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1. European Public Health Conference



Copenhagen 2011

The 4th joint European Public Health Conference combining the 19th annual EUPHA meeting and the 33rd annual meeting of ASPHER, co-organised with the Danish Society of Public Health (DSOPH) was a big success:



1308 participants for the main conference 166 oral presentations, 38 workshops and 431 posters presented from 55 countries

Awards:

Andrija Stampar Medal: Zsuzsana Jakab, WHO Europe 2011 DSOPH award: Johan Mackenbach, The Netherlands 2011 best abstract: Taina Leinonen, Finland 2011 best poster: Erzebet Ac Nikolic, Serbia Ferenc Bojan Young Investigator award: Suzan Robroek, The Netherlands

Finn Kamper-Jorgensen, chair, opens the 2011 conference.

Malta 2012

EUPHA and ASPHER are pleased to invite you to the 5th ANNUAL EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE 2012, co-organised with the Maltese Association of Public Health Medicine. The main theme of the conference is All Inclusive Public Health.

Please reserve the following dates in your agenda already: 8 – 10 November 2012. Important dates:

1 February 2012 Online abstract submission opens

1 May 2012 Online abstract submission closes (midnight CET)

1 May 2012 Online registration opens

More information can be found on the Malta 2012 website at:

http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

EHMA Scientific Advisory Committee - Call for new members

EHMA plans to recruit up to 3 new members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), to join it from February 2012.

Applications will be considered by the EHMA board at its January 2012 meeting, and new members will join the SAC immediately, for a term of 3 years. Interested EHMA members are invited to send a brief CV and a 1-page statement addressed to the SAC to to Ilaria Pastorino, Ilaria.Pastorino@ehma.org, by 6 January 2012.

For further information about the call, the selection criteria and the SAC please click here.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships: The ACHIEVE Research Partnership: "Action for Health Equity Interventions"

ACHIEVE is aimed to equip new researchers with the competencies necessary for closing the gap between *measuring* inner city health inequities and *reducing* them. The program has two main foci:

- Population Health and Health Services Interventions Research
- Community Engagement, Partnerships, and Knowledge Translation Information & Eligibility:
- PhD completed within the past 3 years OR Health professional degree + Master's level degree (Master's degree completed within the past three years)
- 2 year term: September, 2012 August, 2014
- Stipend: Based on CIHR guidelines for qualified candidates
- Fellows are required to complete all training program components within the two years
- 3-5 Fellows may be accepted for the 2012-2014 term
- Fellows are required to work onsite in Toronto, Canada

Aboriginal Health Priority Placement: Priority placement will be held for a qualified Aboriginal applicant interested in pursuing research related to urban Aboriginal Health issues. Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to self-identify within their applications, and to describe their experience with Aboriginal community engagement and Aboriginal health knowledge. Candidates will be assessed on their knowledge of Indigenous approaches to health (broadly defined), their effectiveness and experience in Aboriginal community engagement, and their capacity to participate in and benefit from the ACHIEVE curriculum.

Deadline to apply: February 13, 2012; Decision announcements: May, 2012 For more information & to apply, go to www.crich.ca/education.php

Clinical lecturer - social determinants of health; Non-clinical senior lecturer / lecturer - health systems

Centre for Primary Care and Public Health, Barts and The London School of Medicine & Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London

The Centre for Primary Care and Public Health wishes to recruit two outstanding academics to contribute to its new initiative in global health education. Three new MSc programmes will be offered in international primary health care, global public health and policy, and health systems and global policy. These programmes will be delivered both face to face in the College and online. They are part of initiatives in both global medical education in the Barts & The London Medical School, and in greater involvement in the health needs of the East London population. The Centre is looking for leading academics with an established record in global health policy, health systems, and the social determinants of health to take forward this key development. The clinical lecturer will provide teaching in particular on social determinants informed by academic research and clinical experience. The non-clinical post will take forward work on health systems within the context of the three programmes.

Candidates will have an excellent understanding of the social determinants of health and health inequalities and/or health systems and public policy. They may come from different specialisms including epidemiology, statistics, health systems, health economics, the political economy of healthcare, or healthcare management. A clinical lecturer is likely to have specialised in primary care or public health, but candidates from other specialisms with relevant experience and interests would be most welcome to apply. The posts are available for three years, either full time or part time; 1.5 full time equivalent is to be split between the two posts. In their covering letters applicants should specify their preference of hours and whether they are applying for a clinical or a non-clinical position. Starting salary will be in the range per annum:

Informal enquiries should be addressed to

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Prof Trish Greenhalgh: p.greenhalgh@qmul.ac.uk 020 7882 7326
Details about the Institute can be found at www.icms.qmul.ac.uk
Details on the new MSc programmes can be found at www.blizard.gmul.ac.uk/study

To apply, please visit http://webapps.qmul.ac.uk/hr/vacancies/jobs.php?id=2683 http://www.hr.qmul.ac.uk/vacancies

Application enquiries should be directed to wch-recruit@qmul.ac.uk

The closing date for the applications is 9th December 2011

3. Interesting news

Fat taxes: answer to obesity and austerity? EPHA news release

24 November 2011

The European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) Europe's leading NGO advocating for better health, is launching its briefing on 'Fiscal measures applied to food policy'. Food taxation offers governments a two pronged arrow to deal with two of the most pertinent issues they face: not only offering important action to tackle the obesity epidemic, the revenues produced can also boost austerity-stricken budgets. With governments across Europe discussing their implementation, 'fat taxes' are now going from idea to reality. Hungary, France and Denmark are ahead of the curve and discussions have started in the UK, Ireland and Romania.

For more information: www.epha.org

'Health for growth: going beyond the promotion of economic growth to prioritising people's health? EPHA news release

9 November 2011

On 09 November 2011, the European Commission outlined its future priorities in the field of health for 2014-2020. The Health for Growth Programme as proposed by the European Commission will aim to complement and support the policies of the Member States and contribute to the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

EPHA – the European Public Health Alliance – Europe's leading NGO advocating for better health - welcomes the European Commission's commitment to continue action in the field of health until 2020 and the increased budget it has provided to do so.

In the coming months, EPHA will engage with and support the European Commission, the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament to promote public interest and ensure the future Health Programme reduces health inequalities, increases healthy standards in Europe, and ensures sustainable health systems in the future.

For more information: www.epha.org

Agency for Accreditation of Public Health Education (APHEA) – call for site visitors APHEA is an independent European agency recently started to accredit Master of Public Health

programmes or their equivalent.

Accreditation is a voluntary process of self-study and external review intended to evaluate, enhance and publicly recognise quality in programmes of public health. One of the steps required for accreditation is a site visit during which peer evaluators/site visitors validate the information that programmes provide to APHEA in a self-study document. The site visitors' final written report assesses to what extent APHEA accreditation criteria have been met and provides a unique perspective about the evaluated program. This report serves as the basis for the ultimate decision of the Board of Accreditation as to whether or not a programme will be accredited.

Site visitors volunteer to represent APHEA during site visits, thereby sharing their time, effort and expertise.

APHEA does not pay honoraria for the services of team members but does reimburse actual costs. Site Visitor Qualifications:

• Be a senior academician (e.g., director, associate director, department chair or senior faculty member) in public health or a related field.

OR

• Be a senior public health practitioner (primarily employed by a public health department, non-profit organization, health-related organization, etc. with preferably at least 10 years of experience in public health).

AND

- Have at least a doctoral degree (academicians) or a master's degree (practitioners).
- · Possess strong writing, communication and analytical skills.

Site visitors will be expected to attend a training workshop to learn the process and criteria prior to conducting a site visit. Visits are scheduled based on site visitors' and programme's availability, and requests for participation typically come to visitors 2-4 months prior to a site visit. They will be expected to devote approximately 8-16 hours to preparatory work in the month/month and a half immediately preceding the site visit (eg, self-study review, drafting of site report sections, participating in site team teleconference in the month preceding a visit, coordinating visit with other team members and programme representative (in the case of the site team chair)). Site visitors must travel and work onsite at a programme for a period of approximately 3 days, which includes attendance at an evening executive session the night prior to a site visit. The site visitors will complete parts of the site visit report over the course of the visit and will later be expected to review the entire report before submitting it to the APHEA secretariat after the visit. Site visitors must be present over the course of the entire visit.

Site Visitor Responsibilities:

- Identify and disclose any potential and perceived conflicts of interest when accepting a site visit invitation.
- Make no disclosure about individual programme evaluations and recommendations resulting from the review process.
- Have a thorough knowledge of the accreditation criteria, their interpretation, and the problems potentially encountered in their application.
- Assess programme's compliance with accreditation criteria, make judgment and provide evidence for judgment.
- Be present, attentive and participatory during all site visit interviews, meetings and executive sessions of the site team.
- Avoid comparisons or advice giving while on site at programme.
- Adhere to the site visit agenda and comply with requests of site team chair.
- Agree on team judgments in order to formulate consensus in final report submitted by site team after the site visit.
- Revise draft sections of site report during the site visit and submit them to the APHEA site visit coordinator on the last day of the visit.
- Review draft site report and send comments back promptly to APHEA site visit coordinator after the site visit.

If you would like to become part of the reviewers' pool and potentially take part in a future site visit, please send your CV and a brief letter explaining why you would be interested and indicating the qualificiations which make you a suitable candidate to lana.Levin@ehesp.fr

Better Health: A Shared challenge for hospitals and primary health care

HOPE published on 8 November 2011 "Better health - A shared challenge for hospitals and primary health care", a report exploring strategies and means adopted in European countries to improve health of patients and citizens through better coordination between the different levels of healthcare. The report builds on the results of the HOPE Exchange Programme 2011 and clearly shows reforms that aim at fostering healthcare systems' integration and new pathways of care for the treatment of diseases with high need of coordination.

In many countries, regional and local changes deal with the introduction of specific pathways of care or new patterns for facing specific problems. One of the main implications of a more integrated healthcare system is the change in the role of healthcare professionals.

The report presents the new, multifaceted tasks that nurses and General Practitioners are holding and points out the role of Information and Communication Technologies in fostering communication and continuity of care.

The report sheds light on the evolution of the integration between primary and secondary care and demonstrates that a lot has been done to foster better health despite the pressure on resources available for the health and social system.

All European countries are enhancing one way or another the coordination within the system and the integration between its different parts, improving the use and distribution of resources as well as the level of quality and safety for citizens.

The report is available on: www.hope.be Contact: Pascal Garel sg@hope.be

4. EUPHA update

With the successful Copenhagen 2011 conference, we also organised our EUPHA Member Forum, EUPHA Governing Council and all our internal meetings. We are pleased to announce that the EUPHA Governing Council adopted our new constitution and bylaws, the last step in the reorganisation of EUPHA. More details will follow shortly on our website: www.eupha.org

The publications pages of our website are currently being updated. Check it out: http://eupha.org/site/publications.php

EUPHAnxt

EUPHAnxt

EUPHAnxt, our initiative to reach young public health professionals and students, had a successful first conference with:

- EUPHAnxt coffee corners: where the upcoming generation can meet public health leaders. We
 organised four at Copenhagen 2011 with Dr Zsuzsana Jakab, WHO/EURO, Dr Marine Buissonière,
 OSI Public health programs, Prof. Martin McKee, LSHTM, Prof. Jutta Lindert, Ludwigsburg
 university/Harvard University and the presidents of EUPHA and ASPHER, Prof. Walter Ricciardi
 and Prof. Helmut Brand.
- Water the public health tree: several participants 'watered' the public health tree by adding public health messages to the tree. Definitely something to continue next year.
- Call for 2 EUPHAnxt subscribers for the EUPHA Think tank. EUPHA has decided to install a *Think Tank* to reflect on European public health as well as to reflect on EUPHA's role in the future of European public health. For this *Think Tank*, EUPHA is looking for 2 representatives of EUPHAnxt. If you are interested and under 35 years of age, please send your motivation and CV to: office@eupha.org before 15 January 2012.

STEPS Report

Public Health Research – Europe's Future presented at European Commission meeting http://www.steps-ph.eu/2011/09/strengthening-engagement-in-public-health-research/

The STEPS report was presented by the Coordinator, Professor Mark McCarthy, at the European Health Policy Forum in Brussels on 12 October 2011. The Health Policy Forum is organised by the European Commission's Directorate for Health and Consumers ('DG SANCO') and brings together 55 European representative organisations for regular discussion with the European Commission's officers.

The STEPS Report calls for greater collaboration between ministries of health with the European Union in developing health research, and greater engagement of researchers and civil society in setting agendas and priorities.

For more information on STEPS: www.steps-ph.eu

EUPHA is pleased to be collaborating with the following conferences:

Title: WPA THEMATIC CONFERENCE

"Mental Health and Family Medicine Working Together"

Date: 8-11 February 2012 Place: Granada, Spain

Organisers: World Psychiatric Association (WPA) in close collaboration with WONCA and the

Spanish Neuropsychiatric Association (AEN), amongst others, with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), the World Association of Social Psychiatry, the Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL) and the Maristan Network with the collaboration of the EUPHA Section on Public Mental Health.

More information: asaenz@fase20.com or www.thematicconferencegranada2012.com

Deadline: Posters can still be submitted until: 23 December 2011

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

Organisers: CERGAS and "Carlo F. Dondena" Research Centres of Università Bocconi together

with the EUPHA section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health

Date: 21-23 June 2012 Place: Milan, Italy Deadline: Call for papers: 10 January 2012 More information: www.unibocconi.eu/mighealth2012

5. EUPHA member updates

European Forum for Primary Care: www.euprimarycare.org

Call for abstracts for the EFPC 4th bi-annual conference in Gothenburg, 3/4 September with the main theme "Crossing Borders in Primary Care" including a

- call for research abstracts (researchers),
- policy posters for debate (policy makers) and
- multi-media practice presentations (practitioners).

Deadline for submission 15 April 2012

For more information:

French Society of Public Health - www.sfsp.fr

La prévention en débat: Approches globales et réalités de nos quotidiens? 2^{nde} journée - 15 décembre 2011 à Paris Bulletin d'inscription (Inscription gratuite mais obligatoire)

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: X World Congress on Maternal and Neonatal Health

Organisers: World Health Organization, in collaboration with the World Association of Perinatal

Medicine (WAPM), the European Association of Perinatal Medicine (EAPM) and

March of Dimes

Date: 18-20 December 2011

Place: Rome, Italy

More information: http://www.mcaevents.org/iamaneh2011/

Title: Inleiding in de economie van de Public Health
Organisers: Netherlands School of Public and Occupational Health

Date: 19 January 2012

Place: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

More information: http://www.nspoh.nl/page.ocl?pageid=32&id=61 (please note that the course is in

Dutch)

Title: PhD Course: Scientific Article Writing and Critical Literature Scrutiny

Organisers: University of Copenhagen
Date: 6-10 February 2012
Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

Deadline: for application: 15 December 2011

More information:

www.farma.ku.dk/index.php/Scientific-Article-Writing-and/11052/0/?&MP=1111-936

Title: Sustaining and Implementing Universal Health Coverage: A strategic

International Health Care Event

Organisers: SDA Bocconi School of Management

Date: 10 February 2012 Place: Milan, Italy

Deadline: early registration: 15 December 2012 More information: www.sdabocconi.it/universalhealth

Title: Fifty years since 'Smoking and health' progress, lessons and priorities for a

smoke-free UK

Organisers: Royal College of Physicians

A joint conference with the UK Centre for Tobacco Control Studies

Date: 6 March 2012 Place: London, UK

More information: http://events.rcplondon.ac.uk/details.aspx?e=2497

Title: EHMA 2012 Annual Conference: Public Healthcare: who pays, who provides?

Organisers: EHMA

Date: 13-15 June 2012 Place: Bern, Switzerland

Deadline: for abstracts: 9 January 2012

More information: www.ehma.org

Title: 12th World Congress on Environmental Health - New Technologies, Healthy

Human Being and Environment

Organisers: Lithuanian Union of Hygienists and Epidemiologists

Date: 22-27 May 2012 Place: Vilnius, Lithuania

Deadline: for abstract submission: 15 February 2012

More information: http://www.ifeh2012.org/welcome

Title: Canadian Public Health Association 2012 conference: Creating and sustaining

healthy environments

Organisers: CPHA

Date: Edmonton, Alberta Place: 11-14 June 2012

Deadline: for abstracts: 2 December 2011

More information: http://www.cpha.ca/en/conferences/conf2012/callabstracts.aspx

Title: 11th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management &

Policy

Organisers: Athens Institute for Education and Research-ATINER

Date: 25-28 June 2012 Place: Athens, Greece More information: www.atiner.gr

Title: ISQUA 29th international conference - Advancing quality and safety for all: now

and in the future

Organisers: ISQUA

Date: 21-24 October 2012 Place: Geneva, Switzerland

Deadline: for abstracts: 29 February 2012

7. Interesting publications

Everybody's Business: the cost of multi-department involvement in public health in Alberta

The Institute of Health Economics

http://www.ihe.ca/publications/library/2011/everybodys-business-the-cost-of-multi-department-involvement-in-public-health-in-alberta/

Introduction to Epidemiology 2/e

Ilona Carneiro and Natasha Howard

ISBN: 978-0-335-24461-4 | Oct 2011 | Paperback 200pp

http://www.mcgraw-hill.co.uk/cgi-bin/browse_series_oup2.pl?series=PU

Introduction to Health Economics 2/e

Lorna Guinness and Virginia Wiseman

ISBN: 978-0-335-24356-3 | Oct 2011 | Paperback 288pp

http://www.mcgraw-hill.co.uk/cgi-bin/browse series oup2.pl?series=PU

Issues in Public Health 2/e

Fiona Sim and Martin McKee

ISBN: 978-0-335-24422-5 | Oct 2011 | Paperback 296pp

http://www.mcgraw-hill.co.uk/cgi-bin/browse_series_oup2.pl?series=PU

Public Health in History

Virginia Berridge, Martin Gorsky and Alex Mold

ISBN: 978-0-335-24264-1 | Oct 2011 | Paperback 280pp

http://www.mcgraw-hill.co.uk/cgi-bin/browse series oup2.pl?series=PU

A win-win solution?:

A critical analysis of tiered pricing to improve access to medicines in developing countries

Suerie Moon et al.

Globalization and Health 2011, 7:39 doi:10.1186/1744-8603-7-39

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

Public health in Austria - An analysis of the status of public health

Edited by Joy Ladurner et al.

World Health Organization 2011 - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Available online PDF [370p.] at: http://bit.ly/w1tdvv

The World's Worst Toxic Pollution Problems 2011 Report

Blacksmith Institute in partnership with Green Cross Switzerland

Available online PDF [76p.] at: http://bit.ly/vqw39O

Launch of the European Portal for Action on Health Inequalities

EuroHealth Net, 2011

Good Practice Database available online http://bit.ly/u19gl2

Social Determinants of Health - What Doctors Can Do

British Medical association BMA - October 2011

Available online PDF [28p.] at: http://bit.ly/uOx4lb

Social protection floors for social justice and a fair globalization

International Labour Office Geneva

ISBN 978-92-2-124493-6 (print) ISBN 978-92-2-124494-3 (Web) ISSN 0074-6681 - 2011

Available online PDF [87p.] at: http://bit.ly/uy1s9S

Putting Growth In Its Place

It has to be but a means to development, not an end in itself

Indian magazine Outlook – November 2011

Website: http://bit.ly/snRscj

Economic regulation in health care

What can we learn from other regulators? Anna Dixon, Tony Harrison, Claire Mundle The Kings Fund UK November 2011 Available online at: http://bit.ly/usaluT

The Magenta Book - Guidance for evaluation

HM Treasury UK, April 2011

Available online PDF [141p.] at: http://bit.ly/v9642L

Monitoring, Forecasting, and Governance of Urban Systems

Urbanization and Global Environmental Change UGEC - November 07, 2011 Global Environmental Change Project Michail Fragkias, Corrie Griffith Available online [53p.] at: http://bit.ly/uDVL5v

Public Health Economics - Methods and Tools

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention –CDC

Website: http://1.usa.gov/u7CULJ

The Future of Philanthropy and Development in the Pursuit of Human Wellbeing

The Bellagio Initiative - Commissioned Paper - November 2011 Available online PDF [16p.] at: http://bit.ly/vzfWbx

Health Worker Shortages and Global Justice

Paula O'Brien and Lawrence O. Gostin Milbank Memorial Fund, 2011 Available online PDF [119p.] at: http://bit.ly/vFN17B

Priorities for Research on Equity and Health: Towards an Equity-Focused Health Research Agenda

PLoS Med 8(11): e1001115. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001115 - November 1, 2011 Available online at: http://bit.ly/tK4Ahx

Taking Action to Address the Social and Environmental Determinants of Health Inequity in Asia Pacific 2011

A collaborative initiative, with contributions from over 40 researchers, policy-makers and health equity advocates from across the Asia Pacific region.

Global Action for Health Equity Network, AP-HealthGAEN, with the support of WHO (WPRO),

VicHealth and the Australian National University. 2011 Available online PDF [199p.] at: http://bit.ly/rCuBxy

Human Development Report 2011

Sustainability and Equity: A Better Future for All United Nations Development Programme UNDP November 2011 - New York, NY, USA Available online at: http://bit.ly/uwa0mg

Testing Treatments - Better Research for Better Healthcare

Imogen Evans et al.

British Library - second edition 2011

Available online as PDF file [226p.] at: Edition http://bit.ly/rMaZtX

Building of the global movement for health equity: from Santiago to Rio and beyond Prof Michael Marmot FRCP Jessica, Ruth Bell, Prof Peter Goldblatt The Lancet, October 2011Available online at: http://bit.ly/p3ku49

Understanding chronic non-communicable diseases in Latin America: towards an equity based research agenda

Fernando G De Maio

Globalization and Health - October 2011 - 7:36

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

Closing the Cancer Divide: A Blueprint to Expand Access in Low and Middle Income Countries

Knaul, Felicia Marie, Frenk, Julio and Shulman, Lawrence

Global Task Force on Expanded Access to Cancer Care and Control in Developing Countries

Harvard Global Equity Initiative, Boston, MA, October 2011

Report available online PDF [286p.] at: http://bit.ly/s3YUA0

Symposium Live Online October 28, 2011 at: http://bit.ly/tLBYwp

Facilitating the use of research evidence

Milbank Quarterly - 2011 Milbank Memorial Fund

Edited By: Bradford H. Gray

Available at no charge at http://bit.ly/sGtfDf

The State of World Population 2011

People and possibilities in a world of 7 billion

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, October 2011

English PDF [132p.] at: http://bit.ly/sTVYZ2 Spanish: PDF [132p.] at: http://bit.ly/vZpN56 French: PDF [132p.] at: http://bit.ly/rGnica

8. European Commission news

Ageing

3rd Steering Group Meeting of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing, 7 November 2011 Final texts of the strategic and operational plans now available

Innovation convention 2011, Brussels, 5-6 December 2011

Today - Polish Presidency Conference - European Day of the Brain. Ageing, Stroke and Alzheimer's Disease-finding innovative solutions

Press release: European Innovation Partnership agrees on actions to turn ageing into an opportunity

Alcohol

High level meeting of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action, Brussels, 17 November 2011 - Flash report available

Third European Alcohol and Health Forum (EAHF) Monitoring Progress Report now available

Antimicrobial resistance

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - Action plan against the rising threats from Antimicrobial Resistance

Antimicrobial resistance surveillance in Europe 2010. Annual report of the European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Network (EARS-Net)

Video: Documentary produced by Euronews on antimicrobial resistance, in cooperation with ECDC

Press release: Action Plan against antimicrobial resistance: Commission unveils 12 concrete actions for the next five years

Blood, tissues and organs

Press release: Commission calls on Italy to transpose the Directive on human blood Second Journalist Workshop on organ donation and transplantation, Brussels, 18 October 2011 - Articles published after the workshop updated

Electromagnetic fields

2011 International Scientific Conference on EMF and Health, Brussels, 16-17 November 2011 - The Conference is broadcast live Read the programme and watch the event online E-news: Electromagnetic Fields and Health: The Way Forward

EU in the world

Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 10 November 2011 Draft Agenda available

Health programme

Proposal for a regulation on establishing the 3rd multi-annual programme of EU action in the field of health for the period 2014-2020 Text available in 23 languages

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on establishing the 3rd multi-annual programme of EU action in the field of health for the period 2014-2020

Proposal for a regulation on establishing the 3rd multi-annual programme of EU action in the field of health for the period 2014-2020 Text available in French and German

Proposal for the new Health for Growth programme (2014-2020) adopted by the Commission

Indicators

ECHI - Indicators on breast, cervical and colon cancer screening updated

Mental health

Publication: Long-term mental health care for people with severe mental disorders Publication: Mental well-being: For a smart, inclusive and sustainable Europe

Publication: Making the long-term economic case for investing in mental health to contribute to sustainability FP7 call for proposals in the theme "Socio-economic sciences and humanities" (deadline: 2 February 2012)

Medicinal products for human use

Delegated act on the detailed rules for a unique identifier for medicinal products for human use, and its verification - Concept paper submitted for public consultation

Preparedness and response

Pulications: new factsheet and poster on the Health Security Committee

Event: 10th Anniversary of the Health Security Committee

Public health

List of eurobarometers updated

Public Health Website

Give us your opinion on the Commission Public Health Website - Fill in our short survey

Tobacco

"Ex-smokers are unstoppable" in the Athens marathon, 12-13 November 2011 Watch the video Commissioner Dalli presents the "Ex-smokers are unstoppable" campaign to journalists from health media across Portugal

Euroleague Basketball fans actively supported the "ex-smokers are unstoppable" campaign in Kaunas/Lithuania, 10 November 2011 Watch the video

9. European Centre for Diseases Control

Update on the latest ECDC electronic publications that could be of interest to you. This month you will find:

ECDC and EMCDDA GUIDANCE

Prevention and control of infectious diseases among people who inject drugs (also in brief version available)

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Literature review on health information-seeking behaviour on the web: a health consumer and health professional perspective

Literature review of trust and reputation management in communicable disease public health

SURVEILLANCE REPORTS

Weekly influenza surveillance overview European monthly measles monitoring Influenza virus characterisation, summary Europe, August and September 2011

EUVAC.net SURVEILLANCE REPORTS

Varicella Surveillance Report 2010
Pertussis Surveillance Report 2010
Mumps Surveillance Report 2010

Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 44, 3 November 2011

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10. WHO publications

Diagnosis-related groups in Europe

(Edited by Reinhard Busse, Alexander Geissler, Wilm Quentin and Miriam Wiley)

Diagnosis-related group systems were introduced throughout Europe for similar reasons: to increase transparency, and to improve efficiency and assure quality in hospitals. After more than a decade of experience with using diagnosis-related groups in Europe, it's time to consider whether their extensive use has contributed towards achieving these aims.

This book summarizes the experiences with and developments in the diagnosis-related group systems in the 12 countries in the EuroDRG project (Austria, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany,

Ireland, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Sweden). Part One looks at the key issues of efficiency, quality, unintended effects and technological innovation, and Part Two provides clearly structured and detailed information about the most important system characteristics in each of the 12 participating countries.

Both the overview of the key issues and the experience in countries will be useful for countries and regions that want to introduce, extend, or optimize their diagnosis-related group systems. The book is addressed to health policy-makers and researchers from Europe and beyond.

For more information about the book and how to order it check: http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/diagnosis-related-groups-in-europe

Public health in Austria. An analysis of the status of public health

(Edited by Joy Ladurner et al.)

This book explores the key challenges facing Austria's public health system. Set firmly in the context of the history, scope, functions and responsibilities of public health in developed countries, it examines how the Austrian system has developed and adapted over the last 50 years to the benefit of the population. It also looks at the challenges presented by life in the 21st century.

The book draws on both national research and expert interviews to present a fully-rounded picture. This shows that the public health system in Austria is struggling to maintain essential services and develop policies for improvement, and the study proposes strategies and policies to tackle these developments, looking in particular at change within the fields of education, research and training. This book is essential reading for policy-makers, advisers and analysts interested in developing a public health strategy and competence in both developed and developing countries, as well as researchers interested in the Austrian health system.

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/public-health-in-austria.-an-analysis-of-the-status-of-public-health

Migration and health in the European Union

(Edited by Bernd Rechel, Philipa Mladovsky, Walter Devillé, Barbara Rijks, Roumyana Petrova-Benedict and Martin McKee)

The increasing diversity of populations in Europe, including a growing proportion of migrants, creates new challenges for health systems, which have to adapt in order to remain responsive.

This book explores the overall context of migration and health in the European Union, addresses the rights of migrants to health and looks at problems in their access to health services, explores the challenges and opportunities in monitoring migrant health, reviews the health issues faced by migrants in Europe, discusses the policy response so far and the need for culturally responsive health services, provides examples of best practice, and looks at the policy implications of the findings presented. It will be of value to researchers, policy-makers and practitioners keen to understand what can be done at the European, national and regional levels to improve migrant health in Europe.

For more information about the book and how to order it check: http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/migration-and-health-in-the-european-union

NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - NOVEMBER 2011

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

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

Please note that our new Autumn 2011 Catalogue of WHO Information Products is now available online:

Global Tuberculosis Control 2011

This is the sixteenth global report on tuberculosis (TB) published by WHO in a series that started in 1997. It provides a comprehensive and up-to-date assessment of the TB epidemic and progress made.

Valuing Water, Valuing Livelihoods

In a new, joint publication, the World Health Organization and the International Water Association cover different aspects of social cost-benefit analysis as a basis for selecting investment options for the development of small community drinking-water supplies.

Humanitarian Emergency Settings Perceived Needs Scale (HESPER) (The)

The HESPER Scale was developed by the World Health Organization and King's College London in order to fill several gaps in the humanitarian field. It enables needs assessments to be based directly on the views of people affected by humanitarian emergencies, and provides a more accurate picture of the serious problems with which the overall emergency-affected population wants help.

Safety Evaluation of Certain Contaminants in Food

The detailed monographs in this volume summarize the technical, analytical, dietary exposure and toxicological data on a number of contaminants in food: acrylamide, arsenic, deoxydivalenol, furan, mercury and perchlorate.

Safety Evaluation of Certain Food Additives and Contaminants

The toxicological monographs in this volume summarize the safety data on two contaminants in food: cadmium and lead. Monographs on nine groups of related flavouring agents evaluated by the Procedure for the Safety Evaluation of Flavouring Agents are also included.

Taking to Scale IMCI Implementation in Mongolia, 2000-2008

This document reviews the process of IMCI implementation in Mongolia.

Taking Sex and Gender into Account in Emerging Infectious Disease Programmes

This document represents a first step in developing a gender perspective in emerging infectious diseases for the Western Pacific and South-East Asia Regions.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 89, No. 11, 2011

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.

Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health

The Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH) is an open-access, peer-reviewed monthly journal, published as the flagship scientific and technical periodical publication by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), headquartered in Washington, D.C., the United States of America. Its mission is to serve as an important vehicle for disseminating scientific public health information of international significance, mainly in areas related to PAHO's essential mission to strengthen national and local health systems and improve the health of the peoples of the Americas.

Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 17 No.10, 2011

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.

11. EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



EUPHApedia was evaluated by EUPHA members and this evaluation was presented to the EUPHA Governing Council on 10 November 2011. We are pleased to present a summary of the evaluation and the next steps accepted by the EUPHA Governing Council to you:

Evaluation:

After the letter of invitation, quite a few members and section presidents reacted positively to EUPHApedia. Some requested official links to their website (external search engine); others requested permission to upload information. The number of active users, however, remained quite low. In general, it was stated that FAQ on the opening page may be very useful.

In searching in EUPHApedia, comments received were:

- that the documents were by relevance, whilst some want them by most recent (this has been adapted);
- that it is not possible to search within your search results;
- that it is not possible to search with more than one keyword.

In uploading in EUPHApedia, comments received were:

- That a text can not be edited after uploading. You need to delete the document and re-upload it;
- That it is difficult sometimes to find the right category for the document;
- That when uploading a PDF, there is no possibility to add a summary.

Further steps:

- 1. We will take into account the comments received and update EUPHApedia.
- 2. We will open EUPHApedia for anyone visiting the website to increase usage;
- 3. The permission to upload will be limited to EUPHA members;
- 4. We will intensify the use of EUPHApedia for policy building activities.

EUPHApedia NEWS section:

This month we have uploaded all the abstracts presented at our 4th European Public Health Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark

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