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1. 6 th European Public Health Conference – Brussels 13-16 November 2013



Health in Europe: are we there yet?

Learning from the past, building the future

Press release of 22 May 2013

Tonio Borg, EU Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy and Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe are, among others, keynote speakers at this prestigious conference which is organized by EUPHA and ASPHER in partnership with the Belgian Association of Public Health and EuroHealthNet.

The EPH Conference is the platform for exchanging information and debate to researchers, policymakers and practitioners in the field of public health, health services research and public health training and education in Europe.

In 2013, the European public health community will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the health mandate under the EU Treaty of Maastricht. Timing and location of the conference, at the heart of Europe, offer a unique opportunity to discuss successes in public health achieved in the past and look at the challenges to continue building the future.

The plenary sessions will be organized on the following themes:

- Are we there yet? Learning from the past, building the future
- Hurtling towards the cliff edge? Population dynamics and public health
- No limits for public health! Using evidence for policy changes
- How to make it happen! On the development of people and institutions in public health
- Perspectives on past and future health actions in Europe

Other outstanding keynote presenters are:

- Alok Mukhopadhyay, Voluntary Health Association, India;
- Peter Piot, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom;
- Julio Frenk, Harvard School of Public Health, United States;
- Johan Mackenbach, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

For more information:www.eupha.org/Brussels2013.

2. EUPHA update

Reduction registration fee Course on Concepts of Epidemiology

We are very pleased to be able to inform our members that the University of Edinburgh is offering EUPHA members a 10% reduction of registration fees for the 5-day course on: Concepts of Epidemiology, organised in Edinburgh, UK from 9-13 December 2013. For more information and registration: http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/epidemiology

EUPHA Sections

The EUPHA section on Health Impact Assessment has provided detailed comments on behalf of EUPHA to the key documents of the 8th IUHPE conference in Helsinki, Finland.

The EUPHA section on Food and Nutrition has been invited to represent EUPHA at the WHO European Ministerial Conference in Vienna, Austria, from 4 - 5 July 2013.

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



At the end of May 2013, we have 2951 documents included in EUPHApedia (increase of 34 from last month). All persons in our database have access to search EUPHApedia, all EUPHA members can upload information on to EUPHApedia.

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises (R2HC) – Call for proposals Enhancing Learning and Research for Humanitarian Assistance (ELRHA) is launching its new programme – **Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises (R2HC)** - at a series of regional townhall meetings in June and July 2013.

R2HC is a groundbreaking new collaboration between the UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID) and the Wellcome Trust that <u>will</u> support world class research into public health interventions in humanitarian disasters.

The aim of the programme is to strengthen the evidence base underpinning public health interventions in humanitarian contexts in order to improve health outcomes, enrich humanitarian practice, and facilitate closer collaboration between researchers and practitioners.

The first R2HC Call for Proposals will be officially opened in early June and launched through a series of townhall meetings around the world: London, UK – 5th June New York, USA – 12th June Delhi, India – *week commencing 8th July (date to be confirmed)* Nairobi, Kenya – 18th July These events will be most relevant for professionals in the public health research and humanitarian fields who may be interested in applying for research programme funding or seeking to build partnerships between researchers and practitioners.

If you would like to sign up to the R2HC mailing list you can do so here.

4. Interesting News

Belgian Superior Health Council - advisory report on public health effects of siting and operating onshore wind turbines

In this scientific policy advisory report the Superior Health Council of Belgium answers questions on the impact on health and well-being of siting wind farms. The full report: http://tinyurl.com/SHC-8738-windturbines

A Healthy Start - Second European Perinatal Health Report by the Euro-Peristat project

The Health and Care of Pregnant Women and Babies in Europe in 2010

The burden of mortality and morbidity in the perinatal period – pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum – remains a major concern in Europe. Over 5 million women deliver babies in European countries every year. A healthy pregnancy and infancy confers long-lasting benefits by preventing death and disability in childhood, and reducing risks of adult chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.

The European Perinatal Health Report released by the EURO-PERISTAT project is the most comprehensive report on the health and care of pregnant women and babies in Europe and brings together data from 2010 from 26 European Union member states, plus Iceland, Norway

and Switzerland. EURO-PERISTAT takes a new approach to health reporting. Rather than simply comparing countries on single indicators such as infant mortality, our report paints a fuller picture by presenting data about mortality, low birthweight and preterm birth alongside data about health care and maternal characteristics that can affect the outcome of pregnancy. It also illustrates differences in the ways that data are collected and explains how these can affect comparisons between countries.

The first EURO-PERISTAT report, with data for 2004, was published in 2008. It found wide differences between the countries of Europe in indicators of perinatal health and care. Documenting these differences is important because it shows that gains are possible in most countries, provides information about alternative ways of providing care, and raises important questions about the effectiveness of national healthcare policies and the role of evidence in maternity care. This second report provides the opportunity to see whether these gains have been achieved and whether inequalities between the countries of Europe have narrowed.

The European Perinatal Health Report is a major feat of collaboration between researchers and official statisticians in Europe. It also contains data from two other European projects: Surveillance of Cerebral Palsy in Europe (SCPE) and European Surveillance of Congenital Anomalies (EUROCAT).

The full report can be downloaded from: http://www.europeristat.com/reports/europeanperinatal-health-report-2010.html

WFPHA: Declaration on Access to Oral Health for Children

Passed by the WFPHA General Assembly - 2013

Every child has a right to good oral health. Oral health problems in children can impact on many aspects of their general health and development, causing substantial pain and disruption to their lives and often altering their behaviour. Oral health is an integral part of overall well-being and essential for eating, growth, speech, social development, learning capacity and quality of life.

To promote oral health every child should have access to:

- Oral health education including oral hygiene instructions and dietary advice, and access to affordable toothbrushes and toothpaste containing fluoride as soon as the first primary tooth erupts
- Preventive interventions, appropriate to the infrastructure and priorities of the country, which may include dental sealants, community fluoridation, and regular fluoride varnish applications
- Treatment of early stage decay to stop it from progressing to cavities, and treatment of dental cavities, acute pain and other oral diseases
- Environments that eliminate advertising of unhealthy foods to children.

Through good oral health all children will have an equal opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential for a promising future.

5. EUPHA member updates

French Society of Public Health – www.sfsp.fr

- Has reacted to the National strategy of Health at the end of April.
- Is organizing its general assembly on Wednesday 19 June 2013 in Paris.

Slovak public health association – www.savez.sk

 Has celebrated its 10th anniversary during the 5th International Savez Conference/1st V4 Conference on Public Health in May.

German Association for Medical Sociology – www.dgms.de

• Is organizing its annual meeting together with the German Association for Social Medicine and Prevention on 18-20 September 2013 in Marburg. Theme of the conference is: "Gesundheit zwischen Wirtschaft und Demographie".

For more information: www.dgsmp-dgms-2013.de

6. Upcoming courses and conferences

GOINGEVINTERNATIONAL

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:One-day meeting to celebrate Sally Macintyre's contribution to health
inequalities research and policy

Date: 17 June 2013

Place: London, United Kingdom

More info: http://www.sphsu.mrc.ac.uk/sally-macintyre-celebration

Title: 02th International Conference on Myths and Reality of 21st Century "Genetically Modified Food 2013"

Date: 20-21 June 2013

Place: Warsaw, Poland

Organiser: European Society for Heath Promotion "Pro-Salutem"

More info: www.gmo2013-mythsandreality.com

Title: ORPHEUS Workshop and Educational Package "Responsible Conduct in Research"

Date: 24-26 June 2013

Place: Dubrovnik, Croatia More info: http://www.iuc.hr/

Title: 7th Annual European Nutrition and Lifestyle Conference

Dates: 26 - 27 June 2013

Place: Brussels, Belgium

More info: www.nutrition-lifestyle.eu

Title: Summer school in public health and healthy lifestyles: from theory to practice

Date: 15-19 July 2013

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

Organiser: National School of Public Health

More info: www.lisbon2013.info

Title: 2013 EQuiP-Summer School: "Research for Quality in Primary Care"

Date: 19-22 July 2013

Place: Berlin, Germany

Organiser: European Association for Quality and Safety in General Practice/Family Medicine More info: http://www.allgemeinmedizin.uni-

jena.de/content/lehre/equip_summer_school/index_ger.html

Title: **Observatory Venice Summer School 2013 - Time for Change: Innovative** Ways of Improving Population Health

21-27 July 2013 Date: San Servolo, Venice, Italy Place:

Organiser: European Observatory for Health Systems and Policies

Deadline: 7 June 2013

More info: www.observatorysummerschool.org

Title: Summer School in Public Health Policy, Economics and Management

Date: 26-31 August 2013

Place: Lugano, Switzerland

- Organiser: Swiss School of Public Health+ (SSPH+), the Università della Svizzera italiana and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute
- Deadline: For registration: 15 July 2013

More info: Register now

Title: 4th Annual Conference entitled Brave New World:

Inclusive Growth and Well-Being or Vested Interests and Lost Generations? 4-5 September 2013 Date: Place: Brussels, Belgium

More info: www.epha.eu

- Title: Public Health Scotland: Promoting a Healthier Nation
- Date: 5 September 2013

Place: Edinburgh, Scotland

Organiser: Public health Scotland

More info: View Full Details of Programme and Speakers

Title: Evidence-based Public Health (in German Language)

Date: 9 -13 September 2013

Place: Graz, Austria

Organiser: Medical University Graz

More info: http://www.medunigraz.at/EbPHsummerschool2013

Title: Conducting Qualitative Research in Health: Writing and Getting Published

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Date: 11 - 13 September 2013

Place: University of Basel, Switzerland

More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: 2nd World Congress of Clinical Safety - Risk in Clinical Care

Dates: 12-13 September 2013

Place: Heidelberg, Germany

More info: Abstract submission manner

Title: How to Pass Your Research Protocol Through an Ethics Review Committee

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Date: 16 September 2013

Place: University of Zurich, Switzerland

More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: International Conference on Intercultural Mediation in Health Care

Date: 19-20 September 2013

Place: Huelva, Spain

More info: uhu.es/health-migration/.

Title: 9th Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) Conference in collaboration with the African Federation of Public Health Associations (AFPHA)

Date: 24-27 September 2013

Place: Cape Town, South Africa

Organiser: PHASA/AFPHA

More info: http://www.phasaconference.org.za/

Title:16th European Health Forum Gastein -
Resilient and Innovative Health Systems for EuropeDates:2-4 October 2013Place:Bad Hofgastein, AustriaOrganiser:EHFGMore info:www.ehfg.org

 Title:
 4th Annual Hospital Management Conference Achieving Hospital Efficiency Through Innovation & Strategy

 Date:
 10-11 October 2013

 Place:
 Vienna, Austria

 More info:
 http://www.uni-global.eu/en/event/2013

 138?utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=4th_Annual_Hospital_Management_Conference&utm_medium=email

Title: ESCAIDE 2013

Date:5-7 November 2013Place:Stockholm, SwedenOrganiser:ESCAIDEDeadline:for abstracts: 5 July 2013More info:http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/escaide/Pages/ESCAIDE.aspx

Title: GIS for Public Health?

Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health Date: 18 - 21 November 2013 Place: University of Basel, Swiss TPH, Switzerland More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: 21st Intensive Course in Applied Epidemiology

Dates: 3-7 March 2014

Place: Aberdeen, Scotland

Organiser: University of Aberdeen

More info: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs/research/epidemiology/short-courses-453.php

7. Interesting publications

Explaining health and healthcare utilization of ethnic minorities in The Netherlands – a longitudinal perspective

Majda Lamkaddem, NIVEL, www.nivel.nl

Materia Socio-Medica (Mater Sociomed)

Now available on PubMed/PubMed Central. The June issue is on www.scopemed.org

Redefining global health-care delivery

Jim Yong Kim, Paul Farmer, Michael E Porter The Lancet, 20 May 2013 doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(13)61047-8 Website: http://bit.ly/12BsWhj

Universal Health Care in India: Making it public, making it a reality

Amit Sengupta Municipal Services Project MSP, 2013 Available online at: http://bit.ly/10jNLfF

Socioeconomic Inequality in Disability Among Adults:

A Multicountry Study Using the World Health Survey. American Journal of Public Health - 2013

A.R. Hosseinpoor et al. Website: http://bit.ly/11eWNiS

Principles for research on ethnicity and health: the Leeds Consensus Statement

G.Mir, S. Salway, J. Kai, S. Karlsen, R. Bhopal, G. TH Ellison, A. Sheikh European Journal of Public Health, Vol. 23, No. 3, 504–510 Published by Oxford University Press Available online at: http://bit.ly/10Tof46

Project Health Inequalities, Work, and Access to Social Security of Informal Workers in Latin America

Work, Employment, and Health Equity Program (TEES) - FLASCO-Chile Website: http://bit.ly/10fZnQX

Mapping of available health research and development data:

what's there, what's missing, and what role is there for a global observatory? J.A.Røttingen et al. The Lancet Early Online Publication, 20 May 2013, doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(13)61

The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 20 May 2013 - doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(13)61046-6 Website: http://bit.ly/116MDL5

Planning cancer control in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Lancet Oncology, Volume 14, Issue 5, Pages 391 - 436, April 2013 Website: http://bit.ly/186qSl0

GBD 2.0: a continuously updated global resource Christopher JL Murray, Julio Frenk, Peter Piot, Trevor Mundel

The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 17 May 2013 doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(13)60225-1 Website: http://bit.ly/10D30PH

Health insurance for the poor decreases access to HIV testing in antenatal care: evidence of an unintended effect of health insurance reform in Colombia Allison Ettenger, Till Ba[¬]rnighausen, Arachu Castro Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, LA Health Policy and Planning Advance Access published April 18, 2013 2013:1-7; doi: 10.1093/heapol/czt021

Available at: http://bit.ly/ZEcQEy

Women Deliver

The Lancet - Published May 17, 2013 Website: http://bit.ly/1098JBc

Effect of a conditional cash transfer programme on childhood mortality: a nationwide analysis of Brazilian municipalities

Davide Rasella, Rosana Aquino, Carlos AT Santos, Rômulo Paes-Sousa, Mauricio L Barreto The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 15 May 2013 Website: http://bit.ly/16A21rX

Critical examination of knowledge-to-action models and implications for promoting health equity

C.M. Davison & National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health. National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, St. Francis Xavier University. Canada ISBN: 978-1-926823-50-8 Available online at: http://bit.ly/ZVrvZo

World Health Statistics 2013

World Health Organization – May 2013 Available online at: http://bit.ly/12uJNUs

A statistical procedure to create a neighborhood socioeconomic index for health inequalities analysis

B. Lalloué, J-M Monnez, C. Padilla, W. Kihal, N. Le Meur, D. Zmirou-Navier, S.Deguen International Journal for Equity in Health – March 2013 Available online at: http://bit.ly/10pDRfs

Lifetime Distributional Effects of Publicly Financed Health Care in Canada

Canadian Institute for Health Information CIHI – May 2013 Available online at: http://bit.ly/10Mn9sp

State of the World's Mothers 2013

Save the Children, May 2013. Available online at: http://bit.ly/ZVdOJK

The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics

American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Special Issue: Symposium: Global Health and the Law Spring 2013 Volume 41, Issue 1 Available online at: http://bit.ly/12e8CCw

Maternal Health Task Force (MHTF)

PLOS Collection on Maternal Health Year 2 (2012-13) Maternal Health is Women's Health Available online at: http://bit.ly/10m5JCC

Pathways towards chronic-care focused healthcare systems: evidence from Spain

M. García-Goñi, C. Hernández-Quevedo, R. Nuño-Solinís, F. Paolucci The London School of Economics and Political Science Available online at: http://bit.ly/Yk1gy2

Inequalities in Self-Reported Health: A Meta-Regression Analysis Joan Costa-Font and Cristina Hernández-Quevedo Working Paper No.32/2013 - March 2013 by: LSE Health The London School of Economics and Political Science Available online at: http://bit.ly/15aFCRW

Good Health at Low Cost 25 years on: lessons for the future of health systems strengthening

Dina Balabanova et al. The Lancet, 8 April 2013 doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(12)62000-5Cite or Link Using DOI Website: http://bit.ly/18hYNbo

Social Protection: Shared interests in vulnerability reduction and development Rüdiger Krech, Henk Bekedam, Daniel Albrecht, Armando Barrientos

Social Determinants of Health - Sectoral Briefing Series 4 - World Health Organization Available online at: http://bit.ly/12rARw6

Rethinking the politics and implementation of health in all - HIAP

Matthias Wismar, David McQueen, Vivian Lin, Catherine M Jones, Maggie Davies Israel Journal of Health Policy Research 2013 2:17 Website: http://bit.ly/188BsZA

The Prevention of Occupational Diseases

International Labour Organization ILO/OIT – 2013 Website: http://bit.ly/11xCNUE

Development Assistance for Health DAH: Critiques and Proposals for Change

Suerie Moon and Oluwatosin Omole April 2013 - Centre on Global Health Security Working Group Papers - Chatham House (The Royal Institute of International Affairs) UK Available online at: http://bit.ly/11xuBUI

Political conditions and life expectancy in Europe, 1900–2008 Johan P. Mackenbach Social Science & Medicine - Volume 82, April 2013 Website: http://bit.ly/ZYLmp6

People Powered Health: health for people, by people and with people

Nesta and innovation Unit, April 2013 Available online PDF [55p.] at: http://bit.ly/12Uldgu

The Public Health Observatory Handbook of Health Inequalities Measurement Roy Carr-Hill, Paul Chalmers-Dixon, Edited by Jennifer Lin South East Public Health Observatory, Oxford UK Website: http://bit.ly/yw8bV6

PDF file [200p.] at: http://bit.ly/ZRAo5S

Pedestrian safety: a road safety manual for decision-makers and practitioners

Jointly developed by WHO, the FIA Foundation, the Global Road Safety Partnership and the World Bank – 2013 Website: http://bit.ly/17ZIW0U

Manual PDF [113p.] at: http://bit.ly/ZOZimC

Equality analysis: Healthy Lives, Health People Transparency in Outcomes UK: Department of Health

Part 1: A public health outcomes framework for England, 2013-2016 PDF: http://bit.ly/ZKAK13 Part 2: Summary technical specifications of public http://bit.ly/17Xege1 Fact sheet. http://bit.ly/11UxjCp

Health in all policies as a priority in Finnish health policy: A case study on national health policy development Tapani Melkas

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland Scand J Public Health March 2013 vol. 41 no. 11 suppl 3-28 Website: http://bit.ly/11Frzw8 File available online at: http://bit.ly/13r2rfz

The changing national role in health system governance. A case-based study of 11 European countries and Australia

Edited by Elke Jakubowski and Richard B. Saltman The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies Europe Observatory Studies Series No. 29. 2013 World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark Available PDF [74p.] at: http://bit.ly/12BKtrS

New Technology and the Prevention of Violence and Conflict

Edited by Francesco Mancini New York: International Peace Institute, April 2013 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Available online PDF [94p.] at: http://bit.ly/15BzgKX

Health in Europe

The Lancet - March 27, 2013 Website: http://bit.ly/14JB6sn

8. European Commission news

Alcohol

11th plenary meeting European Alcohol and Health Forum, Brussels, 22 November 2012 - Summary report now available

12th plenary meeting of the European Alcohol and Health Forum, Brussels, 25 April 2013 - Flash report and presentations now available

Blood, tissues and organs

Summary report of the meeting of Competent authorities for blood and blood components, 11-12 October 2012

eHealth

Health-EU Newsletter 109 - eHealth Week: Driving a healthier Europe

Health indicators

Indicators on Insurance coverage (ECHI 76) updated with 2010-2011 data Indicator on PM10 (particulate matter) exposure (ECHI 55) updated with 2010 data

Health programme

EU Health Programme: new publication on joint actions funded in 2008-2011 List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated

Healthcare

eNews: Members of "investing in health" expert panel nominated today Decision on the members of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health European Patients' Rights Day: 10 benefits the EU brings to patients MEMO

Medicinal products for human use

Summary of the responses to the public consultation on the Regulation on Advanced Therapies

Mental health

Commissioner Borg delivers an opening speech at the European Patients' Forum 10th Anniversary Conference, Dublin, 23 May 2013 Commissioner Borg delivers a keynote address at the EUFAMI Annual Conference "A Perfect Vision for Mental Health 2020", Dublin, 24 May 2013 EU-compass - List of reports and studies updated - Expert White Paper on attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder "ADHD: making the invisible visible" Memo: 'European Month of the Brain' - Questions and answers

Nutrition and physical activity

Pilot project on increasing the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in vulnerable population groups - Progress report for April 2013 now available

Rare diseases

Personnally Speaking by Commissioner Borg - Thalassaemia - When the body runs out of oxygen

Sexually transmitted diseases

Commissioner Borg delivers a speech on the occasion of the High-level meeting on HIV and Human Rights, Brussels, 27 May 2013 HIV/AIDS Think Tank, Luxembourg, 4-5 December 2012 - Presentations now available

Tobacco

"Ex-Smokers are Unstoppable" in the 20km of Brussels! (26 May 2013) - Watch the pictures

Vaccination

World Immunisation week (20-27 April) - New ECDC vaccine scheduler

World Malaria Day

Joint Statement by Commissioners Andris Piebalgs (Development), Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (Research and Innovation) and Tonio Borg (Health and Consumer) on the eve of the World Malaria Day

9. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 17, 25 April 2013

In this issue: Hantavirus infection with Seoul virus in a pregnant woman in France in 2012 mimicking pregnancy-related liver disease

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Increase in hepatitis A in tourists from Denmark, England, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden returning from Egypt, November 2012 to March 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20468 Ongoing multi-strain food-borne hepatitis A outbreak with frozen berries as suspected vehicle: four Nordic countries affected, October 2012 to April 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20467 Severe Seoul hantavirus infection in a pregnant woman, France, October 2012 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20464

LETTERS

Virus-host interactions and the unusual age and sex distribution of human cases of influenza A(H7N9) in China, April 2013

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20465

NEWS

European Immunization Week 2013 and new ECDC tools to support routine vaccination programmes

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20463 Joint ECDC CNRL and WHO/Europe briefing note on diagnostic preparedness in Europe for detection of avian influenza A(H7N9) viruses http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20466

MISCELLANEOUS

Job vacancy at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20462 Full table of contents: http://www.eurosurveillance.org/

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 18, 02 May 2013

In this issue: Data from shopper cards used in Switzerland in an outbreak of listeriosis traced to sliced and pre-packed imported cooked ham

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Re-emergence of animal rabies in northern Greece and subsequent human exposure, October 2012 – March 2013

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20474

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Outbreak of listerosis due to imported cooked ham, Switzerland 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20469 Outbreak of leptospirosis among canyoning participants, Martinique, 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20472 Déjà vu: Ralstonia mannitolilytica infection associated with a humidifying respiratory therapy device, Israel, June to July 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20471

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20470 Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2013;18(17) http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20473

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 19, 09 May 2013

In this issue: a report from Sweden on a psittacosis outbreak transmitted by wild birds.

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Preliminary inferences on the age-specific seriousness of human disease caused by avian influenza A(H7N9) infections in China, March to April 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20475 A major outbreak of gastroenteritis in Réunion Island in 2012: first identification of G12 rotavirus on the Island http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20476

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Unusual increase of psittacosis in southern Sweden linked to wild bird exposure, January to April 2013

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20478

NEWS

Updated information and map of areas where the risk of contracting tick-borne encephalitis is largest in Germany published http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20477

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 20, 16 May 2013

In this issue: Paper from Taiwan illustrating how scaling up surveillance allowed detection of imported H7N9 case

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Surveillance of avian influenza A(H7N9) virus infection in humans and detection of the first imported human case in Taiwan, 3 April to 10 May 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20479 Epidemiological link between exposure to poultry and all influenza A(H7N9) confirmed cases in Huzhou city, China, March to May 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20481

PERSPECTIVES

Outbreak with a novel avian influenza A(H7N9) virus in China - scenarios and triggers for assessing risks and planning responses in the European Union, May 2013 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20482

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Analysis of national measles surveillance data in Italy from October 2010 to December 2011 and priorities for reaching the 2015 measles elimination goal http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20480

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 21, 23 May 2013

In this issue: Study comparing six antigen detection-based rapid influenza point-of-care tests for their ability to detect the recently emerged avian influenza A(H7N9) virus.

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Ongoing outbreak of rubella among young male adults in Poland: increased risk of congenital rubella infections

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20485

Detection on four continents of dengue fever cases related to an ongoing outbreak in Luanda, Angola, March to May 2013

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20488

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A comparison of rapid point-of-care tests for the detection of avian influenza A(H7N9) virus, 2013

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SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Temporal trends of extended-spectrum cephalosporin-resistant Escherichia coli and Klebsiella pneumoniae isolates in in- and outpatients in Switzerland, 2004 to 2011 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20484

10. WHO publications

Floods in the WHO European Region: health effects and their prevention

(Edited by Bettina Menne and Virginia Murray)

In 2009–2011, the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the United Kingdom Health Protection Agency undertook a project to investigate the adverse health effects of floods and to understand how best to protect the health of populations during floods in the WHO European Region. The project had two main components. A questionnaire was sent to 50 of the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region to collect information on recent experience of floods, their health effects and current preparedness and response mechanisms. In addition, a systematic review was undertaken of the epidemiological literature on the global impact of flooding on health. Analysis of the returned questionnaires and the peer-reviewed literature brought to light many issues pertinent to Europe. These findings will help WHO to prepare evidence-based guidance for the European Region on health concerns before, during and after flooding incidents and the measures for prevention, response and recovery.

For more information about the book and a link to the electronic version:

http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/floods-in-the-who-european-region-health-effects-and-their-prevention

Health effects of particulate matter. Policy implications for countries in eastern Europe, Caucasus and central Asia

Despite some improvements, current levels of air pollution still pose a considerable risk to the environment and to human health in the WHO European Region. One issue of concern is that monitoring of particulate matter is very limited in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and central Asia. This paper summarizes the evidence about the health effects of air pollution from particulate matter and presents the policy implications, the aim being to stimulate policy-makers to develop more effective strategies to reduce air pollution and its health effects in those countries.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version: http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/health-effects-of-particulate-matter.policy-implications-for-countries-in-eastern-europe,-caucasus-and-central-asia

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Management of Severe Malaria. Third Edition

This handbook is an updated edition of the Management of Severe Malaria, providing new and revised practical guidance on the diagnosis and management of severe malaria.

Management of Patient Information

This publication covers areas related to the management of patient information at three levels (local health care facility, regional/district, and national). It analyses the trends in the progression from paper-based information to digital formats.

Research Priorities for the Environment, Agriculture and Infectious Diseases of Poverty

This report reviews the connections between environmental change, modern agricultural practices and the occurrence of infectious diseases - especially those of poverty- and proposes a methodology that can be used to prioritize research on such diseases.

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Guidelines for Implementation of Article 5.3, Articles 8 to 14

This book contains the guidelines adopted by the Conference of the Parties. These seven guidelines cover a wide range of provisions of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 91, No. 4, 2013

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.

Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 19 No. 3, 2013

The EMHJ was launched in 1995 as a peer-reviewed medical journal. Starting January 2010, the Journal has been given a new format and is now published monthly. The EMHJ serves as a forum for the dissemination of biomedical information through the publication of scientific research papers on a range of topics related to public health, with particular relevance to the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

Atlas de la santé et du climat

Alors que le climat continue de changer dans le monde, les dangers augmentent pour la santé de l'être humain. Cet atlas publié conjointement par l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé

(OMS) et l'Organisation météorologique mondiale (OMM), illustre certains des défis actuels et émergents les plus pressants.

BOOKS IN SPANISH

Atlas de la salud y del clima

El Atlas del Clima y la Salud, publicado conjuntamente por la Organización Mundial de la Salud y la Organización Meteorológica Mundial (OMM), ilustra algunos de los problemas más acuciantes que ello plantea.

Criterios médicos de elegibilidad para el uso de anticonceptivos

La cuarta edición de este útil recurso reemplaza las ediciones anteriores y se ha actualizado y ampliado por completo. Incluye más de 86 recomendaciones nuevas y 165 actualizaciones de las recomendaciones emitidas en la edición anterior.

BOOKS IN RUSSIAN

Atlas of Health and Climate (RUSSIAN)

The Atlas of health and climate is a product of this unique collaboration between the meteorological and public health communities. It provides sound scientific information on the connections between weather and climate and major health challenges.