



# EUPHA Newsletter 7 – 2015

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# 1. EUPHA update



## **Conference on Climate Change, Paris, 30 November – 11 December 2015**

EUPHA supported a petition of the French Public Health Association (SFSP) to the French government to explicitly include health in the final negotiations and commitments of the Conference on Climate Change (COP21) which will be held in Paris from 30 November to 11 December 2015. COP21 will be the largest ever diplomatic event hosted by France, bringing together around 40 000 politicians, activists, and experts. Political leaders from around the world must finalise a new, universal, legally binding, international agreement that will keep global warming below 2°C. The agreement will come into force in 2020. Health should be a core part of the discussions. The French government will play a crucial part in framing and facilitating negotiations. The signatories are concerned that the COP21 does not take health measures that are necessary to address climate-related events and consequences sufficiently into account. Health professionals should take an active role in preparing society for these challenges as well as helping to tackle the consequences. The official COP21 agenda must therefore increase the focus on health challenges and increase the involvement of health professionals.

The petition of the SFSP can be downloaded [here](#). Health colleagues in other countries are encouraged to lobby with their governments to include health consequences in their preparations for the Summit later this year.

See also the work of The Lancet Commissions on climate change in section 8. Interesting Publications of this Newsletter.

## **6th EUPHA Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health - Equity: the Policy Practice Gap in Health**

EUPHA's Section on Migrant and ethnic minority health and The Norwegian Center for Minority Health Research (NAKMI) are organising the 6th EUPHA Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health from 23 - 25 June 2016 in Oslo, Norway.

The theme of the conference is '**Equity: the Policy Practice Gap in Health**'.

Registration opens: 1 October 2015 - Early bird closes: 15 March 2016

First call for abstracts: 1 September 2015

Abstract submission from: 1 October 2015 - 15 November 2015

Announcement of accepted abstracts: 1 March 2016

More information: [www.eupha-migranthealthconference.com](http://www.eupha-migranthealthconference.com)

## 2. European Public Health Conference



### Registration

You can benefit from early bird registration fees until 1 September. Please note that this year's conference is one month earlier than in other years, so do not delay your registration until the last moment. Click for [Registration](#).

### Preconferences

The preconference programme is updated continuously. We offer interesting sessions on urban health and architecture, healthy food and nutrition, child injury prevention, sustainable health systems and social security, work and health. Check the [preconference webpage](#) for regular updates.

### EXPO Milano 2015

With the theme 'Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life', the EXPO Milano 2015 encompasses how culture, technology, innovation, tradition and creativity relate to food and diet. The themes of food and nutrition are presented at the EXPO with a principle focus on the right to healthy, secure and sufficient food for all the world's inhabitants. You can visit the EXPO while attending the EPH Conference in Milan. [Tickets](#) can be obtained through the conference website.

### Preconference 'Can we feed Europe sustainably and equitably?'

Why not combining your visit of the EXPO Milano 2015 with the pre-conference organised by the EUPHA Section on Food and Nutrition on Wednesday 14 October. Find out more [here](#).

## 3. EUPHA members update

### Belgian Association of Public Health (BAPH)

Dr Xavier Leus is the new president of the [BAPH](#). The new contact person for member issues is Mrs Jamila Buziarsist: [absp.baph.bvv@gmail.com](mailto:absp.baph.bvv@gmail.com)

### Deutsche Gesellschaft für Public Health (DGPH)

The new contact person for the [DGPH](#) is Prof Ansgar Gerhardus.

## 4. European Journal of Public Health



The [European Journal of Public Health](http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/) 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.

See below table of contents from the latest issue. To view the full articles follow the link below or your EUPHA membership account.

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/>

### **Europe's governments must implement standardised tobacco packaging now**

Martin McKee, Mike Daube

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (4): 551-552

### **The Europe we want—a Transatlantic Health and Wellbeing Partnership?**

Mariana Dyakova, Mark Weiss, John Middleton, Mark A. Bellis

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (4): 553-554

### **Credibility of observational studies: why public health researchers should care?**

Stefania Boccia

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (4): 554-555

### **What determines frequent attendance at out-of-hours primary care services?**

Alessandra Buja, Roberto Toffanin, Stefano Rigon, Camilla Lion, Paolo Sandonà, Daniela Carraro, Gianfranco Damiani, Vincenzo Baldo

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (4): 563-568

### **Transitions between health care settings in the final three months of life in four EU countries**

Lieve Van den Block, Lara Pivodic, Koen Pardon, Gé Donker, Guido Miccinesi, Sarah Moreels, Tomas Vega Alonso, Luc Deliens, Bregje Onwuteaka-Philipsen

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (4): 569-575

### **Cumulative contextual and individual disadvantages over the life course and adult functional somatic symptoms in Sweden**

Per E. Gustafsson, Anne Hammarström, Miguel San Sebastian

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (4): 592-597

## **Socioeconomic determinants of prescribed and non-prescribed medicine consumption in Austria**

Susanne Mayer, August Österle

Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (4): 597-603

## **5. Call for proposals, job opportunities**

Pfizer recently issued a call for Independent Grants for Learning & Change (IGL&C). Projects funded are the full responsibility of the recipient organisation. Pfizer has no influence over any aspect of the projects and only asks for reports about the results and the impact of the projects in order to share them publicly.

The full description of the call is available

at: [http://www.pfizer.com/files/IGLC\\_CGA\\_TobaccoDependenceTreatment.pdf](http://www.pfizer.com/files/IGLC_CGA_TobaccoDependenceTreatment.pdf)

## **6. Interesting news**

### **Adverse effects of clinical trial data transparency: Should we worry?**

New legislation forces drug developers to disclose most of their clinical trials data when applying for approval of a new drug. Many will probably think that this is a good idea. The report warns that the new regulations might make it difficult for companies to patent new medical uses for known drugs.

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

### **Women in developed world still face many barriers to early abortion**

Women in developed countries still find it very difficult to get an abortion in early pregnancy, despite facing fewer legal constraints than in other parts of the world, concludes an analysis of the available evidence, published in the *Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care*.

<http://http://www.sciencedaily.com/relea...>

### **Highly qualified healthcare workers with migrant background: loss to the country of origin, too little opportunity in destination country**

A recent intercontinental study, conducted by the Centre for Public Health, Vienna, using the example of women from sub-Saharan Africa, has shown that, on the one hand, there is a shortage of qualified healthcare professionals but, on the other, huge obstacles are put in the way of qualified medical staff with a migrant background when they want to work abroad.

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

### **Targeting mistreatment of women during childbirth**

In a new systematic review appearing this week in *PLOS Medicine*, Meghan Bohren and colleagues of the WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health synthesize qualitative and quantitative evidence to form a clearer picture of the extent

and types of mistreatment that occurs during childbirth in health facilities. Such initiatives are key to developing policies to reduce and ultimately eliminate this inhumane and degrading phenomenon.

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

### **Epidemic of obesity, overweight linked to increased food energy supply**

Obesity -- a global health problem -- is increasing in many countries in step with increases in the food energy supply, according to a study published in the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* today.

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

### **Experts call for 'all hands on deck' to tackle global burden of non-communicable disease**

A group of the world's top doctors and scientists working in cardiology and preventive medicine have issued a call to action to tackle the global problem of deaths from non-communicable diseases, such as heart problems, diabetes and cancer, through healthy lifestyle initiatives.

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

### **Mortality rates in Europe vary depending on the socioeconomic level of the residence area**

For a number of years now, scientific literature has questioned whether mortality rates depend on socioeconomic differences among the population. Recently, a new study carried out in 15 European cities detected inequalities for the majority of causes, concluding that higher levels of poverty are associated with higher mortality rates and there is a great deal of variation among areas. Social inequality is increasingly considered to be a public health problem. However, scant research has been carried out into associating these differences with the main causes of death in European urban areas.

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

### **Mandatory targets to cut salt would reduce excess heart disease deaths in deprived areas**

Mandatory targets to reduce salt in processed food would help tackle inequalities in coronary heart disease that lead to excess deaths in deprived areas of England, according to research.

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

### **Breast cancer routinely over-diagnosed in Norway**

For every life saved by Norway's Breast Cancer Screening Programme, five women are over-diagnosed, and have to go through an operation to remove a tumour that otherwise never would have caused problems, a new report suggests.

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

## **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: [24th ETC-PHHP Summer school: European perspectives on health promotion](#)

Date / location: 2 Aug 2015 - 14 Aug 2015 / Cagliari, Italy

Organiser: ETC-PHHP

Title: [Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health 2015: "People at the Center of Health Research and Innovation"](#)

Date / location: 24 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: [17th International Summer School 2015 "Infectious Disease Epidemiology: Concepts, Methods, Mathematical Modelling, and Burden of Disease"](#)

Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Bielefeld, Germany

Organiser: Bielefeld University

Title: [Introduction to Mathematical Models of the epidemiology and control of infectious diseases](#)

Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 25 Sep 2015 / London, United Kingdom

Organiser: Imperial College London

Title: [WHO- Regional Committee for Europe](#)

Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 17 Sep 2015 / Vilnius, Lithuania

Organiser: WHO

Title: [Oslo breaking the ice EUGMS congress](#)

Date / location: 16 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Oslo, Norway

Organiser: EUGMS 2015

Title: [2nd V4 Conference on Public Health, "Health for Public, Public for Health"](#)

Date / location: 17 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Zabrze, Poland

Organiser: TYGIEL Foundation and Silesia Division of the Polish Association of Public Health

Title: [EUFAMI European Congress](#)

Date / location: 19 Sep 2015 - 20 Sep 2015 / Sofia, Bulgaria

Organiser: Eufami

Title: [7th Congress of the International Society for Gender Medicine](#)

Date / location: 22 Sep 2015 - 23 Sep 2015 / Berlin, Germany

Organiser: Institute of Gender in Medicine, Charité

Title: [Migrant and Ethnic Health Research](#)

Date / location: 24 Sep 2015 / The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland

Organiser: NHS Health Scotland

Title: [Paris World Health Organisation Simulation](#)

Date / location: 25 Sep 2015 - 27 Sep 2015 / Paris, France

Organiser: EHESP School of Public Health

Title: [4th World Congress of Clinical Safety](#)

Date / location: 28 Sep 2015 - 30 Sep 2015 / Vienna, Schloss Schonbrunn, Austria,

Organiser: International Association of Risk Management in Medicine

Title: [18th European Health Forum Gastein](#)

Date / location: 30 Sep 2015 - 2 Oct 2015 / Bad Hofgastein, Austria

Organiser: European Health Forum



Title: [3rd GRF One Health Summit](#)

Date / location: 4 Oct 2015 - 7 Oct 2015 / Davos, Switzerland

Organiser: Global Risk Forum (GRF)

Title: [Health and sustainable development – the future](#)

Date / location: 7 Oct 2015 - 9 Oct 2015 / Durban, South Africa

Organiser: Public Health Association of South Africa

Title: [25th Annual Congress of the European Childhood Obesity Group](#)

Date / location: 12 Oct 2015 - 14 Oct 2015 / Stockholm, Sweden

Organiser: European Childhood Obesity Group

Title: [Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies: Challenges beyond the Financial Crisis](#)

Date / location: 12 Oct 2015 - 13 Oct 2015 / Vienna, Austria

Organiser: WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies

Title: [International Health and Wealth Conference](#)

Date / location: 15 Oct 2015 - 17 Oct 2015 / Algarve, Portugal

Organiser: IHWC

Title: [Public Health Research in practice](#)

Date / location: 26 Oct 2015 - 27 Oct 2015 / Wageningen, Netherlands

Organiser: Wageningen University

Title: [Integrated elderly and patient care in Turkey](#)

Date / location: 29 Oct 2015 - 1 Nov 2015 / Istanbul, Turkey

Organiser: Healthy Community Association

Title: [19th International Nursing Research Conference](#)

Date / location: 17 Nov 2015 - 20 Nov 2015 / Cuenca, Espana

Organiser: Unidad de Investigacion en Cuidados de Salud

Title: [The 3rd European Health Literacy Conference](#)

Date / location: 17 Nov 2015 - 19 Nov 2015 / Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: IROHLA consortium, UMCG

Title: [Travellers Health](#)

Date / location: 25 Jan 2016 - 29 Jan 2016 / Basel, Switzerland

Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: [IUHPE's 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion](#)

Date / location: 22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil

Organiser: IUHPE

Title: [The 6th International Jerusalem Conference On Health Policy](#)

Date / location: 23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Jerusalem, Israel

Organiser: The Israel National Institute For Health Policy Research

Title: [6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health](#)

Date / location: 23 Jun 2016 - 25 Jun 2016 / Oslo, Norway

Organiser: EUPHA Section Migrant and ethnic minority health

## 8. Interesting publications

### **The Lancet Commissions : Health and climate change: policy responses to protect public health**

The 2015 Lancet Commission on Health and Climate Change has been formed to map out the impacts of climate change, and the necessary policy responses, in order to ensure the highest

attainable standards of health for populations worldwide. This Commission is multidisciplinary and international in nature, with strong collaboration between academic centres in Europe and China.

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(15\)60854-6/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(15)60854-6/abstract)

### **Dutch Cycling: Quantifying the Health and Related Economic Benefits**

Dutch people have half-a-year-longer life expectancy because of cycling. These health benefits correspond to more than 5% of the Dutch gross domestic product. Our study confirmed that investments in bicycle-promoting policies (e.g., improved bicycle infrastructure and facilities) will likely yield a high cost–benefit ratio in the long term.

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/abs/10.2105/AJPH.2015.302724>

### **Health system developments in former Soviet countries**

This issue's Eurohealth Observer section looks at challenges and achievements of former Soviet countries with regards to primary care, specialised and inpatient services, and pharmaceutical care as well as reforms in Ukraine and challenges to universal coverage in Uzbekistan. Other articles include: Health priorities for Luxembourg's EU Presidency; Care for older people in Denmark and Norway; Dutch expectation on out-of-pocket payments; Inequity in long-term care use in Spain; and Eurohealth Monitor.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/publications/eurohealth/health-system-developments-in-former-soviet-countries>

### **Czech Republic Health in Transition (2015)**

In the Czech Republic the global economic crisis following 2008 further aggravated the need for reforms to ensure financial sustainability. Recent reforms have focused on cost-saving emergency measures, including attempts to increase the share of private expenditure in health-care services and to exploit efficiency gains. However, there is a lack of political consensus on how to mobilize more financial resources in the longer term.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/publications/health-system-reviews-hits/full-list-of-country-hits/czech-republic-hit-2015>

### **The correlates of chronic disease-related health literacy and its components among men: a systematic review**

Jeff Davey, Carol A. Holden and Ben J. Smith

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:589

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

### **Distance to parks and non-residential destinations influences physical activity of older people, but crime doesn't: a cross-sectional study in a southern European city**

Ana Isabel Ribeiro, Andrea Pires, Marilia Sá Carvalha and Maria Fátima Pina

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:593

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Acceptability of a theory-based sedentary behaviour reduction intervention for older adults ('On Your Feet to Earn Your Seat')**

Karen Milton and Jonathan Grix

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:614

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Parental attitudes towards male human papillomavirus vaccination: a pan-European cross-sectional survey**

Gitte Lee Mortensen, Marjorie Adam and Laïla Idtaleb

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:624

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Health and educational success in adolescents: a longitudinal study**

Idunn Brekke

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:619

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Why are older adults and individuals with underlying chronic diseases in Germany not vaccinated against flu? A population-based study**

Birte Bödeker, Cornelius Renschmidt, Patrick Schmich and Ole Wichmann

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:618

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Meso level influences on long term condition self-management: stakeholder accounts of commonalities and differences across six European countries**

Anne Rogers, Ivaylo Vassilev, Maria J. Jesús Pumar, Elka Todorova, Mari Carmen Portillo, Christina Foss, Jan Koetsenruijter, Nikoleta Ratsika, Manuel Serrano, Ingrid A. Ruud Knutsen, Michel Wensing, Poli Roukova, Evridiki Patelarou, Anne Kennedy and Christos Lionis

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:622

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Adolescent school absenteeism and service use in a population-based study**

Kristin Gärtner Askeland, Siren Haugland, Kjell Morten Stormark, Tormod Bøe and Mari Hysing

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:626

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Social inequality and age-specific gender differences in overweight and perception of overweight among Swedish children and adolescents: a cross-sectional study**

JS van Vliet, PA Gustafsson, K Duchon, and N Nelson

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:628

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

### **The influence of aerobic fitness on obesity and its parent-offspring correlations in a cross-sectional study among German families**

Ronja Foraita, Mirko Brandes, Frauke Günther, Karin Bammann, Iris Pigeot and Wolfgang Ahrens

BMC Public Health 2015, 15:638

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

## **9. European Commission news**

### **Recruitment and Retention of the Health Workforce in Europe**

To add to the repository of good practices for efficient and sustainable health systems in the EU, the European Commission commissioned a study on the **Recruitment and Retention of the Health Workforce**. This study aims to identify and analyse effective strategies for recruiting and retaining health professionals to serve as inspiration for the development of organisational strategies and human resources policies in Europe.

<http://ec.europa.eu/health/workforce/key...>

### **Commission convenes 2nd conference on European Reference Networks in Lisbon: registration now open**

The European Commission is organising a 2nd conference on [European Reference Networks](#) on 8-9 October 2015, which will be hosted by the Ministry of Health in Lisbon, Portugal. Included as an event in the Luxembourgish Council Presidency programme, this conference will bring together highly specialised healthcare providers, experts, national authorities, decision-makers, and independent bodies with experience in the assessment and evaluation of healthcare providers.

### **Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health**

[10th Plenary meeting of the Expert Panel, 07 May 2015](#) Minutes of the meeting

[4th Working Group meeting on Disruptive Innovation, 29 June 2015](#) Minutes of the meeting

[6th Working Group meeting on Access to Health Care, 24 June 2015](#) Minutes of the meeting

### **Health workforce**

[Expert Group on European Health Workforce - Brussels, 17 June 2015](#) Agenda and presentations available

### **Medicinal products for human use**

[Attend live, or online! '50 Years of EU Pharma legislation: achievements and future perspectives' conference](#)

### **Blood, tissues and organs**

[Commission Decision establishing a model for agreements between the Commission and relevant organisations on the provision of product codes for use in the Single European Code](#)

[Financing decision for 2015 on the pilot project "The Effect of Differing Kidney Disease Treatment Modalities and Organ Donation and Transplantation Practices on Health Expenditure and Patient Outcomes"](#) Commission Decision C(2015) 4582 final

[Financing decision for 2015 for the pilot project "Platform for increasing organ donation in the European Union and neighbouring countries: EUDONORG 2015-2016"](#) Commission Decision C(2015) 4583 final

### **Preparedness and response**

[Statement on MERS-CoV infection advice with regard to travelling](#) Statement by Health Security Committee/Early Warning and Response System

### **Scientific committees**

[SCENIHR - Minutes of the 11th Plenary meeting, Luxembourg, 25 June 2015](#)

[SCCS - Minutes of Working Group Meeting on Methodologies of 01 July 2015](#)

[Launch of the public consultation on the Preliminary Opinion on Synthetic Biology III: Research priorities](#)

[SCENIHR - Final Opinion on the safety of medical devices containing DEHP \(phthalates\)](#)

[SCCS - Opinion open for comments on Methylisothiazolinone \(MI\) \(P94\)](#) Deadline: 01 September 2015

[SCCS - Opinion open for comment on Basic Blue 124 \(3-Amino-7-\(dimethylamino\)-2-methoxyphenoxazin-5-ium chloride\)](#) Deadline: 04 September 2015

[SCCS - Opinion open for comment on HC Blue 18 \(Colipa No. B122\) - Submission I](#) Deadline: 10 September 2015

### **Ageing**

[Conference "Which priorities for a European policy on multimorbidity?" \(Brussels, 27 October 2015\)](#)  
Registration open

### **Pharmaceuticals**

[Civil Society representatives: Call for expression of interest is open for the EMA Management Board](#)

### **Health-EU Newsletter - Special Edition Scientific Committees**

["Beauty is more than skin deep, but cosmetic products shouldn't be!"](#) Editorial by Dr Qasim Chaudhry, Vice-chair of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety and Chair of the Working Group on nanomaterials in cosmetic products

### **Nutrition and physical activity**

["We love eating" movers and shakers showed their "powers" in Deventer](#) Story of the month

# 10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 25, 25 June 2015**

Epidemiology of MERS in South Korea similar to that observed in the Middle East and closely resembles that of the 2002–03 SARS outbreak.

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#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Epidemiological investigation of MERS-CoV spread in a single hospital in South Korea, May to June 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21169>

Preliminary epidemiological assessment of MERS-CoV outbreak in South Korea, May to June 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21163>

The role of superspreading in Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) transmission

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21167>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Event-based surveillance of food- and waterborne diseases in Europe: 'urgent inquiries' (outbreak alerts) during 2008 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21166>

#### LETTERS

Influenza case definitions need to be fit for purpose

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21162>

#### NEWS

ECDC guidance on prevention of HIV and STIs suggests seven components for inclusion in national EU/EEA public health programmes

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21168>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 27, 09 July 2015**

### **In this issue:**

Pertussis school outbreak in adolescents from first age cohort with complete shift to acellular pertussis vaccine

**This week's table of contents:**

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Early intervention in pertussis outbreak with high attack rate in cohort of adolescents with complete acellular pertussis vaccination in Valencia, Spain, April to May 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21183>

Assessing the risk of observing multiple generations of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) cases given an imported case

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21181>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

National point prevalence survey of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial use in French home care settings, May to June 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21182>

**Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 28, 16 July 2015**

**In this issue:**

Novel core-genome MLST typing scheme for *Legionella pneumophila* presents prospects for a standardised, portable and expandable typing method based on whole genome sequencing

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Targeted vaccination of teenagers following continued rapid endemic expansion of a single meningococcal group W clone (sequence type 11 clonal complex), United Kingdom 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21188>

Evaluation of immunochromatography tests for detection of novel GII.17 norovirus in stool samples

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21185>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Design and application of a core genome multilocus sequence typing scheme for investigation of Legionnaires' disease incidents

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21186>

Improving national surveillance of Lyme neuroborreliosis in Denmark through electronic reporting of specific antibody index testing from 2010 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21184>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Estimating influenza vaccine effectiveness in Spain using sentinel surveillance data

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21187>



# 11. WHO news

## **Human Resources for Health Information System**

This document provides a standard-based tool for health workforce planners and decision-makers developing an electronic system or modifying an existing health information system to count and document all health workers within national and subnational contexts.

<http://apps.who.int/bookorders/anglais/d...>

## **State of Inequality: Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health**

The health of the world's population is in a state of inequality. That is to say, there are vastly different stories to tell about a person's health depending on where they live, their level of education, and whether they are rich or poor, etc. Monitoring the state of inequality in health takes into account the current experiences of population subgroups, as well as the trends of how health experiences in these subgroups have changed over time.

<http://apps.who.int/bookorders/anglais/d...>

## **WHO Guidelines for Indoor Air Quality**

Given the mixed history of success with past intervention projects and programmes, and the fact that the 2.8 billion people still relying on traditional solid fuels are the world's poorest 40%, it is clear that securing a rapid transition to clean, efficient and modern household energy systems for cooking, heating, lighting and other household uses will be challenging.

<http://apps.who.int/bookorders/anglais/d...>

## **Building Primary Care in a Changing Europe: Case Studies**

This new volume consists of structured case studies summarizing the state of primary care in 31 European countries. It complements the previous study, Building primary care in a changing Europe, in which we provided an overview of the state of primary care across the continent, including aspects of governance, financing, workforce and details of service profiles.

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## **Assessing Chronic Disease Management in European Health Systems: Country Reports**

Many countries are exploring innovative approaches to redesign delivery systems to provide appropriate support to people with long-standing health problems. Central to these efforts to enhance chronic care are approaches that seek to better bridge the boundaries between professions, providers and institutions, but, as this study clearly demonstrates, countries have adopted differing strategies to design and implement such approaches.

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## **Strengthening health system accountability**

This report takes stock of the measures that countries in the WHO European Region have put in place to strengthen their health systems' accountability since the adoption of the Tallinn Charter: Health Systems for Health and Wealth (2008) and the Health 2020 policy framework (2012). Recent years have undoubtedly brought significant challenges to the health systems in the Region, including international and national environments affected by an economic crisis, increased health needs and

scarcity of resources. Nevertheless, countries across the Region have taken abundant and significant steps to improve health-system accountability.

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