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1. EUPHA update

EUPHA Past President Walter Ricciardi new President of ISS

Walter Ricciardi, EUPHA Past-President, has been appointed as President of the National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ISS) in Italy, of which he was Commissioner for the past twelve months. Walter Ricciardi - who acquired numerous scientific merits - is Professor of Hygiene at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome. From 2010 to 2014 he was President of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and, previously, held numerous positions in the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SItI). Congratulations, Walter and best wishes for your work.

EUPHA supports Joint action plan launched by 17 European health and social care organisations

Active ageing in Europe through falls prevention:
On 1 October 2015 17 European organisations of professionals in health and social care are issuing a joint commitment to promote active ageing through falls prevention. In a joint action plan these organisations state that evidence shows that falls should no longer be considered an inevitable part of ageing.
Falls can be prevented by involving all relevant professionals and carers who can help older adults to remain active and healthy as long as possible. Although there is strong evidence for the effectiveness of fall-prevention, only a few regions in Europe have consistent and wide implementation of validated interventions.

Download here Fact sheet and Declaration


Oslo, 23-25 June 2016

The theme of EUPHA MEMH 2016 will be Equity – the Policy Practice Gap.
Abstracts submitted can cover any of the following groups or topics: migrants, ethnic minorities, asylum seekers, refugees, undocumented migrants
Topics: socio-Demographic determinants, Political determinants for health and the policy environment; (including entitlements, economic factors and ethical challenges), Access and quality of health care services; disparities and inequalities, Social exclusion and marginalization, Health system responsiveness to diversity; Good practices, User involvement and participation; Empowerment and levers for change, Professional Training and Education, Policies and practices affecting the living and working conditions that impact health; work safety

Important Dates
Online submission opens: 1 October 2015
Deadline for submission: 15 November 2015
Notification of acceptance: 1 March 2016

Contact For general enquiries or enquiries regarding the programme, please contact:
eupha2016@nakmi.no. For more information: www.eupha-migranthealthconference.com.
2. European Public Health Conference

Programme and speakers update
Preconference: Ensuring resilient and sustainable health systems: Challenges and opportunities from EU level cooperation
Wednesday 14 October, 09:00-17:00, Amber 8
This day-long preconference looks at challenges and opportunities arising from EU level cooperation in creating resilient and sustainable health systems. With: Maria Iglesia, DG SANTE, Till Voigtländer, ERN Board of MS, Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA, Henrique Martins, eHealth Network, Nick Fahy, United Kingdom, Katarzyna Przybylska, Poland, Marina Karanikolos, Observatory, Nina Renshaw, EPHA, Helmut Brand, Health Forum Gastein. Organised by CHAFEA, EUPHA, Observatory, Health Forum Gastein. Read the programme here.

Workshop: Global health and capacity building
Thursday 15 October, 16:00-17:30, Suite 3
The European Commission aims to strengthen the capacity of health policy institutions in developing countries through the ‘Supporting Public Health Institutes Programme’. With Kevin McCarthy, European Commission, EuropeAid, Albrecht Jahn, Germany, Florence Fouque, World Health Organization, Jaap Koot, The Netherlands. Read the abstract here.

Round Table: Strengthening vaccination strategies: the role of Europe
Thursday 15 October, 13:50 – 15:20, Auditorium
With: Hon. Beatrice Lorenzin, Minister of Health, Italy (invited), Isabel de la Mata, European Commission, Luc Debruyne, GSK Vaccines, Reda Guiha, Pfizer Vaccines, David Khougazian, Sanofi Pasteur MSD, Roberta Siliquini, Italy and Aura Timen, EUPHA Section Infectious diseases. Moderated by Carlo Signorelli and Walter Ricciardi, Italy. Organised by EUPHA and SItI, financially supported by Vaccines Europe/EFPIA.

Lunch Symposium: Creating a favourable ecosystem to unlock the potential of integrated personalised diabetes management in Europe
Friday 16 October, 12:35 – 13:45, Amber 3

Lunch Symposium: Immunization as key public health intervention: challenges and opportunities in Europe
Friday 16 October, 12:35 – 13:45, Amber 4

Registration
Online registration is open until the end of Sunday 4 October 00.00 CET. Onsite registration in Milan opens Wednesday 14 October. Please note that cash payment in Milan is not possible, only by PayPal online.
3. **EUPHA members update**


The European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR) is holding its 6th International Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 22-24 October 2015. The conference theme: “Changing Behaviour without Talking: automatic processes and the regulation of behaviour”. We will convene pre-conference workshops with our Science for Prevention Academic Network (SPAN) partners on the 21st October.

4. **European Journal of Public Health**

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

The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

Unmet care needs of people with a neurological chronic disease: a cross-sectional study in Italy on Multiple Sclerosis
Michela Ponzio, Andrea Tacchino, Paola Zaratin, Concetta Vaccaro, Mario Alberto Battaglia
[Full Article]

Articles (for full text subscription required)
Electronic cigarettes: scarce data and divergent legislations. The need for evidence-based health policies and research funding
Lamberto Manzoli, Stefania Boccia
[Abstract]

Utilizing community and voluntary sector partnerships to survey and compare the health outcomes of hard-to-reach groups to the wider community—the EURO-URHIS 2 Hard-to-Reach Project
Annie Harrison, Christine Robinson, Greg Williams, Gary Clough, Melvina Woode Owusu, Arpana Verma
[Abstract]

Suicide mortality at time of armed conflict in Ukraine
Andriy Yur’yev, Lyudmyla Yur’yeva
[Abstract]

Physical activity and subjective well-being: the role of time
Pamela Wicker, Dennis Coates, Christoph Breuer
[Abstract]

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

The French National Cancer Institute calls for a Research Chair
The French National Cancer Institute in partnership with the University Lille 3 and the French cancer research sites SIRIC ONCOLille, is opening a research chair position in social and human sciences applied to cancer. Deadline for applications is 28 October 2015.

More information (in french) is available at [http://www.e-cancer.fr/Professionnels-de-la-recherche/Appels-a-projets-en-cours/Chaire-de-recherche-en-SHS](http://www.e-cancer.fr/Professionnels-de-la-recherche/Appels-a-projets-en-cours/Chaire-de-recherche-en-SHS)
The Leibniz Institute for Prevention Research and Epidemiology calls for 2 Doctoral Positions Epidemiology & Public Health

Starting at the earliest in December 2015 for three (two plus one) years.

Tasks:
- Conduct your own research project for your doctoral degree (Dr PH)
- Participate in the institute’s structured doctoral programme
- Publish your research in peer-reviewed international journals

Requirements:
- Excellent Master’s degree in epidemiology, public health or related disciplines
- Thematic interest in one of the core research areas of the department
- Strong research orientation
- Strong quantitative skills, interest in mixed methods research
- Excellent English language skills

Desirable:
- First experiences in writing scientific research articles and in giving presentations
- International research and/or educational experience

What we offer: Doctoral candidates are free to pursue their own research topics, but they are integrated in our research team facilitating intellectual exchange and scientific advice in a friendly and dynamic atmosphere. Access to existing data sets and to field sites will be provided as feasible. The institute’s doctoral programme offers the opportunity to develop thematic research and broad scientific skills. Our national and international collaboration networks can be used for academic exchange.

How to apply: Please send us your preliminary dissertation proposal, a CV and a copy of your Master’s certificate. The dissertation topic should be related to one of the three thematic fields. BIPS is an equal access and equal opportunities employer. Applicants with disabilities will be preferentially considered given comparable professional and personal qualifications.

Application deadline: 15. October 2015. Later applications will also be accepted unless the posts are filled. For more information: www.bips-institut.de

6. Interesting news

World Obesity Day 11 October 2015 - Overcoming the biggest challenge

The World Obesity Federation is pleased to announce that the first World Obesity Day will take place on 11 October 2015. The obesity epidemic is rapidly becoming the biggest public health challenge globally, ranking in the top three causes of chronic ill-health globally. There are no countries which have turned around the epidemic, and there are enormous commercial interests opposed to effective public health policies. We Must Act Now.

As part of the inaugural World Obesity Day we are calling for action and asking for everyone, especially governments, to ‘Act Now’ and to join us in our efforts to rise to the challenge of overcoming obesity worldwide so as to help build a healthier future for all.

For updates, resources and information about how to get involved with World Obesity Day, please visit http://www.worldobesity.org/what-we-do/action-initiative/aiprogrammes/world-obesity-day/

#WorldObesityDay – Overcoming the biggest challenge. We Must Act Now

Cochrane Public Health reaches out to Europe!

Five institutions from Germany, Austria and Switzerland join forces to establish a European satellite of Cochrane Public Health with the goal of supporting and disseminating the work of Cochrane Public Health in Europe and beyond, and to strengthen European collaboration in public health research.

For more information: Cochrane Public Health Europe.

Interesting articles on Science Daily

Genetic testing all women for breast cancer might not be worth the cost

Women who are carriers of mutated BRCA genes are known to have a significantly higher risk for developing breast and ovarian cancers than those who don’t have the mutations. But a new study questions the value of screening for the genetic mutations in the general population—including those who do not have cancer or have no family history of the disease—because of the high cost.

http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...
New UK Type 2 diabetes prevention programme shows 'promising' early results
A program aimed at preventing the development of Type 2 diabetes in people at high risk of the disease has achieved "promising" early results, a study has found. http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

New statement on tobacco control and smoking cessation
The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) issued a new statement on Tobacco Control and Smoking Cessation at the 16th World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC) in Denver. The statement calls for higher taxes on tobacco products, comprehensive advertising and promotion bans of all tobacco products and product regulation including pack warnings. http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

Upward trend in hepatitis C infection rates among HIV-positive MSM
A systematic review and meta-analysis of studies characterizing the incidence of the sexual transmission of HCV among HIV-positive MSM has been conducted by researchers. The high reinfection rates and the attributable risk analysis suggest the existence of a subset of HIV-positive MSM with recurring sexual exposure to HCV. Approaches to HCV control in this population will need to consider the changing epidemiology of HCV infection in MSM. http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

Breast cancer incidence, death rates rising in some economically transitioning countries
A new study finds breast cancer incidence and death rates are increasing in several low and middle income countries, even as death rates have declined in most high income countries, despite increasing or stable incidence rates. The findings come from a new report examining global patterns and trends in breast cancer using the most up-to-date cancer registry-based data available. http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

Act now to improve the health of women, children and adolescents worldwide, say experts
In a special supplement published by The BMJ, public health experts from around the globe highlight the critical actions and investments that will have the greatest impact on the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents. http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...

7. Upcoming courses and conferences

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, Swiss
Organiser: GR forum

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: 6th Annual Excellence in Hospital Management Conference
Date / location: 8 Oct 2015 - 9 Oct 2015 / Vienna, Austria

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
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<td>15 Oct 2015 - 17 Oct 2015 / Algarve, Portugal</td>
<td>IHWC</td>
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<td>Sixth EUSPR Conference and Members’ Meeting</td>
<td>22 Oct 2015 - 24 Oct 2015 / Ljubljana, Slovenia</td>
<td>European Society for Prevention Research</td>
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<td>Integrated elderly and patient care in Turkey</td>
<td>29 Oct 2015 - 1 Nov 2015 / Istanbul, Turkey</td>
<td>Healthy Community Association</td>
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<td>Final Conference of the EU-funded project INTEGRATE HTA</td>
<td>12 Nov 2015 - 13 Nov 2015 Amsterdam, The Netherlands</td>
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<td>The 3rd European Health Literacy Conference</td>
<td>17 Nov 2015 - 19 Nov 2015 / Brussels, Belgium</td>
<td>Health Literacy Europe, the IROHLA Consortium and the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG)</td>
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<td>19th International Nursing Research Conference</td>
<td>17 Nov 2015 - 20 Nov 2015 / Cuenca, Espana</td>
<td>Unidad de Investigacion en Cuidados de Salud</td>
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<td>Travellers Health</td>
<td>25 Jan 2016 - 29 Jan 2016 / Basel, Switzerland</td>
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<td>IUHPE’s 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion</td>
<td>22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil</td>
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<td>The 6th International Jerusalem Conference On Health Policy</td>
<td>23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Jerusalem, Israel</td>
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8. Interesting publications

Active ageing through preventing falls: “Falls prevention is everyone’s business”
Joint Declaration issued by The Prevention of Falls Network for Dissemination (ProFouND)

Louise Bouchard, Marcelo Albertini, Ricardo Batista, Joanne de Montigny
Social Science & Medicine, 141 (2015), 100-108
Click here to download the article.

Promoting Health, Preventing Disease: The economic case. Executive summary and sample pages
European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
Click here for a preview

9. European Commission news

Blood, tissues and organs
Summary of the 2013 annual reporting of serious adverse reactions and events for tissues and cells (data collected in 2012)

European Reference Networks
2nd conference on European Reference Networks (Lisbon, 8-9 October 2015) Agenda of the meeting updated
Board of Member States on ERNS (Lisbon, 7 October 2015) Draft agenda

Health-EU Newsletter
Health-EU Newsletter 158: “European Union reinforcing its struggle against cancer”

Health indicators
Health care quality indicators: webpage updated
EU Youth health indicators: webpage updated

Major and chronic diseases
Cérémonie “30 ans Europe contre cancer” Bilan des succès obtenus et débat sur les actions futures à mener

Medicinal products for human use
European Commission, European Medicines Agency and World Health Organization step up cooperation to better protect global public health

Nutrition and physical activity
“We Love Eating” Deventer school moves to healthy snacking Story of the month
Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (Luxembourg, 24 September 2015) Agenda of the meeting
Preparedness and response
France has become the 22nd EU country to sign the Joint Procurement Agreement to procure medical countermeasures

Rare diseases
Rare Diseases Joint Action gets started
First meeting of the Joint Action on Rare Diseases Agenda of the meeting

Scientific committees
SCCS revised opinion on peanut oil – Sensitisation only was published in the journal “Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology”
SCHER - Draft agenda of the 13th Plenary meeting, Luxembourg, 25 September 2015
SCENIHR's opinions on dental amalgam, surgical meshes and DEHP were published in the Journal of Medical Device Regulation
SCCS - Minutes of Working Group Meeting on Methodologies of 09 September 2015
SCENIHR - Draft agenda of the 12th Plenary meeting, Luxembourg, 24 September 2015
SCENIHR Opinion on potential health effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields in 'Bioelectromagnetics' of September 2015
SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Titanium Dioxide (nano) as UV-Filter in sunscreens and personal care spray products

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 36, 10 September 2015

In this issue: Incidence of extended-spectrum beta-lactamase-producing Enterobacteriaceae infections in French hospitals during 2009 to 2013 varied by region but showed an upward trend overall.
This week's table of contents:

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT
Effectiveness of seasonal influenza vaccine in preventing laboratory-confirmed influenza in primary care in the United Kingdom: 2014/15 end of season results
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21237
Ongoing increasing temporal and geographical trends of the incidence of extended-spectrum beta-lactamase-producing Enterobacteriaceae infections in France, 2009 to 2013
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21238
Denominators count: supplementing surveillance data for genital Chlamydia trachomatis infection with testing data, Norway, 2007 to 2013
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21236

LETTERS
Detection of influenza A(H3N2) clade 3C.2a viruses in patients with suspected mumps in British Columbia, Canada, during the 2014/15 influenza season
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21239

NEWS
European Commission call for membership in Scientific Committees
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21241

Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 37, 17 September 2015

In this issue: An editorial on the occasion of the 10-year anniversary of ECDC highlights the evolution of the organisation
This week's table of contents:
EDITORIAL
From SARS to Ebola – 10 years of disease prevention and control at ECDC
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21240

RESEARCH
Meticillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus CC398 is an increasing cause of disease in people with no livestock contact in Denmark, 1999 to 2011
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21245
Prevalence, genotyping and macrolide resistance of Mycoplasma pneumoniae among isolates of patients with respiratory tract infections, Central Slovenia, 2006 to 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21242

Surveillance of endemic foci of tick-borne encephalitis in Finland 1995–2013: evidence of emergence of new foci
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21244
Presence of antibodies but no evidence for circulation of MERS-CoV in dromedaries on the Canary Islands, 2015
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21243

Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 38, 24 September 2015
In this issue:
Case report of patient with serological-confirmed West Nile neuroinvasive disease in Portugal

This week's table of contents:
RAPID COMMUNICATIONS
Human case of West Nile neuroinvasive disease in Portugal, summer 2015
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21249

Knowledge, attitudes and practices concerning Middle East respiratory syndrome among Umrah and Hajj pilgrims in Samsun, Turkey, 2015
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21248

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS
Knowledge, attitudes and practices concerning Middle East respiratory syndrome among Umrah and Hajj pilgrims in Samsun, Turkey, 2015
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21248

MISCELLANEOUS
Job vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21247

11. WHO news

News releases
WHO: Number of people over 60 years set to double by 2050; major societal changes required
30 September 2015
Treat all people living with HIV, offer antiretrovirals as additional prevention choice for people at "substantial" risk
30 September 2015
New partnership to help countries close gaps in primary health care
26 September 2015
Child mortality rates plunge by more than half since 1990 but global MDG target missed by wide margin
9 September 2015
Publications

People's Republic of China health system review
The World Health Organization
Health Systems in Transition, Vol. 5 No. 7 2015
Published online: September 2015
Download the report at http://bit.ly/1F5hUcG

Noncommunicable Diseases Progress Monitor 2015
September 2015 -- Each year, 16 million people die prematurely before the age of 70 from noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). The NCD progress monitor provides a snapshot of achievements and challenges faced by developed and developing countries in fulfilling commitments made towards a world free of the avoidable burden of NCDs.
Read the publication
WHO's work on NCDs