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1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2010: Amsterdam, The Netherlands – Integrated Public Health

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

NEWS:

- The full conference programme is now available online. A new item here is that you can select your own personal programme when you have registered for the conference.
- You can now also re-enter your registration to add pre conferences and social events you are interested in.
- Please note that online registration will close on 26 October 2010.

2. Call for proposals, job opportunities

DG Health and Consumers call for expressions of interest to complete the membership of the Advisory Group on the Food Chain, Animal and Plant Health

This Group advises the European Commission on food safety policy, and specifically on issues related to food and feed safety, food and feed labelling and presentation, human nutrition in relation to food legislation, animal health and welfare, and plant health etc.

It currently comprises 36 key stakeholder organisations representing farmers, the food industry, retailers, consumer organisations and others, out of a possible 45. The Commission wishes to extend the current membership by incorporating sectors not already represented. Current members are not required to reapply. The details of the call can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/advisory/call_interest_20100930_en.htm

Further information on the Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/advisory/index_en.htm

Flagship Course on Equity and Health Systems

Tagaytay, Philippines, 29th November – 3rd December, 2010 (5 days)

URL : <http://bit.ly/aKza6Z>

About the course: Offered, for the first time in the Asia-Pacific region, by the World Bank Institute in collaboration with the Asia Network for Capacity Building in Health Systems Strengthening, The Institute for Health Policy, Equitap Network, and the Department of Health and Development Agency of the Philippines.

This course is targeted to senior to mid-level policy-makers, managers and experts involved in health sectors in the Asia-Pacific region. It will draw on participants' own country experiences through presentations and exercises. The course content is built around the WBI Flagship framework, and aims to help participants think about why equity in health is important, to identify methods and tools for assessing equity, and policy options to achieve more equitable, pro-poor outcomes.

Venue: Tagaytay city, Philippines, at the Development Academy of the Philippines conference facility.

How to apply: Email the fully completed application form to Ms. Ruwani Wickramasinghe at: hec@equitap.org or fax +94 11 2314040 (in Sri Lanka). Deadline for applications: Oct 15, 2010 (If possible, please fill in the information on the computer before printing the form !)

3. Interesting news

EPHA response to the Commission consultation on trade

<http://www.ephpa.org/a/4161>

EPHA considers that the EU Trade Policy should complement and reinforce all dimensions of the Europe 2020 Strategy, innovation but also the inclusive and sustainable dimensions. This means that the EU Trade Policy should be driven by social cohesion, and green objectives as well as by innovation.

In other words, trade (inside and outside the EU) should be welcomed and supported, but only in so far as it leads to better quality of life, including better health for all (inside AND outside the EU).

Among other points, EPHA argues that :

1. From a public health perspective some barriers to trade should remain in order to allow developing countries to develop and sustain their internal markets and their societal development
 2. The EU should not necessarily aim for more trade in services, and certainly it should not aim at opening trade in health-related services.
 3. Any commitment to opening market access to services should include explicit exemptions in relation to legislation and administrative action designed to promote tobacco and alcohol control and prevent their harm.
 4. EU trade policies should discourage the production and exchange of tobacco products in any way or form.
 5. EU trade policies should not promote production and exchange of alcohol.
 6. The EU should ensure that future Free Trade Agreements and Bilateral Investment Treaties (BIT) preserve sufficient regulatory autonomy for purposes of protecting public health.
 7. The EU should consider the impact of trade on the universal provision of quality healthcare and education services and more particularly should follow the guidance and implement the WHO voluntary Code of Practice in International Recruitment of Health Workforce.
 8. Any International Trade Agreements to include trade in services should consider labour and environmental standards that foster quality care and provision related to their enforcement.
 9. The EU Trade Policy should go beyond GDP to measure its success and mainstream this approach in the negotiations with WTO and through any FTA.
 10. EPHA also believes that the future Trade Policy which – although non-development focused – should assist developing countries` efforts in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and global efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger (as stated in the European Consensus on Development, 2006).
 11. EPHA considers that protecting IPR is not necessarily the way forward from a public health point of view and health and health-serving “public goods” should be treated according to the 1994 WTO conclusion on TRIPs and recognition of policy space for developing countries to protect public health.
- European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
Policy Brief "Paying for Long-term Care" by Ricardo Rodrigues and Andrea Schmidt.

Policy Brief on the current picture of public and private expenditure on long-term care for older people

This Policy Brief aims to present information, on the one hand, on the current picture of public and private expenditure on long-term care for older people and discuss the challenges of financing care. Available data from national and international sources as well as qualitative information gathered in the European Centre's recent publication "Facts and Figures on Long-term Care -- Europe and North America" is used to shed light on these issues. On the other hand – given that user payments for long-term care can be quite high as a percentage of an individual's income (especially for institutional care) – this Policy Brief provides preliminary results on potential redistribution effects of home care benefits (based on SHARE data). By that, the policy brief tries not only to take a policy-oriented, comparative view on funding arrangements for long-term care but also to serve as a starting point for further discussions on the potential inequalities associated with the different ways of financing and providing long-term care.

More: http://www.euro.centre.org/detail.php?xml_id=1756

EUROPEAN SCIENCE ADVICE NETWORK FOR HEALTH, EUSANH :

EUSANH publishes its news via <http://europa.eu/sinapse/directaccess/EUSANH>

The European Patients' Forum welcomes new rules on Pharmacovigilance that will enable patients and health professionals to work more effectively together for improved medication safety

Brussels, Belgium, September 22, 2010 - The European Parliament adopted today in a plenary session, a legislative proposal to strengthen the European pharmacovigilance system and reduce adverse effects of medicines. The proposal amends the existing EU framework on pharmacovigilance provided in Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 and Directive 2001/83/EC. The new legislation is expected to enter into force by the end of 2010 or early 2011, and must be put into effect in Member States within 18 months of its publication in the EU Official Journal.

The European Patients' Forum (EPF) welcomes the new legislation, which will strengthen the pharmacovigilance system and make it more transparent, enhancing the confidence of patients, health professionals and regulators in the system. The EU Eudravigilance database will be the single repository of adverse reaction reports, and will be made accessible for patients and the general public. The new framework also strengthens patients' involvement, including provisions for direct patient reporting of suspected adverse reactions.

EPF particularly welcomes the possibility for patients to report suspected adverse events directly to national competent bodies. Patients have a unique knowledge and experience of the effects of the medicinal products they take, which should be used more effectively. EPF last week organised a seminar on the topic at the European Parliament, jointly with PGEU, the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union, to highlight the importance collaboration between patients and pharmacists in medicines safety. The event was sponsored by Mrs Linda McAvan MEP, the Rapporteur on the legislative proposal, whose contribution was invaluable in ensuring the new rules take into account the views of the patient community.

Responding to the new legislative proposal, EPF President Anders Olauson says that "direct patient reporting and a wider access to safety data are necessary as they contribute to patients' empowerment and greater patient safety. These efforts should be seen as integral to the wider EU debate on patient empowerment and health literacy, with the aim of enhancing the safety and quality of care for all patients across the European Union."

Evidence of huge boost to public health from stronger climate policy

Brussels, 6 September 2010 - A report to be launched next Tuesday, 14 September 2010 analyses the health benefits for Europeans of stronger EU action on climate change, and reframes the current discussions from climate costs to climate benefits, particularly for people's health and healthcare systems. Published by Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) and Health Care Without Harm Europe (HCWH E), it quantifies some of the very substantial health and economic benefits of moving to a 30% target on reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

The report provides figures on overall public health benefits in the European Union from a tightening on climate change policy and the first-ever figures on health benefits for individual EU Member States of the 30% target. The report also demonstrates that the sooner the European Union moves to the higher target, the better for health, health care budgets and productivity.

"This report makes the case and provides new evidence for EU and Member State politicians and policy makers to support the move to a 30% domestic target on greenhouse gas emissions," says Dr Pendo Maro, Senior Climate and Energy Advisor, Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) and Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL).

The report will be available at www.env-health.org/r/93 and <http://www.noharm.org/europe/issues/climate/> .

International Society of Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention

CSAP final report highlights the value and impact of the Child Safety Action Plan (CSAP) initiative in 26 participating European countries. The national actions taken by the countries over the six years of the project have led to measurable progress in child safety actions.

Learn more by reading the press release on the European Child Safety Alliance Website at: www.childsafetyeurope.org

Office for National Statistics – Health Statistics Quarterly journal

ONS's journal 'Health Statistics Quarterly' (HSQ) often contains articles of general scientific interest in the field of epidemiology, and particularly health inequalities, as well as regular statistical reports on health in the UK. HSQ is available online, free of charge at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/hsq>

Edition no. 47 was released on 24 August 2010 and contains, among other items:

* Trends in social inequalities in male mortality, 2001-08. Intercensal estimates for England and Wales.

* Life expectancy and disability-free life expectancy estimates for middle super output areas; England, 1999-2003.

* Amenable mortality as an indicator of healthcare quality - a literature review.

Edition no. 48 will be released on 23 November 2010.

Public consultation on the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive (2001/37/EC).

The Commission invites citizens and stakeholders to give their input on the problem definitions and to comment on possible measures. The public consultation will run until 19 November 2010 and is published on the following webpage:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/consultations/tobacco_cons_01_en.htm

4. EUPHA member of the month – Danish Society of Public Health

Website: www.dankselskabforfolkesundhed.dk

The Danish Society of Public Health aims to promote public health, preventing disease, reducing the burden of disease and reducing health.

Specific objectives include:

- to promote knowledge and understanding of public health both in the public and relevant agencies and institutions
- to promote research and education, including further training, in the field of public health
- to help develop and support the use of best practices
- to promote the organization and planning of a health system

The Danish Society is multidisciplinary and its membership includes both professional individuals as well as organisations interested in public health and research.

5. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International (GI) promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of GI is the international course catalogue "medicine & health", a unique annual publication listing courses and congresses in the fields of biomedicine, public health and development cooperation. For further information: <http://www.going-international.at/index.php?lang=EN> Global International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: Introduction to Health Technology Assessment
Date: 4-7 October 2010
Place: Hall, Austria
Organiser: UMIT - University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology
More information: www.umat.at/htads

Title: 13th European Health Forum Gastein - Health in Europe - Ready for the future?
Date: 6-9 October 2010
Place: Bad Hofgastein, Austria
Organiser: EHFG
More information: www.ehfg.org

Title: The 5th Conference of Epidemiological Longitudinal Studies in Europe (CELSE 2010)
Date: 13 - 15 October 2010
Place: Paphos, Cyprus
More information: http://www.celse.eu/page.aspx?page_id=2

Title: Youth Health Inequalities – with MEP Eider Gardiazabal
Date: 14 October 2010
Place: Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: European Youth Forum

Title: III International Congress of Public Health -
"Equalize the differences in health. Warsaw Declaration"
Date: 21-22 October 2010
Place: Warsaw, Poland
Organiser: European Society for Health Promotion "PRO-SALUTEM"

Title: Food for Mind. Mind for Health
Date: 22-24 October 2010
Place: Torino, Italy
Organiser: IUHPE-CIPES European Centre
More information: cipespiemonte.it/iuhpe-cipes.php

Title: The 4th Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities
Date: 26 - 29 October 2010
Place: Seoul, Republic of Korea
Organiser: Gangnam District Government, Alliance for Healthy Cities
More information: afhc2010.gangnam.go.kr/eng

Title: Public health role of emergency medicine service
Date: 2 November 2010
Place: Novi Sad, AP Vojvodina, Serbia
Organizer: Center for education tolerance and multiculturalism - CETIM, in collaboration with University of Iova and Faculty of health and social care, Trnava
More information: www.virtualsummerinstitute.com

Title: Public health perspectives in Central and Southeastern Europe in XXI century
Date: 3-4 November 2010
Place: Novi Sad, AP Vojvodina, Serbia
Organizer: Center for education tolerance and multiculturalism - CETIM, in collaboration with University of Iova and Faculty of health and social care, Trnava
More information: www.virtualsummerinstitute.com

Title: Reducing Health Inequalities from a regional perspective - what works, what does not?
Date: 8-9 November 2010

Place: Genk, Belgium
Organiser: The Flemish Agency for Care and Health
More information: www.ephpa.org

Title: Physician Competence and International Hospital Accreditation: The European Perspective

Date: 16 November 2010
Place: Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Joint Commission International (JCI)
More information: www.jointcommissioninternational.org/Brussels .

Title: First 6-Day Certified Course “Winter School in Clinical Epidemiology”

Date: 24-29 January 2011
Place: Hall, Austria
Organiser: UMIT - University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology

Title: Course: Governance and human resources for health

Date: 31 January – 4 February 2011
Place: Amsterdam The Netherlands and Cuernavaca Mexico
Organiser: The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT, Amsterdam), the National Institute of Public Health in Cuernavaca, Mexico and the World Health Organization.
More information: <http://bit.ly/atOOUo>

Title: PreHypertension & Cardio Metabolic Syndrome

Date: 24-27 February 2011
Place: Vienna, Austria
Deadline: for abstracts: 15 October 2010
More information: www.prehypertension.org

Title: Fuse, Knowledge Exchange in Public Health Conference

Date: 11-12 April 2011
Place: Durham, UK
Organiser: FUSE
More information: <http://www.fuse.ac.uk/group.php?gid=213>

Title: New Directions in Welfare 2011 Congress

Date: 6-8 July 2011
Place: Paris, France,
Organizer: OECDCall for abstracts –
More information: <http://bit.ly/cyBlNJ>

6. Interesting publications

Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) and Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe are delighted to announce the launch of their new report “Acting NOW for better health: A 30% reduction target for EU climate policy”. The press release is attached and the full report is available at <http://www.env-health.org/a/3585> and <http://www.noharm.org/europe/>.

Diabetes: cost of illness in Norway

Oddvar Solli, Trond Jenssen, Ivar S Kristiansen
BMC Endocrine Disorders - Volume 10
doi:10.1186/1472-6823-10-15 - September 2010
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/blvwVG>

Sub-national assessment of inequality trends in neonatal and child mortality in Brazil

Angelica Sousa, Kenneth Hill and Mario R Dal Poz
International Journal for Equity in Health. September 2010, 9:21doi:10.1186/1475-9276-9-21
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/8Zy87K>

Handbook on impact evaluation : quantitative methods and practices

Shahidur R. Khandker, Gayatri B. Koolwal, Hussain A. Samad
2010 The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / The World Bank
Available online PDF [262p.] at: <http://bit.ly/b5x0b4>

Increased educational attainment and its effect on child mortality in 175 countries between 1970 and 2009: a systematic analysis

Emmanuela Gakidou, Krycia Cowling, Rafael Lozano, Christopher JL Murray
The Lancet, Volume 376, Issue 9745, Pages 959 - 974, 18 September 2010
Website: <http://bit.ly/bfINy4>

Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2009

Census Bureau Releases Report – September 2010:
DeNavas-Walt, Carmen, Bernadette D. Proctor, and Jessica C. Smith
Available online PDF [88p.] at <http://bit.ly/bv3dOx>

Equity as a shared vision for health and development

The Lancet, Volume 376, Issue 9745, Page 929, 18 September 2010
doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(10)61431-6
Website: <http://bit.ly/8XbHjk>

Trends in maternal mortality: 1990 to 2008

Estimates developed by WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and The World Bank
World Health Organization, UNICEF, UNFPA and The World Bank – September 2010
ISBN: 978 92 4 150026 5
Available online PDF [55p.] at: <http://bit.ly/9BOg95>

The MDGs in Europe and Central Asia: Achievements, Challenges and the Way Forward

Report coordinated by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe – 2010
Available online PDF [142p.] at: <http://bit.ly/b4vZ8f>

How health systems can address inequities in priority public health conditions: the example of tuberculosis

Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2010
Available online as PDF [32p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cHgRnT>

Assessing equity in systematic reviews: realising the recommendations of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health

Peter Tugwell et al.
BMJ 2010; 341:c4739 doi: 10.1136/bmj.c4739 (Published 13 September 2010)
BMJ 2010; 341:c4739 at: <http://bit.ly/9IUUV7k>

Student Voices: Advocating for Global Health through Evidence, Insight and Action

Edited by Steven J. Hoffman,
McMaster Health Forum, August 2010
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada - ISBN 978-1-894088-21-3
Available online [74p.] at: <http://bit.ly/bvAjeU>

Norway's WHO strategy

September 13, 2010
Available online PDF [39p.] at: <http://bit.ly/b4coJw>
Press Release: <http://bit.ly/9TTd8y>

Expediting systematic reviews: methods and implications of rapid reviews

Rebecca Ganann , Donna Ciliska and Helen Thomas

School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada
Implementation Science 2010, 5:56doi:10.1186/1748-5908-5-56
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/atsQtZ>

A Snapshot of Medical Student Education in the United States and Canada: Reports from 128 Schools

Academic Medicine - September 2010 - Volume 85 - Issue 9 - p S1
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/aaslhQ>

International benchmarking of specialty hospitals.

A series of case studies on comprehensive cancer centres

Wineke AM van Lent , Relinde D de Beer and Wim H van Harten
BMC Health Services Research – August 2010, 10:253doi:10.1186/1472-6963-10-253
Available online PDF [28p.] at: <http://bit.ly/aaC5ua>

International variation in the usage of medicines. A review of the literature

Ellen Nolte, Jennifer Newbould, Annalijn Conklin
2010 RAND Europe - Prepared for the Department of Health within the PRP project "An 'On-call' facility for International Healthcare Comparisons"
Available online PDF [57p.] at: <http://bit.ly/9ubL3I>

Restoring Hope: Reinvigorating the Millennium Development Goals Finance and Development -- September 2010

International Monetary Fund – IMF
Available online PDF [60p.] at: <http://bit.ly/9Nin93>

The hope and the promise of the UN Resolution on non-communicable diseases

George Alleyne , David Stuckler , Ala Alwan
9 September 2010
Globalization and Health 2010, 6:15 doi:10.1186/1744-8603-6-15
Available online PDF [8p.] at: <http://bit.ly/b0c1NP>

Antibiotic Resistance: Implications for Global Health and Novel Intervention Strategies: Workshop Summary

Eileen R. Choffnes, David A. Relman, and Alison Mack, Rapporteurs
Forum on Microbial Threats; Institute of Medicine IOM - ISBN: 0-309-15612-2 - (2010)
US Board on Global Health
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/8ZDOPK>

Policies and incentives for promoting innovation in antibiotic research

Elias Mossialos et al.
This study was commissioned and financed by the Swedish Government
World Health Organization 2010, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
Available online PDF [224p.] at: <http://bit.ly/aEepeE>

Key factors influencing adoption of an innovation in primary health care: a qualitative study based on implementation theory

Siw Carlford, Malou Lindberg, Preben Bendtsen, Per Nilsen and Agneta Andersson
BMC Family Practice 2010, 11:60doi:10.1186/1471-2296-11-60 - Published: 23 August 2010
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/d1dqlo>

Medical devices: managing the mismatch: an outcome of the priority medical devices project

ISBN 978 92 4 156404 5 (NLM classification: WX 147) -
World Health Organization 2010
Available online PDF [36p.] at: <http://bit.ly/brPeBd>

Moving forward equity in health

General Directorate of Public Health and Foreign Health
Ministry of Health and Social Policy

Report “Moving Forward Equity in Health: Monitoring social determinants of health and the reduction of Health Inequalities”, carried out as a reference document for the experts Conference planned for the 21st April 2010, cancelled due to the transportation problems derived from the ash cloud of Icelandic volcano Eyjafjallajökull.
Available online PDF [104p.] at: <http://bit.ly/apXFbU>

Progress for Children: Achieving the MDGs with Equity

United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)

September 2010

Available online PDF [92p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cWanul>

High income improves evaluation of life but not emotional well-being

Daniel Kahneman and Angus Deaton

Center for Health and Well-being, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ USA

PNAS - US National Academy of Sciences – August 2010

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

Implementing health financing reform

World Health Organization WHO 2010, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Editors: Joseph Kutzin et al. -

Available online PDF [425p.] at: <http://bit.ly/bEFpqq>

Financial and Other Rewards for Good Performance or Results:

A Guided Tour of Concepts and Terms and a Short Glossary of Results-Based Financing RBF

Philip Musgrove

Results-Based Financing (RBF) for Health – The World Bank September 2010

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

The (Indispensable) Middle Class in Developing Countries; or, The Rich and the Rest, Not the Poor and the Rest

Nancy Birdsall.

2010. CGD Working Paper 207. Washington, D.C.: Center for Global Development

Available online PDF [38p.] at: <http://bit.ly/aZtR1g>

Increasing access to health workers in remote and rural areas through improved retention

Global policy recommendations

World Health Organization WHO - 2010 - ISBN: 9789241564014

Available online PDF [80p.] at: <http://bit.ly/bw3qy9>

Budget crises, health, and social welfare programmes

BMJ 2010; 340:c3311 doi: 10.1136/bmj.c3311 (Published 24 June 2010)

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David Stuckler, Sanjay Basu, Martin McKee

Available at: <http://bit.ly/ddkipc>

The Emergence of Translational Epidemiology: From Scientific Discovery to Population Health Impact

Muin J. Khoury, Marta Gwinn, and John P. A. Ioannidis

American Journal of Epidemiology - August 5, 2010

Am. J. Epidemiol. 2010 172: 517-524; doi:10.1093/aje/kwq211

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/c2skoq>

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American Journal of Epidemiology - August 5, 2010

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/c2skoq>

Communicating research for evidence-based policymaking

A practical guide for researchers in socio-economic sciences and humanities

Directorate-General for Research
Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities EUR 24230 EN
Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, 2010
Available online PDF [60p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cySOw>

Income-, education- and gender-related inequalities in out-of-pocket health-care payments for 65+ patients - a systematic review

Sandro Corrieri, Dirk Heider, Herbert Matschinger, Thomas Lehnert, Elke Raum, Hans-Helmut König
International Journal for Equity in Health – August 2010, 9:20doi:10.1186/1475-9276-9-20
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/aumRwS>

Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS

Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Health -UK
by Command of Her Majesty July 2010 - ISBN: 9780101788120
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/9aRiCS>

Health Care Transformation in Canada: Change that Works. Care that Lasts

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) 2010
Available online PDF [48p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cS1vsO>

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Ajay Tandon and Cheryl Cashin
Health, Nutrition and Population (HNP) Discussion Paper, 2010
Available online as PDF file [84p.] at: <http://bit.ly/acGo2t>

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Julio Frenk,
Health Policy Plan. 2010 25: 343-345; doi:10.1093/heapol/czq034.
URL: <http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/25/5/343?etoc>

Confronting “Death on Wheels”

Making Roads Safe in Europe and Central Asia
Establishing multisectoral partnerships to address a silent epidemic
World Bank Report No. 51667-ECA - 2009
Europe and Central Asia Human Development Department/The World Bank
Available online PDF [114p.] at: <http://bit.ly/bRtpgw>

A Practical Approach to Pharmaceutical Policy

Andreas Seiter
June 2010 by World Bank ISBN: 0-8213-8386-8 ISBN-13: 978-0-8213-8386-5 SKU: 18386
Book [240p] available online at: <http://bit.ly/aROO8L>

Will Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Widen Health Inequalities?

Simon Capewell, Hilary Graham
PLoS Medicine | www.plosmedicine.org - August 24, 2010 | Volume 7 | Issue 8 | e1000320
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/afZ8nn>

**Innovative health service delivery models in low and middle income countries
- what can we learn from the private sector?**

Onil Bhattacharyya et al.
Health Research Policy and Systems – July 2010, 8:24doi:10.1186/1478-4505-8-24
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/cw6TNo>

SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP)

Editors Andrew D Oxman, John N Lavis, Simon Lewin, Atle Fretheim
Report from Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services

(Nasjonalt kunnskapssenter for helsetjenesten) No 4–2010. ISBN 978-82-8121-334-0 ISSN 1890-1298
Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services - Oslo, Norway
Available online PDF file [283p.] at: <http://bit.ly/95XQyo>

**Innovative health service delivery models in low and middle income countries
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Onil Bhattacharyya, Sara Khor, Anita McGahan, David Dunne, Abdallah S Daar and Peter A Singer
Health Research Policy and Systems – July 2010, 8:24doi:10.1186/1478-4505-8-24
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/cw6TNo>

Global Economic cost of cancer report

Rijo M. John, Director of international tobacco control research, American Cancer Society,
Hana Ross, Strategic director of international tobacco control research, American Cancer Society
August 16, 2010 - The American Cancer Society and LIVESTRONG®
Report Summary available online PDF [14p.] at: <http://bit.ly/9NTLj6>

**Effects of the World Bank's maternal and child health intervention on Indonesia's poor:
Evaluating the safe motherhood project**

John Baird, Steven Ma, Jennifer Prah Ruger
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7. European Commission news

Cross-border care

[Council adopts its position on patient's rights in cross-border healthcare](#)

Electromagnetic fields

[Information exchange meeting with Member States, Brussels, 03 May 2010 - Meeting report available](#)

EU in the world

[WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Moscow, 13-16 September 2010 - Watch the live webcast](#)

Health programme

[List of National Focal Points for Health Programme updated](#)

Health-EU Portal

[Health EU Newsletter - Edition 54: Investing in Europe's Health workforce of tomorrow](#)

Healthy environments

[New key document: European report on preventing violence and knife crime among young people \(WHO publication\)](#)

Indicators

[Future developments regarding the ECHI list](#)

[Data on the Healthy Life Years in the European Union - Page updated](#)

[E-News: Improved web-tool for finding EU Public Health data now on-line!](#)

Major and chronic diseases

[20th Alzheimer Europe Conference "Facing dementia together", Luxembourg, 30 September - 2 October 2010](#)

[Council conclusions on action against cancer](#)

Medicinal products for human use

[Protecting patients: EU to upgrade medicine safety monitoring](#)

[Commission is looking for health professionals and patient representatives for the Paediatric Committee](#)

Mental health

[EU-Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well being - Reports and studies updated](#)

[European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being - Support statement from European Social Network \(ESN\) added](#)

[EU-Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well being - New contribution from Horatio published](#)

DG Research Call for Proposals under the FP7: "A road-map for mental health research in Europe" - Deadline: 10 November 2010
Empowerment Leadership Meeting, Leuven, Belgium, 27-28 October 2010 - Announcement updated

Nutrition and physical activity

Plenary meeting of the Diet, Physical Activity and Health - A European Platform for Action, Brussels, 09 September 2010 - Draft agenda

Preparedness and response

Council conclusions on Lessons learned from the A/H1N1 pandemic – Health security in the EU

Public health

Project on Public Health Capacity in the EU

Publications

Publication added: Key Achievements 2009 - Public Health and Risk Assessment Directorate

Scientific committees

SCENIHR - Draft Minutes of the 9th Plenary meeting, Brussels, 28 June 2010
SCHER - Request for a scientific opinion on the standards of lead in drinking water
Public Hearing: preliminary opinion on Fluoridation of Drinking Water E-News
SCCS - Draft Agenda for the 8th plenary meeting, Brussels, 21 September 2010
Risk assessment training - New training added: International Master of Environmental Sciences
SCHER - Draft Agenda for the 9th plenary meeting, Brussels, 16 September 2010
SCENIHR - Draft Agenda for the 10th plenary meeting, Brussels, 20 September 2010
Request for a scientific opinion on Addressing the new challenges for Risk Assessment
Public consultation: Preliminary Opinion on new evidence of health effects of fluoridated drinking water - Deadline for comments extended to 22 September 2010
Risk assessment training - New training on toxicology added

Tobacco

Public consultation on the possible revision of the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC Deadline for submissions of comments: 19 November 2010

8. European Centre for Diseases Control

EUROSURVEILLANCE 26 August

This week's contents:

EDITORIALS

West Nile virus: the need to strengthen preparedness in Europe
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19647>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Ongoing outbreak of West Nile virus infections in humans in Greece, July-August 2010
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19644>

Retrospective screening of solid organ donors in Italy, 2009, reveals unpredicted circulation of West Nile virus
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19648>

Case report: West-Nile virus infection in two Dutch travellers returning from Israel
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19649>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Outbreak of invasive meningococcal disease in Goleniów County, north-west Poland, March 2009
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19646>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19645>

EUROSURVEILLANCE 2 September

This week's contents:

EDITORIALS

ESCAIDE 2010 - an opportunity for sharing knowledge, building capacity and strengthening networks
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19650>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Pertussis outbreak in northwest Ireland, January – June 2010
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19654>

Spotlight on measles 2010: Excretion of vaccine strain measles virus in urine and pharyngeal secretions of a child with vaccine associated febrile rash illness, Croatia, March 2010
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19652>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Antibiotics for the common cold: expectations of Germany's general population
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19655>

Micro-simulation of a smallpox outbreak using official register data
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19651>

NEWS

ESCAIDE 2010 - call for late breakers
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19653>

EUROSURVEILLANCE 9 September

This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Spotlight on measles 2010: Update on the ongoing measles outbreak in France, 2008-2010
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19656>

Dengue virus infections in travellers returning from Benin to France, July-August 2010
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19657>

EUROROUNDUPS

Practical usage of computer-supported outbreak detection in five European countries
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19658>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Characteristics of paediatric patients with 2009 pandemic influenza A(H1N1) and severe, oxygen-requiring pneumonia in the Tokyo region, 1 September–31 October 2009
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19659>

MISCELLANEOUS

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2010;15(35)
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19660>

EUROSURVEILLANCE 16 September

This week's contents:

EDITORIALS

Onychomadesis and hand, foot and mouth disease – is there a connection?
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19664>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Quantifying benefits and risks of vaccinating Australian children aged six months to four years with trivalent inactivated seasonal influenza vaccine in 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19661>

Hepatitis A outbreak in an Orthodox Jewish community in London, July 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19662>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Community outbreak of group B meningococcal disease in southwest France – December 2008 to September 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19665>

Onychomadesis outbreak linked to hand, foot, and mouth disease, Spain, July 2008

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19663>

EUROSURVEILLANCE 23 September

This week's contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Fatal and mild primary dengue virus infections imported to Norway from Africa and south-east Asia, 2008-2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19666>

Public health advice based on routine mumps surveillance in England and Wales

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19669>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Risk factors for disease severity among hospitalised patients with 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) in Spain, April – December 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19667>

NEWS

European Medicines Agency updates on the review of Pandemrix and reports of narcolepsy

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19670>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins - a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19668>

9. WHO publications

Jo Eirik Asvall's memorial guide 1931–2010

Jo Eirik Asvall was WHO Regional Director for Europe from 1985 to 2000. An enthusiastic champion of the Health for All approach, he set an example of public health leadership. This memorial guide draws on interviews both with Asvall himself and with 60 colleagues and friends to illustrate his life and achievements.

After retiring from the WHO Regional Office for Europe, he moved on with undiminished energy to run the Danish Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims. He died in February 2010, as committed as ever to Health for All and the future of public health in Europe.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version check:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/jo-eirik-asvalls-memorial-guide-19312010>

European report on preventing violence and knife crime among young people

Interpersonal violence is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of disability among young people (those aged 10–29 years) in the 53 countries in the WHO European Region. This report describes the burden that violence imposes on the Region, particularly its poorer countries and groups;

risk factors and their interactions; factors that can protect young people from violence; and the evidence supporting the efficacy of preventive action. The report concludes by calling for greater investment in prevention and mainstreaming of the objective of preventing violence among young people into other areas of health and social policy.

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<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/european-report-on-preventing-violence-and-knife-crime-among-young-people>

Policies and incentives for promoting innovation in antibiotic research

(By Elias Mossialos, Chantal M. Morel, Suzanne Edwards, Julia Berenson, Marin Gemmill-Toyama and David Brogan) .

High levels of pathogen resistance are rendering current antibiotics obsolete. Coupled with insufficient investment in discovering new treatments, multidrug-resistant infections are an increasingly urgent public health concern.

To curb the growth of antibiotic resistance and prevent major morbidity and mortality from multidrug-resistant bacterial infections, the overuse of antibiotics must be addressed and research and development for antibiotics with novel mechanisms of action actively promoted. This requires appropriately designed incentives for health and regulatory systems, in addition to economic incentives to attract academic interest and industry investment.

This book, commissioned by the Swedish Government from the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, analyses many proposed policies and incentive mechanisms and sheds light on the key issues that will help policy-makers reach informed, concrete decisions on how to avert this potential public health crisis.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version check:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/policies-and-incentives-for-promoting-innovation-in-antibiotic-research>

Implementing health financing reform: Lessons from countries in transition

(Edited by Joseph Kutzin, Cheryl Cashin and Melitta Jakab)

Since 1990, the social and economic policies of the transition countries of central and eastern Europe, the Caucasus and central Asia have diverged, including the way they have reformed the financing of their health systems.

This book analyses this rich experience in a systematic way. It reviews the background to health financing systems and reform in these countries, starting with the legacy of the systems in the USSR and central and eastern Europe before 1990 and the consequences (particularly fiscal) of the transition for their organization and performance.

From practical experience of implementing, advising or evaluating health financing policies in the region, the authors offer important lessons, as well as pitfalls to avoid in the reform process. This book is essential reading for health finance policy-makers, advisers and analysts in this region and beyond.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version check:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/implementing-health-financing-reform-lessons-from-countries-in-transition>

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Please note that our new [Autumn 2010 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online: [Quantification Addendum: International Medical Guide for Ships, Third Edition](#)

This volume contains recommended quantities, indications and dosing for 55 medicines listed in the International Medical Guide for Ships 3rd edition.

Mental Health and Development

This report presents compelling evidence that people with mental health conditions meet major criteria for vulnerability and yet fall through the cracks of development aid and government attention.

[CDROM Health Academy Vol. 1](#)

This CD-ROM edition of the Health Academy eLearning programme provides essential information on Tuberculosis, Malaria and Food Safety especially designed for secondary level and higher school-age children.

[How to Integrate Water, Sanitation and Hygiene into HIV Programmes](#)

This document is the first comprehensive guide to integrating WASH practices into HIV care.

[WHO Study Group on Tobacco Product Regulation](#)

This report makes available the findings of an international group of experts that provide WHO with the latest scientific and technical advice in the area of product regulation.

[Improving the Quality and Use of Birth, Death & Cause-of-death Information](#)

This WHO tool provides guidance on how to systematically evaluate all components of the national systems, from the legal framework supporting civil registration to the management and analysis of the data and their dissemination and use to guide policy-making.

[Evaluation of Certain Food Additives](#)

This report presents the conclusions of a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee convened to evaluate the safety of various food additives.

[Sanitation and Hygiene in East Asia](#)

The main objectives of this report is to provide an overview of the status of sanitation in East Asia to support decisions and recommendations in light of the collective governments' commitments expressed in the Beppu Declaration on 1 December 2007.

[Priority HIV and Sexual Health Interventions in the Health Sector for Men who have Sex with Men and Transgender People in the Asia-Pacific Region](#)

This document describes the priority health sector interventions recommended to achieve universal access for the prevention, treatment, care and support of HIV and sexually transmitted infections among MSM in the broader perspective of male sexual health.

[Drug Use Epidemiology in Latin America and the Caribbean \(bilingual English/Spanish\)](#)

This report is an epidemiological overview of drug use in the Americas and provides basic information about health consequences and disorders caused by the use of illicit drugs and the non-medical of legal psychoactive drugs by prescription.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 88, No. 9, 2010](#)

As the flagship periodical of WHO, the Bulletin is a leading international voice on public health issues. This peer-reviewed monthly draws on the expertise within WHO to provide a vital resource for those interested in research, policy issues and debate on international public health, particularly the problems confronting developing countries.

BOOKS IN FRENCH

[Eléments d'épidémiologie](#)

La deuxième édition de ce manuel qui a connu un succès certain offre une introduction aux principes et méthodes de l'épidémiologie.

[Plan de gestion de la sécurité sanitaire de l'eau](#)

Le Manuel de gestion par étapes des plans de sécurité sanitaire de l'eau propose aux producteurs et distributeurs d'eaux des directives pratiques, mettant plus particulièrement l'accent sur une distribution organisée de l'eau.

BOOKS IN SPANISH

[El brindis infeliz: el consumo de alcohol y la agresión entre parejas en las Américas](#)

Esta publicación explora la relación entre el consumo de alcohol y la violencia en la pareja. Su contenido pone en evidencia el impacto del alcohol sobre la agresión en la pareja en 10 países de la Región.