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1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2010 and 2011



The Amsterdam 2010 conference has just finished. The conference was a big success, with a new record in abstracts submitted, pre conferences organised and participants (> 1700 participants). Original activities included: a singing flash mob to welcome the participants in the opening session, a plenary debate on public private partnerships, and the first performance of the EUPHA choir during the conference dinner. We have started the online evaluation for the conference, participants are invited to fill out the questionnaire at: <http://www.eupha.org/questionnaire/questionnaire.php>.

We are of course already busy planning the 4th European Public Health Conference. This conference on Public Health and Welfare – Welfare development and health will be organised from 10 to 12 November 2011 at The Bella Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark. The conference is organised by EUPHA, ASPHER and the Danish Society of Public Health (DSOPH).

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER:

1 February 2011	abstract submission opens at: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php . Instructions will follow in January 2011
1 April 2011	Online registration opens
1 May 2011	deadline for abstract submission
1 July 2011	information on the abstract decisions by our international scientific committee are announced
15 September 2011	Deadline for early registration
28 Octoberr 2011	online registration closes

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Please find regularly updated information on: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Possibilities for a post doc or senior research position in public health

The Medical Faculty at Umeå University is an organization for education and research groups in the fields of medicine, odontology and health care. We have 13 departments and 12 academic programmes. Within the faculty there are about 3 000 undergraduate and 500 postgraduate students. We have about 1 100 employed persons, among them about 550 teachers/researchers. Gender research is developed in a creative environment, in which Umeå Centre for Gender Studies in Medicine is cooperating with the other strong gender research environments at the university, through Umeå Centre for Gender Excellence – financed by the Swedish Research Council.

At the Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, social epidemiological research is carried out with special focus on the public health consequences of gender equality in the domestic sphere as well as in the working sphere from a life course perspective. The research is interdisciplinary and covers the entire field from medicine to sociology.

The position aim at quantitative analyses of the Northern Swedish Cohort – a 27 year follow up of school leavers with focus on labour market attachment, gender equality and health status.

Duties

The holder of the position is expected to cooperate with researchers in the research group and conduct her/his own research on the cohort. Scientific publication in international refereed journals is the most central task. Other tasks are to be assistant supervisor for PhD students, to collect more data and to work with the data base.

Qualifications

Applicants must have a PhD level academic degree within the broad area of public health research, with focus on quantitative methods in epidemiology. The applicant must be able to read, write, speak and understand English unhindered. Knowledge of Swedish is not required.

Employment possibilities

Express your interest in this announcement by sending your CV to Professor Anne Hammarström (see below).

The position will be full-time and for a fixed term of one year, followed by possibilities for employment during additionally 12 months. Salary follows the rules of the university, but may be adjusted based on the applicant's individual merits and experiences.

As soon as good applicant has expressed interest in this position it will be announced and you can apply for it. Particular attention will then be given to the scientific skill documented by the applicants own research and scientific publishing. Attention will also be given to cooperation and communication skills, as well as with competence within the field of gender research as well as within the life course epidemiology.

Contact person:

More information about the position: Professor Anne Hammarström, Dept of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, anne.hammarstrom@fammed.umu.se, phone +46 90 785 35 47.

Health Affairs: Call for Papers on Health and the Environment

Health Affairs will publish a theme issue on Health and the Environment in May 2011.

We invite submissions of papers that inform policymakers about environmental dimensions of health and their impact on individual and population health, health disparities, and health care costs.

We particularly seek submissions that illuminate problems AND recommend thoughtful and effective policy responses for federal, state and local policymakers.

Papers will be considered for inclusion in the theme issue as well as in subsequent issues of the journal.

The theme issue of Health Affairs will explore the current state of knowledge about how factors in the natural and built environments – including polluted air or water, chemicals, and climate change -- affect human health.

We seek to begin to bridge the gap in understanding between those who have long focused on these environmental contributors to health, and those who have traditionally focused on such areas as health services delivery and financing. The ways in which environmental stressors adversely impact the most vulnerable members of society will also be an important focus of the thematic issue.

We seek to present the latest research on environmental health threats and policies that have worked to minimize or ameliorate them. In particular, we hope to cast a spotlight on regulatory agencies and the regulatory frameworks that guide their actions. We also plan to present case studies of selected health impacts attributable to environmental conditions or aggravated by them. Research papers as well as analyses and commentaries from various viewpoints will be considered for publication.

This issue of Health Affairs is supported by a grant from the Kresge Foundation.

Timetable

Papers should be submitted to Health Affairs by December 15, 2010 at

<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ha>

Health Affairs editors and the theme issue advisors (Drs. J. Pete Myers, Kenneth Olden, and Tracey Woodruff) will evaluate submissions and make initial selection of those which warrant further consideration. Health Affairs will publish additional papers on environmental health through 2011. Papers submitted after December 15, 2010 will be considered for publication in future issues of the journal.

Considering the short timeline, we do not expect all authors to initiate new research, but encourage synthesizing existing work to frame the issues and inform policy discussions and deliberations for an audience that heretofore may not have devoted much thought to environmental health.

Selected papers will be subjected to peer-review by external reviewers in a double blind process which masks the identity of both authors and reviewers. Authors of papers that are determined to be appropriate will be asked to revise their papers in January and February.

Copyediting and production for the issue will take place following that, with publication scheduled for early May 2011.

Submissions requirements

Submissions should not exceed about 3500 words, plus a 100-word abstract, and may include up to 3 exhibits. Papers should be original submissions not previously published or being considered by other journals. Details on format and endnotes are available on the *Health Affairs* website under "Help for Authors" http://www.healthaffairs.org/1410_for_authors.php

Please contact Mary Rubino, Senior Editor, mrubino@projecthope.org, or Don Metz, Executive Editor, dmetz@projecthope.org for more information.

Topics

We invite submissions of original quantitative and qualitative research that explore the scientific, societal, and economic aspects of environmental health policy, addressing the following questions and topic areas:

3. Interesting news

Final conference of the project "Quality management by result-oriented indicators - Towards benchmarking in residential care for older people"

The **European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research** in cooperation with The North Rhine-Westphalia Government Offices in Düsseldorf and Brussels organised the final conference of the project "Quality management by result-oriented indicators - Towards benchmarking in residential care for older people" which took place at the Committee of the Regions conference facilities in Brussels with the participation of around 130 experts and policy-makers from across EU Member States.

The European Centre has been the Coordinator of the project, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, Equalities, Care and Ageing of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, the University of Dortmund (Germany), Vilans (Netherlands), City University London and E-Qalin GmbH. The project is co-funded under the Progress programme of the European Commission's DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and runs from December 2008 until December 2010.

The main objective of the project has been the construction of an international framework of standards including a conceptual analysis for quality of life and a set of result-oriented indicators to define, measure and assess quality in residential care for older people.

The Final Conference served mainly as a platform to disseminate and discuss the obtained results of the project, in particular the Handbook: /Measuring Progress: Indicators for Care homes/ which is available in English, German and Dutch and provides tools and recommendations on how to apply the validated list of result-oriented indicators. The main target audience for the Handbook are the key stakeholders of a care home (management, staff, residents, relatives and regulators).

Handbooks:

http://www.euro.centre.org/detail.php?xml_id=1396 (the Dutch version follows soon)

Presentations at the Final Conference + further reading "A Voluntary European Quality Framework for Social Services drafted by the Social Protection Committee":

http://www.euro.centre.org/detail.php?xml_id=1748

The Public Health Law Flu (PHLawFlu) project: publication of its findings

The PHLawFlu project, based at the University of Hertfordshire, UK, and co-funded by the European Union (DG SANCO) from November 2007 to October 2010, examined the role of law in public health, and in particular the role of national European laws, in supporting and constraining the control of and protection against pandemic human influenza in 32 European states.

The results analyse whether public health laws across the European Union, Croatia, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are 'fit for purpose', whether they are coherent with states' strategic national preparedness plans, ways in which laws differ and whether these differences are likely to be important from a public health perspective.

The article is free and open to access and can be found at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/10/532>. For more information regarding the PHLawFlu project please also see our project website <http://www.ephln.org/>

PHAMEU Project

"The European Primary Care Monitor: structure, process and outcome indicators" is a recently published article from the Primary Health Care Activity Monitor for Europe project (www.phameu.eu). The article describes the development of the European Primary Care Monitor, which is a standardized instrument for describing and comparing primary care systems in different national contexts to create opportunities for better decision making.

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2296/11/81/abstract>

Thematic Issues (TI) on Brucellosis

The 2nd and 3rd Thematic Issues (TI) on Brucellosis (Croatian Medical Journal www.cmj.hr and Mac J Med Sci www.mjms.ukim.edu.mk) have been sent to the relevant international institutions, authorities and experts, and to authors of the published papers, In addition, samples of the 1st TI of the MASA Journal "Contributions" (<http://www.manu.edu.mk/prilozi>) were send again to those experts and authors, first of all over the Atlantic ocean, who hadn't receive the issues sent to them in mid July 2010. I would appreciate if you might confirm safe receipt of the samples.

As a reminder the Conference was a part of the broad scope of activities within the Stability Pact Project for Public Health Cooperation in South Eastern Europe, 2000-2010. More info about this project activities and outputs are published in the Management in Health Journal, Oct 2010 Issue: <http://journal.managementinhealth.com/index.php/rms/article/viewFile/146/368>

Mailing European Patients' Forum (EPF),

The European Patients' Forum (EPF), the leading umbrella organisation of patient organisations active in the field of public health and health advocacy is pleased to announce that their November issue of the EPF mailing is now available at [EPF Website](http://www.epf.eu).

4. EUPHA member of the month – Bulgarian Public Health Association

The Bulgarian Public Health Association joined EUPHA several years ago. Since June 2010, the BPHA has re-activated its membership by changing the secretariat from Sofia to Pleven. With an increase in membership and a more active participation at the Amsterdam 2010 conference, we look forward to a continued collaboration. The contact details for BPHA have changed to: Assoc. Prof. Dr Gena Grancharova, Faculty of Public Health at the Medical University of Pleven, Bulgaria, 1, Kliment Ochridski Str., Pleven, e-mail: dean-ph@mu-pleven.bg

5. 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: A Primary Care Renewal? – a three day workshop
Dates: On December 10th 2010 - On March 10th 2011 - On June 10th 2011
Place: Paris, France
More information: [The Workshop Program Is Now Online.](#)

Title: XI HIA International Conference "In times of crisis, healthier ways"
Date: 14-15 April 2011
Place: Granada, Spain
Organiser: HIA
Deadline: for abstracts: 15 December 2010
More information: <http://www.hiainternationalconference.org>

Title: Prévention en santé : vouloir changer les comportements ? un débat récurrent mais nécessaire
Date: 14 December 2010
Place: Paris, France
Organiser: Société française de santé publique
Fédération nationale d'éducation et de promotion de la santé
More information: www.sfsp.fr

Title: Conference on: Global Health Metrics and Evaluation: Controversies, Innovation, Accountability
Date: 14-16 March 2011
Place: Seattle, WA, USA
Organiser: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation
Deadline: for abstracts: 6 December 2010
More information: <http://ghme.org/>

Title: CPHA 2011 Annual Conference
Date: 19-22 June 2011
Place: Montreal, Canada
Organiser: Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)

Deadline: for abstracts: 6 December 2010
More information: www.cpha.ca

Title: EHMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011
Date: 22-24 June 2011
Place: Porto, Lisbon
Organiser: EHMA
Deadline: for abstracts: 17 January 2011
More information: ehma2011@interelamc.com

Title: 10th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy
Date: 27-30 June 2011
Place: Athens, Greece
Organiser: University of Athens
Deadline: for abstracts: 6 December 2010
More information: www.atiner.gr

Title: International Medical Geography Symposium
Date: July 2011
Place: Durham, UK
Organiser: Durham University
More information: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/conferences/imgs/>

Title: 20th ETC-PHP Summer Course 2011
Date: 25 July to 5 August 2011
Place: Zagreb, Croatia
More information: www.etc-summerschool.eu

Title: mLearn 2011 - 10th World Conference on Mobile and Contextual Learning
Date: 18 –21 October 2011
Place: Beijing, China
Deadline: for abstracts: 18 March 2011
More information: <http://www.mlearn.org/mlearn2011> / <http://mlearn.bnu.edu.cn>

6. Interesting publications

Measuring the quality of long-term care

Medical informatics in a United and health Europe – proceedings of MIE 2009.

This issue of Eurohealth looks at measuring the quality of long-term care in Austria, England, Finland, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands and the USA. Also covered are the topics of health financing in Azerbaijan, Health Technology Assessment in Slovenia, and improving performance while recovering from a financial crisis in Estonia.

Editors: Klaus-Peter Adlassnig, Bernd Blobel, John Mantas, Izet Masic. IOS Press, 2010

The latest issue of Eurohealth is now available to download: [Eurohealth Volume 16 Number 2](#)

Epidemiology in public health practice

edited by: A. Haveman-Nies, S. Jansen, H. van Oers and P. van 't Veer, Wageningen University, 2010

Care Systems: Efficiency and Institutions

Economics Department Working Papers No. 769, May 2010

Isabelle Joumard, Christophe André and Chantal Nicq
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD
Available online [132p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cSKG9b>

Core Competencies Adopted to Help Strengthen the Public Health Workforce

Council on Linkages between Academia and Public Health Practice unanimously adopted a new set of Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals.

Available online at: http://bit.ly/bmljUF_

Health Inequalities Intervention Toolkit

UK Association of Public Health Observatories and Department of Health, 2010

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/b8b5TY>

WHO The world health report Health systems financing: the path to universal coverage

World Health Organization WHO, November 22, 2010

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

Hidden cities: unmasking and overcoming health inequities in urban settings

WHO/UN-HABITAT report – November 2010

Available online PDF [145p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cJYptP>

How Health Insurance Design Affects Access To Care And Costs, By Income, In Eleven Countries

Cathy Schoen, Robin Osborn, David Squires, Michelle M. Doty, Roz Pierson and Sandra Applebaum⁶
Health Affairs, doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2010.0862 - Published online November 18, 2010

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/9ZwmGF>

Salas de Situación de Salud: Compartiendo las experiencias de Brasil OPS/OMS

Ministerio de Salud Brasil Organización Pan Americana de la Salud OPS/OMS
Noviembre 2010

Disponible en PDF [208p.] URL: <http://bit.ly/aNXp2w>

Salas de Situação em Saúde: Compartilhando as experiências do Brasil OPAS/OMS

Ministério da Saúde - Organização Pan-Americana da Saúde

Disponible em PDF [208p.] URL: <http://bit.ly/bACSnZ>

World Social Security Report 2010/11. Providing coverage in times of crisis and beyond

UN International Labour Organization (ILO), November 2010

Available online PDF [299p.] at: <http://bit.ly/duXsrQ>

Catalyzing Change: The System Reform Costs of Universal Health Coverage

Rockefeller Foundation - November 15, 2010

Available online PDF [98p.] at: <http://bit.ly/9O6vst>

Casebook of Primary Healthcare Innovations

Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, 2010

Available online PDF [56p.] at: <http://bit.ly/bzUUcN>

Hygiene, Sanitation, and Water: Forgotten Foundations of Health
PLoS Med 7(11): e1000367. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000367
Published November 9, 2010
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/aMKOOy>

Evaluation of Healthcare Services: Asking the Right Questions to Develop New Policy and Program-Relevant Knowledge for Decision-Making
Marcus J. Hollander, Jo Ann Miller and Helena Kadlec
Healthcare Quarterly, 13(4) 2010: 40-47
Website: <http://bit.ly/bAqiDI>

Joint Learning Initiative on National and Global Responsibilities for Health
Lawrence O. Gostin et.al.
Available at <http://bit.ly/bEXVPc>

Maternal, neonatal and child health interventions and services: moving from knowledge of what works to systems that deliver
D. McCoy e.a
International Health Volume 2, Issue 2, June 2010 at: <http://bit.ly/ceH4Hm>

Analysing Health Systems To Make Them Stronger
van Olmen J, Criel B, Van Damme W, Marchal B, Van Belle S, Kegels G, et al.
Studies in Health Services Organisation & Policy; 2010
Available online PDF [102p.] at: <http://bit.ly/b3KoQR>

The future need for care. Results from the LEV project
Sweden: Ministry of Health and Social Affairs- October 2010
Available PDF [52p.] online at: <http://bit.ly/aUXawv>

What is known about the effects of medical tourism in destination and departure countries?
A scoping review
Rory Johnston et.al.
International Journal for Equity in Health – November 2010, 9:24 doi:10.1186/1475-9276-9-24
Available online PDF [41p.] at: <http://bit.ly/c0RBx9>

Special issue of the Journal devoted to Governance in the Health in the Americas Policies
Universidad Nacional de Colombia - Journal of Public Health
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/a9z2kR>

Building multisectoral partnerships for population health and health equity
Stephen Fawcett,; Jerry Schultz, Jomella Watson-Thompson, Michael Fox, Roderick Bremby
Prev Chronic Dis Volume 7: No. 6, November 2010
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/bX7ndE>

How to create an attractive and supportive working environment for health professionals
Christiane Wiskow, Tit Albreht, Carlo de Pietro, WHO Regional Office for Europe and European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, 2010
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/bo7Coq>

Human Development Report 2010 —20th Anniversary Edition

The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathways to Human Development
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – November 4th, 2010
Available online PDF [236p.] at: <http://bit.ly/915GUq>

Mental health and development: targeting people with mental health conditions as a vulnerable group

World Health Organization, 2010
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/bX06oS>

Establishing a Holistic Framework to Reduce Inequities in
HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDs, and Tuberculosis in the United States
NCHHSTP National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention White Paper on Social Determinants of Health
Atlanta (GA): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention; October 2010
Available online PDF [32p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cLsgxk>

Communications Handbook for Clinical Trials:

Strategies, tips, and tools to manage controversy, convey your message, and disseminate results
Elizabeth T. Robinson; Deborah Baron; Lori L. Heise; Jill Moffett; Sarah V. Harlan
The handbook is co-published by the Microbicides Media and Communications Initiative, a multi-
partner collaboration housed at the
Global Campaign for Microbicides at PATH in Washington, DC, and by Family Health International in
Research Triangle Park, NC, USA. 2010
Available online PDF [280p.] at: <http://bit.ly/bpO27X>

Telehealth in the Developing World

Edited by Richard Wootton, Nivritti G. Patil, Richard E. Scott, and Kendall Ho
Royal Society of Medicine Press/IDRC
ISBN 978-1-85315-784-4- e-ISBN 978-1-55250-396-6 - 324 pp. 2009
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/bFikov>

The European Primary Care Monitor: structure, process and outcome indicators

Dionne S. Kringos et.al.
BMC Family Practice 2010, 11:81 doi:10.1186/1471-2296-11-81
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/9Qjtlu>

Systemic Risks in Society and Economics

Dirk Helbing
Santa Fe Institute - November 18, 2009
Available online PDF [13p. 5.8MB] at: <http://bit.ly/cTDaf3>

Aid Effectiveness: Why does it matter to partners in South-South cooperation?

Development Outreach is a flagship magazine in the field of global knowledge for development which
reflects the learning programs of the World Bank October 2010
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/adYDhj>

Health research prioritization at WHO

An overview of methodology and high level analysis of WHO led health research priority setting
exercises
Roderik F. Viergever - Edited by: Robert Terry and Malebona P. Matsoso

September 2010 - Department of Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property, World Health Organization, Geneva
WHO strategy on research for health, Department of Research Policy and Cooperation – September 2010
Available online PDF [29p.] at: <http://bit.ly/95pVBI>

7. European Commission news

- **Alcohol**
[European Alcohol and Health Forum - Commitment submission form updated](#)
- **Alcohol**
[7th meeting of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action, Luxembourg, 14-15 September 2010](#) Summary report and presentations available
- **Antimicrobial resistance**
[Stakeholder Consultation on the Transatlantic Task Force on antimicrobial resistance](#) Deadline for submission of comments: 17 December 2010
- **Blood, tissues and organs**
[First Meeting of the Competent Authorities on Organ Donation and Transplantation, Brussels, 06-07 September 2010](#) Minutes
- **Blood, tissues and organs**
[Joint meeting of the Competent Authorities and the Regulatory Committee on Blood and Blood Components, Brussels, 27-28 October 2010](#) Summary report
- **Communicable diseases**
[ECDC Annual Epidemiological Report 2010 on Communicable Diseases in Europe](#)
- **Data collection**
[Adoption of a Communication setting out a comprehensive approach on personal data protection in the European Union](#)
- **Dialogue and collaboration**
[2nd International Conference on Risk Assessment "Global Risk Assessment Dialogue", Brussels, 26-28 January 2011](#) Register now!
- **EU in the world**
[Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 16 December 2010](#) Draft agenda
- **Health and structural funds**
[Role of local and regional authorities in the implementation of the Health Strategy. Health promotion and disease prevention strategies, Brussels, 25 October 2010](#) Presentations available
- **Health indicators**
[ECHI - List of indicators - Total alcohol consumption updated](#)
- **Health programme**
[Commission decision on the awarding of grants for proposals for 2010](#)
- **Health programme**
[Collaboration in public health in Europe: Achieving impact through the EU Health Programme, Amsterdam, 12 November 2010](#)
- **Interest groups**
[Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 21 October 2010](#) Presentations available
- **Mental health**
[Mental health: conference discusses ways to promote social inclusion and combat stigma](#) E-News
- **Preparedness and response**
[Commission staff working document on lessons learnt from the H1N1 pandemic and on health security in the European Union](#)
- **Rare diseases**
[New events on rare diseases added](#)

- **Rare diseases**
Highlight: Act against Europe's most common birth defects - The right advice at the right time can reduce Neural Tube Defects now
- **Scientific committees**
SCENIHR - Members (CVs and Declarations) - Declarations of interests updated
- **Scientific committees**
Database of Experts - Application Form updated
- **Scientific committees**
SCENIHR - Opinion on Addictiveness and Attractiveness of Tobacco Additives Adopted by the SCENIHR by written procedure on 12 November 2010
- **Scientific committees**
SCHER - Opinion on the Chemicals and the Water Framework Directive: Technical Guidance for Deriving Environmental Quality Standards Adopted by the SCHER by written procedure in October 2010
- **Scientific committees**
SCENIHR - Draft Agenda for the 11th plenary meeting, Brussels, 24 november 2010
- **Scientific committees**
Risk assessment training - New training added: Master programme in Toxicology
- **Scientific committees**
Risk assessment trainings - New training added: Course "Fachtoxikologe" of the German Toxicology Society
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8. European Centre for Diseases Control

NEW! Spotlight: New season, different influenza?

Europe is now approaching the first winter season after the 2009 pandemic influenza. What can we expect? Has anything changed with seasonal influenza? What can people do to protect themselves and others? Find out the answers in our latest Spotlight on influenza. You will find video clips, downloadable presentations, communication toolkit and links to related ECDC resources.

http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/spotlight/spotlight_influenza/Pages/index.aspx

Recent ECDC publications available online (October 2010)

SURVEILLANCE REPORT Annual Threat Report 2009

The Annual Threat Report describes how epidemic intelligence officers at ECDC responded to the 192 distinct threats monitored in 2009.

The report covers 2009 threats such as legionellosis, *Salmonella* Goldcoast, verocytotoxin-producing *Escherichia coli*, mumps, measles, West Nile virus, Q fever, and malaria. The influenza A(H1N1) pandemic features prominently: 88% of all message threads relayed through the Early Warning and Response System were related to pandemic influenza A(H1N1).

Previously part of the 'Annual Epidemiological Report on Communicable Diseases in Europe', the new Threat Report is now published separately to ensure improved coverage of event-based disease surveillance.

Possible readership: Public health officials, health professionals, surveillance experts

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DispForm.aspx?ID=563

This publication is also available in print. Soon, you will be able to order a hard copy directly on the EU-Bookshop:

<http://bookshop.europa.eu/uri?target=EUB:AUTHOR:ECDP:EN>. Alternatively, you can send us an email to publications@ecdc.europa.eu

SURVEILLANCE REPORT Surveillance of invasive bacterial diseases in Europe

This report describes the epidemiology of invasive bacterial diseases due to *Haemophilus influenzae* and *Neisseria meningitidis* in the European Union Member States in 2007. Designated national contact points were asked to submit data using the revised version of the dataset for invasive bacterial infections developed in 2008, on the basis of the former EU-IBIS database.

Of the 30 EU/EEA Member States, 27 submitted data on invasive *Haemophilus influenzae* disease and 29 submitted data on invasive meningococcal disease.

Possible readership: Public health officials, policy makers, vaccination officials, health professionals

Read more:

http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DispForm.aspx?ID=566

TECHNICAL REPORT

Surveillance and prevention of hepatitis B and C in Europe

This report on hepatitis B and C presents the results of a survey in all EU/EEA countries. Twenty-two of the surveyed countries have already implemented universal vaccination programmes on hepatitis B for infants and adolescents, and half of the surveyed countries conduct screening programmes for hepatitis C, primarily for injecting drug users and prison inmates. Data on HBV and HCV screening policies, both for the general population and high-risk groups, remain sparse.

The reports caution that predicting disease trends for viral hepatitis is extremely difficult as disease surveillance systems in Europe differ considerably. In addition, the asymptomatic nature of hepatitis C further complicates data interpretation.

Possible readership: public health professionals, vaccination campaign managers, policy makers.

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DispForm.aspx?ID=567

This publication is also available in print. Soon, you will be able to order a hard copy directly on the EU-Bookshop:

<http://bookshop.europa.eu/uri?target=EUB:AUTHOR:ECDP:EN>. Alternatively, you can send us an email to publications@ecdc.europa.eu

ECDC GUIDANCE

Public health management of sporadic cases of invasive meningococcal disease and their contacts

The purpose of this document is to provide evidence-based guidance for good practice in public health management of sporadic cases of meningococcal disease and their contacts. It has the additional aim of assisting countries across Europe in making decisions about appropriate measures to control and prevent meningococcal disease at national and sub-national levels. This guidance document should assist European countries in reviewing their own policies on public health management and microbiological diagnosis of meningococcal disease.

Possible readership: Public health officials, policy makers, vaccination officials, health professionals

Read more:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DispForm.aspx?ID=572

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ECDC MISSION REPORT

West Nile virus infection outbreak in humans in Central Macedonia, Greece – July–August 2010

The report covers the main findings of the ECDC expert mission to Central Macedonia in August 2010. The main objective of the visit was to review the epidemiological and virological situation of West Nile virus infection in the region, including identifying the characteristics of the epidemic and all information available from veterinary and entomological surveillance, as well as blood safety surveillance, and further refining the current risk assessment for transmission of the virus to humans in Greece and other EU Member States.

Possible readership: Public health officials, health professionals, epidemiology experts

Read more:

http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/Forms/ECDC_DispForm.aspx?ID=569

Weekly influenza surveillance overview

Published every Friday, the weekly influenza surveillance overview is a collection of timely and relevant information regarding influenza activity in Europe. It provides key statistical data on a variety of issues including the following: sentinel surveillance of influenza like illness (ILI) and acute respiratory illness (ARI); virological surveillance; aggregate numbers of pandemic H1N1 2009; hospital surveillance of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI); mortality surveillance; and qualitative reporting.

<http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/activities/surveillance/EISN/Pages/home.aspx>

Risk assessment for influenza

This has been updated to address the likely scenarios and uncertainties for the coming 2010/2011 influenza season in Europe

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/H1N1/Documents/1003_RA_forward_look_influenza.pdf

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This week's contents:

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Spotlight on measles 2010: Ongoing measles outbreak in Northern Ireland following an imported case, September-October 2010
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19698>

Molecular surveillance of pandemic influenza A(H1N1) viruses circulating in Italy from May 2009 to February 2010: association between haemagglutinin mutations and clinical outcome
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19696>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionisation time-of-flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectrometry as a tool for rapid diagnosis of potentially toxigenic *Corynebacterium* species in the laboratory management of diphtheria-associated bacteria
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19699>

The potential for a concerted system for the rapid monitoring of excess mortality throughout Europe
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19697>

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In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19695>

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Cohort study of a campylobacteriosis outbreak associated with chicken liver parfait, United Kingdom, June 2010
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19704>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

National outbreak of *Salmonella* Typhimurium (Dutch) phage-type 132 in the Netherlands, October to December 2009
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19705>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Differences in national influenza vaccination policies across the European Union, Norway and Iceland 2008-2009
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19700>

PERSPECTIVES

Guidelines for the laboratory diagnosis of genital herpes in eastern European countries
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19703>

NEWS

The field epidemiology manual (FEM) wiki: a collaborative eLearning online portal to be launched at ESCAIDE
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19701>

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Increased incidence of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infections detected by laboratory-based surveillance in Denmark in 2010
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19708>

Increasing case numbers of adenovirus conjunctivitis in Germany, 2010
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19707>

Introduction and control of three invasive mosquito species in the Netherlands, July-October 2010
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19710>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Outbreak of 2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1) in a Finnish garrison - a serological survey

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19709>

NEWS

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control launches call for external experts

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19706>

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Special issue of Eurosurveillance for European Antibiotic Awareness Day 2010

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Antimicrobial resistance 2010: global attention on carbapenemase-producing bacteria

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19719>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Possible importation and subsequent cross-transmission of OXA-48-producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, France, 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19718>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase 1-producing *Enterobacteriaceae*: emergence and response in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19716>

Prevalence of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* amongst professional meat handlers in the Netherlands, March–July 2008

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19712>

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Carbapenem-non-susceptible *Enterobacteriaceae* in Europe: conclusions from a meeting of national experts

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19711>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Extended measures for controlling an outbreak of VIM-1 producing imipenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in a liver transplant centre in France, 2003–2004

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19713>

Appropriateness of antimicrobial therapy: a multicentre prevalence survey in the Netherlands, 2008–2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19715>

NEWS

The EMCDDA annual report 2010: the state of the drugs problem in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19714>

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Editorial note for Euro Surveill. 2009;14(20)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19717>

9. WHO publications

Principles and methods for the risk assessment of chemicals in food. WHO/FAO, 2010

European report on preventing violence and knife crime among young people. WHO/EURO, 2010-11-24

Medical devices: managing the mismatch – an outcome of the priority medical devices project. WHO, 2010.

Global tuberculosis control 2010. WHO, 2010.

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[Global Tuberculosis Control 2010](#)

The main purpose of the report is to provide a comprehensive and up-to-date assessment of the TB epidemic and progress made in TB care and control at global, regional and country levels.

[Community-based Rehabilitation: CBR Guidelines](#)

These guidelines provide CBR managers, among others, with practical suggestions of how to develop or strengthen CBR programmes and ensure people with disabilities and their family members are able to access the benefits of the health, education, livelihood and social sectors.

[Hidden Cities](#)

This report provides evidence-based information and tools to help municipal and health authorities tackle health inequities in their cities.

[Protecting Children's Health in a Changing Environment](#)

Reports on the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health that took place in Parma, Italy, in March 2010.

[Ingested Nitrate and Nitrite, and Cyanobacterial Peptide Toxins](#)

Provides an evaluation of the carcinogenicity of ingested nitrate and nitrite, and the cyanobacterial peptide toxins, microcystin-LR and nodularins.

[Operational Research in Tropical and other Communicable Diseases](#)

This publication summarizes the outcomes of two rounds of the Small Grants Scheme for operational research in tropical and other communicable diseases during 2005 and 2006.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 88, No. 11, 2010](#)

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.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

[Soins liés à la grossesse, à l'accouchement et à la période néonatale](#)

Le lecteur trouvera dans ce guide une gamme complète de normes et critères actualisés et reposant sur des bases factuelles pour permettre aux professionnels de santé de dispenser, pendant la grossesse, l'accouchement et le postpartum, des soins de qualité qui prennent en compte les besoins de la mère et de son enfant nouveau-né.

[Triage, évaluation et traitement d'urgence \(TETU\). Manuel du participant](#)

Le présent manuel de formation est principalement destiné aux participants d'un cours de trois jours et demi sur le triage, l'évaluation et le traitement d'urgence.

[Triage, évaluation et traitement d'urgence \(TETU\). Package: Manuel du participant et guide de l'animateur](#)

Le présent manuel de formation est principalement destiné aux participants d'un cours de trois jours et demi sur le triage, l'évaluation et le traitement d'urgence. On trouve des conseils sur la façon d'assurer la formation dans le guide de l'animateur parallèle.

[Accroître l'accès aux personnels de santé dans les zones rurales ou reculées grâce à une meilleure fidélisation](#)

Le présent rapport propose un ensemble de recommandations reposant sur des données factuelles pour accroître le recrutement et la fidélisation de personnels de santé motivés dans les zones rurales et reculées, et fournit des orientations sur les modalités d'application des stratégies de fidélisation dans les pays développés comme dans les pays en développement.