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## 1. 6th European Public Health Conference, Brussels

The 6th European Public Health Conference was successfully held from 13 – 16 November in Brussels. The conference was attended by over 1,300 delegates from over 55 countries worldwide. The programme consisted of six plenary sessions with twenty speakers, 75 parallel sessions, 30 moderated poster sessions and ten poster walks. Delegates could choose from 14 pre-events on public health topics before the conference. During the conference, around seven Lunch Meetings and a Film Festival on Human Rights and Public Health were offered.

Participants are requested to complete the online evaluation form. Your feedback will provide us with valuable information on what we could improve upon. All you need to do is login and give us five minutes of your time. The link is:

<http://www.eupha.org/questionnaire/questionnaire.php>

## 2. 7th European Public Health Conference, Glasgow



The 7th European Public Health Conference will be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 19 to 22 November 2014. The theme for conference is *Mind the gap: reducing inequalities in health and health care*. This theme was chosen to encourage discussion on how European countries cannot just promote the health of the public but also reduce inequalities in health and health care. Understanding the causes underlying inequities in health and discovering which interventions or policies may reduce inequalities. Current economic circumstances in many countries mean that it is more important than ever for researchers and policy makers to learn from the experiences of each other rather than constantly 'reinventing the wheel'.

Plenary sessions are organized on the following themes:

- Inequalities in the population: large scale interventions
- Equity across the European region: the European Action Plan for strengthening Public Health Services and Capacity
- Communicable and non-communicable diseases: old challenges, novel solutions
- Marginalised groups: migrant and ethnic minority health
- Looking to the future: translating evidence into policy

Confirmed keynote presenters include:

- Margaret McCartney, General Practitioner and *BMJ* contributor, Scotland
- Marc Sprenger, Director of ECDC
- Raj Bhopal, University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe

### **3. EUPHA update**

#### **Public Health Innovation and Research in Europe**

Guest editors: Mark McCarthy Dineke Zeegers Paget  
EJPH volume 23 suppl 2 November 2013 is available as open access.  
[http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/suppl\\_2.toc](http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/suppl_2.toc)

#### **Statement for the WHO European Ministerial Conference on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the context of Health 2020**

22 November 2013

On behalf of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) please find below the Statement for the WHO European Ministerial Conference on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the context of Health 2020, 3-4 December 2013, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

It is with great enthusiasm that we support the WHO Ashgabat Declaration on NCDs. The Declaration reflects best practices in European public health, including promoting the people-centred health systems, empowering patients and making them co-producers of care, and establishing new health-information systems. These transformations will help strengthen health systems' capacity to cope with rising burdens of chronic noncommunicable diseases. Emphasis on embedding inequalities into surveillance systems and harmonisation of surveillance systems is an important, positive step.

We particularly welcome the commitment to a SmokeFree Europe by 2040. It is important to have a clear goal and timeline as part of the policy process. As Margaret Chan of WHO states, 'what gets measured gets done'. These goals and timelines enable us to hold politicians accountable for their successes and failures in implementing effective tobacco control policy. The goals themselves reflects the existing best-practices of our members, such as Finland, and the state-of-the-art in public health policy. We would request, however, more clarity on whether the target of SmokeFree Europe applies overall (such as 5% prevalence for the region) or for each individual WHO-Europe member state. Europe is ideally situated to take the lead globally in addressing the avoidable burden of noncommunicable diseases. The Ashgabat Declaration is a step in the right direction. Now it will be important to ensure that the Declaration is met with a roadmap and action plan. True commitment can only be judged by the decision to invest funds and resources. At a time of fiscal retrenchment in Europe, this is not always straight forward. We look forward to working with WHO in support as European Public Health professionals to ensure that the Ashgabat Declaration lives up to its hope and promise.

#### **International Conference on Urban Health – March 2014**

EUPHA through its section on Urban public health is a partner in the International Conference on Urban Health 2014, 4-7 March 2014, Manchester Central Convention Centre, UK. For all the information you need about the conference, including instructions on how to register visit <https://www.icuh2014.com/> or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/icuh2014>. The early bird discounted registration rate has also been extended to **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

#### **European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health – April 2014**

The EUPHA Section of Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health is organizing the next European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Granada 10-12 April 2014. The third Formal Announcement can be from the website at [http://www.eupha-migranthealthconference.com/?page\\_id=1018](http://www.eupha-migranthealthconference.com/?page_id=1018) . The deadline for abstract submission has been extended until 14 November.

### **In memoriam Peter Donceel**

It is with great sadness I inform you about the death of Peter Donceel, professor of Insurance Medicine in Belgium and member of the scientific committee of the Section of Social Security and Health (SSSH) of EUPHA.

Peter Donceel has been of outmost importance for the development of the SSSH as well of research and of academic training in insurance medicine. It was a great pleasure and privilege to work with Peter and I will miss him as a colleague and as a friend.

This is a great loss for insurance medicine and for many of us also at a personal level. Our thoughts goes to his wife and children.

Kristina Alexanderson, President of the Section of Social Security and Health.

## **4. Call for proposals, job opportunities**

### **University of Warwick, UK - Research Fellow (73500-13)**

You will be an enthusiastic and motivated post-doctoral researcher with experience in both academic health research and project management. With a broad range of methodological expertise you will be interested in engaging with and complementing clinical and/or public health practice to improve patient care. You will work within the West Midlands CLAHRC and will be responsible with the team for research relevant to the Prevention and detection theme at Warwick Medical School. You will take an active role in research development and production of the theme and it's management and day-to-day organisation.

You will have or be about to obtain a PhD and have a solid background in Health Services Research. Strong interests in conducting multidisciplinary research, methodology and or health service improvement would be advantageous. You will have very strong planning and organisational skills in health research together with an ability to plan complex projects. Excellent communication skills, both written and oral are essential.

#### **Job Description**

The post holder will be an enthusiastic and motivated post-doctoral researcher with experience in both academic health research and project management. We would like to attract an individual with a broad range of methodological expertise who is interested in engaging with and complementing clinical and/or public health practice to improve patient care. The NIHR CLAHRC-WM (Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care West Midlands) is a five-year programme commencing in January 2014 with a mission to create lasting and effective collaborations across health and social care organisations, universities and local authorities.

The post holder will be responsible for the research relevant to Prevention and detection theme hosted by the University of Warwick. They will take an active role in research development and production of the theme and it's management and day-to-day organisation. This will include the co-ordination of work across the theme and of other Researchers.

The post holder will work with the programme director to take a lead role in the development and delivery of the research projects, and will support the delivery of this programme of clinical and non-clinical research projects. The post holder will be expected to bring leadership and understanding of project management, budgeting and research organisation to ensure that CLAHRC projects run smoothly and to a high standard, fulfilling all requirements of the funding bodies and leading to high quality policy and research output.

Due to its nature, this role will involve travel throughout the West Midlands on a regular basis.

#### **Duties and responsibilities**

You will undertake research and management in order to support the work of the department and develop and enhance its reputation, both internally and externally. Assist the programme director and project collaborators in the successful development and execution of the project.

#### **Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Policy**

As an organisation using the (DBS) Disclosure and Barring Service to assess applicants' suitability for positions of trust, the University of Warwick complies with the DBS Code of Practice and undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a Disclosure on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed.

#### **Closing Date: 19 Dec 2013**

More information:

[https://atsv7.wcn.co.uk/search\\_engine/jobs.cgi?owner=5062452&ownertype=fair&jcode=1384986&vt\\_template=1457&adminview=1](https://atsv7.wcn.co.uk/search_engine/jobs.cgi?owner=5062452&ownertype=fair&jcode=1384986&vt_template=1457&adminview=1)

## **Karolinska Institute, Sweden - Research associate in epidemiology - etiological and intervention research**

The Department of Public Health Sciences conducts research, teaching and consultancy in epidemiology and public health. The department has extensive international research collaborations in developed and developing countries. The department has currently approximately 140 employees and 100 doctoral students. The announced position will be located in the Child and Adolescent Public Health Epidemiology Research Group.

### **Duties**

The new member of the staff will mainly work on three epidemiological studies:

- 1) A randomized population-based trial on prevention of excessive gestational weight gain and postpartum weight retention among overweight pregnant women, and a randomized trial on prevention of childhood obesity.
- 2) A quasi-experimental epidemiological study of long-term effects of increased alcohol availability in a distinct geographical area (natural experiment).
- 3) A cohort study of childhood determinants of unemployment and long-term health consequences of unemployment, for example alcohol abuse.

### **Entry requirements**

To qualify, the applicant must hold a PhD degree or equivalent qualifications. Applicants who have attained their PhD degree no more than seven years before the application deadline should be given priority. In addition a postdoc period with good research activity is required. The applicant must have a solid scientific background in epidemiological methods and is expected to conduct successful own research, supervise PhD students and participate in teaching and course development. Skillfulness in analysis of epidemiological databases and in evaluations of interventions is required. The applicant should be result-oriented and have strong communication- and interpersonal skills in teamwork and ability to work efficiently in national and international multidisciplinary collaborations. The position also includes seeking external research funding. Strong skills in English are required because protocols, papers and research proposals are written in English. Equally good skills in the Swedish language are desirable.

### **Bases of assessment**

We stress scientific expertise when assessing applicants.

### **Application process**

An application must contain the following documents in English or Swedish: Curriculum vitae, qualifications and description of planned research, presented in accordance with Karolinska Institutet's qualifications portfolio (<http://ki.se/qualificationsportfolio>).

The application is to be submitted on the NetRecruiter system. See link below:

<http://ki.mynetworkglobal.com/en/what:job/jobID:28129/>

Type of employment Temporary position longer than 6 months

Working hours Full time; Working hours 100 %

Reference 2-3882/2013

City Stockholm, Country Sweden

Contact Finn Rasmussen, Professor 08-123 372 15

Union representative Patriq Fagerstedt, SACO 08-524 862 87

Pia Olsson, OFR 08-524 801 36

Elisabeth Kaven, OFR 08-524 833 43

More information: <http://ki.mynetworkglobal.com/what:job/jobID:28129>

## **Call for papers: Advances in Health Care Management - Special Issue**

Advances in Health Care Management, a biannual research series published by Emerald Publishing Group, is pleased to announce a special issue focusing on international best practices in health care management, with publication planned for fall of 2014.

Significant variations in the quality of health care management practices are present both within and across local, regional, and international health systems. With increasing globalization of health services, both quality and efficiency of care can benefit from shared learning on a regional or global basis. Although systems and quality of health care delivery differ across the world, empirical research has found that human beings involved in health care, whether in the role of patients or health care providers, have similar wants and needs. Identifying and documenting best practices within and across countries is more important than ever. Best practices in health care management organize clinical and administrative processes

in ways that achieve leapfrog results as compared to normal standards in industry, potentially earning brand status.

Articles that compare two or more health systems and focus on specific topics in international best practices in health care delivery are invited. The full call for papers is available on the [EHMA website](#).

### **Editor-in-Chief International Journal for Quality in Health Care**

The International Journal for Quality in Health Care is the leading international journal for publication on research, evaluation and improvement in the quality and safety in health care. The Journal is published by Oxford University Press in association with The International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua).

Expressions of interest are now being invited for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the Journal commencing on 1st April 2014 when the current Editor-in-Chief, Dr Eric Schneider steps down after five years in the role.

ISQua seeks interest from internationally recognised leaders who will be able to maintain and further develop the scholarly status of the Journal and extend its influence and market.

Background information and further details on this role may be obtained from:

Peter Carter, Chief Executive Officer  
International Society for Quality in Health Care  
Joyce House, 8 - 11 Lombard Street East  
Dublin 2, Ireland

Tel: +353 1 6706750; Fax: +353 1 6710395

Email: [pcarter@isqua.org](mailto:pcarter@isqua.org) or Deirdre Burke [dburke@isqua.org](mailto:dburke@isqua.org). Website: [www.isqua.org](http://www.isqua.org)

A letter outlining interest in the position and suitability, together with a CV, should be sent (by e-mail or a signed faxed version) to this address by no later than 16th January 2014. A review of candidates will be undertaken in January.

### **European Medicines Agency – concept paper: call for comments**

The European Medicines Agency has released a concept paper on the need for revision of the guideline on medicinal products for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias for public consultation.

Recent progress in understanding the neurobiology and pathophysiology of Alzheimer's disease suggests that the structural and biological changes associated with the disease start to occur as early as 10 to 20 years prior to the emergence of the clinical symptoms. As a consequence, early and even pre-symptomatic patients are now being included in clinical development programmes and it is expected that some medicines may be more effective at that stage than they would be later in the illness.

New research diagnostic criteria are being used in clinical trials for different stages of the disease. In addition, a number of biomarkers to help identify and select patients at the pre-dementia stage of the disease have been developed by medicines developers; several have received a qualification opinion from the Agency's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) for use in the development of medicines. The concept paper describes how these new developments have had an impact on recent and future clinical-trial protocols and discusses the elements to consider as part of the revision of the current guideline.

The proposed guideline will replace 'Guideline on medicinal products for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias' (CPMP/EWP/553/95 Rev. 1)

The document open for consultation is available by clicking [here](#).

Comments should be provided using this [template](#).

The completed comments form should be sent to [cnswpsecretariat@ema.europa.eu](mailto:cnswpsecretariat@ema.europa.eu).

Please note that the deadline for comments for this concept paper is **31 January 2014**.

### **Call for papers: Advances in Health Care Management – Special Issue International best practices in health care management**

Advances in Health Care Management, a biannual research series published by Emerald Publishing Group, is pleased to announce a special issue focusing on international best practices in health care management, with publication planned for fall of 2014.

Volume 17 of the Advances in Health Care Management research series seeks exemplary research that addresses and helps to shape emerging thinking about what constitutes best

practices in health care management. We invite articles that compare two or more health systems and focus on specific topics in international best practices in health care delivery. Empirical papers that extend or test existing theories or approaches to globalization of health services or clinical performance management compared across two or more different political, social, and regulatory contexts are sought for this special issue. The editorial focus is the management of organizations, not the treatment of disease. We are therefore particularly interested in papers that use qualitative, quantitative, or combined approaches to explore organizational and structural questions facing health care managers and policy makers. Paper proposals will be blind-reviewed by the guest editors and invited referees; accepted proposals that result in paper submissions will be double-blind reviewed. The guest editors will select the papers for this special volume on a competitive basis, based on the recommendations of the reviewers. Specific guidelines for submission are provided on the following page <http://division.aom.org/hcm/index.php/about-us/communication/91-call-for-papers-advhcmgt>

Your email should request that the manuscript be specifically considered for this special research volume on international best practices in health care management.

Send submissions to the managing editor, Jim Goes, PhD, Cybernos, LC, [jim@cybernos.com](mailto:jim@cybernos.com).

**Key Dates:** February 1, 2014: 1-page proposal (e.g., outline or summary) due

February 15, 2014: Proposal feedback returned to authors

April 15, 2014: Manuscripts due

## 5. Interesting News

### **EuroReference**

EuroReference, an online magazine launched in June 2009, is published three times a year, in English and French. Its mission is to facilitate the dissemination and sharing of information among all referencing stakeholders at European level.

As a common forum for the members of the networks of reference laboratories and all the players concerned, it is geared to National Centres of Reference, health monitoring laboratories, the National and European Reference Laboratories, Ministries, directors of institutions, etc. EuroReference focuses on scientific knowledge and news and deals with numerous issues concerning reference activities: methods, scientific and technical results, research, joint national, European and international projects, regulations governing health safety, the detection of emerging health risks, etc.

<http://www.ansespro.fr/euroreference/>

### **TELL ME project**

Transparent communication in Epidemics: Learning Lessons from experience, delivering effective Messages, providing Evidence.

The TELL ME project was created in response to European Commission Call (DG Research and Innovation - HEALTH), for developing an evidence-based behavioural and communication package to respond to major epidemic outbreaks. [Go to the TELL ME Brochure](#)

### **European Child Safety Alliance – TACTICS newsletter**

The TACTICS newsletter covers a range of topics including updates on child intentional injury assessments, mapping responsibility for child safety in Europe and TACTICS workplan for the final 6 months. Please contact the secretariat ([secretariat@childsafetyeurope.org](mailto:secretariat@childsafetyeurope.org)) for more information.

## 6. Upcoming courses and conferences



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/](http://www.goinginternational.eu/en/online-datenbank/) Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

**Title:** EV Health check briefing – understanding lung health in Europe

**Dates:** 10 December 2013

**Place:** Brussels, Belgium

**More info:** [www.europeanvoice.com/evhc\\_lunghealth](http://www.europeanvoice.com/evhc_lunghealth)

**Title:** Addressing health inequalities 2014 and beyond – building cohesion and strengthening health for growth

**Dates:** 23 January 2014

**Place:** Brussels, Belgium

**More info:** [Registration is open and can be accessed here](#)

**Title:** Indirect comparisons and network meta-analysis: Evidence synthesis with multiple treatments

**Date:** 20-22 January, 2014

**Place:** Wengen, Switzerland

**Organiser:** Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern

**More info:** <http://www.epi-winterschool.org/>

**Title:** Writing a journal article – and getting it published

**Date:** 20-22 January, 2014

**Place:** Wengen, Switzerland

**Organiser:** Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern

**More info:** <http://www.epi-winterschool.org/>

**Title:** Applied Bayesian Statistics in Medical Research

**Date:** 23-25 January, 2014

**Place:** Wengen, Switzerland

**Organiser:** Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern

**More info:** <http://www.epi-winterschool.org/>

**Title:** Mathematical modeling in infectious disease epidemiology

**Date:** 23-25 January, 2014

**Place:** Wengen, Switzerland

**Organiser:** Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern

**More info:** <http://www.epi-winterschool.org/>

**Title:** Transforming Long-term Care in Europe: Improving Quality and Ensuring Access

**Dates:** 28 January 2014

**Place:** Brussels, Belgium

**More info:** [Event Details](#) [Website](#) [Register to Attend](#)



**Title:** 2<sup>nd</sup> European Health Literacy Conference  
**Dates:** 10 – 11 April 2014  
**Place:** Aarhus, Denmark  
**Organiser:** Aarhus University, Health Literacy Europe and the HLS-EU Consortium  
**Deadline:** for abstract submission is 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013  
**More info:** [www.healthliteracyeurope.net](http://www.healthliteracyeurope.net)

**Title:** EHMA 2014 Annual conference: Leadership in healthcare: from bedside to board  
**Dates:** 24-26 June 2014  
**Place:** Birmingham, UK  
**Organiser:** EHMA  
**Deadline:** Call for abstracts now open  
**More info:** [www.ehma.org](http://www.ehma.org)

**Title:** 26th Annual International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Conference -  
From Local to Global: Advancing Science for Policy in Environmental Health  
**Dates:** 24-28 August 2014  
**Place:** Washington, USA  
**Organiser:** University of Washington School of Public Health  
**More info:** [www.isee2014.org](http://www.isee2014.org)

## 7. Interesting publications

### Eur J Public Health Open Access 2013

#### The full supplement: “Public Health Innovation and Research in Europe”

Guest editors: Mark McCarthy Dineke Zeegers Paget  
Volume 23 suppl 2 November 2013 is available as open access.  
[http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/suppl\\_2.toc](http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/suppl_2.toc)

**Editor's Choice:** HIV testing and counselling for migrant populations living in high-income countries: a systematic review Eur J Public Health (2013) 23 (6): 1039-1045 first published online September 23, 2012 doi:10.1093/eurpub/cks130  
[Abstract](#), [Full Text \(HTML\)](#), [Full Text \(PDF\)](#)

#### Ethnic variations in unplanned readmissions and excess length of hospital stay: a nationwide record-linked cohort study

MC de Bruijne, F van Rosse, E Uiters, M Droomers, J Suurmond, K Stronks, M-L Essink-Bot  
Eur J Public Health 2013 23: 964-971  
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#)

### Eur J Public Health Advanced Access (subscription needed)

#### Randomized community-level HIV prevention intervention trial for men who drink in South African alcohol-serving venues

SC Kalichman, LC Simbayi, D Cain, KB Carey, MP Carey, L Eaton, O Harel, V Mehlomakhulu, K Mwaba  
Eur J Public Health published 18 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt172  
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

#### Hierarchical spatio-temporal mapping of premature mortality due to alcoholic liver disease in Hungary, 2005–2010

C Nagy, A Juhász, Z Papp, L Beale  
Eur J Public Health published 11 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt169  
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

**Burden of disability attributable to vertigo and dizziness in the aged: results from the KORA-Age study**

M Mueller, R Strobl, K Jahn, B Linkohr, A Peters, E Grill  
Eur J Public Health published 8 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt171  
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

**Potential social, economic and general health benefits of consanguineous marriage: results from the Born in Bradford cohort study**

RS Bhopal, ES Petherick, J Wright, N Small  
Eur J Public Health published 8 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt166  
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

**Combining employment and family in Europe: the role of family policies in health**

L Artazcoz, I Cortès, V Puig-Barrachina, FG Benavides, V Escribà-Agüir, C Borrell  
Eur J Public Health published 8 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt170  
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

**Single and additive effects of health behaviours on the risk for disability pensions among Swedish twins**

A Ropponen, P Svedberg  
Eur J Public Health published 6 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt168  
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

**Short Report**

Mortality due to mental and behavioral disorders associated with the Great Recession (2008–10) in Italy: a time trend analysis

Roberto De Vogli, Alessio Vieno, and Michela Lenzi  
Eur J Public Health published 18 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt173  
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

**Viewpoints**

The EU's health mandate after 20 years: the glass is half full  
Kristine Sørensen, Timo Clemens, and Nicole Rosenkötter  
Eur J Public Health published 31 October 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt164  
[\[Extract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

**Glass half empty: the Eurozone and internal market overshadow the health effects of Maastricht**

Scott L. Greer  
Eur J Public Health published 31 October 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt163  
[\[Extract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

**Article**

Informal payments for health services: the experience of Bulgaria after 10 years of formal co-payments

Elka Atanasova, Milena Pavlova, Emanuela Moutafova, Bernd Rechel, and Wim Groot  
Eur J Public Health published 5 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt165  
[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Supplementary Data\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

**Letter to the Editor**

Suicides, hurricanes and economic crisis  
Julian Librero, Andreu Segura, and Lopez-Valcarcel Beatriz  
Eur J Public Health published 5 November 2013, 10.1093/eurpub/ckt167  
[\[Extract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

**Other publications:**

**Making the Case for Change: Advancing the NWT Chronic Disease Management Strategy, NWT Report 2013**

<http://www.cfhi-fcass.ca/WhatWeDo/Collaborations/NorthwestTerritories/NWTReport.aspx>

### **Open Access: Horizon 2020 work programmes**

Joanne O'Dea, Science Business

<http://www.sciencebusiness.net/news/76310/Open-Access-Get-your-Horizon-2020-work-programmes-here>

### **New HiT report describes impact of financial crisis on health services in Estonia**

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/health-systems-in-transition-hit-series/countries-and-subregions/estonia-hit-2013>

### **Cross-border hospital collaboration in border regions - mechanisms and motivations**

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/studies/hospitals-and-borders.-seven-case-studies-on-cross-border-collaboration-and-health-system-interactions>

### **The Austrian health system: high satisfaction, high cost**

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/health-systems-in-transition-hit-series/countries-and-subregions/austria-hit-2013>

### **Belarus: maintaining universal health care despite the global financial crisis**

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/health-systems-in-transition-hit-series/countries-and-subregions/belarus-hit-2013>

### **Chronic diseases and coping with everyday life (based on sociological studies).**

Virve-Ines Laidmäe

Lambert Academic Publishing. Saarbrücken, 2013.

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## **8. European Commission news**

### **Ageing**

Leaflet 'Active and Healthy Ageing - A European Innovation Partnership'

Commissioner Borg delivers speech on Active and Healthy Ageing

### **Antimicrobial resistance**

Joint Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance: State of play of the 5 year action plan (11 December 2013)

### **Communicable diseases**

World AIDS Day 2013: The Fight Against HIV/AIDS by the EU

### **Debating Europe**

Commissioner Borg debates Europe with Maltese citizens (7 November 2013)

### **eHealth ; Cross-border care**

Guidelines on minimum/nonexhaustive patient summary dataset for electronic exchange in accordance with the cross-border Directive 2011/24/EU

4th Meeting of the eHealth Network, Brussels, 19 November 2013 Preliminary agenda available

### **Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health**

Minutes - WG on Definition Frame of Reference Primary Care (11 October 2013)

Minutes - 1th Plenary meeting of the Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health

Minutes - Working Group Meeting on Criteria for assessing Performance of Health Systems (13 September 2013)

eNews - Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Minutes of 1st Working Group meeting of 22 October 2013

Minutes of 2nd Working Group meeting of 11 November 2013

### **Healthcare**

Solidarity in healthcare means sharing the risk of health costs amongst young and old, healthy and sick, rich and poor, working and unemployed; and also between present and future generations. – Commissioner Borg

### **Health-EU Newsletter**

European Antibiotic Awareness Day promotes prudent antibiotic use in over 40 countries By Marc Sprenger, Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

"Anti-discrimination in health", by Tonio Borg, European Commissioner for Health

### **Health Indicators**

Poster – The European Core Health Indicators (ECHI) shortlist of 88 health indicators identified by policy area

### **Health programme**

2nd Health Programme (2008-2013): Awarding of grants for proposals for 2013

### **Health strategy**

Infographic on 'Investing in health'

### **Health technology assessment**

Health Technology Assessment Network - 1st meeting (16 October 2013): Agenda and other related documents

Health Technology Assessment Network - 1st meeting (16 October 2013) Final version of the Minutes, Multi-annual work programme 2014-2015, Rules of procedure

### **Major and chronic diseases**

Personally speaking, by Tonio Borg, European Commissioner for Health: "Take your health to heart!"

Commissioner Borg attends the European Cancer Congress 2013 on the fight against cancer

EU Health Newsletter 118: Diabetes: the need for a cross-sectoral EU policy response

Reflection process: Innovative approaches for chronic diseases in public health and healthcare systems: final report

### **Medicinal products for human use**

Medicines undergoing additional monitoring: Video and leaflet to explain new symbol

Commission report highlights the potential of Personalised Medicine

### **Mental health**

'Mental Health: Challenges and Possibilities'. Conclusions of the Lithuanian Presidency conference (Vilnius, 10-11 October 2013)

### **Nutrition and physical activity**

EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health - 2013 Annual Report

Minutes - Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (19 June 2013)

Plenary meeting of the EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity & Health, Brussels, 26 September 2013 Flash report - Conclusions of the Chair available

Pilot project on increasing the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in vulnerable population groups - Key documents

Eighteenth plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity (Brussels, 20 June 2013) Minutes of the meeting

Joint meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (Brussels, 20 June 2013) Minutes of the meeting

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (Brussels, 26 November 2013) Agenda, Minutes, Flash report and Contributions

**Preparedness and response**

Decision on serious cross-border threats to health enters into force

**Patient safety**

Meeting of the Patient Safety & Quality of Care Working Group: minutes

Meeting of the Patient Safety & Quality of Care Working Group (Brussels, 4 November 2013)

**Social determinants and health inequalities**

Meeting of the Expert Group on Social Determinants and Health Inequalities, Luxembourg, 29-30 October 2013 Presentations available

**Tobacco**

Day of the ex-smokers: Congratulate an ex-smoker!

## 9. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

### Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 44, 31 October 2013

**In this issue:** Following last week's reports on WNV in Austria and Serbia, a study on WNV circulation in birds in Serbia 2012, identifies two Serbian clusters of lineage 2 strains based on genetic sequences

**This week's table of contents:**

**RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli O157 associated with consumption of watercress, United Kingdom, August to September 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20624>

**RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Monitoring West Nile virus (WNV) infection in wild birds in Serbia during 2012: first isolation and characterisation of WNV strains from Serbia

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20622>

Dramatic change in public attitudes towards vaccination during the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic in France

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20623>

**LETTERS**

Plasmodium knowlesi infection imported to Germany, January 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20619>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20620>

**ECDC's latest publications**

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20621>

Registration for online streaming of Eurovaccine and Eurosurveillance seminar now open

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20625>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 45, 07 November 2013**

**In this issue:** Two papers on vaccination behaviours complement last week's analysis of attitudes towards influenza vaccination in France

### **This week's table of contents:**

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Outbreak of wound botulism in people who inject drugs, Norway, October to November 2013  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20630>

#### **SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**

Carbapenemase-producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in the Czech Republic in 2011  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20626>

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Trends in influenza vaccination behaviours – results from the CoPanFlu cohort, France, 2006 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20628>

#### **PERSPECTIVES**

Ethics of mandatory vaccination for healthcare workers

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20627>

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2013;18(43)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20629>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 46, 14 November 2013**

**In this issue:** Reptiles and especially bearded dragons shed various *Salmonella* serovars including those isolated from infected children in the households where the reptiles were kept

### **This week's table of contents:**

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

*Salmonella enterica* serotype Paratyphi A carrying CTX-M-15 type extended-spectrum beta-lactamase isolated from a Japanese traveller returning from India, Japan, July 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20632>

Isolation of NDM-1-producing *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* sequence type ST235 from a stem cell transplant patient in Italy, May 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20633>

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Tick-borne encephalitis in Bulgaria, 2009 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20635>

Evidence for the transmission of *Salmonella* from reptiles to children in Germany, July 2010 to October 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20634>

#### **NEWS**

ECDC launches the Geoportals for the European Environment and Epidemiology (E3) Network

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20631>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 47, 21 November 2013**

**In this issue:** Spatial and temporal analysis of human avian influenza A(H7N9) cases in China from February to May 2013 identified three clusters

**This week's table of contents:**

**SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**

Trends of hepatitis B notification rates in Turkey, 1990 to 2012  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20636>

**RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Hepatitis B prevalence in Denmark – an estimate based on nationwide registers and a national screening programme, as on 31 December 2007

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20637>

A validation of the use of names to screen for risk of chronic hepatitis B in Victoria, Australia, 2001 to 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20638>

Molecular epidemiology of hepatitis C virus genotypes and subtypes among injecting drug users in Hungary

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20639>

Spatial and temporal analysis of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus in China, 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20640>

**NEWS**

Special Eurobarometer: Use of antibiotics declining in the European Union but much work still needed

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20641>

**Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 48, 28 November 2013**

**In this issue:** We present articles on HIV/AIDS in the run-up to World Aids Day, including a rapid communication with latest surveillance trends in the European Union

**This week's table of contents:**

**RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Surveillance of human immunodeficiency virus suggests that younger men who have sex with men are at higher risk of infection, European Union, 2003 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20644>

Human immunodeficiency virus among people who inject drugs: Is risk increasing in Europe?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20648>

**SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**

Increase of new HIV diagnoses among men who have sex with men in Poland, 2000 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20642>

**REVIEW ARTICLES**

Antiretroviral therapy for prevention of HIV transmission: implications for Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20647>

**NEWS**

Special Eurobarometer reveals television as main source of information for developments in science and technology

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20646>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20645>

**ECDC's latest publications**

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20643>

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## 10. WHO publications

### NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO – NOVEMBER 2013

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 2013 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online:

#### [Global Tuberculosis Report 2013](#)

This is the eighteenth 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 in implementing and financing TB prevention, care and control at global, regional and country levels using data reported by almost 200 countries that account for over 99% of the world's TB cases.

#### [Health in the Green Economy - Transport Sector](#)

This report has two strategic objectives, constructed around equity, gender and human rights and improved governance for health. It is aimed at those committed to improving health, well-being and health equity, in a way that is sensitive to each country's situation and political and organizational circumstances. It is a "living" guide to policies and strategies.

#### [Health 2020](#)

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#### [Review of Social Determinants and the Health Divide in the WHO European Region](#)

This review of inequities in health across the 53 Member States of the Region was commissioned to support the development of the new European policy framework for health and well-being, Health 2020. It builds on the global evidence and recommends policies to reduce health inequities and the health divide across all countries, including those with low incomes.

#### [United States of America](#)

The Health Systems in Transition (HiT) series consists of country-based reviews that provide a detailed description of a health system and of reform and policy initiatives in progress or under development in a specific country.

#### [Regional Assessment of HIV, STI and Other Health Needs of Transgender People in Asia and the Pacific](#)

This assessment includes current concerns related to HIV, STI and sexual health, as well as technical recommendations to WHO and Member States in the region.

#### [Sanitation and Hygiene in East Asia](#)

This report synthesizes the status of sanitation for the South-East and East-Asia countries following the 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference on Sanitation and Hygiene meeting.

#### [Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage. Manual for the Participant](#)

#### [Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage. Manual for the Trainer](#)

These training materials are made up of a Trainer Manual, which provides guidance on planning workshops, selecting trainers and participants, logistic arrangements, and other preparations for workshops. Lesson plans are also provided in the Trainer Manual, with guidance on participatory approaches and the use of the PowerPoint presentations that are included. A Participant Manual with five modules is also included.

#### [Making Your City Smoke Free: Participant's Workbook](#)



#### [Making Your City Smoke Free: Workshop guide](#)

This workshop package includes the Workshop guide and the Participants' workbook. This Workshop guide is intended to assist facilitators in preparing for and delivering their local "Making your city smoke free" workshop. Facilitators should adapt the materials in this guide to meet local needs.

#### [Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 91, No. 10, 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. 9, 2013](#)

#### [Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 19 No. 10, 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**

#### [Critères de recevabilité pour l'adoption et l'utilisation continue de méthodes contraceptives, 4ème édition](#)

Cette nouvelle édition constitue une étape importante du processus visant à améliorer l'accès à des soins de qualité en matière de planification familiale par l'examen des critères médicaux qui président au choix d'une méthode de contraception.

### **BOOKS IN RUSSIAN**

#### [Water Safety Plan Manual \(RUSSIAN\)](#)

This much-anticipated workbook describes how to develop and implement a WSP in clear and practical terms. Stepwise advice is provided through 11 learning modules, each representing a key step in the WSP development and implementation process.

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