

PARALLEL SESSION F

Saturday 18 November, 10:00–11:30

Track F1: Workshop: Discussing the EUPHA statement on obesity in Europe

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This workshop of the EUPHA section on Food and Nutrition is intended to discuss the proposed EUPHA statement on obesity in Europe. This statement was set up using the EUPHA database by contacting the national associations and those expressing an interest in the area of food and nutrition. Based on a short questionnaire, the EUPHA statement was set up. The intention is to officially adopt the proposed statement at the EUPHA Governing Council in Montreux.

A national programme to reduce/prevent obesity: the Swiss example

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Suisse Balance, Switzerland

In this presentation, the Swiss national programme named Suisse Balance, initiated in 2002 by Health Promotion Switzerland and the Federal Office of Public Health, to reduce and prevent obesity is presented. Implemented measures in the form of examples of good practise will be illustrated and discussed.

Presentation of the proposed EUPHA statement on obesity

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In this last presentation before the discussion, the proposed EUPHA statement is presented. After the presentation of the methods and results, the draft statement will be up for discussion.

Discussion

Track F2: Workshop: Bringing together experiences with international outbreaks and learning from national policies

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Close collaboration between countries is needed during international outbreaks. Some examples from the recent past have outlined the importance of early warning and of joined efforts with respect to outbreak investigation, outbreak management and outbreak evaluation. During the workshop, outbreaks with international implications will be discussed. The focus will be on integrating policies, from public health aspects of infection control (immunization, notification, contact tracing) to patient care (hospital procedures, antibiotic policies, disinfection). This workshop aims at a better understanding of the differences in policies between countries. Presentations will be given on: hospital and nursing homes outbreaks, an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease and of a sexually transmitted disease. In all presentation attention will be given to international aspects of early warning, contract tracing, treatment and evaluation. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion.

Added value

Infectious diseases outbreaks reaching outside one country's border involve timely communication and sharing of best practices to control the outbreak. The workshop will present the experiences with international outbreaks from both, a patient care and a public health perspective.

Outline workshop

- (i) Tjallie van der Kooi. *Clostridium difficile* PCR ribotype 027 in The Netherlands: a virulent strain reaches the European continent.

- (ii) Susan Hahné: Rubella outbreak in the Netherlands: new rubella genotype spread to Canada and led to congenital rubella infections.

- (iii) Aura Timen. The European response to the resurgence of an old (and forgotten?) sexually transmitted disease.

Discussion

- (i) Beatrice Jans, Cross-border transmission of *Acinetobacter baumannii* to a Belgian nursing home in 2004.

Clostridium difficile PCR ribotype 027 in The Netherlands: a virulent strain reaches the European continent

Tjallie van der Kooi

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In 2004 higher morbidity and mortality, associated with *Clostridium difficile* associated diarrhoea (CDAD) were described in North America. This was related to a hypotoxin-producing