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1. EUPHA update

EUPHA launches new logo and website

With the adoption of the new EUPHA strategy for 2014-2020, the decision was also taken to update the EUPHA logo and overhaul the EUPHA website. We are pleased to announce that both are now available at: <http://www.eupha.org>



Walter Ricciardi as new member of the WFPHA-Governing Council

We are very pleased to inform you that Prof. Walter Ricciardi has been appointed as the second European representative in the WFPHA Governing Council. Prof. Ricciardi succeeds Prof. John Ashton, and will join Prof. Ildefonso Hernández Aguado in the WFPHA Governing Council.

EUPHA invites members to join the WHO Food treaty

Consumers International and the World Obesity Federation are calling on the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop a Global Convention – a worldwide food treaty - to protect and promote healthy diets, using a similar mechanism to the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control. 320 experts and organisations signed an open letter to the Director-Generals of the WHO and Food and Agriculture Organization in November 2014, supporting the development of a binding treaty. We are asking you to add your voice to ours. We are using a social media platform called Thunderclap to alert the WHO to the need for a food treaty. All you have to do is [click on this link](#) and choose to 'Support with Twitter', 'Support with Facebook' or both. On World Consumer Rights Day (15 March) the following message will be posted automatically to your Facebook and/or Twitter page: "I want a world where all consumers have the rights to healthy food #WHO must act #FoodTreatyNow"

If you could also share the following link with your networks this would be a great way to spread the message and get more support: <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/22307-food-treaty-now>

For more information on why we need a Global Convention to protect and promote healthy diets, please see: http://www.consumersinternational.org/media/1550159/why-we-need-a-global-convention-to-protect-and-promote-healthy-diets_eng.pdf

2. European Public Health Conference

Glasgow Declaration 'All Hands On Deck'

Following the successful EPH Conference 2014 held in November 2014, the Glasgow Declaration 'All Hands On Deck' was published for wider distribution in the public health and policy making communities. The Glasgow Declaration summarizes the discussions and provides solutions to move forward in reducing health inequalities. The evidence on health inequalities presented at the EPH Conference was overwhelming and several promising examples were presented. The time has come to act. Please feel free to distribute the Declaration in your network: <http://ephconference.org/conference-glasgow-2014-149>

The 7th EPH Conference in Glasgow welcomed over 1,500 delegates from over sixty-five countries, who gathered to discuss and debate the knowledge and practice of reducing health inequalities. Over

the course of the conference, which included seven plenary sessions, over 100 parallel sessions, about 300 posters and 6 films, delegates had the opportunity to share findings from research and experiences with innovation in all fields of public health and health services.

8th European Public Health Conference, Milan 2015 – Abstract submission now open

The 8th EPH Conference 'Health in Europe – from global to local policies, methods and practices' will be held from 14 to 17 October 2015 in Milan. The conference will be held in conjunction with the 48th Annual Congress of the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SIItI), creating the largest public health event in Europe. We expect to welcome more than 2,000 delegates to both conferences. Both events are held in the ultramodern Milano Congressi (MiCO), only a few metro stops from the centre of Milan and the world exhibition Expo Milano 2015. The world exhibition takes place at the same time as both conferences, making it almost impossible not to visit Milan and attend the EPH Conference. The theme of Expo Milano 2015 is 'Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life' which is close to the heart of public health professionals.

The EPH Conference is inviting abstracts for workshops and single presentations (oral, pitch and posters). The programme offers the traditional 10-minutes presentations and poster presentations in the designated poster area. Following the very successful introduction in Glasgow, we will increase the number of pitch presentation sessions in Milan. Pitch presentations are 5-minutes, with 2 minutes of discussion time in 60-minutes sessions. More information: <http://www.ephconference.org/2015-milan-abstract-submission-151>

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Assistant professor in health education and health promotion

Syddansk University is looking for an assistant professor in health education and health promotion. [The Unit of Health Promotion Research](#), Department of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark, Campus Esbjerg, invites applications for a position as assistant professor in the area of health education with competences in health promotion to be filled as soon as possible. The position will run for a period of 3 years.

The successful applicant will be expected to conduct and publish internationally competitive research in the fields of health education and health promotion.

This work will be conducted in a group of international researchers coming from different disciplines, such as anthropology, psychology, sociology, political science, biology, epidemiology, and public health. Current research lines of the Unit for Health Promotion Research are health in all policies, social determinants of health, global health, evidence-informed health promotion and risk analysis.

The applicant will be responsible for teaching of courses within a bachelor program in health education and promotion, which the Unit for Health Promotion started in 2013 at the Princess Nora Bint Abdul Rahman University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Further teaching and supervision is expected within the BSc and MSc programs in public health, University of Southern Denmark.

Required qualifications:

- a PhD degree in Health Education, Public Health or Social Science
- experience as postdoc
- research experience documented by international peer-reviewed journal articles within the fields of health promotion, health education and qualitative method
- teaching experience.
- fluent English language skills

Further assets are: Knowledge of Middle Eastern cultures ,experience with attracting external funding and project coordination, international research collaboration and prior work in cross-cultural contexts.

Further information can be obtained from the Head of the Unit, professor Arja R. Aro, telephone +45 6550 4157, mobile +45 6011 1874 , e-mail araro@health.sdu.dk or Head, Institute of Public Health, professor Jesper Bo Nielsen, telephone +45 6550 4034, email jbn Nielsen@health.sdu.dk.
Deadline for application: 9 March 2015

Postdoc in epidemiology and public health

[The Unit of Health Promotion Research](#), Department of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark, Campus Esbjerg, invites applications for a position as postdoc within the areas of epidemiology and public health to be filled as soon as possible. The period of employment as postdoc will be limited to 3 years.

The successful applicant will be expected to conduct and publish internationally competitive research in the fields of epidemiology and public health, e.g. infectious diseases or environmental epidemiology. This work will be conducted in a group of international researchers coming from different disciplines, such as psychology, sociology, political science, anthropology, biology, epidemiology and public health. Current research lines of the Unit for Health Promotion Research are health in all policies, social determinants of health, global health, evidence-informed health promotion and risk analysis. The postdoc should develop his/her research within one of these research areas.

The candidate will be responsible for the course teaching within a bachelor program in health education and promotion and a bachelor program in epidemiology which the Unit for Health Promotion started in 2013 at the Princess Nora Bint Abdul Rahman University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Further teaching will be expected within the BSc and MSc programs in public health, University of Southern Denmark.

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4. Interesting News

New tool models youth smoking variation across England

New figures released today (27 January 2015) estimate smoking rates among young people in local areas for the first time.

Commissioned by Public Health England (PHE) and NICE, and modelled by the University of Portsmouth and the University of Southampton, the figures are estimates of youth smoking rates for every local authority, ward and local NHS level, based on factors known to predict smoking in young people. The data will help local organisations to respond to high levels of smoking within their areas and is available on the [PHE Local Health website](#).

Age concern in largest ever study of heroin user deaths

Older users of opioids such as heroin are 27 times more likely to become a victim of homicide than the general population, a University of Manchester study of almost 200,000 users has found.

In the largest study of opioids users ever undertaken, the researchers used records of 198,247 people in England who had been involved in drug treatment or the criminal justice system between 2005 and 2009. The data recorded 3,974 deaths and their causes during this period. Opioid users were six times more likely to die prematurely than people in the general population. Almost one in ten of these deaths were due to suicide, more than four times the rate in the general population.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Too much jogging 'as bad as no exercise at all'

Too much jogging may be as bad for you as not putting on your running shoes at all, a report in the [Journal of the American College of Cardiology](#) says.

Scientists studied more than 1,000 healthy joggers and non-joggers over a 12-year period.

Those who jogged at a steady pace for less than two and a half hours a week were least likely to die in this time.

But those who ran more than four hours a week or did no exercise had the highest death rates.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-31095384>

Risk for autism increases for abandoned children placed in institutions

A recent study published in the February 2015 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* demonstrates that children who were abandoned to institutional care have an increased risk for behaviors similar to those seen in children with autism, including impaired social communication. When these children were moved into child-centered foster family care at a young age, their social behaviors improved.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Ebola candidate vaccine has acceptable safety profile

The first results from a trial of a candidate Ebola vaccine at Oxford University suggest the vaccine has an acceptable safety profile at the doses tested, and is able to generate an immune response.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Which health messages work?

Is it better to be positive or negative? Many of the most vivid public health appeals have been negative -- "Smoking Kills" or "Drink, Drive, and Die" -- but do these negative messages work when it comes to changing eating behavior? Past literature reviews of positive- or gain-framed versus negative or loss-based health messages have been inconsistent. In our content analysis of 63 nutrition education studies, we discovered four key questions which can resolve these inconsistencies and help predict which type of health message will work best for a particular target audience.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Sexual offending treatment programs in prisons, hospitals are ineffective

Sexual offending treatment programs do not rehabilitate criminals before they are released from prison, warns an expert in *The BMJ*.

The UK has experienced a number of high profile sexual offending cases that has led to more disclosures and probably more prosecutions.

In prisons and secure psychiatric hospitals, sexual offenders are offered the Sexual Offender Treatment Programme (SOTP), a psychological talking therapy rolled out across England and Wales since 1991.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Ethnic minorities, deprived communities hardest hit by air pollution

Air pollution levels are linked to many forms of ill health, including higher risk of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, especially for more vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly.

Researchers at Imperial College London and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment in the Netherlands examined data on two types of air pollution: particulate matter (PM 10) and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). They compared air pollution exposures for small areas in England and the Netherlands with population characteristics including deprivation, ethnic makeup, and proportions of children and elderly people.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

More realistic physical activity targets needed, say experts

Physical activity guidelines should focus on getting inactive people to do a little activity rather than strive for the entire population to meet the current target of 150 minutes of moderate activity a week, say experts. Too much sitting has been shown to increase the risk of chronic diseases, particularly diabetes, heart disease, and some types of cancer. Current guidelines suggest adults do 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity a week, but more than a third (35.6%) of adults worldwide are sufficiently inactive.

Two articles published in *The BMJ* this week argue that the 150 minute target is beyond the reach of some, especially older people, and say we should be promoting the benefits of small increases in daily physical activity rather than focusing on meeting current recommendations.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Health consciousness: Do consumers believe healthy food always tastes bad?

Why are health awareness campaigns failing to reduce skyrocketing obesity rates? According to a new study, consumers continue to make their eating decisions based on taste alone

"Despite a recent trend toward healthy eating behaviors, many consumers still tend to overconsume unhealthy foods because of two facts that work in combination," write authors Robert Mai and Stefan Hoffmann (Kiel University, Germany). "Unhealthy is widely associated with being tasty, and taste is the

main driver of food decisions. There is little research on the conflict between healthiness and tastiness."

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

Launching of the new 'Portal for the Equity List and Knowledge Network'

As part of the collaboration between the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and The Rockefeller Foundation, and with the goal of further improving our services of selective dissemination of information, we are pleased to announce the launching of the new "[Portal for the Equity List and Knowledge Network](#)".

This new virtual space, with free and equitable access, serves as the main source of information for the List. It will allow to generate moderated debates and retrieve thematically classified information, which is automatically connected to the [Virtual Health Library](#) (managed by BIREME) and the collection of [information products published by PAHO/WHO](#).

Belgian Superior Health Council publishes 2015 work plan

The Belgian Superior Health Council is pleased to present you its 2015 work programme:

<http://tinyurl.com/SHC-workprogramme2015> .

It offers a survey of the activities that will be undertaken by the Superior Health Council over the period extending from 1 January to 31 December 2015.

5. EUPHA members update

UK Faculty of Public Health - annual conference - www.fph.org.uk

The Faculty of Public Health will be holding its annual conference, *The Politics of Healthy Change on 23 and 24 June 2015* at the Sage, Newcastle Gateshead. Details of which can be found at the conference section of the FPH website www.fph.org.uk. The attached information relates to exhibition space for our 2015 event, we would very much like to have your organisation represented alongside us and I hope you will take advantage of attending.

Netherlands Public Health Federation - annual conference - www.nphf.nl

The NPHF is organising its annual conference on 8-9 April in Rotterdam. The main theme is Prevention in care and public health - the best of two worlds.

<http://www.ncvgz.nl>

6. Upcoming courses and conferences

Title: [12th International Conference on Urban Health: Urban Health for a Sustainable Future - The Post 2015 Agenda](#)

Date / location: 9 Mar 2015 - 12 Mar 2015 / Dhaka, Bangladesh

Organiser: International Society for Urban Health

Title: [Health Care and Management in Tropical Countries \(HCMTC\) 2015](#)

Date / location: 9 Mar 2015 - 12 Mar 2015 / Basel, Switzerland

Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: [Public health technology assessment and economic evaluation: What is not valued is not counted](#)

Date / location: 11 Mar 2015 - 12 Mar 2015 / Maastricht, The Netherlands

Organiser: GGD Zuid Limburg

Title: [Pan-European road towards future healthcare](#)

Date / location: 14 Apr 2015 - 15 Apr 2015 / Gothenburg, Sweden

Organiser: WeCare

Title: [4th Global Forum on TB Vaccines](#)

Date / location: 21 Apr 2015 - 24 Apr 2015 / Shanghai, China

Title: **Introduction to Health Technology Assessment**
Date / location: 22 Apr 2015 - 25 Apr 2015 / Hall in Tyrol, Austria
Organiser: UMIT, Austria

Title: **The 1st International Congress to Consensus in Primary and Outpatient Care (COPOC)**
Date / location: 20 May 2015 - 22 May 2015 / Tel Aviv, Israel
Organiser: ComTec

Title: **Tackling climate change - for a sustainable and healthy future - Climate Change and Health Research Methods course**
Date / location: 1 Jun 2015 - 12 Jun 2015 / Umeå, Sweden
Organiser: Umeå Centre for Global Health Research

Title: **14th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity "Advancing Behavior Change Science"**
Date / location: 3 Jun 2015 - 6 Jun 2015 / Edinburgh, United Kingdom
Organiser: ISBNPA

Title: **Ecology and Safety, International conference**
Date / location: 4 Jun 2015 - 8 Jun 2015 / Elenite Holiday Village, Bulgaria
Organiser: Science and Education Foundation, Bulgaria

Title: **23rd International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services: Person-oriented health promotion in a rapidly changing world: Co-production – continuity – new media and technologies**
Date / location: 10 Jun 2015 - 12 Jun 2015 / Oslo, Norway
Organiser: International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services and Norwegian Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services

Title: **EHMA 2015 annual conference - Evidence based management: better decisions, better healthcare**
Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 17 Jun 2015 / Breda, The Netherlands
Organiser: EHMA

Title: **How to plan successfully? A focus on priority setting, resource allocation and strategic planning for health**
Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 3 Jul 2015 / Basel, Switzerland
Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: **Course: Health Systems Methods and Current Research – 3rd Edition**
Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 17 Jun 2015 / Porto, Portugal
Organiser: Institute of Public Health, University of Porto

Title: **Introduction to Epidemiology**
Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 19 Jun 2015 / Rome, Italy
Organiser: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: **Towards a generation free from tobacco: turning the vision into reality**
Date / location: 18 Jun 2015 - 19 Jun 2015 / Edinburgh, United Kingdom
Organiser: AHS Scotland

Title: **Linear and logistic regression analysis of epidemiologic data**
Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 26 Jun 2015 / Rome, Italy
Organiser: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: **Causal Inference in Medicine**
Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 26 Jun 2015 / Rome, Italy
Organiser: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

- Title: **14th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management and Policy**
 Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 25 Jun 2015 / Athens, Greece
 Organiser: ATINER
- Title: **2015 International Conference on Health Promoting Universities and Colleges: 10 Years After the Edmonton Charter**
 Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 26 Jun 2015 / Kelowna, BC, Canada
 Organiser: University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus
- Title: **4th Annual International Festival of Public Health UK**
 Date / location: 2 Jul 2015 / Manchester, UK
- Title: **1st International conference on Transport and Health**
 Date / location: 6 Jul 2015 - 8 Jul 2015 / London, UK
 Organiser: UCL and TPH (Transport Public Health) Link
- Title: **APHES Summer Course – Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations**
 Date / location: 6 Jul 2015 - 17 Jul 2015 / Brussels, Belgium
 Organiser: The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disaster
- Title: **24th ETC-PHHP Summer school: European perspectives on health promotion**
 Date / location: 2 Aug 2015 - 14 Aug 2015 / Cagliari, Italy
 Organiser: ETC-PHHP
- Title: **COHRED Forum 2015: People at the center of research and innovation for health**
 Date / location: 25 Aug 2015 - 27 Aug 2015 / Manila, Philippines
 Organiser: COHRED
- Title: **The Summer school on longitudinal and life course research**
 Date / location: 31 Aug 2015 - 4 Sep 2015 / Leibniz, Germany
 Organiser: Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories and University of Bamberg
- Title: **Accidents due to venomous and poisonous animals**
 Date / location: 10 Sep 2015 - 13 Sep 2015 / Basel, Switzerland
 Organiser: Swiss TPH
- Title: **Introduction to Mathematical Models of the epidemiology and control of infectious diseases**
 Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 25 Sep 2015 / London, UK
 Organiser: Imperial College London
- Title: **International Health and Wealth Conference**
 Date / location: 15 Oct 2015 - 17 Oct 2015 / Algarve, Portugal
 Organiser: IHWC
- Title: **Integrated elderly and patient care in Turkey**
 Date / location: 29 Oct 2015 - 1 Nov 2015 / Istanbul, Turkey
 Organiser: Healthy Community Association
- Title: **IUHPE's 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion**
 Date / location: 22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil
 Organiser: IUHPE

7. European Journal of Public Health

Eur J Public Health Table of Contents for Unwarranted variations in health care performance across Europe: Lessons from the ECHO Project February 1, 2015; Vol. 25, suppl 1

Editorial

Variations in health care delivery within the European Union
Salvador Peiró and Alan Maynard
Eur J Public Health 2015 25: 1-2
[\[Extract\]](#)

Articles

ECHO: health care performance assessment in several European health systems
E. Bernal-Delgado et al.
Eur J Public Health 2015 25: 3-7
[\[Abstract\]](#)

Comparing variation across European countries: building geographical areas to provide sounder estimates
Lau C. Thygesen et al.
Eur J Public Health 2015 25: 8-14
[\[Abstract\]](#)

Comparing the performance of the Charlson/Deyo and Elixhauser comorbidity measures across five European countries and three conditions
Nils Gutacker, Karen Bloor, and Richard Cookson
Eur J Public Health 2015 25: 15-20
[\[Abstract\]](#)

Socioeconomic inequality in hip replacement in four European countries from 2002 to 2009—area-level analysis of hospital data
Richard Cookson et al.
Eur J Public Health 2015 25: 21-27
[\[Abstract\]](#)

Comparing hospital performance within and across countries: an illustrative study of coronary artery bypass graft surgery in England and Spain
Nils Gutacker, Karen Bloor, Richard Cookson, Sandra Garcia-Armesto, and Enrique Bernal-Delgado
Eur J Public Health 2015 25: 28-34
[\[Abstract\]](#)

Potentially avoidable hospitalizations in five European countries in 2009 and time trends from 2002 to 2009 based on administrative data
Lau C. Thygesen et al.
Eur J Public Health 2015 25: 35-43
[\[Abstract\]](#)

Potential of geographical variation analysis for realigning providers to value-based care. ECHO case study on lower-value indications of C-section in five European countries
Sandra García-Armesto et al.
Eur J Public Health 2015 25: 44-51
[\[Abstract\]](#)

Measuring hospital efficiency—comparing four European countries
Céu Mateus, Inês Joaquim, and Carla Nunes
Eur J Public Health 2015 25: 52-58
[\[Abstract\]](#)

Commentary: Translating ECHO findings into practice: lessons from local dissemination groups
Jeni Bremner, Olivia Dix, and Paul Giepmans
Eur J Public Health 2015 25: 59-60
[\[Extract\]](#)

8. Interesting publications

Unexplained health inequality - is it unfair?

Yukiko Asada, Jeremiah Hurley, Ole Frithjof Norheim, Mira Johri
International Journal for Equity in Health (2015) 14:11

<http://www.equityhealthj.com/content/14/1/11>

Improving health equity through action across the life course: summary of evidence and recommendations from the DRIVERS Project

Editors: Peter Goldblatt, Johannes Siegrist, Olle Lundberg, Claudia Marinetti, Linden Farrer, Caroline Costongs

Published as part of the DRIVERS project by UCL Institute of Health Equity and EuroHealthNet
http://health-gradient.eu/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/DRIVERS_Recommendations_rel2.pdf

Perspective: From Patients to Providers: Changing the Culture in Medicine Toward Sexual and Gender Minorities

Mansh, Matthew; Garcia, Gabriel MD; Lunn, Mitchell R. MD

Academic Medicine, May 2015, 90(5)

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25650825>

Sex and gender matter in health research: addressing health inequities in health research reporting

Jacqueline GahaganI, Kimberly Gray, Ardath Whynacht

International Journal for Equity in Health, 2015, 14:12

Indexed by BioMed Central

<http://www.equityhealthj.com/content/14/1/12>

9. European Commission news

Alcohol

[EU approach on harmful use of alcohol and alcohol related harm: a scoping paper by CNAPA](#)

European Reference Networks

[European Reference Networks: February news](#)

Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health

[9th plenary meeting of the Expert Panel, 5 March 2015 Agenda of the meeting](#)

[Mandate - Access to health care](#)

[Mandate - Cross-border cooperation](#)

[Mandate - Disruptive Innovation in health care. Considerations for the future](#)

[Competition among Health Care Providers in the European Union – Investigating Policy Options](#)

[Public consultation](#)

Health-EU Newsletter

["Healthy lifestyle for a healthier future in the EU" Editorial by Guntis Bel](#)

Health indicators

[Indicators on Self-reported chronic morbidity \(ECHI 34\) Updated with 2013 data](#)

Health Programme

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

Health strategy

[Expert Group on Health Information \(Luxembourg, 26-27 November 2014\) Summary report, list of participants, presentations](#)

Health systems performance assessment

[Study looks at the impact of lifestyle habits on the efficiency of Europe's health systems](#)

Health technology assessment

[4th meeting of the HTA Network \(Brussels, 23 March 2015\) Agenda of the meeting](#)

Nutrition and physical activity

[Twenty-first plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity \(11 June 2014\)](#)

[Minutes of the meeting](#)

[Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health \(24 November 2014\) Minutes of the meeting](#)

[Poznan, Poland: "We Love Eating" supports pregnant and lactating women in following healthier diets for mother and child](#)

Joint meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (18 February 2015) Flash report of the meeting
Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (19 February 2015) Flash report of the meeting
Twenty-second plenary meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity (18 February 2015) Flash report of the meeting

Patient safety

Meeting of the Patient Safety and Quality of Care Working Group (11 February 2015) Agenda, list of participants, presentations of the meeting
Meeting of the Patient Safety and Quality of Care Working Group (18 December 2014) Minutes of the meeting

Rare Diseases

European Rare Diseases Day 2015: the top facts on EU Action

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 6, 12 February 2015

In this issue: Two rare cases of *Clostridium baratii* type F in France

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Cluster of two cases of botulism due to *Clostridium baratii* type F in France, November 2014
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21031>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Surveillance of infant pertussis in Sweden 1998–2012; severity of disease in relation to the national vaccination programme
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21032>

REVIEW ARTICLES

Timeliness of epidemiological outbreak investigations in peer-reviewed European publications, January 2003 to August 2013
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21035>

PERSPECTIVES

The One Health approach for the management of an imported case of rabies in mainland Spain in 2013
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21033>

MISCELLANEOUS

ECDC calls for field epidemiologists to join activities in Guinea
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21036>
Job vacancy at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21034>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 7, 19 February 2015

In this issue: Experiences from Israel show a toddlers-only universal routine two-dose vaccination programme for hepatitis A is highly effective and practical.

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Two cases of human cutaneous anthrax in Bosnia and Herzegovina, September 2014
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21039>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

The impact of a national routine immunisation programme initiated in 1999 on Hepatitis A incidence in Israel, 1993 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21040>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Spatial distribution and cluster analysis of a leishmaniasis outbreak in the south-western Madrid region, Spain, September 2009 to April 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21037>

Comparative safety evaluation of 7-valent and 13-valent pneumococcal vaccines in routine paediatric vaccinations in four Italian regions, 2009 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21041>

REVIEW ARTICLES

Assessment of human influenza pandemic scenarios in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21038>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 8, 26 February 2015

In this issue: Two papers investigating influenza vaccine effectiveness, one describing the current situation in Spain, the other analysing pooled data over nine seasons in Scotland.

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Effectiveness of influenza vaccination programme in preventing hospital admissions, Valencia, 2014/15 early results

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21044>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Trivalent inactivated seasonal influenza vaccine effectiveness for the prevention of laboratory-confirmed influenza in a Scottish population 2000 to 2009

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A pilot validation in 10 European Union Member States of a point prevalence survey of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial use in acute hospitals in Europe, 2011

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SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Post-discharge surveillance (PDS) for surgical site infections: a good method is more important than a long duration

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11. WHO news

Health in all policies: training manual

The World Health Organization

The World Health Organization (WHO) calls on enhanced global efforts to improve health in some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities by tackling the root causes of disease and health inequalities. In order to address this and to spur up action, raise awareness and facilitate implementation of a Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach WHO launched this week a [Health in All Policies training manual](#).

This manual is a training resource to increase understanding of the importance of Health in All Policies among health and other professionals. The material will form the basis of 2- and 3-day workshops, which will: build capacity to promote, implement and evaluate HiAP; encourage engagement and collaboration across sectors; facilitate the exchange of experiences and lessons learned; promote regional and global collaboration on HiAP; and promote dissemination of skills to develop training courses for trainers.

Pay for performance

This new Observatory study is published by Open University Press and is now downloadable from here: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/publications/studies/paying-for-performance-in-health-care.-implications-for-health-system-performance-and-accountability>

HIT health system review on Iceland calls for greater cost-efficiency

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/publications/health-system-reviews-hits/countries-and-subregions/iceland-hit-2014>

Bridging the worlds of research and policy in European health systems

This book results from a study on knowledge-brokering practices in Europe that was undertaken between 2009 and 2011, called BRIDGE (Scoping study of approaches to Brokering knowledge and Research Information to support the Development and Governance of health systems in Europe). <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/publications/studies/bridging-the-worlds-of-research-and-policy-in-european-health-systems>

Assessing chronic disease management in European health systems: concepts and approaches

This book builds on the findings of the DISMEVAL project (Developing and validating DISease Management EVALuation methods for European health care systems), led by RAND Europe and funded under the European Union's (EU) Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) (Agreement no. 223277).

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