing Department, World Health Organization WHO

Deadline for submission of expressions of interest: June 30th, 2009

Websiste: http://www.who.int/alliance-hpsr/AllianceHPSR CallUniversalCoverage.pdf

The Health Systems Financing (HSF) Department, at WHO, works in collaboration with regional and country offices of WHO to support countries seeking to strengthen their health financing systems.

The Alliance HPSR and the HSF Department are eager to support in-depth country case studies identifying factors that have helped or hindered the expansion of universal financial risk protection in low and middle income country (LMIC) contexts.

We are interested in learning both from positive and negative experiences (i.e. both `successes' and `failures'). This research programme of work will build on the interest and momentum generated by the World Health Report 2010, which will focus on Financing for Universal Coverage.

It is envisaged that the final product of this programme of country case-study work will be a book (or the special issue of a journal) encompassing all of the case-studies, and highlighting cross-cutting policy lessons and issues that are applicable beyond the case-study countries.

Establishing health system financing research priorities in developing countries using a participatory methodology.

Available at http://www.who.int/alliance-hpsr/researchsynthesis/financing/en/

At this time, we have a total of US\$500,000 to support the five to ten country case studies. Funding to each team will depend on the nature of the research proposed, its duration, and the budget justification. Depending upon the number of good proposals developed, additional funding may be made available in the future, or could be sought from other funding agencies.

Possible issues or themes of importance for investigation include, but are not limited to:

Political dynamics of change -- before a reform towards universal financial coverage can be initiated (or in order for it to be successful) governments need to have the political will to accept universal coverage as a long-term goal and government responsibility, and the capacity to exercise good stewardship (5, 6). In

many ways, in terms of reform, the key issue is political and institutional – which risk pooling method is more acceptable to key stakeholders, more capable of being implemented (5).

Broader influences -- general social and economic influences, globalization.

- Policy mechanisms, legislation, institutional mechanisms -- Different countries have pursued quite different pathways towards universal financial coverage. In terms of financing source, a key choice facing countries on the transition path to universal coverage is between general tax funding or mandatory social (or private) insurance payments, or mixes of these. In addition, even in high income countries with universal coverage, user fees or copayments usually still exist to some degree, so countries face choices on whether or not to retain user fee elements, and what to charge for (5).
- Degree of fragmentation -- fragmentation refers to the existence of a large number of separate funding mechanisms (e.g. many small insurance schemes) and a wide range of health providers paid from different funding pools. Fragmentation reduces the scope for risk pooling in the health system (7). It is important to achieve as much integration of risk pooling mechanisms as possible in order to promote income and risk cross subsidies.
- Degree of subsidization -- In most low- and middle-income countries, the bulk of public health care resources are derived from taxes of various types. Tax-financed domestic financing would have to remain prominent, even when a country pursues universal health insurance (6). External donor funding may also be needed to supplement resources that can be raised domestically.
- Potential de-stabilizing effects of up-scaling -- For example, in setting where there is a shift in purchasing mechanisms, from direct public financing of public facilities, to "strategic purchasing" by a national health insurance body, it can create instability in health care sector, labour market, etc.
- Relative importance of initiatives in other sectors -- Success of universal coverage may depend on initiatives or policies that fall under the Ministry of Finance, Labour, Education, etc. Also, the importance of trade unions, civil society, the informal sector.

We would like to highlight that ECDC has published the following call for tender: "Scoping research on the economic crisis and its impact on communicable disease transmission in the European Union".

For more information, please click on the link or consult ECDC website at: http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/Procurement/Competitions/PROC 2009 013/Default.aspx

Should you require more information, please contact ECDC procurement office at <a href="mailto:procurement@ecdc.europa.eu">procurement@ecdc.europa.eu</a>.

### Klasien Horstman appointed special professor Philosophy of Public Health

Historically prevention and public health are major research domains in the FHML. However, the scientific, social and organizational landscape of public health is rapidly changing. The development of new public health technologies like genomics, imaging and ambient care is accelerating. The life sciences, medicine and health sciences are becoming interrelated, the boundaries between prevention, curation, care, enhancement and life style are becoming blurred, and public and private responsibilities become interwoven. These developments imply that we have to rethink the meaning of public health. To that purpose the FHML has installed a new chair, Philosophy of Public Health. This Chair focuses on reflection on the identity, the mission, paradigms and methods, and the normative legitimation of public health in the Netherlands and Europe. 1 May Klasien Horstman is appointed as special professor to develop this Chair. From 2002 she was Socrates professor Philosophy and Ethics of Bioengineering at the Technical University Eindhoven. In the context of the new Chair she will focus

on philosophical empirical analysis of different public health practices like youth care, public health genomics and ambient care, to contribute to our understanding of public health in the 21th century.

#### Equity Channel website launch - www.equitychannel.net

We are pleased to announce that the Equity Channel website is now online, ready to bring together the work of an international collaboration and other interested people across the globe who want to see action on the social determinants of health.

Our aim is to help bring about the changes that will mean greater health equity for all – fair health. We aim to stimulate and support changes in policies at international, national and local levels, plus bring together involvement from people from all backgrounds and communities.

The World Health Organisation has received a report from its Commission on the Social Determinants of Health (CSDH) which shows the widespread health inequalities that exist between and within countries. This is not just about poor health among poor people, important though that is. The report shows a clear link between quality of life and health across all people and communities, known as the health gradient.

#### The report concludes:

"(The) toxic combination of bad policies, economics, and politics is, in large measure responsible for the fact that a majority of people in the world do not enjoy the good health that is biologically possible." (1)

We are committed to work to do something together for that majority of people.

Online networking tools means that we can step up the pace of action, we can rapidly share knowledge and expertise quicker than ever before.

We know enough to act already, and through the Equity Channel we can make the connections needed for this change to happen.

Please visit the website at <a href="www.equitychannel.net">www.equitychannel.net</a> to learn more about how you can get involved in this exciting new initiative.

Youth health initiative by the European Commission: Be healthy, be yourself http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/youth/index en.htm

#### Call for expression of interest in DG Health & Consumers Stakeholder Dialogue Group

DG Health & Consumers is looking to renew up to 10 of the members of its Stakeholder Dialogue Group (SDG) as stipulated in Decision 2007/602/EC of 05/09/2007 establishing the group. The group will comprise up to 20 individuals altogether.

This notice is a call for expression of interest in becoming a member of the Stakeholder Dialogue Group. The term is 4 years non-renewable as of the date of appointment. Members act in their personal capacity. Candidates will be selected on the basis of their overall working experience in the field of DG Health & Consumers consultation and participatory processes such as:

- knowledge of being a representative of a key stakeholder for DG Health & Consumers at EU and/or national level:
- experience with influencing policy processes at EU and national level;
- experience in participating in and organising consultations:
- experience of membership organisations/direct contact with citizens;
- knowledge of organisations that have not been involved with DG Health & Consumers, work at the national level, and are an example of the organisations that DG Health & Consumers would want to engage with;
- understanding of stakeholder inequalities in terms of political influence:

• understanding of the financial issues stakeholders are facing and how to best address these.

DG Health & Consumers will ensure that the composition of the group is balanced in terms of policy areas, sectors, stakeholder categories, geographical coverage and gender. Given the geographical composition of the confirmed members from the previous mandate, recruiting stakeholders from the new member states is an important goal.

The Stakeholder Dialogue Group was established by a Commission decision in September 2007 . The mandate of the group is to advise DG Health & Consumers on best practice in the consultation process and help it to better tailor its involvement processes to stakeholder needs in the areas of public health and consumer protection. The SDG meets 4 times a year for day-long meetings.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a one-page letter explaining why they consider their professional background relevant to the activity of the Stakeholder Dialogue Group and a CV of maximum 2 pages by 16 June 2009 to: SANCO-stakeholders@ec.europa.eu

#### **European Patients' Forum**

The European Patients' Forum is happy to inform you that our Annual Report 2008 and our Work Plan 2009 are now available online: <a href="https://www.eu-patient.eu">www.eu-patient.eu</a>

The Annual Report 2008 gives you an overview about what EPF has worked towards and achieved in the last year. You will find a short presentation of our five core strategic goals, a summary of key outcomes and milestones in 2008, our policy orientation and a presentation of projects and conferences organised by EPF or in which we contributed.

Our Work Plan 2009 outlines EPF's objectives and policy priorities this year in line with the EPF Strategic Plan. Central to our work in 2009 are the concepts of Patients' Rights, Equity of Access and the Patients' Perspective.

#### **National Physical Activity Promotion Strategies in Europe**

A workshop on 'National Physical Activity Promotion Strategies in Europe' took place in Wageningen in November 2008. It was organised by the Netherlands Institute for Sports and Physical Activity in cooperation with Wageningen University, WHO/HEPA and ZonMW. You might want to inform your readers (shortly) about the content of this conference and the International Learning Centre that is to be developed from this in 2009. The workshop program, PowerPoint presentations of key note speakers and workshop proceedings, are available on: http://cbs.nisb.nl/international/. For further information, please contact me, Jacqueline Kronenburg (cc) or Anita Vlasveld (cc) from The Netherlands Institute for Sports and Physical Activity (telephone 0031 (0)318 - 490 900 / www.nisb.nl).

#### Italian Journal of Public Health: call for papers

The Board of Editors of the Italian Journal of Public Health seek your kind attention to their scientific publication which aims to promote scientific literature about epidemiology, health services research, food and nutrition, environmental hygiene, hospital hygiene, health services management, health economics, health policy, social sciences, public health and medicine training. Italian Journal of Public Health is a globally circulated international peer-reviewed publication of the Institute of Hygiene of the Catholic University of Rome and has been admitted to the National Library of Medicine (NLM ID: 101252625 Ital J Public Health.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/guery.fcgi?CMD=search&DB=journals).

Our editorial board members have been chosen from worldwide well-known public health experts. Italian Journal of Public Health manuscript submission procedure and other information on the Journal are published in the Journal website (www.ijph.it)

We would be pleased if you, as an expert in your area, could kindly consider submitting your articles for publication to the Italian Journal of Public Health. You may also recommend top experts to join the editorial board of Italian Journal of Public Health and suggest a hot topic for us to publish a special issue in the Journal, in which you could be the Guest Editor.

Because it is also an online journal, papers published in Italian Journal of Public Health receive very high publicity. We look forward for a cooperation with you.

Prof Giuseppe La Torre

Editor in Chief

Italian Journal of Public Health

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## 5. Upcoming courses and conferences

Title 9th WONCA Rural Health World Conference Health inequalities

Date 12-14 June 2009

Place Heraklion, Crete, Greece

**WONCA** Organiser

More information www.ruralwonca2009.org

Title: Health and Safety at Work: Best Practice and Partnerships Conference

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 Place: London, UK

Organiser: Royal Society for Public Health

More information: www.rsph.org.uk or email Jennifer Tatman jtatman@rsph.org.uk

Title EHMA annual conference: Success in a changing market: funding,

innovation, communication

Date 24-26 June 2009 Place Innsbruck, Austria

Organiser **EHMA** 

www.ehma.org More information

Megacities: Health, Geomatics and Climate Change Title:

Date: 7-11 September 2009 Place:

Bielefeld University, Germany

Website: http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/gesundhw/ag2/summerschoolIDE/

Title International conference on Roma Health

Date 11-12 September 2009 Place Kosice, Slovakia

Organiser Safarik University together with the MEHO project

More information www.meho.eu.com

Title: Diploma in Occupational Medicine: a two week course

Date: 26 September - 8 October 2009

London, UIK Place:

Organiser: Royal Society for Public Health

More information: www.rsph.org.uk or email Jennifer Tatman jtatman@rsph.org.uk

Title Congrès SFSP 2009 " La nouvelle gouvernance en santé"

Date 1-3 October 2009 Nantes. France Place

Organiser **SFSP** 

More information: www.sfsp.fr/manifestations/manifestations/infos.php?cmanif=17&cpage=1 Title HIA 09 'On the move!' The 10<sup>th</sup> international HIA conference

Date 14-16 October 2009 Place Rotterdam, Netherlands

Organiser HIA

More information <a href="www.hia09.nl">www.hia09.nl</a>, or send an e-mail to: <a href="mailto:info@elitazoer.nl">info@elitazoer.nl</a>

Title: Water Challenges: Past, Present and Future

Date: 3 November 2009 Place: London, UK

Organiser: Royal Society for Public Health

More information: www.rsph.org.uk or email Jennifer Tatman jtatman@rsph.org.uk

Title APHA annual meeting: Water and public health

Date 7-11 November 2009 Place Philadelphia, US

Organiser APHA

More information www.apha.org

## 6. Interesting publications

## Challenges and priorities for global mental health research in low- and middle-income countries - Symposium report

UK Academy of Medical Sciences, 2008

Available online at: <a href="http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/download.php?file=/images/project/122838595851.pdf">http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/download.php?file=/images/project/122838595851.pdf</a>

Website: http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/p47prid64.html

## Global health diagnostics: research, development and regulation Workshop report

UK Academy of Medical Sciences, 2009

Available online at: <a href="http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/download.php?file=/images/project/Diagnost.pdf">http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/download.php?file=/images/project/Diagnost.pdf</a>

Website: http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/p47prid65.html

# Lanzamiento Programa de Aprendizaje Virtual Sobre *Influenza* A / H1 N1 OPS Campus Virtual <a href="http://www.campusvirtualsp.org/">http://www.campusvirtualsp.org/</a>

Programa de Aprendizaje Virtual sobre Influeza A/H1N1

http://devserver.paho.org/virtualcampus/moodle/course/view.php?id=50

#### Society at a Glance 2009 - OECD Social Indicators

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ISBN Number: 9789264049383 - May 2009

Press release:

http://www.oecd.org/document/17/0,3343,en\_2649\_34637\_42671889\_1\_1\_1\_1,00.html

# Tackling Health Inequalities: ten years on. A review of developments in tackling health inequalities in England over the last ten years

English Department of Health, 2009

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH 09 8936

#### Costs and benefits of health information technology: an updated systematic review

Paul G Shekelle, Caroline L Goldzweig

Southern California Evidence-based Practice Centre, RAND Corporation - 2009

Available online PDF [64p.] at:

http://www.health.org.uk/publications/research\_reports/health\_technology.html

#### Launching of the Mesoamerican Public Health Institute

Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, México 22 - 24 de abril del 2009

Website: www.imesoamericano.org

#### Health for all? A critical analysis of public health policies in eight European countries

Editors: Christer Hogstedt, Henrik Moberg, Bernt Lundgren and Mona Backhans

Swedish National Institute of Public Health 2008

NEW URL Available online PDF [358p.] at:

http://www.fhi.se/PageFiles/4171/R200821\_Health\_for\_all\_komp0809.pdf

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Available online PDF [358p.] at:

http://www.fhi.se/shop/material\_pdf/R200821\_Health\_for\_all0808komp.pdf

#### The Geopolitics of Pandemics

May 4, 2009 | By George Friedman

STRATFOR Global intelligence

Available online at: http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20090504 geopolitics pandemics

#### Pandemic influenza preparedness in Latin America: analysis of national strategic plans

Ana Mensua, Sandra Mounier-Jack and Richard Coker

Communicable Disease Policy Research Group, Health Policy Unit, Department of Public health and

Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK.

Health Policy and Planning Advance Access published May 1, 2009

Published by Oxford University Press in association with The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Health Policy and Planning 2009;1-8 doi:10.1093/heapol/czp019

Full text at: http://bit.ly/AsZJI

PDF:

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#### **Capitalism Beyond the Crisis**

Amartya Sen, is Lamont University Professor at Harvard. He received the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1998. His most recent book is *Identity and Violence: The Illusion of Destiny*. (March 2009)

The New York Review of Books - Volume 56, Number 5 · March 26, 2009

Available online at: http://www.nybooks.com/articles/22490

#### Pandemic Influenza Planning in the United States from a Health Disparities Perspective

Philip Blumenshine,\*1 Arthur Reingold,† Susan Egerter,‡ Robin Mockenhaupt,§ Paula Braveman,‡ and James Marks§

Weill/Cornell Medical College, Ithaca, New York, USA; †University of California, Berkeley, California,

USA; ‡University of California, San Francisco, California, USA; and §Robert Wood Johnson

Foundation, Princeton, New Jersey, USA

EID Journal Home > Volume 14, Number 5-May 2008

CDC Journal Emerging Infectious Disease

Available online at: http://www.cdc.gov/eid/content/14/5/709.htm

## Pandemic Influenza: A Guide to Recent Institute of Medicine IOM Studies and Workshops IOM May 2009

The guide is available at: http://bit.ly/Zn2ID

#### CHILDHOOD INJURIES AND VIOLENCE

WHO BULLETIN Volume 87, Number 5, May 2009, 325-404

Available online at: http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/87/5/en/index.html

#### Global Health Law: A Definition and Grand Challenges

Lawrence O. Gostin and Allyn L. Taylor O'Neill Institute for National and Global

Health Law at Georgetown University Law Center

PUBLIC HEALTH ETHICS VOLUME 1 • NUMBER 1 • 2008 • 53-63

Available online at: http://phe.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/1/1/53

#### **PAHO Urges Equitable Access to Influenza Vaccines**

Website; http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=1300&Itemid=1

#### Eleventh Futures Forum on the ethical governance of pandemic influenza preparedness

2008, iv + 28 pages ISBN 978 92 890 7186 4

WHO Regional Office for Europe- Copenhagen, Denmark

Available online PDF [36p.] at: <a href="http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E91310.pdf">http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E91310.pdf</a>

### How can donors help build global public goods in health?

Monica Das Gupta, Development Research Group, The World Bank

Lawrence Gostin, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Policy Research working paper; WPS 4907 The World Bank, Development Research Group

Human Development and Public Services Team, April 2009

Available online at: http://www-

wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/IW3P/IB/2009/04/20/000158349\_2009042011 2159/Rendered/PDF/WPS4907.pdf

#### Teams in Action: Primary Health Care Teams for Canadians

Health Council of Canada - April 2009

Available online PDF [57p.] at: http://www.healthcouncilcanada.ca/teamsinaction.pdf

#### The Millennium Development Goals Fail Poor Children: The Case for Equity-Adjusted Measures

Daniel D. Reidpath1\*, Chantal M. Morel2, Jeffrey W. Mecaskey3, Pascale Allotey1

1 Centre for Public Health Research, Brunel University, Uxbridge, United Kingdom,

2 LSE Health, London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom,

3 Save the Children UK, London, United Kingdom

PLoS Med 6(4): e1000062. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000062 - April 28, 2009

Available online at:

http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000062

#### Managing evidence-based knowledge: the need for reliable, relevant and readable resources

Sharon Straus is with the LiKaShing Knowledge Institute, St. Michael's Hospital, University of Toronto, R. Bryan Haynes is with the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont. Canada

Canadian Medical Association CMAJ • April 28, 2009; 180 (9). doi:10.1503/cmaj.081697

Available online at: http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/reprint/180/9/942

#### Contribution of Primary Care to Health Systems and Health

BARBARA STARFIELD, LEIYU SHI, and JAMES MACINKO

Johns Hopkins University; New York University

The Milbank Quarterly, Vol. 83, No. 3, 2005 (pp. 457–502)

Available online PDF [46p.] at: <a href="http://www.jhsph.edu/pcpc/Publications\_PDFs/2005\_MQ\_Starfield.pdf">http://www.jhsph.edu/pcpc/Publications\_PDFs/2005\_MQ\_Starfield.pdf</a>

#### The geographical information system use in public health: research and practice.

Italian Journal of Public Health volume 5 (4), Winter 2008. For more information: www.ijph.it

#### Zicht op kwaliteit. Transparentie in de zorg vanuit patientenperspectief.

Diana Delnoij, University of Tilburg, May 2009

### 7. European Commission: update

 Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

Request for a common short report on Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) focussed on zoonotic infections based on the information currently available

• Threats to health: Communicable diseases
Influenza A(H1N1) Latest news and Epidemiological information sections updated

Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks 2nd public call for the submission of new information or data on the hazard profile, health effects, and human exposure to fluoride and information and data on the health risks that may be associated with the use of most common drinking water fluoridation agents like silicofluorides (e.g. (hydro)fluorosilicic acid, sodium silicofluoride) Deadline for submission of information: 26 June 2009

Threats to health: Climate change
 Commission Staff Working Document accompanying document to the White Paper
 "Adapting to climate change" Now available in 21 languages

- Health determinants: Diet, Physical Activity and Health EU Platform for Action
   The Platform has released its 2009 Annual report
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks
   Minutes of first Working Group meeting on fluoridation on drinking water, Brussels, 12

   May 2009
- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks Minutes of the 1st Working Group Meeting of 24 April 2009
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
   Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) since 2003 Data as of 06 May 2009
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
   Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtype
   Data as of 06
   May 2009
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
   Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtypes Data as of 06 May 2009 (flash map)
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
   Distribution H5N1 cases by age group up to date
   Data as of 06 May 2009
- Influenza: Influenza fact sheet
   Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) by date of onset and country from
   January 2006 up to date Data as of 06 May 2009
- Health determinants: Socio-economic determinants of health health inequalities Key documents united Kingdom section added
- Threats to health: Communicable diseases
   Influenza A(H1N1) Epidemiological information section updated
- Threats to health: Communicable diseases
   Joint EC, ECDC, WHO EURO meeting on tuberculosis, Luxembourg 30 June-1 July 2009

Health determinants: Mental health
 Round Table Reducing the Psychosocial Impact of the Financial and Economic Crisis,
 Brussels, 27 April 2009 Contributions

Health determinants: Mental health
 Meeting 'Mental Health and Gender' in Brussels, 13 May 2009 Agenda

Threats to health: Communicable diseases
 Influenza A(H1N1) Epidemiological information updated

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Health determinants: Alcohol
 <u>European Alcohol and Health Forum</u> Overview and summary report of the commitments updated

Health determinants: Alcohol
 2nd Open Forum on Alcohol and Health, Brussels, 30 April 2009 Programme updated

Health determinants: High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity
 Summary report of the Fourth meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical
 Activity, Brussels, 28 October 2008

 Health determinants: Diet, Physical Activity and Health - A European Platform for Action

<u>Summary report of the plenary meeting of the Diet, Physical Activity and Health - A</u> European Platform for Action, Brussels, 19 november 2008

 Threats to health: Communicable diseases Novel flu virus page updated

- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks Request for a scientific opinions on Specific Environmental Issues
- Threats to health: Communicable diseases <u>Novel flu virus</u> page updated
- Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks
   Call for information on Mercury Sphygmomanometers in Healthcare and the Feasibility of <u>Alternatives</u> Deadline for submission of information: Wednesday, 24 June 2009

## 8. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 20, 21 May 2009

### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

An outbreak caused by hantavirus in the Black Sea region of Turkey, January - May 2009 <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19214">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19214</a>

#### **PERSPECTIVES**

Influenza A(H5N1): an overview of the current situation <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19216">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19216</a>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Rapid spread of drug-resistant influenza A viruses in the Basque Country, northern Spain, 2000-1 to 2008-9

#### http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19215

Clinical laboratory practices for the detection of rotavirus in England and Wales: can surveillance based on routine laboratory testing data be used to evaluate the impact of vaccination? http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19217

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 19, 14 May 2009

Besides reports on new influenza A(H1N1) in Spain and the UK and an analysis of the reproduction rate of the epidemic in Mexico, one article highlights an ongoing Q fever outbreak in the Netherlands.

#### **EDITORIALS**

Why are Mexican data important?

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19212

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

New influenza A(H1N1) virus infections in Spain, April-May 2009 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19209

Epidemiology of new influenza A(H1N1) in the United Kingdom, April - May 2009 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19213

A preliminary estimation of the reproduction ratio for new influenza A(H1N1) from the outbreak in Mexico, March-April 2009

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19205

Sustained intensive transmission of Q fever in the south of the Netherlands, 2009 <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19210">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19210</a>

Anaphylaxis following unnecessary meningococcal chemoprophylaxis of a healthcare worker <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19207">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19207</a>

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Endemic hepatitis E in two Nordic countries

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19211

Can the Swedish new variant of Chlamydia trachomatis (nvCT) be detected by UK NEQAS participants from seventeen European countries and five additional countries/regions in 2009? http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19206

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2009;14(18)

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19208

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 18, 7 May 2009

Two articles on the current worldwide influenza A(H1N1) outbreak are complemented by articles on seasonal influenza in Portugal and avian influenza A(H5N1) in Egypt.

#### **EDITORIALS**

Avian influenza A(H5N1) - current situation

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19199

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

First sequence-confirmed case of infection with the new influenza A(H1N1) strain in Germany <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19203">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19203</a>

Initial epidemiological findings in the European Union following the declaration of pandemic alert level

#### 5 due to influenza A (H1N1)

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19204

Age-specific infection and death rates for human A(H5N1) avian influenza in Egypt http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19198

Early estimates of the excess mortality associated with the 2008-9 influenza season in Portugal <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19194">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19194</a>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Travel-associated Legionnaires' disease in Europe in 2007 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19196

#### **PERSPECTIVES**

Estimating the Global Burden of Foodborne Diseases - a collaborative effort <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19195">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19195</a>

#### **LETTERS**

National pneumococcal vaccination programmes for children in Europe, 2001-2007: update from Ireland

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19201

National pneumococcal vaccination programmes for children in Europe, 2001-2007: update from Turkey

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19202

Authors' reply: National pneumococcal vaccination programmes for children in Europe, 2001-2007 - updated table

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19200

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) 2009 - call for abstracts is now open

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19197

#### Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 17, 30 April 2009

#### **E-ALERTS**

Pandemic phase level 4: human cases of the novel influenza A/H1N1 strain confirmed in Scotland and Spain

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19185

#### **EDITORIALS**

The global impact of hand hygiene campaigning

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19191

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

The origin of the recent swine influenza A(H1N1) virus infecting humans <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19193">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19193</a>

Outbreak of Clostridium difficile 027 infection in Vienna, Austria 2008-2009 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19186

#### **EUROROUNDUPS**

National Hand Hygiene Campaigns in Europe, 2000-2009 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19190

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Investigation of the spread of brucellosis among human and animal populations in southeastern Bulgaria, 2007

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19187

#### **NEWS**

Pandemic phase level 5: rising number of cases in the European Union <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19192">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19192</a>

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19189">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19189</a>

Job vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19188">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19188</a>

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### 9. WHO new publications

#### **MAY 2009**

We are pleased to provide you with the list of WHO information products recently released. Please click on

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You can also consult our information products catalogues in pdf format or select a subject catalogue from our e-commerce web site: WHO Catalogues

Please note that our new Spring 2009 Catalogue of WHO Information Products is now available online:

#### World Health Statistics 2009

World Health Statistics 2009 contains WHO's annual compilation of data from its 193 member states, and includes a summary of progress towards the health-related Millennium Development Goals and targets.

#### Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response

This revised WHO guidance publication on pandemic influenza preparedness and response has been developed to guide WHO Member States and others responsible for public health and pandemic influenza preparedness activities at the national level.

#### Third Ten Years of the World Health Organization: 1968-1977 (The)

This book offers insights into not only the Organization itself but also the political, social and economic background against which many far-reaching health decisions were made during this period.

#### International Ethical Guidelines on Epidemiological Studies

The present revised Guidelines are intended to draw the attention of investigators, sponsors and ethical review committees to the need to consider carefully the ethical implications of research protocols and the manner in which research is conducted, and thus to conduce to high scientific and ethical standards in epidemiological research.

Scientific Basis of Tobacco Product Regulation (The)

This report makes available the findings of an international group of experts that provide WHO with the latest scientific and technical advice in the area of product regulation.

#### Investing in Hospitals of the Future

This book brings together current knowledge about key dimensions of capital investment in the health sector.

#### Cyclic Acid Anhydrides: Human Health Aspects

Cyclic acid anhydrides are widely used in the chemical industry in the manufacture of polyester and alkyd resisns and plastiicizers and as epoxy resin hardeners. Acid anhydrides are irritants and are especially potent sensitizing agents. This document deals with several anhydrides of concern.

#### Inorganic Chromium (III) Compounds

This document on inorganic chromium (III) compounds provides summaries of the relevant scientific information concerning the potential effects of these chemicals upon human health and/or the environment.

#### Western Pacific Country Health Information Profiles

This 2008 edition comprises the country profiles and the health databanks for each country and area of the WHO Western Pacific Region.

#### **Preventing Carer Burnout**

This document looks at how carer burnout can be avoided.

#### **UNAIDS Annual Report 2007**

This annual report provides an overview of work undertaken by UNAIDS.

#### Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 87, No. 5, 2009

As the flagship periodical of WHO, the Bulletin is a leading international voice on public health issues. This peer-reviewed monthly draws on the expertise within WHO to provide a vital resource for those interested in research, policy issues and debate on international public health, particularly the problems confronting developing countries.

#### WHO Drug Information, Vol. 23, No. 1, 2009

WHO Drug Information communicates pharmaceutical information that is either developed and issued by WHO or transmitted to WHO by research and regulatory agencies throughout the World. The journal also includes regular presentations of newly proposed and recommended International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceuticals Substances. This volume contains the Proposed INN List no. 100.

#### **BOOKS IN FRENCH**

## Combler le fossé en une génération. Instaurer l'équité en santé en agissant sur les déterminants de la santé

Le rapport final de la Commission des Déterminants sociaux de la Santé fournit une analyse des déterminants sociaux de la santé et donne des exemples concrets de types d'actions s'étant révélés efficaces pour améliorer la santé et l'équité en santé dans les pays, quel que soit le niveau de développement socio-économique.

#### Statistiques sanitaires mondiales 2009

Les Statistiques sanitaires mondiales 2009 contiennent la compilation annuelle par l'OMS des données provenant de ses 193 Etats Membres et un résumé des progrès accomplis vers les objectifs et des cibles du Millénaire pour le développement (OMD) liés à la santé.

#### Soins primaires de l'oreille et de l'audition : matériel de formation

Comprend 4 manuels de formation destinés à aider les agents de santé de soins primaires dans les pays en développement à réduire les problèmes liés à l'oreille et l'audition par des méthodes simples et efficaces.

#### **BOOKS IN SPANISH**

#### Estadísticas sanitarias mundiales 2009

En Estadísticas Sanitarias Mundiales 2009 figura la recopilación anual que la OMS prepara a partir de los datos recibidos de sus 193 Estados Miembros, junto con un resumen de los progresos realizados hacia la consecución de las metas de los Objetivos de Desarrollo del Milenio relacionadas con la salud.

#### **BOOKS IN CHINESE**

World Health Statistics 2009
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