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1. EUPHA update

European Health Information Initiative expands by 7 members at 4th Steering Group Meeting

Georgia, Lithuania, Malta and Portugal are the latest Member States to be welcomed to the European Health Information Initiative (EHII) alongside new institutional members Public Health England (PHE), the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. EHII now has 21 members who attended the meeting on 22 and 23 March 2016 at UN City in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The meeting was characterized by an emphasis on action with progress made on many fronts including the establishment of formal links with the European Union funded BRIDGE Consortium (Bridging Information and Data Generation for Evidence-based Health policy) and updates on joint data collection with Eurostat and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. http://www.euro.who.int/en/data-and-evid...

EUPHA is pleased to be an active supporter of the following conferences:

3rd International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEPH2016)


Oslo, 23-25 June 2016

Theme of the 6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health is 'Equity – the Policy Practice Gap'. Plenary sessions and presentations will focus on socio-demographic and political determinants for health and the policy environment with relevance for migrants, ethnic minorities, asylum seekers, refugees, undocumented migrants. Other topics include: access and quality of health care services; disparities and inequities, social exclusion and marginalization, health system responsiveness to diversity empowerment and levers for change, etc.


12th World Conference on Injury prevention and safety promotion (from research to implementation)
Organised by the National Institute for Health and Welfare from 18 Sep 2016 - 21 Sep 2016 / Tampere, Finland

2. European Public Health Conference

9th European Public Health Conference: All for Health, Health for All
Austria Centre Vienna, 9 - 12 November 2016

4th EPH Pre-conference on the Patient perspective in Health Care
‘Patient participation in health care research and innovation’
Wednesday 9 November 2016, Austria Center Vienna

In the past decades the active contribution of patients and clients to health care research and innovation has become an important theme. Their input is relevant because, if health care is to become more patient-centered, it is essential to work together with patients and clients as partners from early on. Involving patients in research and innovation projects is likely to increase validity, feasibility and future acceptability.

However, there are several levels and strategies regarding patient participation. They vary from including individual patients as partners in the research or innovation team to organizing representative panels (e.g. NICE Citizens Council). This leads to another kind of input and different impact on projects. Some strategies are also more successful than others. Furthermore, not every person is motivated or has the skills to participate actively. This leads to inequalities in patient participation and involvement.

In this Pre-conference, we want to share research and experiences regarding patient or client participation in health care research and innovation projects (e.g. designing and implementation of interventions, organizational innovations). Key-note speakers from the Netherlands and the UK will also address these topics.

Abstracts can be submitted before May 1, 2016 through the EPH website.
The Pre-conference is organised by NIVEL (Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research) and the National Health Care Institute (Zorginstituut Nederland).

Workshop submission
Are you planning to submit a workshop to Vienna 2016? If you are, please note that you can now also select whether you are planning a regular workshop or a panel discussion. Please also note that for panel discussions, we need the contact details of each panelist. With this extra information, you will help us in setting the programme and avoiding overlap of speakers and panelists.
Workshop submission is still possible until 1 May 2016

3. EUPHA members update

French Society of Public Health: report on ageing
The SFSP has just published a report on ageing.
http://www.sfsp.fr/dossiers/dossiers.php...

News from SESPAS, the Spanish Society of Public Health and Health Administration
In the last two months, SESPAS has been involved in several issues. Early March the Spanish society mediated in the matter of the chickenpox vaccine, both in the newspapers as well as in a letter to the Government, and published a statement regarding the possible introduction of pre-exposure prophylaxis of HIV. Furthermore, SESPAS also contributed to a newspaper article on infant diabetes and highlighted the need for public health measures to restrict the amount of sugar in children’s food.
Regarding the debate and confusion surrounding the October 2015 Decree restricting Nurses’ prescription, SESPAS has published a statement that proposes to derogate the Decree and organize a comprehensive working group including scientific societies to study the evidence and potential impact of the reorganizational measures proposed. In April SESPAS organized, together with the
Organización Médica Colegial, a conference on iatrogenesis in which the deleterious effects of medicine and the ways of preventing and analysing them were discussed (video of the conference). SESPPAS also collaborates with the Ministry of Health in the development of the so-called “Strategy of the NHS for health promotion and prevention” as part of its scientific committee. Together with For more information, please visit our website http://www.sespas.es/

4. European Journal of Public Health

The European Journal of Public Health is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public health. The EJPH is published bimonthly. The journal provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region. In 2014, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.591. The 5-year impact factor is 2.512. The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

Do socioeconomic disparities in stroke and its consequences decrease in older age?
Olivier Grimaud, Pascale Roussel, Alexis Schnitzler, Ryan Demmer, and Gwenn Menvielle
Eur J Public Health published 23 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw058
[Abstract]

Moderators of physical activity and healthy eating in an integrated community-based intervention for older adults
Karla A. Luten, Arie Dijkstra, Sijmen A. Reijneveld, and Andrea F. de Winter
Eur J Public Health published 19 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw051
[Abstract]

Referral of newly diagnosed chronic hepatitis B and C patients in six EU countries: results of the HEPscreen Project
Miriam Levi, Abby Falla, Cristina Taddei, Amena Ahmad, Irene Veldhuijzen, Giuditta Niccolai, and Angela Bechini
Eur J Public Health published 19 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw054
[Abstract]

Promotion of safety culture in Italian schools: effectiveness of interventions on student injuries
Antonella Bena, Elena Farina, Manuela Orengia, and Denis Quarta
Eur J Public Health published 19 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw039
[Abstract]

Health inequalities in the Netherlands: trends in quality-adjusted life expectancy (QALE) by educational level
Maria Gheorghe, Parida Wubulhasilimu, Frederik Peters, Wilma Nusselder, and Pieter H.M. Van Baal
Eur J Public Health published 16 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw043
[Abstract]

Unhealthy food consumption in adolescence: role of sedentary behaviours and modifiers in 11-, 13- and 15-year-old Italians
Alberto Borraccino, Patrizia Lemma, Paola Berchialla, Nazario Cappello, Joanna Inchley, Paola Dalmasso, Lorena Charrier, Franco Cavallo, and Italian HBSC 2010 Group
Eur J Public Health published 16 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw056
[Abstract]

Does unemployment cause long-term mortality? Selection and causation after the 1992–96 deep Swedish recession
Denny Vågerö and Anthony M. Garvy
Eur J Public Health published 16 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw053
[Abstract] OPEN ACCESS
Smoking may increase the risk of hospitalization due to influenza
Pere Godoy, Jesús Castilla, José María Mayoral, Miguel Delgado-Rodríguez, Vicente Martín, Jenaro Astray, Núria Soldevila, Fernando González-Candelas, Ady Castro, Maretva Baricot, Sonia Tamames, Jordi Alonso, Juan C Galán, José María Quintana, Tomás Pumárola, Angela Domínguez, and the CIBERESP Cases and Controls in Pandemic Influenza Working Group, Spain
Eur J Public Health published 16 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw036

[Abstract]

Child welfare clients have higher risks for teenage childbirths: which are the major confounders?
Lars Brännström, Bo Vinnerljung, and Anders Hjern
Eur J Public Health published 16 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw057

[Abstract] OPEN ACCESS

5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

A research chair position in social and human sciences applied to cancer (to be based at Lille, North of France)
The French National Cancer Institute in partnership with the University Lille 3 and the French cancer research sites SIRIC ONCOLille, is opening a research chair position in social and human sciences applied to cancer.
This research chair is designed to help promote and strengthen fundamental and applied research in social and human sciences in the field of oncology by supporting the interactions with biomedical and clinical disciplines and by delivering a high-level training for students and professionals.
This chair is expected to contribute to the dissemination of knowledge and innovation in oncology for the benefit of patients and their caregivers. Interactions with the other French cancer centers research sites are expected.
The position is open to academics and researchers from France and other countries with a strong scientific background in Social and Human Sciences.
Deadline for applications is 12th September 2016.

For any scientific question, please contact: Pr Véronique Christophe, Lille 3 University
veronique.christophe@univ-lille3.fr

European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC) call for experts
The European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC) is pleased to announce A CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EXTERNAL EXPERTS to support the development of the European Breast Guidelines and of the future Quality Assurance Scheme for breast cancer services. For more information on the project please visit our web page. The profiles needed include:
- General practitioner
- Guideline developer methodologist
- Clinical pharmacist (oncology experience required)
- Nutritionist (experience on cancer required)
- IT scientist with experience in cancer information systems
- Rehabilitation professional (e.g. physiotherapist with experience in lymphedema, social worker, etc.)
- Breast cancer pathologist
- Radiographer
Please note that a single expert may cover more than one competence.
Deadline for applications: 10 May 2016 (Midnight CET).

Please find all relevant information to apply at: http://ecibc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/-/call-for-expression-of-interest-for-external-experts

Cooperative Research Group for Evidence-Based Public Health: research associate
Post-Doc / Research Associate, 1 full-time position for 3 years
Expected starting date: June 1st, 2016 (negotiable)
Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until position is filled.
The University of Bremen (Institute for Public Health und Nursing Research) and the Leibniz-Institute for Prevention Research and Epidemiology - BIPS GmbH initiated jointly a Cooperative Research Group for Evidence-Based Public Health. The interdisciplinary research program intends to apply quantitative and qualitative research approaches to policy relevant research questions, in particular concerning life-style related risk factors (e.g. obesity, alcohol, smoking) for chronic diseases. The successful applicant will have experience in—or show the capacity of—conducting policy relevant (population-level) public health research. The role of the applicant in the research group is

- participating in the general research work of the research group
- collaboration on research proposals for external grants
- pursuing own research topics which fit into the general framework of the research group
The applicant should have experience in one or more of the following research topics:

- modelling or projecting population-level health consequences of changes in risk factor exposure
- comparative cost-effectiveness analysis for population level interventions
- public health economics
- analysis of household-level data for policy analysis

The position requires a (nearly completed) PhD or equivalent publication experience in one of the following or related areas:

- Economics
- Health Economics / Public Health
- Demography / Statistics
Candidates with little or no background in public health but strong expertise in economic or quantitative modelling are encouraged to apply.

There are no teaching obligations.

We welcome applications from highly qualified and motivated early-career scientists of all nationalities. Disabled applicants with identical technical and personal qualification will be given preference.

The applicant will be employed full time by the BIPS.

Please visit also our homepage: http://www.ebph.uni-bremen.de/ Direct any inquiries to Prof. Dr. Stefan K. Lhachimi (Lhachimi©BIPS.Uni-Bremen.de) are welcome.

If you are interested, please send your complete application: cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of key publications (English, peer reviewed) and details of three contactable referees as soon as possible via email, quoting the reference number A06/16 until May 1st, 2016 to Leibniz–Institut für Präventionsforschung und Epidemiologie – BIPS GmbH
Personalverwaltung: Michaela Modde, Achterstraße 30, 28359 Bremen, modde@bips.uni-bremen.de

6. Interesting news

Graphic images may not scare smokers off cigarettes, says study
Images of disease and suffering should move smokers to kick the habit -- at least, that's the thinking behind graphic warning labels used on cigarette packages in much of the world.
https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

When Air Quality Improves, So Do Kids' Asthma Symptoms
Declining levels of air pollution in Southern California were linked to reduced rates of asthma and other respiratory conditions in children, a small longitudinal study showed.
Reductions in ambient air pollution over the course of 20 years were associated with significant reductions in bronchitic symptoms among all children. A 47% decrease in levels of particulate matter was linked to a 32% reduction in the likelihood of bronchitic symptoms in 10-year-old children with asthma (OR 0.68, P=0.002) and a 21% (OR 0.79, P<0.001) reduction among 10-year-olds without asthma, reported Kiros Berhane, PhD, of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and colleagues.
http://www.medpagetoday.com/Pediatrics/A...
Zika Virus Can Cause Brain Defects In Babies, CDC Confirms

After months of hesitation, U.S. health officials now say that the Zika virus is indeed the cause of severe brain damage in the infants of some women who were infected with the virus during pregnancy.

A CDC review published online Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine describes evidence of what U.S. health officials now call a causal relationship between the virus and a severe form of microcephaly and intracranial calcifications.

http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots...

What you should know about handwashing

Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. Handwashing is easy to do and it’s one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of many types of infection and illness in all settings—from your home and workplace to child care facilities and hospitals. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community.

http://www.cdc.gov/features/handwashing/

Do awareness days make a difference? Yes, at least one

Despite their ubiquity, it's hard to know whether awareness days actually make a difference. A new study showcases a method for teasing out the impacts of awareness days using big data and finds that at least one awareness day is having a big impact.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

'Illusion of control' leads to inappropriate medical treatment use

A new perspective paper advocates for a comprehensive approach to recognize and manage 'therapeutic illusion' to improve use of medical treatments. The therapeutic illusion -- an unjustified belief in treatment -- has been proven in previous studies in different environments. Consistently, physicians have reported overestimating the benefits of inappropriate tests and treatments.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

We now live in a world in which more people are obese than underweight, major global analysis reveals

In the past 40 years, there has been a startling increase in the number of obese people worldwide--rising from 105 million in 1975 to 641 million in 2014, according to the most comprehensive analysis of trends in body mass index (BMI) to date, published in The Lancet.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

Longer maternity leave linked to better infant health

For each additional month of paid maternity leave offered in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), infant mortality is reduced by 13%, according to a new study by researchers from McGill University and UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

Effect of economic crisis on birth outcome in Spain

The unprecedented post-war European economic crisis which began in 2007 and the resulting fiscal austerity policies are generally considered to have had a negative impact on public health. A new study investigates the impact of the economic crisis on birth outcomes in Spain; specifically detailing temporal changes (from 2003-2012) in underweight at birth, birth weight being an important indicator of health outcomes throughout the life course.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

Interventions requiring less individual agency should be prioritized to fight obesity

Public health interventions that require individuals to invest fewer individual personal and psychological resources are likely to be most effective and equitable; such “low-agency” approaches should therefore be central to public health action on diet and obesity, according to Jean Adams and colleagues from the Centre for Diet and Activity Research and MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge, UK.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...
Uninfected or asymptomatic? Diagnostic tests key to forecasting major epidemics

Major epidemics such as the recent Ebola outbreak or the emerging Zika epidemic may be difficult to forecast because of our inability to determine whether individuals are uninfected or infected but not showing symptoms, according to a new study from the University of Cambridge. The finding emphasises the need to develop and deploy reliable diagnostic tests to detect infected individuals whether or not they are showing symptoms, say the researchers.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

More than two-thirds of 50-70 year olds involved in a survey have never heard of overdiagnosis and less than three per cent could correctly explain what it is, according to a study in the U.K.

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Treating sugar addiction like drug abuse

Millions of people globally are overweight or obese and sugar is considered a major factor. Now a world-first game-changing study suggests drugs used to treat tobacco addiction could work for sugar addiction too.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

Number of adults with diabetes reaches 422 million worldwide, with fastest increases in low and middle income countries

Since 1980, the number of adults with diabetes worldwide has quadrupled from 108 million to 422 million in 2014. The findings provide the most comprehensive estimates of worldwide diabetes trends to date and show that diabetes is fast becoming a major problem in low and middle income countries. From 1980 to 2014, the prevalence of diabetes more than doubles for men in India and China, a new study concludes. It also suggests that globally, more men than women now have the illness.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

Warming climate puts Europe at risk for seasonal outbreaks of dengue fever

Increasing temperatures will enlarge Europe's seasonal window for the potential spread of mosquito-borne viral disease, expanding the geographic areas at risk for a dengue epidemic to include much of Europe, say researchers.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

New report identifies six practices to improve health care for disadvantaged populations

A new report identifies six promising practices to improve health care for individuals with social risk factors for poor health care outcomes, such as people who are in a low socio-economic position, reside in disadvantaged neighborhoods, identify as a racial or ethnic minority, or possess limited health literacy.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

Children of older mothers do better

Children of older mothers are healthier, taller and obtain more education than the children of younger mothers. The reason is that in industrialized countries educational opportunities are increasing, and people are getting healthier by the year. In other words, it pays off to be born later.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

Media coverage of celebrities with breast cancer influencing rise in double mastectomy

An increase in women with breast cancer choosing double mastectomy may be influenced by media coverage of celebrities, a new study finds.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...
Dementia: Diagnosis, behaviour management, ethical issues
In this scientific advisory report on public health policy, the Superior Health Council of Belgium provides recommendations on the diagnosis of dementia, behaviour management and the ethical issues raised. This report aims at providing professionals with specific recommendations on the diagnosis of dementia, behaviour management and the ethical issues raised.
Go to the full advisory report.

7. Upcoming courses and conferences

Going International is the first source for finding courses, seminars, congresses and other events in the fields of medicine & health. Going International is Europe’s biggest service provider and information platform and serves as an interface between organisers and participants of events. Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: The XIII International Congress on Obesity (ICO)
Date / location: 1 May 2016 - 4 May 2016 / Vancouver, Canada
Organiser: ICO

Title: Causal Inference in Observational Studies and Clinical Trials Affected by Treatment Switching
Date / location: 3 May 2016 - 6 May 2016 / Tirol, Austria
Organiser: UMIT - University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology

Title: Flagship course on health systems strengthening: focus on noncommunicable diseases
Date / location: 9 May 2016 - 13 May 2016 / Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: WHO, Regional office for Europe

Title: Tackling Childhood Obesity in Europe: Promoting Healthy and Active Lifestyles
Date / location: 18 May 2016 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Public Policy Exchange

Title: mHealth: Taking your Health in Hand Conference
Date / location: 19 May 2016 / Manchester, United Kingdom
Organiser: University of Salford

Title: IUHPE’s 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion
Date / location: 22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil
Organiser: IUHPE

Title: 16th International Conference on Integrated Care
Date / location: 23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: IFIC

Title: Health policy: from local experience to global patterns and back again
Date / location: 23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Jerusalem, Israel
Organiser: The Israel National Institute For Health Policy Research
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<td>27 May 2016 - 28 May 2016 / Biograd na Moru, Croatia</td>
<td>European Society for Quality in Healthcare</td>
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<td><strong>World Congress of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Health 2016</strong></td>
<td>4 Jun 2016 - 7 Jun 2016 / Mexico City, Mexico</td>
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<td><strong>The VII CONFERENCE ON CHILDHOOD STUDIES: Childhood in Everyday Life</strong></td>
<td>6 Jun 2016 - 8 Jun 2016 / Turku, Finland</td>
<td>Finnish Society for Childhood Studies and the Child and Youth Research Institute CYRI</td>
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<td><strong>Determinants of Unusual and Differential Health Expectancy</strong></td>
<td>8 Jun 2016 - 10 Jun 2016 / Vienna, Austria</td>
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<td>17 Jun 2016 / Utrecht, The Netherlands</td>
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<td>20 Jun 2016 - 22 Jun 2016 / Jyvaskyla, Finland</td>
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Date / location: 20 Jun 2016 - 24 Jun 2016 / Lisbon, Portugal
Organiser: Lisbon Institute of Global Mental Health
Title: 6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health
Date / location: 23 Jun 2016 - 25 Jun 2016 / Oslo, Norway
Organiser: The Norwegian Center for Minority Health Research and EUPHA section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health
Title: Summerschool on Health Law and Ethics 2016
Date / location: 30 Jun 2016 - 8 Jul 2016 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser: Erasmus University Rotterdam
Title: 5th Annual International Festival of Public Health
Date / location: 1 Jul 2016 / Manchester, United Kingdom
Organiser: Manchester Urban Collaboration on Health
Title: 2016 Summer Course on Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations (APHES)
Date / location: 4 Jul 2016 - 15 Jul 2016 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) at the Université catholique de Louvain
Title: Economics of Health Inequality
Date / location: 4 Jul 2016 - 8 Jul 2016 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser: Rotterdam Summers School Platform
Title: Observatory Venice Summer School 2016
Date / location: 24 Jul 2016 - 30 Jul 2016 / Island of San Servolo
Organiser: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
Title: 2nd Annual International Conference on Public Health
Date / location: 28 Jul 2016 - 29 Jul 2016 / Colombo, Sri Lanka
Organiser: ICOPH
Title: The 25th ETC-PHHP residential Summercourse: “Health and Place, Connecting People, Environment and Health
Date / location: 31 Jul 2016 - 13 Aug 2016 / Wageningen, Netherlands
Organiser: Health and Society group, Wageningen University
Title: 28th Annual International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Conference
Date / location: 1 Sep 2016 - 4 Sep 2016 / Rome, Italy
Organiser: The Department of Epidemiology, Lazio Regional Health Service, Rome - ASL Roma E - and the Italian Epidemiological Association - AIE
Title: Cross-cutting Informal Care and Professional Primary Care
Date / location: 5 Sep 2016 - 6 Sep 2016 / Riga, Latvia
Organiser: European Forum for Primary Care
Title: Introduction to Mathematical Models of the EPIDEMIOLOGY and CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES Short Course for Professionals
Date / location: 12 Sep 2016 - 23 Sep 2016 / London, United Kingdom
Organiser: Imperial College Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiolog
8. Interesting publications

The effects of maximising the UK’s tobacco control score on inequalities in smoking prevalence and premature coronary heart disease mortality: a modelling study
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Prevalence and clinical characteristics of metabolically healthy obese individuals and other obese/non-obese metabolic phenotypes in a working population: results from the Icaria study
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Understanding the impact of area-based interventions on area safety in deprived areas: realist evaluation of a neighbour nuisance intervention in Arnhem, the Netherlands
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Decline in physical activity during adolescence is not associated with changes in mental health
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

The effect of adherence to statin therapy on cardiovascular mortality: quantification of unmeasured bias using falsification end-points
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...
Is there a U-shaped relationship between physical activity in leisure time and risk of chronic low back pain? A follow-up in the HUNT Study
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Health professionals’ perceptions of the barriers and facilitators to providing smoking cessation advice to women in pregnancy and during the post-partum period: a systematic review of qualitative res
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Relationship between e-cigarette point of sale recall and e-cigarette use in secondary school children: a cross-sectional study
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Execution of a participatory supportive return to work program within the Dutch social security sector: a qualitative evaluation of stakeholders' perceptions
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Write, draw, show, and tell: a child-centred dual methodology to explore perceptions of out-of-school physical activity
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Factors associated with secondhand smoke exposure in different settings: Results from the German Health Update (GEDA) 2012
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Walkability around primary schools and area deprivation across Scotland
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Europeanisation of health systems: a qualitative study of domestic actors in a small state
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Cost-effectiveness of providing patients with information on managing mild low-back symptoms in an occupational health setting
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Generating and predicting high quality action plans to facilitate physical activity and fruit and vegetable consumption: results from an experimental arm of a randomised controlled trial
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Objectively measured sedentary behavior and physical activity of Finnish 7- to 14-year-old children- associations with perceived health status: a cross-sectional study
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Labour market trajectories following sickness absence due to self-reported all cause morbidity--a longitudinal study
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Effort-reward imbalance and perceived quality of patient care: a cross-sectional study among physicians in Germany
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Do children report differently from their parents and from observed data? Cross-sectional data on fruit, water, sugar-sweetened beverages and break-time foods
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...
The ethnic gap in mobility: a comparison of Russian, Somali and Kurdish origin migrants and the general Finnish population
http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...

Health workforce development in Europe: a matrix for comparing trajectories of change in the professions
Pavolini, E., Kuhlmann, E. (2016)
Health Policy, online first, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.healthpol.2016.03.002

9. European Commission news

Disruptive Innovation. Considerations for health and health care in Europe - Final opinion
European Commission’s Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health (EXPH) published an interesting report on the implications of ‘disruptive innovation’ for health and health care in Europe. The Expert Panel understands “disruptive innovation” in health care as a type of innovation that creates new networks and new organisational cultures involving new players, and that has the potential to improve health outcomes and the value of health care. This innovation displaces older systems and ways of doing things. Walter Ricciardi, EUPHA Past President, acted as Rapporteur of the EXPH Working Group.

Disruptive Innovation. Considerations for health and health care in Europe - Final opinion
http://ec.europa.eu/health/expert_panel/...

Antimicrobial Resistance
Preparation of EU guidelines on prudent use of antimicrobials in human health - meeting of Member States and Stakeholders (25 May 2016) Agenda

Blood, tissues and organs

European Reference Networks
New information on the endorsement procedure for potential ERN candidates re Malta, Spain, Germany, Finland, the Netherlands, and Norway
ERN - Frequently Asked Questions updated with information on the call for proposals
Call for European Reference Network - Info Day (7 April 2016) Presentations

Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health
Disruptive Innovation. Considerations for health and health care in Europe - Final opinion

Health and the Investment Plan
EFSI project example in health: Grifols Bioscience RandD

Health-EU Newsletter
“Towards better prevention and management of diabetes - The Joint Action CHRODIS” Editorial by by Marina Maggini (National Institute of Health, Rome, Italy) and Jelka Zaletel (National Institute of Public Health, Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Health indicators
Indicator on disease-specific mortality for 25 diseases groups by sex updated with 2013 data
Indicator on equity of access to health care services by sex, age, educational and income level Updated with 2014 data (ECHI 80)
Indicator on equity of access to dental care services by sex, age, educational and income level Updated with 2014 data
Indicator on long-term activity limitations by sex, age and educational level updated with 2014 data (ECHI 35)

Health systems performance assessment
5th meeting of the Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment (HSPA) Minutes of the meeting
Health technology assessment
Cooperation between regulators and HTA bodies creates synergies EMA and EUnetHTA publish outcome of joint 2012-2015 work plan

Health workforce
Closing event: Joint Action on Health workforce planning and forecasting (3-4 May, Mons, Belgium) "Optimising the Continuous Professional Development of Health Professionals" (Brussels, 11 February 2016) Workshop report

Major and chronic diseases

Nutrition and physical activity
In Spain 'We love eating' from local markets – Granollers' sent kids to High level group on nutrition and physical activity (6 April 2016) Presentations Joint meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health Presentations Diet, physical activity and health - a European platform for action Presentations

Preparedness and response
Audio conference of the HSC on vaccine shortages and AMR (15 April 2016) Flash report Germany becomes the 24th EU country to sign the Joint Procurement Agreement to procure medical countermeasures High-Level Conference on Global Health Security (22-23 March 2016, Lyon, France) Flash report

Social determinants and health inequalities
Health Inequity Pilot Project will help understand health inequalities related to alcohol consumption, nutrition and physical activity better

Tobacco
Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/586 of 14 April 2016 on technical standards for the refill mechanism of electronic cigarettes

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 16, 21 April 2016
In this issue:
Systematic review comparing influenza vaccine effectiveness mid and end season results

EDITORIAL
Importance of timely monitoring of seasonal influenza vaccine effectiveness http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22454

RAPID COMMUNICATION
Zika virus detection in cerebrospinal fluid from two patients with encephalopathy, Martinique, February 2016 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21452
High specificity of a novel Zika virus ELISA in European patients after exposure to different flaviviruses http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21450
RESEARCH ARTICLE
I-MOVE multicentre case–control study 2010/11 to 2014/15: Is there within-season waning of influenza type/subtype vaccine effectiveness with increasing time since vaccination?
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21448

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT
Pandemic vaccination strategies and influenza severe outcomes during the influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 pandemic and the post-pandemic influenza season: the Nordic experience
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21454

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW
Concordance of interim and final estimates of influenza vaccine effectiveness: a systematic review
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21449

REVIEW ARTICLE
Lessons learnt to keep Europe polio-free: a review of outbreaks in the European Union, European Economic Area, and candidate countries, 1973 to 2013
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22455

NEWS
European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) 2016 – registration and call for abstracts now open
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21451

European Union SHIPSAN ACT Joint Action publishes interim guidance on maritime transport and Zika virus disease
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21453

**Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 15, 14 April 2016**
In this issue:
Five articles exemplifying effects of anthropogenic changes to water on epidemiology of human infectious disease

EDITORIAL
A note from the editors: impact of anthropogenic changes to water on human pathogens
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21447

RAPID COMMUNICATION
Assessing the potential risk of Zika virus epidemics in temperate areas with established *Aedes albopictus* populations
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21446

SURVEILLANCE REPORT
Outbreak of unusual *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhimurium monophasic variant 1,4 [5],12:i:-, Italy, June 2013 to September 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21439

RESEARCH ARTICLES
Carbapenem-resistant isolates of *Acinetobacter baumannii* in a municipal wastewater treatment plant, Croatia, 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21440

Testing for viral material in water of public bathing areas of the Danube during summer, Vojvodina, Serbia, 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21441

Environmental surveillance of viruses by tangential flow filtration and metagenomic reconstruction
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21438
REVIEW ARTICLE
*Vibrio cholerae* non-O1 bacteraemia: description of three cases in the Netherlands and a literature review
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21442

LETTERS
Letter to the editor: Importance of serum bactericidal activity for estimating the breadth of protection for new meningococcal vaccines
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21444
Authors’ response: Meningococcal vaccine antigen diversity in global databases
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21445

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Job vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21443

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In this issue:
Slovenian adverse events surveillance data provide reassurance for safety of school-based HPV vaccination programme

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS
Influenza vaccine effectiveness in adults 65 years and older, Denmark, 2015/16 – a rapid epidemiological and virological assessment
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21435

RESEARCH ARTICLES
Adverse events following school-based vaccination of girls with quadrivalent human papillomavirus vaccine in Slovenia, 2009 to 2013
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21434
Direct, indirect and total effects of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccination on invasive pneumococcal disease in children in Navarra, Spain, 2001 to 2014: cohort and case–control study
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21432

PERSPECTIVES
Risk communication as a core public health competence in infectious disease management: Development of the ECDC training curriculum and programme
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21436

MISCELLANEOUS
In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21437
ECDC’s latest publications
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21433

11. WHO news

NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO – APRIL 2016
Global Report on Diabetes
This first WHO Global report on diabetes underscores the enormous scale of the diabetes problem, and also the potential to reverse current trends. The political basis for concerted action to address diabetes is there, woven into the Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations Political Declaration on NCDs, and the WHO NCD Global Action Plan. Where built upon, these foundations will catalyse action by all.

Interagency List of Medical Devices for Essential Interventions for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
The objective of this project was to list the medical devices required to provide the essential
reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health interventions defined by existing WHO guidelines and publications, in order to improve access to these devices in low- and middle-income countries, support quality of care, and strengthen health-care system. The medical devices are allocated across the reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health continuum of care according to the level of health-care delivery.

**Malaria Microscopy Quality Assurance Manual - Version 2**
The Manual is designed primarily to assist managers of NMCPs and general laboratory services responsible for malaria control. The information is also applicable to nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and funding agencies involved in improving quality management systems for malaria microscopy.

**Operational Framework for Building Climate Resilient Health Systems**
The objective of this framework is to provide guidance for health systems and public health programming to increase their capacity for protecting health in an unstable and changing climate. By implementing the 10 key components laid out in this framework, health organizations, authorities and programmes will be better able to anticipate, prevent, prepare for and manage climate-related health risks. Least developed countries and countries in the process of developing the health components of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (4) may find this document particularly useful in their efforts to design a comprehensive response to the risks presented by short-term climate variability and long-term climate change.

**Ensuring Innovation in Diagnostics for Bacterial Infection**
This book explores the complexities of the diagnostics market from the perspective of both supply and demand, unearthing interesting bottlenecks, some obvious, some more subtle. It calls for a multifaceted and broad policy response, and an overhaul of current practice, so that the growth of bacterial resistance can be stemmed.

**Growing up unequal: gender and socioeconomic differences in young people’s health and well-being. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) study**
This book presents findings from the 2013/2014 survey on the demographic and social influences on the health of almost 220 000 young people in 42 countries and regions in the WHO European Region and North America.

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

**Vaccine Safety Communication**
This guide enables effective planning and implementation of proactive communication actions to promote understanding of the importance of vaccines in preventing illness and preventable deaths, and raises awareness of vaccine risks and perceptions of risk.

**Immunization Safety Surveillance. Third edition**
This document is intended to assist immunization programme managers and national regulatory authorities in establishing and/or strengthening immunization safety surveillance systems.

**WHO Drug Information Vol. 30, No. 1, 2016**
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.75.