Season’s Greetings from EUPHA office

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1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2009: Lodz, Poland: Evaluate our conference

For those of you who attending the 2nd European public health conference in Lodz, Poland, we are inviting you to send in your evaluation form. The evaluation is used for two purposes:
- help EUPHA and ASPHER to improve the organization of the conference; and
- provide feedback to the European Commission
The evaluation form will be available online as of 15 January 2010. We will be sending you a reminder by then.

2. EUPHA – ASPHER 2010: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

EUPHA and ASPHER are pleased to invite you to the 3rd joint European Public Health Conference combining the 18th annual EUPHA meeting and the 32nd annual meeting of ASPHER. The conference will be organised from 10 to 13 November in Amsterdam by the Netherlands Public Health Federation (NPHF). The main theme of the conference is Integrated public health.

Please note the following important dates:
1 March 2010 Abstract submission opens
1 May 2010 Abstract submission closes
15 June 2010 Decision on abstracts are communicated
15 September 2010 Deadline for early conference registration

Please visit our website www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php for the most up-to-date information.

3. Call for proposals and job vacancies

Merlin (Medical Relief, lasting Health Care) has a job vacancy for a Health Officer in the Department Health & Policy

The Health and Policy Department leads the effective development and implementation of quality health programmes whilst simultaneously expanding Merlin’s national and international health sector profile. This is achieved through strategic planning and programme development, technical leadership and support to field teams and Head Office colleagues, quality control, policy and research work, training, hosting external events, publications and extensive UK and international networking. The team has 9 members including the Director of Health & Policy, Health Advisors (some based overseas), a Policy Team an administrative assistant, as well as short-term specialist secondments.

Main purpose of the role
To support Merlin’s team of Health Advisors in providing technical and operational expertise to ensure the effective development and implementation of quality health programmes based on best practice in response to the major health burdens affecting targeted countries/populations. The Health Officer will report directly to the Senior Health Advisor and work in close collaboration with one or more Health Advisors in support of specific country portfolio and wider departmental activity. In addition, the Health Officer will contribute to the expansion of Merlin’s organisational impact and health sector profile and influence on health practice and policy through close liaison with the policy team as directed by the Head of Policy or Senior Health Advisor.

Overall Objectives (scope)
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**Work Permits**

Work permits are required for UK-based posts by all non-EC nationals. You therefore need to have the right to work in the UK in order to apply for this post, and proof of this right will be required, at interview, and before any offer of employment is made.

Closing Date: Sunday 3rd January 2010

If you want to apply for the position, download an application form from our website [www.merlin.org.uk](http://www.merlin.org.uk) and send it to applications@merlin-uk.org stating the Job Title in the subject field.

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**Academy for Educational Development. Tanzania Health Social Marketing Project Director**

AED is seeking a Health Social Marketing Project Director for a proposed USAID funded social marketing project in Tanzania, East Africa. The position is based in Tanzania. The ideal candidate will have:

- prior experience in managing national health social marketing (supply and demand) projects;
- experience in family planning/reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, malaria, maternal and child health from both a public health and private sector marketing perspective;
- expertise in identifying, working with and monitoring various distribution channels for product marketing, with an emphasis on the commercial private sector;
- expertise in both branded communications (product and or corporate) and unbranded behavioral change communications;
- demonstrated success in building capacity of developing country institutions;
- proven experience and personal disposition to work collaboratively with partners to achieve public health outcomes that includes donors, technical agencies, host country government (particularly drug regulatory authorities and Ministry of Health), civil society, and other non-government development agencies;
- strong management, diplomatic, representational, communication, negotiating and problem-solving skills;
- project management experience (preferably as Chief of Party) on large donor funded projects, with a preference for USAID funded bilateral programs;
- prior recent work experience in Tanzanian market (preferred); if not East or Southern Africa;
- advanced degree with preference for MBA, MPH, or Masters in International Development.

Qualified applicants are asked to send a cover letter and resume to proposals@aed.org.

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**Call for Papers: Supplement Social Determinants of Health and Data Systems**

Public Health Reports (PHR) is inviting papers for a Supplement on Social Determinants of Health and Data Systems. Deadline for submission: June 1, 2010. The anticipated publication date for the PHR Supplement is Fall 2011. Journal website -author guidelines at [www.publichealthreports.org](http://www.publichealthreports.org)

The Editors seek manuscripts that advance the scientific knowledge and public health research, practice, and policy on data systems related to addressing social determinants of health (SDH). Manuscripts may be analytic or descriptive in format and may propose models for new/enhanced data systems, evaluate existing data systems, or use data from current systems to illustrate how gaps can be addressed.
Manuscripts may examine policy, program, disease surveillance, or other appropriate data systems and novel ways to use them to monitor indicators of health equity.

- **Manuscripts addressing the following broad range of topics will be sought:**
  - Studies focusing on developing and identifying key metrics that might be used to better measure and monitor the impact of SDH;
  - Studies that are multidisciplinary; that analyze or compare rather than merely describe; and that are not limited to one measure of social determinants or health outcomes, one age group, or one population subgroup;
  - Mathematical models of social determinants of human immunodeficiency virus, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis outcomes;
  - Studies that examine or use SDH analytic methods (e.g., individual-level, multilevel, and mixed-level analyses) that take into account

**Manuscript requirements:** Articles in PHR are typically 3,000–4,000 words in length.

All manuscripts will be reviewed by the PHR Special Editorial Committee (SEC) for this Supplement. The SEC determines which manuscripts are sent for external peer review and which manuscripts are published in the Supplement.

Submit manuscripts to: manuscripts@publichealthreports.org. Please include “Attention Social Determinants of Health and Data Systems” in the subject line of the e-mail.

**Consultancy on the Social Determinants of Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases**

*Call for Expression of Interest in a Consultancy on the Social Determinants of Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases in Latin America and the Caribbean*

Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control Area, Communicable Disease Project
Pan American Health Organization PAHO/WHO

**Deadline for submission of applications:** 15 January 2010

Website English::

Website Spanish:
http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1508&Itemid=259&es

**Purpose:** To conduct qualitative studies to identify, in two specific communities, neglected infectious diseases (NIDs) affecting them, the social determinants of health (SDH), and to establish their relationship.

The aim: To address the social determinants of NIDs in a multisectoral and integrated approach to reduce the risk and burden of the NIDs. These two communities with overlapping of NIDs will be identified in agreement with PAHO. Possible sites include Brazil and Mexico.

**Objectives**

- To identify, at the local level, the NIDs and their social determinants perceived by the members of the two selected communities and by relevant stakeholders and actors, including the health system, in two selected communities, and the importance given to both the NIDs and the social determinants.
- Analyze—involving community members and relevant stakeholders and actors in the process—the role of the social determinants associated with the perceived NIDs, within the Framework of Social Determinants of Health as defined by the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH).
- Identify—involving community participation and relevant stakeholders and actors—priorities, mechanisms and key interventions and present specific recommendations to address the Social Determinants of Health that could be used to develop a comprehensive, integrated and multisectoral approach in the selected communities to reduce the risk of NIDs as well as their burden.

**Terms of reference:**

**Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race**

Call for papers for special issue on race and health.
Two-page proposals for papers are due January 25, 2010

"The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line."

This quote serves as a springboard for this special call of the Du Bois Review (DBR) soliciting abstracts for papers that describe novel and exciting research directions for studying how race and ethnicity affect health in the twenty-first century. That is, what are the next big ideas that can potentially unpack how and why race is so strongly associated with physical and mental health?

What are the most promising new directions for the study of racial inequality and health? What are the key unanswered questions that researchers and policy makers should invest in? What is needed to make more progress in effectively addressing racial inequalities in health? The DBR is truly multidisciplinary, spanning economics, political science, psychology, sociology, history, public health, and more. I

Submission Process

Two types of papers will be accepted for this special call: (a) state of the discipline presents lead essays that synthetically critique broad areas of research regarding race and health; and (b) state of the art, is dedicated to observations and analyses of empirical research. Proposals should state a tentative title, the type of paper to be written, listing of authors, contact information, and a synopsis of the paper idea. We will select papers that hold the most promise for advancing the field and that best combine, as a collection of papers, into a synergistic whole appropriate for this special call. We expect to make our final selection of proposals by February 15, 2010. Final papers will be due July 31, 2010 with publication of the special issue expected for early 2011.

Please send an electronic version of proposals for papers to both David Williams (DWILLIAM@hsph.harvard.edu) and David Takeuchi (dt5@uw.edu).
For further information about DBR please go to: http://www.journals.cambridge.org/jid,DBR

4. Interesting news

John Dalli is the Commissioner-Designate for Health and Consumer Policy

John Dalli is currently the Maltese Minister for Social Policy, which includes health, employment and industrial relations. His previous posts include Parliamentary Secretary for Industry, Minister for Economic Affairs, Finance Minister and Foreign Minister. An accountant by profession, he is a senior member of the ruling Nationalist Party.

What are the main changes for DG Health & Consumers?
The scope of DG Health & Consumers will be modified with the arrival of some major dossiers while some others will become the responsibility of another Directorate-General.
Incoming tasks:
• Pharmaceuticals, Cosmetics and Medical Devices from DG Enterprise;
• Biotechnology, Pesticides and Health from DG Environment.
Outgoing tasks:
The Consumer Contract and Marketing Law Unit moves to the new Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Directorate-General. DG Health & Consumers will now be responsible for the European Medicines Agency (EMEA) – currently under DG Enterprise - and maintains responsibility for the following bodies: Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO); European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC); European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). These changes should take effect once the new Commission takes office pending formal approval by the European Parliament.

WHO/EURO: Regional director elect website
From: Zsuzsanna Jakab, Regional Director Elect, WHO European Region, www.rdelecteuro.org

It gives me great pleasure to share with you information about a new website, www.rdelecteuro.org, which I am launching as one element of a formal and informal process of exploring ways of further strengthening the WHO Regional Office for Europe to meet the needs of the changing European environment. My aim with this website is to share my vision for the WHO Regional Office for Europe and, importantly, to reach out and hear the views and suggestions about this vision and a number of priority action issues from those in the general public health community who are not part of the usual formal WHO consultative process. This vision has been presented to the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee in November 2009 and will be developed further as part of WHO's formal mechanisms from February 2010.

To this end, I would like your assistance in disseminating information about this consultation as widely as possible by:
- passing the link www.rdelecteuro.org to those of your colleagues and friends who you think would be happy to contribute to this process; and
- announcing it on yours and other appropriate websites.

Please ask your webmaster to embed a link under the image to the RD Elect site, "www.rdelecteuro.org". These .gif files have been saved for web use.

Let the dialogue begin!

DSRU Education & Research Ltd forthcoming courses

The DSRU’s courses provide high academic and professional standards at low cost. Additionally, complimentary course dinners are offered on the evenings of 27 January, 24 February, 3 March and 24 March at which delegates will have a chance to participate in some further networking.

The Medical Aspects of Adverse Drug Reactions course will be held at the De Vere Grand Harbour Hotel, Southampton on 27 – 29 January 2010. An understanding of the basic concepts of adverse drug reactions (ADRs) is a fundamental requirement for professionals in the field of pharmacovigilance. This course provides an opportunity to acquire concentrated instruction on recognition and interpretation of ADRs and their underlying toxopathology and pharmacology. A panel of outstanding multi-disciplinary tutors will provide a comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of these pharmacodynamic aspects of ADRs through this interactive lecture-based course.

The Monitoring Safety in Clinical Trials and Development meeting will be held at the Solent Hotel, Whiteley, near Fareham on 24 – 25 February 2010. Several years after the implementation of the Clinical Trials Directive in Europe, changes continue in the area of safety in clinical trials with ever increasing challenges, such as the implementation of the Developmental Safety Update Report and the increasing use of risk management plans in the development arena. Join colleagues and share experiences in a series of presentations and workshop scenarios that aim to provide useful insights and practical considerations to help you manage the new and existing challenges that is, safety in clinical trials.

Interpretation of Laboratory Results in Pharmacovigilance is a new course for 2010 and will be held at the Solent Hotel, Whiteley, near Fareham on 3 – 4 March. In addition to understanding clinical aspects of ADRs, pharmacovigilance and research staff are often required to handle and understand results of investigations, including laboratory test results, ECGs, and reports of imaging procedures. This course will provide an overview of the uses and limitations of clinical investigative methods, and
provide examples and case studies to illustrate this, within the context of understanding adverse drug reactions and drug safety. Download programme  Download registration form

The Back to Basics in Pharmacovigilance training course will be held on 24 – 25 March 2010 at the Macdonald Botley Park Hotel, near Southampton. This course is designed to provide a solid, practical foundation for all staff working in pharmacovigilance, and is one of three courses designed by the DSRU in collaboration with the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine (FPM) to deliver the ‘Drug Safety Surveillance’ module of Pharmaceutical Medicine Specialty Training (PMST) and Higher Medical Training (HMT). Download programme  Download registration form

I2sare– Newsletter 2
The European project I2SARE, Health Inequalities Indicators in the Regions of Europe, was established to produce a health profile for each region of the European Union and to create a typology of those regions and typologies of sub regional territories in a selection of countries and regions. I2SARE’s main objective is to assist European, national, regional and local decision makers in developing their health policy, through a better understanding of the health status of the population and of health inequalities at regional and sub regional level.
I2sare– Newsletter 2 - Building a Network for Health Inequalities Information- number 2 describes the progress that have been accomplished during the past months.
I2SARE also wants to promote sub national institutions working on Health Information, to favour exchanges and to develop networking activities between them.
If you wish to subscribe to the newsletters, please contact: newsletter@i2sare.eu
You can also visit our website: www.i2sare.eu

European Medicines Agency (EMEA)
The European Medicines Agency (EMEA) has published the following communication intended to inform all stakeholders about several important changes that will be introduced shortly:

New school of Public Health in Romania
The new School of Public Health in Cluj Napoca, Romania will start from this summer.
Visit www.publichealth.ro for more informations!
You can find here the promotion clip for the School of Public Health on Youtube:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79LBJmwN85E

4. Upcoming courses and conferences

Going International (Partner of EUPHA)
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

Title: 5th International Conference on Children's Health and the Environment
Date: 1-3 February 2010
Place: Bangalore, Karnataka, India
Organiser: INCHES
More information: www.inchesnetwork.net

Title: International Conference on Early Disease Detection and Prevention (EDDP)
Date: February 25-28, 2010,
Place: Munich, Germany
Title: XIVth International Congress for Infectious Diseases  
Date: 9-12 March 2010  
Place: Miami, United Stated  
Organiser: The International Society for Infectious Diseases (ISID)  
More information: http://www.isid.org/14th_icid/

Title: Scientific Article Writing and Critical Literature Scrutiny  
Date: 9 to 23 April 2010  
Place: Copenhagen, Denmark  
Organiser: Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
Deadline: 1 March 2010  

Title: 13th Biennial European Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making  
Date: 30 May – 2 June 2010  
Place: Hall/Tyrol, Austria  
Organiser: SMDM  
Deadline: Abstracts: 12 February 2010  
More information: www.smdm.org

Title: Intervention mapping for HIV/AIDS prevention: designing theory-based and evidence-based programs  
Date: 28 June – 2 July 2010  
Place: Maastricht, The Netherlands  
Organiser: Maastricht University  
More information: http://interventionmapping.com/?q=node/36

Title: EHMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010 – MANAGING RADICAL CHANGE  
Date: 30 June – 2 July 2010  
Place: Lahti, Finland  
Organiser: EHMA  
More information: www.ehma.org

Title: 8th European Conference on Health Economics (ECHE 2010)  
Date: 7-10 July 2010  
Place: Helsinki, Finland  
Organiser: The International Health Economics Association  
Deadline: Early bird registration: 1 April 2010  

Title: 20th IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion - Health, Equity and Sustainable Development  
Date: 10-15 July 2010  
Place: Geneva, Switzerland  
Organiser: IUHPE  
More information: info@iuhpeconference.net  
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL 1 JANUARY 2010!

Title: ETC Summer Course 2010 - Building Civil Society for Health  
Date: 26th July – 6th August 2010  
Place: Magdeburg, Germany  
Organiser: Magdeburg University  
More information: http://www.etc-summerschool.eu/Opening.html

Title: Better healthcare through better infrastructure  
Date: 22-24 September 2010  
Place: Edinburgh, UK
5. Interesting publications

Household exposure to violence and human rights violations in western Bangladesh (I): prevalence, risk factors and consequences
Shr-Jie Wang, Jens Modvig, Edith Montgomery
BMC International Health and Human Rights 2009 9:29
This article is published under open access, meaning that you can read the full text without a subscription: [Abstract] [Full Text] [PDF]

Public stewardship of private providers in mixed health systems
Synthesis report from the Rockefeller Foundation—sponsored initiative on the role of the private sector in health systems
Available online PDF [74p.] at: http://bit.ly/1gpmsq

Methodological Toolbox on the Right to Food
Economic and Social Department
The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations 2009
Website: http://www.fao.org/righttofood/publi_02_en.htm

How Can We Support the Use of Systematic Reviews in Policymaking?
John N. Lavis
Available online OPDF file [6p.] at:

How can donors help build global public goods in health?
Monica Das Gupta and Lawrence Gostin
Development Research Group, The World Bank, Washington DC
O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC
Available online as PDF [16p.] at: http://bit.ly/6AQoBY

Confronting “Death on Wheels” Making Roads Safe in Europe and Central Asia
Establishing multisectoral partnerships to address a silent epidemic
Europe and Central Asia Region - Human Development Department (ECSHD)
Sustainable Development Department (ECSSD)- Global Road Safety Facility (GRSF) - The World Bank – 2009
Available online PDF [114p.] at:
Georgia - Health System Performance Assessment
Technical and financial support from the WHO Regional Office for Europe and from the World Bank – 2009

Understanding and operationalising empowerment
Cecilia Luttrell and Sitna Quiroz, with Claire Scrutton and Kate Bird
Working Paper 308
UK Overseas Development Institute - November 2009

Capacity Building - Awareness Raising Actions
To address the social determinants of health and to improve health equity
EuroHealthNet, in close collaboration with the International Union on Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE), identified six priority areas to build capacity to address the SDH and to improve health equity. 2009
Available online PDF [15p.] at: http://www.health-inequalities.eu/pdf.php?id=8410efc3db18f8b1a0ea0e5e1fa4ef

Guide to Develop a Health Promotion Policy and compendium of policies

The State of World Population 2009
Facing a changing world: women, population and climate
United Nations Population Fund - November 2009

Global health funding: how much, where it comes from and where it goes
David McCoy, Sudeep Chand and Devi Sridhar
Website: http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/24/6/407

Health care utilization in Ecuador:
a multilevel analysis of socio-economic determinants and inequality issues
Daniel F López-Cevallos and Chunhuei Chi
Health Policy and Planning Advance Access published online on November 16, 2009
Website: http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/czp052

European status report on road safety
Towards safer roads and healthier transport choices
Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2009
WHO Regional Office for Europe
Copenhagen, Denmark - ISBN 978 92 890 4176 8

Exclusión en Salud, Estudio de Caso, Bolivia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, México, Honduras
Organización Panamericana de la Salud OPS/OMS
Washington, D.C. - 2009 (Serie Extensión de la Protección Social en Salud, Nº 2)
Epidemiologic approaches to health disparities
Epidemiologic Reviews - Volume 31, Number 1, 1 November 2009
Website: http://epirev.oxfordjournals.org/current.dtl

Global Health Action Special Volume 2009: Climate Change and Global Health: linking science with policy
Climate change and global health: linking science with policy Heat, work and health: implications of climate change
Guest Editor: Tord Kjellstrom

Climate change and infectious diseases
Guest Editor: Rainer Sauerborn
Available online PDF [176p.] at:
or URL: http://www.globalhealthaction.net/index.php/gha/article/download/1966/2591

Systems thinking for health systems strengthening
Editors: Don de Savigny; Taghreed Adam
Available online

An Economic Framework for Analysing the Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequalities
David Epstein Dolores Jiménez-Rubio; Peter C Smith Marc Suhrcke
CHE Research Paper series - Centre for Health Economics
University of York October 2009
Available online PDF [68p.] at:
http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/che/pdf/rp52.pdf

Greater equality and better health
Benefits are largest among the poor, but extend to nearly everyone
Kate E Pickett, Richard G Wilkinson,
Published 10 November 2009, doi:10.1136/bmj.b4320 - BMJ 2009;339:b4320
Available online at: http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/339/nov10_2/b4320?eaf

Severity of illness and priority setting in healthcare:
A review of the literature
Koonal K. Shah
Health Policy 93 (2009) 77–84

Methods for assessing the cost-effectiveness of public health interventions:
Key challenges and recommendations
Helen Weatherly, Michael Drummond, Karl Claxton, Richard Cookson, Brian Ferguson, Christine Godfrey, Nigel Rice, Mark Sculpher, Amanda Sowden
Health Policy 93 (2009) 85–92
Website: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/01688510

Pandemic Influenza as 21st Century Urban Public Health Crisis
David M. Bell, Isaac B. Weisfuse, Mauricio Hernandez-Avila, Carlos del Rio, Xinia Bustamante, and Guenael Rodier
Emerg Infect Dis. 2009 December
Available online PDF [14p.] at: http://www.cdc.gov/eid/content/15/12/pdfs/09-1232.pdf

The Global Burden of Trachoma: A Review
Matthew J. Burton, David C. W. Mabey
Department of Infectious and Tropical Diseases, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, United Kingdom
Managing chronic conditions: Experience in eight countries
The editors: Ellen Nolte, Cécile Knai, Martin McKee and Head of Research Policy of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.
World Health Organization 2008, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark

Helping chronically ill or disabled people into work:
what can we learn from international comparative analyses?
Final report to the Public Health Research Programme, Department of Health – UK Revised 28 April 2009 version
Division of Public Health, University of Liverpool UK
Available online PDF [118p.] at: http://www.york.ac.uk/phrc/PHRC%20C2-06_%20RFR.pdf

Japan Health System Review
Health Systems in Transition
Kozo Tatara, Etsuji Okamoto, Sara Allin, Ryozo Matsuda,
The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, 2009

Women and health: today’s evidence tomorrow’s agenda
Despite progress, societies continue to fail women at key times of their lives
World Health Organization - 2009
ISBN: 9789241563857

Reinventing primary health care: the need for systems integration
Julio Frenk,
The Lancet, Volume 374, Issue 9684, Pages 170 - 173, 11 July 2009
Available online at: http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60693-0/fulltext

A Survey Of Primary Care Physicians In Eleven Countries, 2009:
Perspectives On Care, Costs, And Experiences
Cathy Schoen, Robin Osborn, Michelle Doty, David Squires, Jordon Peugh, Sandra Applebaum,
Health Affairs, 28, no. 6 (2009): w1171-w1183 Published online 2 November 2009 doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.28.6.w1171
Website: http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/28/6/w1171

Disparities in Chronic Disease Among Canada’s Low-Income Populations
Raymond Fang, Andrew Kmetic, John Millar, Lydia Drasic
Prev Chronic Dis 2009;6(4) - Volume 6: No. 4, October 2009
Available online at: http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2009/oct/08_0254.htm

Developing Countries in the World Economy: The Future in the Past?
Deepak Nayyar
WIDER Annual Lecture 12, which was delivered in Helsinki - February 2009
UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) - Helsinki, Finland

An Introduction to the Human Development and Capability Approach
Freedom and Agency
Edited by Séverine Deneulin, Lila Shahani is
In presenting his programme for the new Commission, President Barroso set out his vision for where the European Union should be in 2020. He believes that the exit from the current crisis should be the point of entry into a new sustainable social market economy, a smarter, greener economy where our prosperity will result from innovation and from using resources better, and where knowledge will be the key input.

To make this transformation happen, Europe needs a common agenda: the EU 2020 strategy. This strategy should enable the EU to make a full recovery from the crisis, while speeding up the move...
towards a smart and green economy. EU 2020 will build on the successes obtained by the Lisbon strategy since its 2005 relaunch, which focused on growth and jobs, but will also address some of the Lisbon strategy's shortcomings.

The Commission intends to present a formal proposal for the EU 2020 strategy early next year, with a view to the EU's Heads of State and government adopting the strategy at their spring 2010 meeting. In the meantime, the Commission would like to hear your views on some suggested broad policy considerations for the future EU2020 strategy.

The consultation document and related information are available on:

Period of consultation: from 24.11.2009 to 15.01.2010

(B) Just to let you know that the European Commission adopted a Communication on Health Inequalities yesterday and it is now published on the Europa website.
For the full text of the document and other materials see
http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_determinants/socio_economics/cons_inequalities_en.htm
Press release
Video of press conference
http://ec.europa.eu/streameb/cgi/ebs.pl?p=82564&s=149518&key=C16A84FA4FAFDE19688ED43E1FD6B43C9FCA693F

(C) The Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) is one of the three independent non-food scientific committees managed by Directorate Health and Consumer Protection of the European Commission. It provides scientific advice to the Commission on issues related to e.g. new technologies, medical devices, physical risks and methodologies of risk assessment. Community scientific advisory procedures are based on the principles of scientific excellence, independence and transparency. For more information on the SCENIHR please consult the following web-page:
The European Commission, in consultation with the SCENIHR, is inviting stakeholders to provide scientific information related to one of its current mandates relating to the addictiveness and attractiveness of tobacco additives:
The Call for Information will run until 11 January 2010 and is published on the following webpage:

7. European Commission: update

Public Health

- Health determinants: Tobacco
  Approved tobacco testing laboratories in European Union member states Portugal updated

- Health information: Cancer
  First preparatory meeting for the European Partnership for Action Against Cancer, Brussels, 7-8 December 2009
  Summary report and presentation available

- Influenza A(H1N1)
  978 cumulative number of confirmed cases in Czech Republic

- Health Programmes: new complete project database
  A database is now available providing all the projects co-funded by the Commission under the first and second health programme
• Health systems: Patient Safety  
*Meeting of the Patient Safety & Quality Care Working Group, Brussels, 02 December 2009*

• Influenza A(H1N1)  
*A note of the Health Security Committee - Early Warning Response System contact point audio-meeting, 9 December*

• Health determinants: Alcohol  
*Fifth plenary meeting of the European Alcohol and Health Forum, Brussels, 12 November 2009 Summary report*

• Influenza A(H1N1)  
*Global Health Security Initiative meeting in London looks ahead in public health*

• Health systems  
*Meeting of the Patient Safety & Quality Care Working Group, Brussels, 24 September 2009 Minutes available*

• Influenza A(H1N1)  
*EMEA informs about the risk of fever with Pandemrix in young children*

• **Threats to health: Health security and preparedness**  
*Technical guidance on generic preparedness planning for public health emergencies - Updated*

• **Threats to health: Rare diseases**  
*European Union Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases*

• Influenza A(H1N1)  
*More than 1 million doses of H1N1 vaccine from priority groups in Spain*

• Influenza A(H1N1)  
*EMEA agency publishes first weekly pandemic pharmacovigilance update*

• **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**  
*Public consultation on a working mandate: Health Effects of Artificial Light Deadline for submission of comments: 4 January 2010*

• **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety**  
*Request for scientific opinions Hair Dyes section updated*

• **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety**  
*Request for scientific opinions Other cosmetic ingredients section updated*

• Influenza A(H1N1)  
*Commission approves one dose for 2 H1N1 vaccines for adults*

• Influenza A(H1N1)  
*Factsheet on Pandemic (H1N1)2009 by European Commission*

• **Threats to health: Antimicrobial resistance**  
*Key Document - Staff working paper of the services of the Commission on antimicrobial resistance - November 2009*

• **Health determinants: Tobacco**  
*Key document: Implementation report as regards Council Recommendation on smoking prevention - November 2009*

• **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**  
*Call to submit scientific information on addictiveness and attractiveness of tobacco additives*

• **Threats to health: HIV/AIDS**  
*HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum (CSF) List of members updated*

• Influenza A(H1N1)  
*EU Commissioner for Health receiving her vaccination against influenza A(H1N1)*

• **Threats to health: Tissues and cells**  
*Meeting of Competent Authorities on Tissues and Cells, 19-20 October 2009 - Summary report*
• Health determinants: Mental health
  Support Statements Organisations section updated

• Threats to health: Medical intelligence in Europe
  Efsa report - Development of web monitoring systems for the detection of emerging risks

• Health information
  Neurodegenerative, neurodevelopment and non-psychiatric brain diseases What’s new section updated

• Influenza A(H1N1)
  18 countries report high pandemic (H1N1) 2009 activity

• Threats to health
  Radioisotopes for Medical Use

• Influenza A(H1N1)
  European Medicines Agency reaffirms efficacy and safety of H1N1 pandemic vaccines

• Influenza A(H1N1)
  Information from Member States, Candidate, EEA and EFTA countries Information from Sweden updated

• Health Programme 2008-2013
  Calls for proposals 2010 already in 2009!

• Call for Proposals
  National Focal Point Update 18/11/2009

• Influenza A(H1N1)
  Outcome of the Health Security Committee meeting, 12 and 13 November 2009, Luxembourg

• Health programme: Executive Agency
  National Focal Points of the Member States and participating countries List updated

• Health determinants: Socio-economic determinants of health - health inequalities
  European Health Forum Gastein 2009, 30 September - 03 October 2009 Conclusions available

• Health determinants: Drugs and substances
  New Call for Proposals regarding operating grants for organisations active in the field of Drug Prevention and Information

• Influenza: Event
  Conference on Influenza at the interface between humans and animals, Brussels, 30 October 2009 Speeches in video available

• Influenza A(H1N1)
  WHO Virtual Press Briefing on Pandemic (H1N1) 2009

• Risk assessment: Event
  3rd Nano Safety for Success Dialogue: Building Trust in Nanotechnologies, Brussels, 3-4 November 2009 Pictures and presentations available

• Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco
  See the ‘Help’ domino at Berlin Wall Fall celebration

• Health determinants: Mental health
  Thematic Conference Mental health in Youth and Education, Stockholm, 29 - 30 September 2009 Summary of the key messages available

• Influenza A(H1N1)
  A note of Health Security Committee - Early Warning System audio-conference on 6 November 2009

• Threats to health: HIV/AIDS
  Communication from the Commission on combating HIV/AIDS in the European Union and neighbouring countries, 2009 -2013 Now available in 22 languages
• Health determinants
Mental health and Well-being News section updated

• Health determinants: Mental health
Thematic Conference Mental health in Youth and Education, Stockholm, 29 - 30 September 2009 Conference report available

• Influenza A(H1N1)
Infection of farmed animals with the pandemic virus

• Influenza A(H1N1)
European Strategy for Influenza A/H1N1 Vaccine Benefit-Risk Monitoring

• Threats to health: Blood, Tissues, Organs

• Threats to health: Blood, Tissues, Organs
Summary report of the meeting of Blood Regulatory Committee on quality and safety of blood

• Health determinants: Mental health
Thematic Conference Mental health in Youth and Education, Stockholm, 29th - 30th September 2009 New background document

• Influenza A(H1N1)
A Note on the Health Security Committee – Early Warning Response System Urgent Audio-Conference on 3 November 2009

• Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks
Request for a scientific opinion on Heavy metals in jewellerys

• Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks
Request for a scientific opinion on Mercury in certain Energy-saving Light Bulbs

• Influenza A(H1N1)
A note of the HSC - EWRS urgent audio-conference on 31 October 2009

• Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks
Call for Information on the safety of reprocessed single-use medical devices

• Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks
Request for a scientific opinion on Research strategy to address the knowledge gaps on the antimicrobial resistance effects of biocides Biological Risks section

• Overview of Health Strategy
Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 14 May 2009 Minutes available

• Health determinants: Socio-economic determinants of health - health inequalities
Commission Communication: Solidarity in Health: Reducing Health Inequalities in the EU Summary of impact assessment now available in 22 languages

• Health systems: Health workforce
Report on the open consultation on the Green Paper on the European Workforce for Health

• Health determinants: Mental health and Well-being
Thematic conference ‘Prevention of Depression and Suicide – Making it happen’, Budapest, 10-11 December 2009 Statements received on Demonstrating Commitment and contributing to joint Implementation

• Health system: Health workforce
Call for proposals to develop and coordinate a network of nursing educators and regulators Deadline 31 March 2010

• Threats to health: Rare diseases
Public health national initiatives or other institutions responsible for rare diseases Spain updated
7. European Centre for Diseases Control

Recent ECDC publications available online (November 2009)
Since 30 April ECDC has been working on a number of documents related to the influenza A(H1N1) pandemic. As well as Daily Updates, ECDC now publishes a Weekly Executive Update providing a weekly overview of ECDC work and global developments pertaining to pandemic influenza 2009, and a Weekly Influenza Surveillance Overview giving an analysis of the latest surveillance data.
Read more: [http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Pages/Influenza_A(H1N1)_Outbreak.aspx](http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Pages/Influenza_A(H1N1)_Outbreak.aspx)

In addition, the following publications have been updated:

Frequently asked questions
These were updated on 8 October and are available at [http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Documents/0906_Influenza_AH1N1_FAQ.pdf](http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Documents/0906_Influenza_AH1N1_FAQ.pdf)

Surveillance report:
HIV/AIDS surveillance in Europe 2008
HIV infection remains of major public health concern in Europe. The number of newly diagnosed cases of HIV infection reported for 2008 was 51,600, an increase from 48,892 for 2007. Of those, 25,656 were reported by EU and EEA countries.

This report, prepared jointly with the WHO Regional Office for Europe, presents data on HIV and AIDS for the whole European Region, including the EU and EEA countries. Analyses are provided for the EU and EEA region, and also by geographical area of the WHO European Region.

Technical Report: Effectiveness of behavioural and psychosocial HIV/STI prevention interventions for MSM in Europe
In Europe, men who have sex with men (MSM) continue to be the population most affected by HIV, and the rate of infections is increasing faster among MSM than among other populations. Behavioural and psychosocial prevention with the goal of limiting sexual risk behaviours remains central to the efforts to decrease sexual HIV/STI transmissions among MSM.

This report consists of a systematic review that updates the current knowledge base about HIV/STI preventive interventions targeted at MSM in Europe. It summarises and assesses the effectiveness of these interventions and identifies intervention characteristics associated with effectiveness, as well as potential gaps, in the evidence base.

Guidance: Scientific panel on childhood immunisation schedule: Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP) vaccination
Current childhood vaccination schedules are the result of historical tradition, compliance with provision of health services and national vaccine registration. They have been designed on the basis of different needs related to how the healthcare system – but also the education system – is organised at national
level. During the last decade, the availability of new combined vaccine products registered at EU level has allowed some convergence of the use of those vaccines.

The current schedules for vaccination below 24 months of age in Europe with acellular pertussis-containing vaccines can be divided into few distinct groups (variants of 3-5-11, 2-3-4, 2-4-6 months). There is greater variation in the number of booster doses for children at school age or during adolescence.

In order to facilitate the scientific discussion on such issue, ECDC asked a panel of experts for their scientific opinion on the use of the DTP vaccine.


Risk assessment guidelines for diseases transmitted on aircraft
Part 2: Operational guidelines for assisting the evaluation of risk for transmission by disease
In June 2009, EDC convened a technical expert consultation that focused on tuberculosis, new emerging airborne diseases (e.g. SARS) and meningococcal infections. This consultation was the second of a two-part process intended to assist national authorities in the EU Member States in the assessment of risks associated with the transmission of various infectious agents on board airplanes. The first part contains more general guidelines and was published as an ECDC Technical Report “Risk assessment guidelines for diseases transmitted on aircraft”.


Surveillance report:
Annual Epidemiological Report on Communicable Diseases in Europe 2009
This third edition of the Annual Epidemiological Report on Communicable Diseases in Europe provides a comprehensive summary of surveillance data in 2007 and the threats monitored in 2008. The data presented show that the major threats to the health of European citizens from infectious diseases have not changed substantially since ECDC began its work in 2005. This year, the Annual Report gives special attention to vaccine-preventable diseases and immunisation programmes in the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries.


Meeting report:
First meeting of ECDC Expert Group on Climate Change – 07–08 September 2008
Given the sensitivity that many diseases have to climatic factors, it is widely anticipated that climate change will lead to shifts in the transmission ranges of communicable diseases. This meeting was organised to further discuss how ECDC and EU Member States can work together to confront climate change. An important message from the meeting is that climate change is a threat multiplier: it may generate new threats, but its primary impact will likely be through the ways that it exacerbates existing threats. It will likely alter factors such as the geographical range of disease spread and the seasonality of diseases.


Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 43, 29 October 2009
Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week’s contents:
EDITORIALS

Building capacity in field epidemiology: lessons learned from the experience in Europe
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19376

The European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) - selected papers from the conference 2008
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19377

EUROROUNDUPS

Differences and Commonalities of National Field Epidemiology Training Programmes in Europe
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19378

PERSPECTIVES

Contribution of EPIET to public health workforce in the EU, 1995-2008
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19381

New perspectives after the transition of EPIET to ECDC – the future of the programme
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19374

Applied epidemiology training in Europe: quite a success - but more to be done
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19375

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

An outbreak of hospital-acquired Staphylococcus aureus skin infection among newborns, Nan Province, Thailand, January 2008
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19372

Estimating diagnostic accuracy of tests for latent tuberculosis infection without a gold standard among healthcare workers
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19373

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19379

Job vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19380

Authors’ correction for Euro Surveill. 2009;14(42)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19382

Full table of contents:
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/

Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 44, 5 November 2009

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

EDITORIALS

Syndromic surveillance: The next phase of public health monitoring during the H1N1 influenza pandemic?

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Surveillance of the first 205 confirmed hospitalised cases of pandemic H1N1 influenza in Ireland, 28 April – 3 October 2009
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19389

Measures against transmission of pandemic H1N1 influenza in Japan in 2009: Simulation model
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19385

Interpreting “Google Flu Trends” data for pandemic H1N1 influenza: The New Zealand experience
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19386

Trichinellosis acquired in Nunavut, Canada in September 2009: Meat from grizzly bear suspected
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19383

Genome sequence analysis of the first human West Nile virus isolated in Italy in 2009
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19384
SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Influenza-like illness surveillance using a deputising medical service corresponds to surveillance from sentinel general practices
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19387

RESEARCH ARTICLES

"1-MOVE" towards monitoring seasonal and pandemic influenza vaccine effectiveness: lessons learnt from a pilot multi-centric case-control study in Europe, 2008-9
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19388

LETTERS

Rhinoviruses, A(H1N1)v, RVS: The race for hivernal pandemics, France 2009-2010
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19390

Authors' reply
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19392

Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 45, 12 November 2009

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

EDITORIALS

Antibiotic resistance in Europe: the challenges ahead
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19405

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Experience of European intensive care physicians with infections due to antibiotic-resistant bacteria, 2009
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19393

Decrease of hypervirulent Clostridium difficile PCR ribotype 027 in the Netherlands
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19402

A simple mathematical approach to deciding the dosage of vaccine against pandemic H1N1 influenza
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19396

Pandemic influenza A(H1N1)v: Human to pig transmission in Norway?
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19406

Assessing the impact of the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic on reporting of other threats through the Early Warning and Response System
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19397

Botulism and hot-smoked whitefish: a family cluster of type E botulism in France, September 2009
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19394

First report of a North American invasive mosquito species Ochlerotatus atropalpus (Coquillett) in the Netherlands, 2009
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19400

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Clostridium difficile ribotypes 001, 017, and 027 are associated with lethal C. difficile infection in Hesse, Germany
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19403

NEWS

First set-up meeting for Antibiotic Resistance and Prescribing in European Children (ARPEC)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19404

The economic crisis and infectious disease control
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19401

MISCELLANEOUS

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2009:14(44)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19398
Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2009;14(44)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19399

Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 46, 19 November 2009

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Differentiation of two distinct clusters among currently circulating influenza A(H1N1)v viruses, March-September 2009
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19409

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

“RAISIN” – a national programme for early warning, investigation and surveillance of healthcare-associated infection in France
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19408

Oseltamivir-resistant influenza A(H1N1) viruses detected in Europe during season 2007-8 had epidemiologic and clinical characteristics similar to co-circulating susceptible A(H1N1) viruses
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19412

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Introduction of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination in Belgium, 2007-2008
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19407

NEWS

EMCDDA Annual report 2009: cocaine and heroin maintain firm hold on Europe’s drug scene
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19410

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19411

Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 47, 26 November 2009

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

EDITORIAL

HIV/AIDS and other STI in men who have sex with men – a continuous challenge for public health
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19423

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

HIV and AIDS in the European Union, 2008
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19422

Incidence of non-B subtypes of HIV-1 in Galicia, Spain: high frequency and diversity of HIV-1 among men who have sex with men
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19413

RESEARCH ARTICLES

HIV and STI behavioural surveillance among men who have sex with men in Europe
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19414

Sexual risk behaviour and its determinants among men who have sex with men in Catalonia, Spain
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19415

Do men who have sex with men use serosorting with casual partners in France? Results of a nationwide survey (ANRS-EN17-Presse Gay 2004)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19416

Epidemiology of herpes simplex virus types 2 and 1 amongst men who have sex with men attending sexual health clinics in England and Wales: implications for HIV prevention and management
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19418
8. WHO publications

Handbook on monitoring and evaluation of human resources for health: with special applications for low- and middle-income countries. WHO Geneva, 2009

Night noise guidelines for Europe. WHO/EURO, 2009

10 health questions about the Caucasus and Central Asia. WHO/EURO, 2009

Capital investment for health – case studies from Europe. WHO/EURO, 2009

Gaining health – analysis of policy development in European countries for tackling noncommunicable diseases. WHO/EURO, 2009

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This casebook collects 64 case studies, each of which raises an important and difficult ethical issue connected with planning, reviewing, or conducting health-related research.

World Malaria Report 2009
The 2009 World Malaria Report summarizes information received from 108 malaria endemic countries and other sources and updates the analysis presented in the 2008 report.

Water Sanitation and Hygiene Standards for Schools in Low-cost Settings
This book provides guidance on water, sanitation and hygiene required in schools.

Toxicological Evaluation of Certain Veterinary Drug Residues in Food
The toxicological monographs in this volume summarize the data on the veterinary drug residues that were evaluated toxicologically by the Committee.

Safety Evaluation of Certain Food Additives
The toxicological monographs in this volume summarize the safety data on a number of food additives.

Evaluation of Certain Veterinary Drug Residues in Food
This report represents the conclusions of a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee convened to evaluate the safety of residues of certain veterinary drugs in food and to recommend maximum levels for such residues in food.

Evaluation of Certain Food Additives
This report represents the conclusions of a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee convened to evaluate the safety of various food additives, including flavouring agents.

Iodine and Inorganic Iodines: Human Health Aspects
This document evaluates the scientific literature on the health aspects of iodine and inorganic iodides.

**Guidance on Testing and Counselling for HIV in Settings Attended by People Who Inject Drugs**
This publication offers basic operational guidance on HIV testing and counseling in settings attended by people who inject drugs.

**Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Assessments**
This book is intended to serve as an instrument for governments to establish a sector assessment process in their respective countries, and to generate national performance assessments of the water supply and sanitation sector recurrently.

**Training Workbook on Water Safety Plans for Urban Systems**
This workbook is intended to be used for training within the Region emphasizing a systematic and preventive risk-based approach to avoid drinking water contamination towards improvement of public health.

**Practical Guidelines for Intensifying HIV Prevention**
This short publication is a handy guide to all those working in the AIDS response, and especially those working with key populations at higher risk of exposure to HIV.

**UNAIDS Legal and Regulatory Self-Assessment Tool for Male Circumcision in Sub-Saharan Africa**
This self-assessment tool provides practical guidance on legal, regulatory, and policy considerations associated with implementation and scale-up of male circumcision services for HIV transmission prevention in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 87, No. 12, 2009**
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**

**Classification statistique internationale des maladies et des problèmes de santé connexes, Dixième révision. CIM-10, Edition 2008**
Cette nouvelle édition de la Classification internationale des Maladies de l'OMS (Dixième Révision, CIM 10) a été entièrement mise à jour pour la deuxième fois. Publiée à l'origine au début des années 1990, la CIM 10 incorpore maintenant toutes les mises au point et mises à jour du texte effectuées entre 1996 et la fin 2008.

**Droits de l'homme, santé et stratégies de réduction de la pauvreté**
Ce guide contient des conseils et suggestions pratiques ainsi que des exemples de bonne pratique pris dans le monde entier.

**Directives pratiques pour l'intensification de la prévention du VIH**
Les grandes questions à se poser pour planifier une action nationale efficace de prévention du VIH sont énumérées dans cet ouvrage.

**BOOKS IN SPANISH**

**Derechos humanos, salud y estrategias de reducción de la pobreza**
La presente actualización del instrumento contiene 25 nuevas recomendaciones que indican a los profesionales de la planificación familiar si una mujer con una determinada afección médica puede utilizar un método anticonceptivo de forma segura y eficaz.

**Directrices prácticas para intensificar la prevención del VIH**
Esta breve publicación pretende ser una guía útil para todos aquellos que trabajan en la respuesta al sida, y especialmente para aquellos que trabajan con grupos de población con alto riesgo de infección por el VIH.

**BOOKS IN RUSSIAN**

**Manual on the Management, Maintenance and Use of Blood Cold Chain Equipment (RUSSIAN)**
Detailed explanations, illustrations and standard operating procedures provide all users of blood cold chain equipment with information on how to receive, install, operate, maintain and monitor the equipment.

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This new edition has been produced to make widely available to health practitioners, laboratory personnel, those involved in vector control and other public health officials, a concise source of information of worldwide relevance on dengue.

**Handbook: Good Laboratory Practice (GLP)Second edition**
This handbook is designed as an aid for those countries wishing to upgrade their laboratories to GLP status.

**Good Laboratory Practice Training Manual for the Trainer. Second Edition**
This manual is aimed at trainers of good laboratory practice (GLP) and is a companion manual to the GLP training manual for the trainee.
Good Laboratory Practice Training Manual for the Trainee, Second Edition
This manual is designed to be used by the trainee at Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases and Good Laboratory Practice training workshops.

Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Test Performance
The largest-ever independent, laboratory-based evaluation of rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) for malaria.

Global Health Risks
This report provides an update for the year 2004 for 24 global risk factors.

Women and Health
This is a report on women and health - both women's health needs and their contribution to the health of societies.

Milk Fluoridation for the Prevention of Dental Caries
This publication describes the justification of milk fluoridation as an effective public health measure and experiences from community health programmes are highlighted.

Principles for Modeling Dose-Response for the Risk Assessment of Chemicals
This report is intended primarily to provide descriptive guidance for risk assessors in using dose-response modelling in hazard characterization.

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Guidelines for implementation of article 5.3, article 8, article 11, and article 13

Eligibility for Blood Donation
This book summarizes the rationale for the parameters and conditions that should be taken into consideration in the education and selection of blood donors.

Social Protection in Health Schemes for Mother, Newborn and Child Populations
This publication is the product of a joint initiative initiated in 2004/05 to identify options for extending social protection in health to mothers, newborns, and children in Latin American Countries.

2008 UNAIDS Annual Report: Towards Universal Access
This publication reports on UNAIDS activities in 2008.

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.

WHO Drug Information, Vol. 23, No. 3, 2009
WHO Drug Information communicates pharmaceutical information that is either developed and issued by WHO or transmitted to WHO by research and regulatory agencies throughout the World. The journal also includes regular presentations of newly proposed and recommended International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceuticals Substances. This volume contains the recommended INN List no.62.

BOOKS IN FRENCH
Principes directeurs à l’intention des programmes antituberculeux pour la prise en charge des tuberculoses pharmacorésistantes
Ces principes directeurs offrent des recommandations mises à jour pour le diagnostic et la prise en charge des tuberculoses pharmacorésistantes dans divers contextes géographiques, politiques, économiques et sociaux.

Convention-cadre de l’OMS pour la lutte antitabac: directives pour l’application de l’article 5.3, de l’article 8, de l’article 11 et de l’article 13

Rapport annuel de l’ONUSIDA 2008

BOOKS IN SPANISH
Disco para determinar criterios médicos de elegibilidad para el uso de anticonceptivos, 2008
La presente actualización del instrumento contiene 25 nuevas recomendaciones que indican a los profesionales de la planificación familiar si una mujer con una determinada afección médica puede utilizar un método anticonceptivo de forma segura y eficaz.

Convenio marco de la OMS para el control del tabaco: directrices para la aplicación artículo 5.3, artículo 8, artículo 11, artículo 13

Informe anual del ONUSIDA 2008
Un informe sobre las actividades del ONUSIDA en 2008.