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1. European Public Health Conference



Malta 2012

The 5th ANNUAL EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE 2012, co-organised with the Maltese Association of Public Health Medicine and ASPHER, will be organised from 8 to 10 November 2012. The main theme of the conference is All Inclusive Public Health.

We have received more abstracts than last year: 802 single abstracts and 74 workshops. At the moment, the International Scientific Committee is still scoring the abstracts. Each member has to score about 100-150 abstracts. We highly appreciate their contribution to make Malta 2012 a successful conference. On 18 June, the decisions on the abstracts will be available online. The preliminary programme will be available at the end of June.

Malta 2012 website: http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

Malta 2012 facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/5th-European-Public-Health-Conference-Malta-2012/213687192050284>

2. EUPHA update

New institutional members

We are happy to inform you that we have 2 new institutional members:

- Italian Barometer Diabetes Observatory, Rome, Italy
Website: <http://www.creativagroup.info/ibdo/index.php?pagina=Mondragone&Lang=ENG>
- School of Public Health, University of Georgia, Georgia
Website: <http://www.ug.edu.ge/en/index.php>

EUPHA's 1992-2012 prize contest!

To celebrate the 20 years of EUPHA, we launched a prize contest in January. Check out the May question at: http://www.eupha.org/site/projects.php?project_page=19922012.

For each answer, you will receive a letter, which – if you have answered everything perfectly – will form a word. Send this word between 1 and 5 November to: office@eupha.org

From the correct entries, we will draw 4 winners. The prize to win is the Malta 2012 Conference dinner (free of charge) at the EUPHA president's table.

PHIRE project

The full report of the regional meetings of the Public Health Innovation and Research (PHIRE) project is finalized. This report, summarizing the regional meetings organized during the Copenhagen 2011 conference, is a next big deliverable for the project. After the management meeting next week, the report may be made publicly available via EUPHApedia.

NEW: EUPHA snapshot on the Impact of Alcohol

This snapshot summarizes the abstracts presented at the conferences from 1999-2010 on the Impact of Alcohol. The snapshot was elaborated with the help of Johan Lund, president of the EUPHA section on injury prevention and safety promotion. To download the snapshot, please go to:

http://www.eupha.org/site/publications.php?publications_page=2

EUPHA is collaborating with the following conference:

Title: 4th Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe

Date: 21-23 June 2012

Place: Milan, Italy

More information: www.unibocconi.eu/mighealth2012

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



There are now 2674 documents available in the database (increase of 36 from April).
In May, 32 documents were downloaded.

The most recent interesting articles can be found on our opening page: www.eupha.org.

Please feel free to send your feedback to: office@eupha.org

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

EU Health Prize for Journalists

On 3rd May 2012 the 4th edition of the EU Health Prize for Journalists was launched by the European Commissioner for Health and Consumers, John Dalli.

Articles written on health topics by journalists, published between 25/07/2011 and 31/07/2012 can be submitted via the EU's Health Prize website: http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/journalist_prize

The submission deadline is 31/07/2012. The rules and conditions and further information are available via the homepage.

We would be very thankful if you could help us spread the word among journalists by publishing the following links on your website and/or by sharing them with your contacts. Please find the web banners attached (if you need other sizes please let us know).

For more information:

Flyer (available in 22 languages):

http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/journalist_prize/2012/docs/flyer_web_en.pdf

Journalist Prize website (available in 22 languages):

http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/journalist_prize

Press Release (available in all EU languages):

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/444&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/EU-Health-Prize-for-Journalists/109464325763850?ref=ts>

Contact email:

SANCO-JPrize2012@ec.europa.eu

4. Interesting News

European Skills/Competences, qualifications and Occupations (ESCO)

The European Commission is developing a classification of **European Skills/Competences, qualifications and Occupations (ESCO)** in close collaboration with stakeholders. ESCO will enhance communication in the labour market and the education/training sector throughout Europe. ESCO will be multilingual, and thus will allow exchanging documents such as job vacancies, CVs or training curricula irrespective of their language. ESCO will be used in practical tools, such as job portals, online career guidance and statistical databases.

In order to revise the contents of the ESCO classification the European Commission relies on the expertise of sectoral *Reference Groups*. These expert groups are composed of stakeholders with expertise in the specific sector. They will identify occupational areas in the sector and analyse knowledge, skills and competences required by people working in these occupations. Furthermore, the group will review key qualifications in the sector. The result of the Reference Group's work will be a

revised content of the ESCO classification that can be used for online job matching and other purposes.

ESCO Secretariat invites stakeholders to propose experts that might join the **"Human health and social work activities"** Reference Group and actively work on ESCO. Each member of the Reference Group should have expertise in the terminology and structure of occupations, skills/competences and/or qualifications in the specific sector.

If you have the required expertise or if you want to propose someone else as a candidate for the Reference Groups, **please fill in the application form until 1 June 2012:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=escoref1&lang=en>

The World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) - Addis Ababa Declaration

A call on Global Health Equity

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/JMP6oS>

".....This includes working across sectors and disciplines and in true partnership with communities to:

1. Promote and attain social justice and equity in health by acting through a 'Social Determinants of Health' approach;
2. Accelerate the attainment of national and international development goals by building and redistributing resources to strengthen international, national and local capacity and leadership in public health;
3. Ensure that better context-specific, comprehensive and equitable targets covering universal health coverage and health for all are integrated into and made more visible within the MDGs as soon as possible;
4. Enhance and strengthen, both numerically and in capability, the public health workforce, in addition to developing new and effective strategies to retain qualified health professionals;
5. Combat fraud and corruption, as these are major determinants of health that affect all, but especially the poor and vulnerable;
6. Recognize physical and mental disabilities and injury prevention as critical components of a public health approach to health equity; and,
7. Fulfill their financial pledges in respect of the MDGs and to, in addition, fulfill their pledges with respect to the Paris Declaration and to the political declarations on Non-Communicable Diseases and the Social Determinants of Health....."

5. EUPHA member updates

Seminar on European public health – 20 years after Maastricht

The University of Maastricht is organising a seminar on European public health – 20 years after Maastricht: the shaping of a new policy field? At the Brussels campus of the university on 5 June 2012.

6. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International (GI) promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of GI is the international course catalogue "medicine & health", a unique annual publication listing courses and congresses in the fields of biomedicine, public health and development cooperation. For further information: <http://www.going-international.at/index.php?lang=EN> Global International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: University of Liverpool Master of Public Health (MPH)

Place: 100% Online

Deadline: Monthly intakes

More info: <http://www.liverpool-degrees.com/programmes/health>

Title: **Modeling Approaches for HTA: a Practical Hands-on Workshop**
Dates: 7-9 June 2012
Place: Oslo, Norway
More info: www.umat.at/htads

Title: **Public health issues and online communication to adolescents: challenges and opportunities**
Dates: 5 June 2012
Place: Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Boys and Girls (EU Project)
More info: <http://ec.europa.eu/health>

Title: **The future role of the Medical Schools: What will Medical Schools be like in 2050?**
Dates: 7-9 June 2012
Place: Padova, Italy
Organiser: Association of Medical Schools in Europe (AMSE)
More info: <http://www.podcast.medicina.unipd.it/groups/amse2012/>

Title: **Health and Structural Funds - sharing good practice to prepare for the post 2013 period**
Dates: 14-15 June 2012
Place: Maastricht, The Netherlands
Organiser: European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA)
More info: <http://seminars.eipa.eu/en/activities09/show/&tid=5059>

Title: **PhD Course Pharmacovigilance: Research Perspectives**
Dates: 3-5 September 2012
Place: Copenhagen, Denmark
Organiser: University of Copenhagen
Deadline: for application: 1 July 2012
More info: <http://www.farma.ku.dk/index.php?id=11053>

Title: **Using Medical Research to Inform Medical Practice**
Dates: 5-7 September 2012
Place: Nicosia, Cyprus
Organiser: Yale Center for Analytical Sciences at the Yale School of Public Health in collaboration with the University of Nicosia
More info: contact Mr. Anthos I. Shekeris on +357 22 841656 or Elisa Bosio +357-22841710

Title: **Dementia – A National Crisis**
Dates: 4 October 2012
Place: Manchester, UK
More info: [View Full Details of Programme and Speakers](#)

Title: **Public health intervention in real-life settings – How to develop effective interventions in public health practice – Master Class**
Dates: 29-30 October 2012
Place: Wageningen, The Netherlands
More info: <http://www.vlaggraduatschool.nl/courses/agora-12.htm>

Title: Introduction to the Statistical Software R
Dates: 13 - 14 February 2013
Place: University of Basel, SwissTPH, Switzerland
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: COME, Communicating Medical Error
Dates: March 18-22, 2013
Organiser: Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, Switzerland
Place: Monte Verità-Ascona, Switzerland
Website: <http://www.come.usi.ch>
Contact: COME.com@usi.ch
Deadline: Call for papers opens 2 July 2012

Title: The second Knowledge Exchange in Public Health Conference:
How to get practice into science?
Dates: 22-23 April 2013
Place: Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands
Organiser: FUSE
More info: [Fuse](#)

Title: The 8th Global Conference on Health Promotion 2013
Dates: 10-14 June 2013
Place: Helsinki, Finland
Organiser: The conference is co-organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland
More info: <http://bit.ly/K5p273>

7. Interesting publications

Public health bureaus: new players in health improvement in Lithuania
Ramunė Kalėdienė, Audrius Ščeponavičius, Andrius Kavaliūnas, Loreta Ašoklienė
Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania
Acta Medica Lituanica. 2011. Vol. 18. No. 4. P. 183–189

Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly – May 2012 daily notes on proceedings
World Health Organization – WHO
Website: <http://bit.ly/MDtxb2>

Defining and assessing evidence for the effectiveness of technical assistance in furthering global health

Gary R. West, Sheila P. Clapp, E. Megan Davidson Averill & Willard Cates Jr.
Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research, Policy and Practice,
DOI:10.1080/17441692.2012.682075. 21 May 2012
Available online: <http://bit.ly/JQUIXu>

Primary care: Today and tomorrow - Improving general practice by working differently
Deloitte UK Centre for Health Solutions report - 2012
Available online PDF [40p.] at: <http://bit.ly/KGtTfF>

Five keys to improving research costing in low- and middle income countries
2012 - ESSENCE - harmonizing policies and practices of research funders – Good practice document series
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/L4I0Kv>

Embedding of research into decision-making processes

Adam D Koon, Devaki Nambiar, Krishna D Rao

Background paper commissioned by the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research to develop the WHO Health Systems Research Strategy – 2012

Available online PDF [27p.] at: <http://bit.ly/MDlmyb>

Health Justice: An Argument From the Capabilities Approach

Joseph J. Fins, Division of Medical Ethics, Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York

JAMA. May 16 2012;307(19):2106-2106. doi:10.1001/jama.2012.481

Website: <http://bit.ly/JxmVhe>

Confronting Scarcity: Managing Water, Energy and Land for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

The 2011/2012 European Report on Development

Overseas Development Institute (ODI), European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (GDI/DIE).- European Union, 2012

Available online PDF [208p.] at: <http://bit.ly/JUwqFd>

Policy Making With Health Equity at Its Heart

Michael G. Marmot, UCL Institute of Health Equity, University College London

JAMA. May 16 - 2012;307(19):2033-2034. doi:10.1001/jama.2012.3534

Website: <http://bit.ly/Lfz9pA>

Understanding poverty and wellbeing: a note with implications for research and policy

ODI Research reports and studies, May 2012

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/Jd5kVY>

Primary Care and Public Health: Exploring Integration to Improve Population Health

US Committee on Integrating Primary Care and Public Health;

Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice; Institute of Medicine

2012 by the National Academy of Sciences

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/Hn32SX>

How To Make Cities More Resilient -A Handbook For Local Government Leaders

A contribution to the global campaign 2010-2015 - Making Cities Resilient – My City is Getting Ready!

Helena Molin Valdés, Aloysius Reg, John Scott, Jaime Valdés Aguayo, Patricia Bittner

United Nations UNISDR -Geneva March 2012

Available online PDF [104p.] at: <http://bit.ly/MbU7ru>

Global Health Governance and Financing Mechanisms

Working Paper - May 2012

Samantha Battams, Research Fellow, Global Health Europe, Global Health Programme

The Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies

Thiago Luchesi, Advisor for Child Health Policy and Rights, World Vision International

Available online PDF [23p.] at: <http://bit.ly/JCW80N>

Shades of Gray: A Cross-Country Study of Health and Well-Being of the Older Populations in SAGE Countries

2007–2010

Wan He and Mark N. Muenchrath, Paul

International Population Reports

Study on global AGEing and adult health (SAGE)

Issued May 2012 -P95/12- SAGE Countries—China, Ghana, India, Mexico, Russia, and South Africa

Available online PDF [76p.] at: <http://1.usa.gov/JoY7kX>

Trends in Maternal Mortality: 1990 to 2010

WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and The World Bank estimates

UN Population Fund (UNFPA) May 16, 2012

Available online PDF [72p.] at: <http://bit.ly/JjLcki>

**Comparing health policy agendas across eleven high income countries:
Islands of difference in a sea of similarity**

Tim Tenbensel, Samantha Eagle, Toni Ashton
School of Population Health, University of Auckland, New Zealand
Health Policy (2012)
Website: <http://bit.ly/IN6Nml>

**World Health Organization - Global Health Observatory (GHO)
World Health Statistics 2012**

WHO's annual compilation of health-related data for its 194 Member States, and includes a summary of the progress made towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and associated targets. This year, it also includes highlight summaries on the topics of noncommunicable diseases, universal health coverage and civil registration coverage. Progress on the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Fact sheet N°290 - <http://bit.ly/J8jdcF>

SUMMARY BROCHURE

English at: <http://bit.ly/JdQSSB>
French at: <http://bit.ly/Ktjvpep>
Spanish at: <http://bit.ly/JJtsBx>

FULL REPORT

English PDF [180p.] at: <http://bit.ly/JTfwGN>
French PDF [180p.] at: <http://bit.ly/JvUPmf>
Spanish PDF [180p.] at: <http://bit.ly/KfFyzw>

Sustainable Cities. Local solutions in the Global South

Edited by Mélanie Robertson
International Development Research Centre, IDRC 2012
Available online PDF [191p.] at: <http://bit.ly/IWsNKV>

**Can the European elderly afford the financial burden of health and long-term care?
Assessing impacts and policy implications**

Xenia Scheil-Adlung, Jacopo Bonan
ESS Paper N° 31 Global Campaign on Social Security and Coverage for All
International Labour Organization 2012
Available online PDF file [50p.] at: <http://bit.ly/K2BLoY>

**Health systems, health, wealth and societal well-being
Assessing the case for investing in health systems**

Edited by Josep Figueras and Martin McKee
Published by Open University Press
World Health Organization 2012 on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
Available online PDF [330p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Jzwb8F>

Thailand's Universal Coverage Scheme: Achievements and Challenges

An independent assessment of the first 10 years (2001-2010)
May 2012 - Health Insurance System Research Office
Available online PDF [120p.] at: <http://bit.ly/JZxYgN>

A working guide to international comparisons of health

Karen Bishop, Lisa Sainsbury and Shelley Thompson
Cat. no. PHE 159. Canberra: AIHW
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2012
Available online PDF [27p.] at: <http://bit.ly/KgJHXN>

Four decades of health economics through a bibliometric lens

Adam Wagstaff Anthony J. Culyer
Journal of Health Economics 31 (March 2012) 406– 439
Website: <http://bit.ly/JrfEdM>

Social determinants of health and well-being among young people

Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) study: international report from the 2009/2010 survey

Candace Currie et al.

Health Policy for Children and Adolescents, No. 6 2012

Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2012

Available PDF [272p.] at: <http://bit.ly/lw54TK>

Getting Started with Health in All Policies: A Resource Pack

Health in All Policies: A Snapshot for Ontario

Scoping Review of the Literature

Prepared by the Centre for Research on Inner City Health (CRICH) in the Keenan Research Centre of the Li Ka Shing

Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital

Shankardass K et al.

2011 - Report to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Ontario) Canada

Available online PDF [88p.] at: <http://bit.ly/wnt2hN>

Bridging international law and rights-based litigation: Mapping health-related rights through the development of the Global Health and Human Rights Database

Benjamin Mason Meier, Helena Nygren-Krug, Oscar A. Cabrera, Ana Ayala, Lawrence O. Gostin

O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University, and the

World Health Organization, and the Lawyers Collective – 2012

Available at <http://bit.ly/JFu0K7>

Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth

March of Dimes, PMNCH, Save the Children, WHO. Born Too Soon

Eds CP Howson, MV Kinney, JE Lawn.

World Health Organization. Geneva, 2012

Website:

English: <http://bit.ly/K2A4ff>

French: <http://bit.ly/K4ewi7>

Spanish: <http://bit.ly/K2Rmle>

The Global Health Strategic Framework

USAID's Global Health Strategic Framework set their direction of the global health sector for FY 2012-2016.

U.S. Agency for International Development - USAID

Washington, DC USA

Available online [PDF 56p.] at: <http://1.usa.gov/IUQNic>

Healthcare Quarterly. Special Issue. Patient Safety

Healthcare Quarterly Vol. 15 Special Issue |

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/HYHJsG>

Global Report for Research on Infectious Diseases of Poverty – WHO

World Health Organization on behalf of the

Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases 2012

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/HPHzEH>

US National Healthcare Disparities Report

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Available online PDF [256p.] at: <http://1.usa.gov/liP3UJ>

Improving Equity in Health by Addressing Social Determinants

Edited by: The Commission on Social Determinants of Health Knowledge Networks

Jennifer H Lee and Ritu Sadana

World Health Organization, Geneva – 2011

Available online PDF [319p.] - [1.5 MB] at: <http://bit.ly/JnYFv6>

Protecting Health from Climate Change - Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment
Sustainable Development and Environmental Health
Pan American Health Organization/WHO 2012
Available online PDF file [72p.] at: <http://bit.ly/IRNV5X>

8. European Commission news

Alcohol

Plenary Meeting of the European Alcohol and Health Forum, Brussels, 26 April 2012 Flash report available

Publication: Further study on the affordability of alcoholic beverages in the EU

Communicable diseases

Health advice for travelling football fans

eHealth

eHealth 2012 High level Conference, Copenhagen, 8-9 May 2012

Health

Press release: Better use of health data will transform the healthcare landscape, says expert report

Health indicators

E-News: HEIDI : A new way of sharing and storing health information in the EU!

Healthcare

Eurobarometer Qualitative Study on patient involvement - Aggregate Report

Health programme

EU Health programmes - 10 years anniversary promotional video

Publication: Health for the EU in 20 success stories - A selection of successful projects funded by the EU health programmes

Publication: EU Health Programme: working together to improve public health in Europe: A selection of Public Health Projects with an important impact for EU Member States

Publication: Programme of Community action in the field of public health: Projects funded under call for proposals 2010

Health technology assessment

Public consultation on the modalities of stakeholder consultation in the voluntary Health Technology Assessment network to be established under Directive 2011/24/EU

Major and chronic diseases

Health-EU newsletter 90 - Prevention is key: European Week Against Cancer – 25-31 May 2012

Patients' Rights Day

Paola Testori Coggi, Director General for health and Consumers delivers a speech on the occasion of the 6th European Patients' rights Day (15 May 2012)

Public health

Informal meeting of Ministers for Employment, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Affairs, 23-24 April 2012 - Joint press statement by Commissioner Dalli and Danish Presidency

Rare diseases

Commissioner Dalli delivers speech on rare diseases and orphan products

Tobacco

The "Ex-Smokers Are Unstoppable" campaign supports the 20km Brussels marathon (27 May 2012)

Commissioner Dalli explains the "Ex-smokers are unstoppable" campaign to children and journalists in a playground in Malta (21 May 2012)

9. European Centre for Diseases Control

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 17, 26 April 2012

In this issue:

Special issue on immunisation registers in Europe

The second part presents experiences from Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Spain and Canada.

This week's table of contents:

EDITORIALS

Vaccine registers – experiences from Europe and elsewhere

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20159>

PERSPECTIVES

The Danish vaccination register

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20155>

Præventis, the immunisation register of the Netherlands: a tool to evaluate the National Immunisation Programme

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20153>

Immunisation registers in Canada: progress made, current situation, and challenges for the future

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20158>

Estimating vaccination coverage in the absence of immunisation registers – the German experience

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20152>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Immunisation registers in Italy: a patchwork of computerisation

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20156>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Use of the vaccination register to evaluate influenza vaccine coverage in seniors in the 2010/11 influenza season, Navarre, Spain

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20154>

NEWS

Ten years polio-free: anniversary in the World Health Organization European Region

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20157>

MISCELLANEOUS

Deadline for special issue on the molecular epidemiology of human pathogens extended to 30 June 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20160>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 18, 03 May 2012

In this issue:

To tie in with World Hand Hygiene Day on 5 May an editorial and a paper from Belgium highlight the importance of campaigns

This week's table of contents:

EDITORIALS

Hand hygiene practices in healthcare: measure and improve

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20166>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Possible contamination of organ preservation fluid with *Bacillus cereus*: the United Kingdom response

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20165>

First estimates of influenza vaccine effectiveness among severe influenza cases, France, 2011/12

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20163>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Four multifaceted countrywide campaigns to promote hand hygiene in Belgian hospitals between 2005 and 2011: impact on compliance to hand hygiene
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20161>

REVIEW ARTICLES

Influenza-related deaths - available methods for estimating numbers and detecting patterns for seasonal and pandemic influenza in Europe
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20162>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20164>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 19, 10 May 2012

In this issue:

Immunity to influenza A(H3N2)v: human sera collected in Norway in August 2011 show age group-specific differences in antibody titres.

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Ongoing mumps outbreak in Novi Sad, the autonomous province of Vojvodina, Serbia

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20169>

Age-dependent prevalence of antibodies cross-reactive to the influenza A(H3N2) variant virus in sera collected in Norway in 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20170>

Fatal case of human rabies imported to Italy from India highlights the importance of adequate post-exposure prophylaxis, October 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20168>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Case registry systems for pandemic influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 in Europe: are there lessons for the future?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20167>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 20, 17 May 2012

In this issue:

Twenty autochthonous cases of dengue virus infection identified in Réunion since January 2012

This week's table of contents:

EDITORIALS

How to define an area where transmission of arthropod-borne disease is occurring?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20171>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Re-emergence of dengue in Réunion, France, January to April 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20173>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Epidemiological surveillance of West Nile neuroinvasive diseases in Italy, 2008 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20172>

NEWS

WHO seeking input from health experts into ICD-11

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20174>

WHO launches the World Health Statistics 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20175>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 17, Issue 21, 24 May 2012

In this issue:

Two timely reports about increase in hantavirus infections in Germany and hantavirus induced cases of haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome Slovenia in early 2012.

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Rise in the number of notified human hantavirus infections since October 2011 in Baden-Württemberg, Germany

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20180>

Increased number of cases of haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome in Slovenia, January to April 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20176>

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Noncommunicable diseases prevention and control in the South-eastern Europe Health Network. An analysis of intersectoral collaboration

The greatest burden of disease, at both the global and the European levels, is attributable to noncommunicable diseases. Health-promotion and disease-prevention activities aimed at reducing this burden need to involve non-health sectors and actors. This publication provides an overview of the existing tools for implementing such intersectoral action and highlights the developments in the fields of tobacco and nutrition in south-eastern Europe.

Using the concept of “best buys” – cost-effective action that accelerates results in terms of saving lives, preventing disease and avoiding heavy costs – it contains recommendations on key action to strengthen intersectoral collaboration in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the future, and guidance specifically for the South-eastern Europe Health Network and Slovenia on designing and implementing joint action to this end. The proposals for action are organized in such a way as to create windows of opportunity for promoting health in all policies.

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

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/noncommunicable-diseases-prevention-and-control-in-the-south-eastern-europe-health-network.-an-analysis-of-intersectoral-collaboration>

Social determinants of health and well-being among young people. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) study: international report from the 2009/2010 survey

Candace Currie et al.

The latest addition to a series of Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) studies on young people's health, this report presents findings from the 2009/2010 survey on the demographic and social influences on the health of young people (aged 11, 13 and 15 years) in 43 countries and regions in the WHO European Region and North America. Responding to the survey, the young people described their social context (relations with family, peers and school), physical health and satisfaction with life, health behaviours (patterns of eating, tooth brushing and physical activity) and risk behaviours (use of tobacco, alcohol and cannabis, sexual behaviour, fighting and bullying). Statistical analyses

were carried out to identify meaningful differences in the prevalence of health and social indicators by gender, age group and levels of family affluence.

The aim was to provide a rigorous, systematic statistical base for describing cross-national patterns, in terms of the magnitude and direction of differences between subgroups, thus contributing to a better understanding of the social determinants of health and well-being among young people, and providing the means to help protect and promote their health.

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The World Health Statistics series is WHO's annual compilation of health-related data for its 194 Member States, and includes a summary of the progress made towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and associated targets. This year, it also includes highlight summaries on the topics of noncommunicable diseases, universal health coverage and civil registration coverage.

[Influenza and other Emerging Zoonotic Diseases at the Human-Animal Interface](#)

This document is a summary of a consultation between The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and the World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (IZSVe). It provides examples of emerged or emerging zoonotic viral diseases. It describes commonalities across diseases and ideas for new approaches and suggests steps towards translating meeting outcomes into policy.

[Guidelines for Medicine Donations](#)

This 3rd edition of Guidelines for medicine donations has been developed by the World Health Organization in cooperation with major international agencies active in humanitarian relief and development assistance. The guidelines are intended to improve the quality of medicine donations in international development assistance and emergency aid. Good medicine donation practice is of interest to both donors and recipients.

[Selection and Use of Essential Medicines \(The\)](#)

This report presents the recommendations of the WHO Expert Committee responsible for updating the WHO Model Lists of Essential Medicines.

[WHO Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations](#)

This report gives recommendations and provides independent international standards and guidelines in the area of quality assurance for implementation by WHO Member States, international organizations, United Nations agencies, regional and interregional harmonization efforts, as well as WHO's medicines' related programmes and initiatives.

[WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization](#)

This report presents the recommendations of a WHO Expert Committee commissioned to coordinate activities leading to the adoption of international recommendations for the production and control of vaccines and other biologicals and the establishment of international biological reference materials.

[WHO Expert Committee on Leprosy](#)

This report presents the conclusions and recommendations of the WHO Expert Committee on Leprosy, whose eighth meeting reflected the recent shift in emphasis of leprosy elimination to reducing of the impairments and disabilities caused by the disease and ensuring the quality and sustainability of leprosy services.

[WHO Study Group on Tobacco Product Regulation](#)

This report presents the conclusions reached and recommendations made by the members of the WHO Study Group on Tobacco Product Regulation at its sixth meeting.

[Social Determinants of Health and Well-being among Young People](#)

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[Small-scale Water Supplies in the Pan-European Region](#)

This publication is intended to help decision-makers, such as policy-makers or regulators in the drinking-water sector, to appreciate better and address the particularities and characteristics of small-scale water supplies.

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This Atlas maps available resources for maternal, child and adolescent mental health in 19 countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

[Mental Health Systems in the Eastern Mediterranean Region](#)

This report summarizes descriptive data on mental health systems in 14 countries of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region using the WHO Assessment Instrument for Mental Health Systems (WHO-AIMS).

[Rapid Assessment: Health Sector Capacity and Response to Gender-based Violence in Pakistan](#)

The outcomes of this assessment will be of interest not only to policy-makers in the context of Pakistan but also to those in other countries developed and developing alike.

[Promoting a Healthy Diet for the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region](#)

This user-friendly guide presents a set of dietary recommendations that are compatible with the different cultures and eating patterns of consumers in the Region, based on the availability of local and affordable foods.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 90, No. 05, 2012](#)

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[WHO Drug Information, Vol. 26, No. 1, 2012](#)

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