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# 1. EUPHA update

# Warning: Fake emails circulating!!

We have had several reports on fake emails circulating coming from the email address membership@eupha.org. These emails are not EUPHA linked, so please discard immediately.

# **EUPHA** at the 1st International public mental health conference

EUPHA is proud to be a partner in the 1stInternational Public Mental Health Conference: From Fundamentals To Innovations 30 June – 1 July, 2017, Vilnius, Lithuania! EUPHA has several representatives at this conference including: Jutta Lindert, president of the EUPHA section on Public mental health, Marija Jakubasukiene and Johan Bilsen, vice-presidents of this section and Dineke Zeegers Paget, Executive Director of EUPHA. 200 delegates have registered already!

# **EUPHA** and the To-reach partners launch website

To-reach: Towards a joint European research programme on health systems



To-reach is a coordination and support action (CSA) to prepare a joint European research programme aimed at producing research evidence supporting health care services and systems to become more resilient, effective, equitable, accessible, sustainable and comprehensive (in Europe, and abroad). To-reach aims to develop a framework and knowledge synthesis on the identification, transferability and scaling up of organisational innovations in health and social care. The assumption is that health systems differ widely but face common challenges. Common challenges relate to rising costs, need for cost containment, demographic changes, technological advances, and increasing public expectations. To-reach sees the potential for international learning.

For more information visit the to-reach website at https://to-reach.eu/.

# **EUPHA** attended the ASPHER annual meeting

Prof Carlo Signorelli, EUPHA Executive Council, participated on behalf of EUPHA in the annual meeting of ASPHER, organised in Rennes, France. In Rennes, Kasia Czabanowska from Maastricht University took over the presidency from Jacqueline Müller-Nordhorn from Charité, Germany. The next edition of ASPHER meeting will be held in London on June 20-22, 2018) with the involvement of our past president, Prof Martin McKee.

# EUPHA at the UK Faculty of public health annual conference

Dineke Zeegers Paget, Executive Director of EUPHA, attended the annual conference of the UK Faculty of public health in Telford, UK. The conference's theme was 'Public health beyond borders: driving change with evidence' and there were over 200 participants. Apart from a full conference programme, meetings with David Allen, chief executive of FPH, Allison McCallum, special interest group Europe, and John Middleton, president of the FPH could be organised as well. The exhibition of the conference displayed a large number of very interesting local and regional initiatives to further public health.

# EUPHAnxt at the national conference of Italian residents in public health

Giacomo Scaioli, one of the EUPHAnxt coordinators, participated on behafl of EUPHA in the national conference of the Italian Residents in Public Health, held in Bologna, Italy.

# EUPHA sections publish in the EJPH on health assessment for health governance

A coalition of EUPHA sections, led by Prof. Rainer Fehr, Germany, published 'Health assessments for health governance—concepts and methodologies' in the European Journal of Public Health. The abstract:

Background: For better supporting the science-governance interface, the potential of health assessments appears underrated. Aims: To identify what various types of health assessment have in common; how they differ; which assessment(s) to apply for which purpose; and what needs and options there are for future joint development. Methods: This review is based on five types of health assessment: monitoring/surveillance/reporting, assessment of health impact, of health technology, of health systems performance, health-related economic assessment. The approach is exploratory and

includes: applying an agreed set of comparative criteria; circulating and supplementing synoptic tables; and interpreting the results. Results: Two of the assessments deal with the question 'Where do we stand?', two others with variants of 'What if' questions. Economic Assessment can take place in combination with any of the others. The assessments involve both overall 'procedures' and a variety of 'methods' which inescapably reflect some subjective assumptions and decisions, e.g. on issue framing. Resources and assistance exist for all these assessments. The paper indicates which type of assessment is appropriate for what purpose. Conclusions: Although scientific soundness of health assessments is not trivial to secure, existing types of health assessment can be interpreted as a useful 'toolkit' for supporting governance. If current traces of 'silo' thinking can be overcome, the attainability of a more unified culture of health assessments increases and such assessments might more widely be recognized as a prime, 'tried and tested' way to voice Public Health knowledge and to support rational governance and policy-making.

The full article is accessible through online access: https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/article/...

# 2. European Public Health Conference





10th European Public Health Conference: 'Sustaining resilient and healthy communities', Stockholmsmässan, Stockholm, 1 - 4 November 2017

# STOCKHOLM 2017: EVERYBODY WILL BE THERE

## Parallel programme

The full parallel programme divided over 16 tracks of 10 sessions each is now online. Presenters can check the track, session and time of their presentation in the online programme.

#### **Presenter information**

Presenters should confirm their acceptance and register by 21 July to be included in the programme and EJPH Abstract Supplement. More information on other deadlines for presenters.

# Plenary sessions and speakers

See the video with Birger Forsberg, Chair of the 10th EPH Conference, introducing the conference themes.

## **Pre-conferences**

We are excited to announce a full and diverse pre-conference programme. Check the pre-conference webpage for regular updates.

# **New conference format**

The parallel programme will start on Thursday 2 November at 9:00 a.m. The Opening Ceremony is held on Thursday 2 November at 17:15 p.m. Pre-conferences are all organised on Wednesday 1 November. More information

# Registration

You can benefit from early bird registration fees until 1 September.

Read the full June issue of the EPH Conference E-News here.

# 3. EUPHA members update

# **SESPAS** update

SESPAS (the Spanish Society for Public Health and Administration), together with AES (the Spanish Health Economics Association) and SEE (the Spanish Epidemiological Society), have decided to coordinate their respective annual scientific meetings into a "Congress of conferences". With the overall theme of *Science for action*, the conference will take place September 6 to 8 in Barcelona, Spain. The scientific programme will include issues of great current relevance, determinants of population health such as global warming, social inequality in health, education and big data - topics which will be addressed from the variety of perspectives within SESPAS. Furthermore, the conference aims to contribute to the continuing existing association between European and global public health networks, raise the international profile of SESPAS, as well as strengthen the role of SESPAS within national and international decision-making institutions. We are thus inviting members from all European public health societies to join us in Barcelona, at a conference where many sessions and keynote lectures will be held in English. For more information please visit: http://congresosespas.es/sespas/en/

Furthermore SESPAS continues to provide continuous support to the Menorca School of Public Health since its origin. In its 28th edition, the Menorca School of Public Health will host in the small island of Llatzeret de Maó (Menorca, Spain) and from 18 to 27 September, 13 courses and 13 workshops covering a wide range of public health issues and areas. This year, several courses will be held in English, like for instance one on Urban Health Research and another on Challenges of systematic reviews in Public Health interventions. In addition to the formal course, the school hosts several workshops proposed by different public health organizations and groups, including health policy, public health intervention, community health or research topics. Within the context of the School, the 1st International Programme of Advanced Epidemiology and Statistics (IPAES) including three modules on Causal Inference will also be taking place (Causal Inference with Directed Graphs, Causal Mediation and Interaction Analysis and Methods to deal with attrition and missing data). The goal of this course is to empower epidemiologists, biomedical scientists, public health professionals, research clinicians, social scientists, and statisticians to apply causal inference with confidence. The programme is held in the Llatzaret of Maó within the Public Health School of Menorca from the 18th to the 22nd of September 2017.

# Annual conference 2017 of Public Health Switzerland

The annual Swiss Public Health Conference 2017 will be organised from 22-23 November in Basle, Switzerland. The main theme is:

La santé personnalisée du point de vue de la santé publique (personalised health from a public health's perspective).

https://sph17.organizers-congress.org/fr...

# 3rd V4 Conference on Public Health - Prague 2017

The Czech Society of Social Medicine and Health Care Management invite to the 3rd V4 Conference on Public Health to be held in Prague, on 19-20 October 2017.

Four years after the success of the 1st V4 Conference on Public Health that was held in Kosice, Slovakia, in 2013, and two years after 2nd V4 Conference on Public Health in Zabrze, Poland, in 2015, we kindly encourage international scholars, students, physicians and all public health specialists, practitioners and leaders to join us in Prague, Czech Republic. We believe you will use this opportunity to join the international forum to share and discuss ideas and experiences, present and publish research results, as well as simply arrange and develop your personal cooperation networks. We expect 150 international participants, especially from the so-called V4 countries (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Poland). Although the conference will primarily focus on the Visegrad Group Member States, colleagues from other countries are also kindly welcome!

The conference will take place in Prague from 19-20 October 2017.

http://conference2017.ipvz.cz/

# 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 2016, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.751. The 5-year impact factor is 2.512.

The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

# Advance articles alert 26-27 June

A systematic review and meta-analysis of the effectiveness of nudging to increase fruit and vegetable choice

Valérie J. V. Broers; Céline De Breucker; Stephan Van den Broucke; Olivier Luminet

#### Advance articles alert 18-19 June

Night work as a risk factor of future disability pension due to musculoskeletal diagnoses: a prospective cohort study of Swedish twins

Sanna Kärkkäinen; Annina Ropponen; Jurgita Narusyte; Lisa Mather; Torbjörn Åkerstedt ...

# Advance articles alert 12-13 June 2017

Emotional and behavioural problems in young children with divorced parents

Meinou H.C. Theunissen; Mariska Klein Velderman; Anne P.G. Cloostermans; Sijmen A. Reijneveld

# Mumps clinical diagnostic uncertainty

Fabio Magurano; Melissa Baggieri ; Antonella Marchi; Paola Bucci; Giovanni Rezza ..

# 5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

# Call for expressions of interest in serving as member of the European Regional Verification Commission for Measles and Rubella Elimination (RVC)

In adopting the European Vaccine Action Plan 2015-2020, the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region confirmed their commitment to measles and rubella elimination in the Region. The European Regional Commission for Verification of Measles and Rubella Elimination (RVC) was established in 2011 to fulfill the essential tasks of measuring progress, advocating for prioritization of elimination efforts and ultimately verifying that measles and rubella have been eliminated in countries and in the European Region. As its secretariat, WHO/Europe is calling for expressions of interest from qualified experts to complete and complement the RVC.

More info: http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/jobs-and-internships/short-term-opportunities/call-for-expressions-of-interest-in-serving-as-member-of-the-european-regional-verification-commission-for-measles-and-rubella-elimination-

rvc?lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Ad\_flagship3\_feed%3BJpjzH0%2FsTZuOKFG1X5KLqg%3D%3D

# COST Action CA15122 - Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion: Collaborations in Research and Policy (ROSEnet)

COST Action CA15122 - Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion: Collaborations in Research and Policy (ROSEnet) invites applications to attend its second Training School to be held in Camerino, Italy - 18th-21st September 2017.

ROSEnet aims to overcome fragmentation and critical gaps in conceptual innovation on old-age exclusion across the life course, in order to address the research-policy disconnect and tackle social exclusion amongst older people in Europe.

Please see attached documentation for eligibility and guidelines for applicants.

How to apply:

Participation in all COST Training schools is subject to a selective application process. Selection will be based on those applications that most clearly correspond to the overall objectives of the COST Action CA15122, and to the content of this particular Training School.

Please note there are 12 funded places available at the Training School.

Trainees who are self -funded are also welcome to apply to attend the Training School.

You are kindly invited to complete the attached application form and to provide the requested documents and arguments in favour of your application.

Deadline: 30th June 2017 (midnight GMT).

Please complete and send (by E-mail) your application form by 30th June 2017 to:

Marjaana Seppänen

Professor

Department of Social Research/social work

University of Helsinki

Email: marjaana.seppanen@helsinki.fi

# Professeur des Universités-Praticien Hospitalier (PU-PH) en santé publique (H/F)

The School of Public Health in Nancy, eastern France, has an opportunity for a position of university professor – hospital practitioner in public health (Section Conseil National des Universités [CNU] 4601) at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Lorraine

The qualified candidate will have proficiencies in the fields of health promotion, interventional research, and evaluation of actions and programs of public health, in practice and in research. Click here.

# Free University of Brussels: Scientific assistant (F/M/X)

For a challenging doctoral research project, Interface Demography (VUB) and the Stichting Kankerregister are seeking a Scientific assistant (F/M/X)

Project

As a scientific assistant you will work on a FWO-project into differences in cancer according to migrant origin. European societies are ageing and an ever-increasing group of older people have a migrant background. Belgium leads in this development, as large-scale immigration took place relatively early in its history. An older population is certainly good news, but raises a number of challenges, as older people often have weaker health and are more vulnerable to some cancers and other diseases. While cancer risks in the older host population have already been adequately mapped, much less is known about the cancer risks of immigrants. Large-scale studies into cancer incidence and mortality that compare the host population to those of migrant origin are relatively rare in Europe. However, it is very important to study these differences because our societies are ageing and because the factors that cause cancer have not yet been fully mapped. The project on which you will work will do this for Belgium. As first generation immigrants exchange their country of origin for another (host) country and thus also for another healthcare environment, they can be considered an 'experimental group'. Consequently, the study of cancer and its mechanisms in the population with a migrant background versus the host population can provide an insight into the mechanisms of that cancer: e.g. with respect to the importance of environmental versus genetic factors in the development of certain cancers. These findings will not only increase our knowledge of cancer and its causes but also have the potential of steering future policy aimed at improving the health of all people in an ageing society. You will be responsible for the following duties:

Performing the proposed research project:

- Thorough literature study of the subject
- Methodological analysis and statistical analysis
- Clear reporting, accurate and concise synthesis of methods, analyses and results
- Publishing articles in scientific peer-reviewed journals

# Job profile

- You have a master's degree in (Bio)medical Sciences, Paramedical Sciences, Public Health,
- Applied Science, Social Sciences or Bio-Engineering Sciences with prior knowledge of (bio-)
- statistics
- You are a 'passionate researcher' with expertise/interest in quantitative research.
- You have the necessary software skills for managing databases and data analyses (including
- knowledge of SAS, SPSS, Stata, etc.)
- You have experience/interest in epidemiological research and a passion for the 'social inequality'
- theme.
- You are prepared to write a doctoral thesis based on the research.
- You have good written and oral communication skills in English and preferably also in Dutch.
- You are able to work in a collegial manner within a research team.

### Job description:

We offer:

- A full-time appointment as scientific employee for 4 years within the possibility of obtaining a
- doctorate
- Based on your experience and academic merits, you will receive a salary on one of the pay scales
- established by the government. Hospitalisation insurance and the free use of public transport for
- commuting are included as standard. If you would prefer to cycle to work, then there is also some
- remuneration for that.
- A motivating post in a young and dynamic team with space for contact and initiative
- A strong scientific guidance within a reputed, dynamic and multidisciplinary research team
- Diverse opportunities for further training in connection with this position both at the Stichting
- Kankerregister and the VUB
- Interesting national and international research contacts

# Practical:

As a doctoral student you will be affiliated to the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and your promotor is Professor Dr Hadewijch Vandenheede. Given the subject of the proposed research project, you will work under the supervision of Professor Vandenheede and the researchers at the Kankerregister. Physically you will primarily work at the Kankerregister in Brussels (estimate 60% at the Kankerregister in Brussels, 40% at the Interface Demography Department of the VUB). The anticipated start date for the project is 1 October 2017. The duration / term of the contract is 4 years.

The deadline for **applications** is **15 August 2017**. Applications can be sent electronically by sending your covering letter and CV to hadewijch.vandenheede@vub.ac.be.

# 6. Interesting news

## Global Law enforcement and public health association established

Following the successful Global law enforcement and public health conferences in the past years (Melbourne 2012, Amsterdam 2014 and 2016), it was the right moment to set up the Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association: a unique organisation founded to further the policy and practice that underpins the growing and significant developments which recognise the inter-related nature of law enforcement and public health – both in their widest senses. EUPHA hopes to continue the collaboration with this field in public health.

# Scientists a step closer to drug treatment for hepatitis B

A major new insight into how Hepatitis B Virus works could pave the way for new drug treatments for the infection which is the major cause of liver cancer worldwide. https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

# Recent presidential election could have negative impact on health

Stress, increased risk for disease, babies born too early and premature death are among the negative health impacts that could occur in the wake of the 2016 U.S. presidential election, according to a new article from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Massachusetts General Hospital/McLean Hospital in the June 8, 2017 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM). https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/press-...

# **New faces at the SEEHN secretariat**

The South Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) has a new Director: Dr. Mira Dasic. EUPHA is looking forward to continued collaboration with SEEHN.

# More than 2 billion people overweight or obese, new study finds

Globally, more than 2 billion children and adults suffer from health problems related to being overweight or obese, and an increasing percentage of people die from these health conditions, according to a new study.

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

# Could your car predict a cardiac event? Study explores heart monitoring in vehicles

Medical emergencies cause a high number of vehicle crashes. Now researchers have teamed up with Toyota to examine whether new vehicle technology could predict -- and potentially prevent -- such scenarios.

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

# **Ebola vaccine developed in Canada shows promising results**

A phase 1 randomized controlled trial has found an Ebola virus disease vaccine was well-tolerated with no safety concerns, and high antibodies were present in participants six months after immunization.

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

# Aspirin 'major bleed' warning for over-75s

People over 75 taking daily aspirin after a stroke or heart attack are at higher risk of major — and sometimes fatal — stomach bleeds than previously thought, research in The Lancet shows. Scientists say that, to reduce these risks, older people should also take stomach-protecting PPI pills. But they insist aspirin has important benefits — such as preventing heart attacks — that outweigh the risks. And they warn that stopping aspirin suddenly can be harmful.

http://www.bbc.com/news/health-40262771

# **Tropical viruses: Coming soon to Europe?**

The mosquito-borne viral disease Chikungunya is usually found in tropical areas. Researchers have now discovered how climate change is facilitating the spread of the Chikungunya virus. Even if climate change only progresses moderately – as scientists are currently observing – the risk of infection will continue to increase in many regions of the world through the end of the 21st century. If climate change continues unchecked, the virus could even spread to southern Europe and the United States. https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

# Tackling health inequalities in a fast changing world

EuroHealthNet and its partners have unanimously agreed on a call and commitment for action on developing sustainable and equitable health and wellbeing, to help achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals and EU objectives such as the proposed European Pillar of Social Rights. The call urges policy makers, practitioners, and researchers to work in partnership to tackle health, economic, social, and environmental priorities and inequalities.

The call and commitment for action is based on the REJUVENATE Statement and Framework, which was developed 2016 by EuroHealthNet to contribute towards the UN 2030 Agenda through modern health promotion approaches. The call results from the EuroHealthNet General Council meeting which included a seminar on Tackling health inequalities in a fast changing world co-organised with the Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health (SOSTE). The seminar considered innovative examples from Finland and across Europe of how better health is a political choice, why health inequalities persist within and between states, and how digital and social innovation developments can be transformative for health and wellbeing.

EuroHealthNet and its members commit to lead and support efforts towards sustainable health equity and wellbeing by:

- Stepping up our efforts to tackling the determinants of health and inequities.
- Applying a life-course approach, to leave no one behind, also acknowledging that disadvantages accumulate over life and a good start in life is key.
- Supporting healthy places, environments and communities;
- Involving new allies at all levels and develop partnerships.
- Strengthening health promoting systems, and ensuring that health systems are equitable.
- Strengthening public health and health promotion research, innovation and evaluation, also promoting the use of evidence, information and research for policy and practice.

# New report examines the effect of mass unemployment events on health, and the steps that can be taken to reduce that impact

In the year following job loss due to mass unemployment events, workers can experience double the risk of death from heart attack or stroke and even greater increases in risk from alcohol related

disease. Detrimental impacts on health can last for decades with family members sometimes affected almost as much as those facing redundancy. Working with experts across the world, Public Health Wales has led new work on public health approaches to preventing and preparing for Mass Unemployment Events which focuses especially on addressing their impact on the health of individuals, families and communities.

Report author Dr Alisha Davies, Head of Research and Development at Public Health Wales, said: "Internationally large scale redundancies are not uncommon and can be devastating for those directly affected, including families and communities. However, there is much we can do to prevent, prepare and limit the impact on health when these events do happen. This report highlights the importance of ensuring health and wellbeing is at the core of preventative and responsive action."

The report - 'Mass Unemployment Events (MUEs) - Prevention and Response from a Public Health Perspective' – also provides an eight-step framework to support public, voluntary and private sectors with prevention, planning for and reaction to mass unemployment events.

The framework identifies key priorities where public health approaches can help with early identification of areas at risk and ensuring responses address the health and wellbeing needs of all those affected including families, the wider community and specific vulnerable groups, such as the existing long term unemployed.

The eight key priority areas for action outlined in the report are:

- 1) Identify communities at risk of MUEs and assess the potential impact
- 2) Develop an early warning approach for potential MUEs
- 3) Early mobilisation of a multi-sector response, including health and community perspectives
- 4) Early implementation of tripartite (re-employment, financial, health and wellbeing) support for redundant workers
- 5) Address the needs of specific groups, including those older and unskilled
- 6) Extend support to family members
- 7) Support the wider community and harness assets
- 8) Evaluate the impact of the response

Other preventative measures identified in the report included longer term consideration of skills development, investment and diversification, social responsibility of employers, and increasing individual and community resilience.

This report and response framework is an important tool to inform action to minimise the consequences and harms of MUEs to population health.

We hope this report will be of interest to you.

The full report will be available at http://bit.ly/2tR2pQZ and full infographic will be available at http://bit.ly/2twaMSL

# 7. Upcoming courses and conferences

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Education, Training & Career

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: ECCE Summer Program on Medicine

Date / location: 1 Jul 2017 - 31 Jul 2017 / Prague, Czech Republic Organiser: European Centre for Career Education (ECCE)

Title: 9th International Shared Decision Making Conference

Date / location: 2 Jul 2017 - 5 Jul 2017 / Lyon, France

Organiser: University of Lyon

Title: UCL Summer School in Population and Public Health
Date / location: 2 Jul 2017 - 21 Jul 2017 / London, United Kingdom
Organiser: Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, UCL

Title: Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations (APHES)

Date / location: 3 Jul 2017 - 14 Jul 2017 / Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED)

Title: UCL Health and Society Summer School: Social Determinants of Health

Date / location: 3 Jul 2017 - 7 Jul 2017 / London, United Kingdom

Organiser: UCL

Title: Children and Young People's Mental Health: Taking early action

Date / location: 6 Jul 2017 / London, United Kingdom

Organiser: Open Forum Events

Title: 1st Summer School on Refugee and Migrant Health

Date / location: 10 Jul 2017 - 14 Jul 2017 / Syracuse, Italy

Organiser: WHO Europe

Title: Understanding Society Scientific Conference
Date / location: 11 Jul 2017 - 13 Jul 2017 / Essex, United Kingdom

Organiser: ESRC, iSER, University of Essex

Title: Design and Health - 12TH World Congress and exhibition

Date / location: 12 Jul 2017 - 16 Jul 2017 / Vienna, Austria
Organiser: International Academy for Design and Health

Title: European Training Consortium summer school - Public Health Assets

Date / location: 16 Jul 2017 - 29 Jul 2017 / Alicante, Spain

Organiser: European Training Consortium in Public Health and Health Promotion

Title: Barcelona Global Health Summer School 2017: Innovation, Access and Health

Date / location: 16 Jul 2017 - 21 Jul 2017 / Barcelona, Spain Organiser: Barcelona Global Health Summer School

Title: Summer School Transdisciplinary Health Promotion and Prevention Research

- Capabilities for Active Lifestyles

Date / location: 18 Jul 2017 - 21 Jul 2017 / Erlangen, Germany

Organiser: Capital4Health

Title: European Observatory Summer School 2017
Date / location: 23 Jul 2017 - 29 Jul 2017 / San Servolo, Venice

Organiser: European Observatory

Title: Introduction to Mathematical Models of the Epidemiology and Control of

Infectious Diseases: An interactive short course for professionals

Date / location: 4 Sep 2017 - 15 Sep 2017 / London, United Kingdom

Organiser: Imperial College London

Title: Annual Meeting of the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Epidemiologie e. V.

(DGEpi), the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Medizinische Soziologie e.V. (DGMS)

and the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sozialmedizin und Prävention e.V.

(DGSMP)

Date / location: 5 Sep 2017 - 8 Sep 2017 / Lübeck, Germany

Organiser: DGEpi, DGMS and DGSM

Title: 61st Annual Scientific Meeting Society for Social Medicine (SSM)

Date / location: 6 Sep 2017 - 8 Sep 2017 / Manchester, United Kingdom

Organiser: Society for Social Medicine

Title: Science for Action

Date / location: 6 Sep 2017 - 8 Sep 2017 / Barcelona, Spain

Organiser: AES (the Spanish Health Economics Association) and SEE (the Spanish

Epidemiological Society)

Title: The Sixth ESWI Influenza Conference
Date / location: 10 Sep 2017 - 13 Sep 2017 / Riga, Latvia

Organiser: ESWI

Title: Causal Inference course

Date / location: 18 Sep 2017 - 22 Sep 2017 / The Llatzeret, Menorca

Organiser: 1st International Programme of Advanced Epidemiology and Statistics, Public

Health School of Menorca

Title: Healthy aging at the crossroads: challenges and need for further action

Date / location: 21 Sep 2017 - 23 Sep 2017 / Istanbul, Turkey

Organiser: Healthy Community Association

Title: Safety Promotion in Action

Date / location: 21 Sep 2017 - 22 Sep 2017 / Amsterdam, Netherlands

Organiser: EuroSafe

Title: FFC's 22nd International Conference on Functional Foods and Chronic

**Diseases** 

Date / location: 22 Sep 2017 - 23 Sep 2017 / Boston, United States

Organiser: Funtional Food Center

Title: 14th International Conference on Urban Health
Date / location: 26 Sep 2017 - 29 Sep 2017 / Coimbra, Portugal

Organiser: ISUH

Title: Introduction to Meta-analysis with Stata

Date / location: 27 Sep 2017 / Porto, Portugal

Organiser: Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto

Title: Network Meta-analysis with Stata

Date / location: 28 Sep 2017 - 29 Sep 2017 / Porto, Portugal Organiser: Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto

Title: European Health Forum Gastein - Health in All Politics—a better future for

Europe

Date / location: 4 Oct 2017 - 6 Oct 2017 / Bad Hofgastein, Austria

Title: 1st International conference on public health - from European to national

health policy

Date / location: 9 Oct 2017 - 10 Oct 2017 / Sofia, Bulgaria

Organiser: Medical University Sofia

Title: International Course: Introduction to Epidemiology

Date / location: 16 Oct 2017 - 20 Oct 2017 / Rome, Italy

Organiser: SItI and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: 3rd V4 Conference on Public Health

Date / location: 19 Oct 2017 - 20 Oct 2017 / Prague, Czech Republic

Organiser: The Czech Society of Social Medicine and Health Care Management

Title: Clinical Research

Date / location: 20 Oct 2017 - 6 Jul 2020 / Linz and Wels, Austria

Organiser: Johannes Kepler University Linz (JKU

Title: Advanced Clinical Research

Date / location: 20 Oct 2017 - 12 Oct 2019 / Linz and Wels, Austria

Organiser: Johannes Kepler University Linz (JKU)

Title: 2nd International conference: Food for Healthy Ageing - Benefits beyond

basic nutrition

Date / location: 23 Oct 2017 - 25 Oct 2017 / Amsterdam. Netherlands

Organiser: Food for Healthy Ageing

Title: 6th International Conference on Epidemiology and Public Health

Date / location: 23 Oct 2017 - 25 Oct 2017 / Paris, France Organiser: OCM for Epidemiology Series Conferences

Title: European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology

(ESCAIDE)

Date / location: 6 Nov 2017 - 8 Nov 2017 / Stockholm, Sweden

Organiser: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

Title: Course: Acute respiratory pandemics: how to plan for and manage

Date / location: 9 Nov 2017 - 11 Nov 2017 / Amsterdam, Netherlands

Organiser: European Respiratory Society and the Platform for European Preparedness Against

(Re-) emerging Epidemics (PREPARE)

Title: 3rd World Congress on Public Health, Epidemiology and Nutrition

Date / location: 13 Nov 2017 - 14 Nov 2017 / Osaka, Japan

Organiser: Public Health Congress 2017

Title: Istanbul Health Expo – 5th Medical Equipment Fair, Integrated Health

Services, International Health Congress and Symposiums

Date / location: 29 Nov 2017 - 2 Dec 2017 / Istanbul, Turkey

Organiser: Istanbul Health Expo

Title: Shape the future of Diabetes: IDF congress 2017

Date / location: 4 Dec 2017 - 8 Dec 2017 / Abu Dhabi
Organiser: International Diabetes Federation

Title: 1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health - Diversity and

health

Date / location: 17 May 2018 - 19 May 2018 / Edinburgh, Scotland

Title: 26th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health

**Services** 

Date / location: 6 Jun 2018 - 8 Jun 2018 / Bologna, Italy

Organiser: Italian regional HPH network Emilia-Romagna together with WHO Collaborating

Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care at Gesundheit Österreich

GmbH (Austrian Public Health Institute)

Title: The future of healthy living

Date / location: 19 Jan 2019 / Salford, United Kingdom

Organiser: University of Salford

# 8. Interesting publications

Alcohol screening and brief interventions for adults and young people in health and community-based settings: a qualitative systematic literature review <a href="https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...">https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...</a>

# Universal health coverage, priority setting, and the human right to health

Benedict Rumbold, Rachel Baker, Octavio Ferraz, Sarah Hawkes, Carleigh Krubiner, Peter Littlejohns, Ole F Norheim, Thomas Pegram, Annette Rid, Sridhar Venkatapuram, Alex Voorhoeve, Daniel Wang, Albert Weale, James Wilson, Alicia Ely Yamin, Paul Hunt The Lancet; 2017 Published online: 26 April 2017

http://bit.ly/2qSi70I

Statutory retirement and changes in self-reported leisure-time physical activity: a follow-up study with three time-points

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Binge drinking and total alcohol consumption from 16 to 43 years of age are associated with elevated fasting plasma glucose in women: results from the northern Swedish cohort study <a href="https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...">https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...</a>

Immunization, urbanization and slums - a systematic review of factors and interventions <a href="https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...">https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...</a>

Changing educational inequalities in sporting inactivity among adults in Germany: a trend study from 2003 to 2012

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Physical working conditions as covered in European monitoring questionnaires <a href="https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...">https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...</a>

Is unemployment in young adulthood related to self-rated health later in life? Results from the Northern Swedish cohort

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# 9. European Commission news

## **Nutrition and physical activity**

Presentations - Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (01 June 2017)

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Presentations - High level group on nutrition and physical activity (31 May 2017)

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# Illicit drugs

European drug report 2017: EMCDDA highlights growing threats posed by new and established substances

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# **Alcohol**

Call for tender for pilot project providing support to women with an alcohol problem, to reduce risks, in particular during pregnancy

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#### Mental health

2017 annual activity report and summary report - EU-Compass for Action on Mental Health and Wellbeing

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Mental health in the workplace in Europe - Position Paper

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Summary report - Second Annual EU Compass Forum on Mental Health and Well-being (8-9 June 2017)

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# **Vaccination**

Video recording of the presentations and discussions - Workshop "Seeking new partnerships for EU action on vaccination" (31 May 2017)

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#### **Cross-border healthcare**

Minutes - Cross-border Healthcare Expert Group (24 October 2016) Go to related site

# 10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

# Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 22, 01 June 2017 In this issue:

Evidence in favour of pertussis vaccination programmes for pregnant women to prevent whooping cough in young infants

# RESEARCH ARTICLE

A case–control study to assess the effectiveness of pertussis vaccination during pregnancy on newborns, Valencian community, Spain, 1 March 2015 to 29 February 2016 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22809

# SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT

Investigation of a food-borne outbreak of gastroenteritis in a school canteen revealed a variant of sapovirus genogroup V not detected by standard PCR, Sollentuna, Sweden, 2016 <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22808">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22808</a>

# Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 23, 08 June 2017

In this issue:

As part of its vision, PulseNet International embarks on standardising subtyping of food-borne pathogens via WGS using whole genome (wg)MLST.

# **EDITORIAL**

Whole genome sequencing (WGS) for food-borne pathogen surveillance and control – taking the pulse

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22811

# RAPID COMMUNICATION

Measles outbreak after 12 years without endemic transmission, Portugal, February to May 2017 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22812

Necrotising fasciitis as atypical presentation of infection with emerging Neisseria meningitidis serogroup W (MenW) clonal complex 11, the Netherlands, March 2017 http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22813

#### **REVIEW**

PulseNet International: Vision for the implementation of whole genome sequencing (WGS) for global food-borne disease surveillance

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22807

### RESEARCH ARTICLE

Determinants of success and sustainability of the WHO multimodal hand hygiene promotion campaign, Italy, 2007–2008 and 2014

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22810

# Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 25, 22 June 2017 In this issue:

Study contributing to the discussion on how *L. pneumophila* outbreaks should be interpreted using WGS data.

#### **EDITORIAL**

Third Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control takes office http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22823

#### RAPID COMMUNICATION

Fall in new HIV diagnoses among men who have sex with men (MSM) at selected London sexual health clinics since early 2015: testing or treatment or pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)? http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22817

# SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT

Genomic investigation of a suspected outbreak of *Legionella pneumophila* ST82 reveals undetected heterogeneity by the present gold-standard methods, Denmark, July to November 2014 <a href="http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22821">http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22821</a>

# **RESEARCH ARTICLE**

Baseline incidence of intussusception in early childhood before rotavirus vaccine introduction, the Netherlands, January 2008 to December 2012

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22820

# 11. WHO news

# WHO launches newsletter on Sustainable Development Goals

The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched a monthly email newsletter (see below) on sources of information about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The primary focus is to facilitate the coordination, alignment of WHO Programmes with the SDG agenda, and help operationalize the work on SDGs at all levels of the Organization. The newsletter primarily covers a selection of articles and publications authored by WHO and are organized according to specific lines of action, SDGs in general, plus work likely to be of regional and national interest. You can receive these monthly newsletters by registering here: eepurl.com/cGBbov.

Also we'd like to know if you find this newsletter useful, and look forward to receiving suggestions on how it can be improved, and on how you might contribute at (also, for further information): SDGs@who.int

# Assessing the economic costs of unhealthy diets and low physical activity: an evidence review and proposed framework

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

# Innovation and health care reform in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

European Observatory on health systems and policies