



## **EUPHA Newsletter 4, 2009**

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#### **1. EUPHA - ASPHER 2009: Lodz, Poland**

The preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint European Public Health Conference in Lodz, Poland (25 to 28 November 2009) are well on its way. The deadline for the submission of abstracts was the 1<sup>st</sup> of May (midnight). We have received over 500 single abstracts and more than 40 workshops. The work of the International Scientific Committee will start soon and we wish them good luck with the scoring of all these abstracts. Their work will be discussed in the beginning of June after which all submitters will be notified by email.

The registration process will start in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May.

We are also planning a number of extra activities, including (but not limited to):

- Pre conference organised by the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
- Pre conference organised by ASPHER
- Pre conference organised by our EUPHA section on Injury prevention and Safety.
- Pre conference by the EUPHA section on Public Mental Health, organised as an excursion to Auschwitz /Oswiecim.
- Pre conference of the EUPHA section on Environment-related Diseases, which is a training based upon the PHEEDUNET project on training in environmental public health
- Pre conference of the EUPHA section on Social Security and Health on Research on gender differences in sickness absence.

Other activities include:

- A seminar organised on Thursday morning by Sanofi Pasteur MSD in collaboration with EUPHA
- A seminar organised on Friday lunch time by Glaxo Smithkline in collaboration with EUPHA.

For more information on the conference, please go to [www.eupha.org](http://www.eupha.org)

## 2. Job opportunities

### **Malaria Control and Prevention Project Director**

A leading non-profit organization, headquartered in Washington DC, is seeking a Project Director for a major malaria control and prevention project. The project is global with an emphasis on countries in sub-Saharan Africa where malaria is most prevalent. The Project Director must be a globally respected leader in the malaria community, with significant experience in malaria control management. He/she must have both the technical and management skills required to lead this project, providing vision, leadership, and direction.

Candidates with only the following qualifications should apply:

- Recognized global leader in the malaria field in the prevention and control of malaria in developing countries and in capacity building.
- Extensive developing country field experience (minimum of five years) in designing and implementing ITN related activities in malaria control programs.
- At least 10 to 15 years of senior level experience managing large, complex projects in the developing world.
- Experience interacting with developing country governments, multilateral and bilateral funding and technical organizations, civil society representatives, and senior level government officials. Experience working on USAID contracts a plus.
- Substantial experience (at least five years) in supervising technical, management and support staff, and ability to work with diverse international teams.
- A Master's degree or higher, with a strong preference in public health and/or management.
- Effective English oral and written communications skills and fluency in at least one of the following languages: French, Spanish, Portuguese.
- Ability to travel up to 30% of the time for project oversight purposes.

Please send cover letter and resume to [publichealthrecruiting@yahoo.com](mailto:publichealthrecruiting@yahoo.com) by May 5, 2009. Due to the volume of respondents we regret that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

### **Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights, World Health Organization**

Call for interest to be a member of a new : WHO Scientific Source Group On Health Equity Analysis And Rerearch. Website: <http://www.who.int/eth/en/>

Nominate yourself or someone else by 15 May 2009: [equity@who.int](mailto:equity@who.int)

".....The World Health Organization (WHO) is establishing a Scientific Resource Group (SRG) on Health Equity Analysis and Research to support WHO on its programme of work on equity and health. This includes contribution to the development of WHO and other collaborative products or the peer-review of these products. The Scientific Resource Group (SRG) work aligns with a key strategic objective of WHO to address a broad range of determinants of health (social, economic, political, environmental, etc.) and a core value to increase social justice including health equity within and across countries.

Members will advise WHO on strategic directions, work plan content, objectives and priorities, as well as contribute to products and services in particular those relating to measurement, monitoring, evaluation, analysis and research, including:

- Recommend indicators for the monitoring of broader determinants of health and health inequalities, within and across countries; recommend indicators and measurement approaches to enhance global accountability and national monitoring efforts in this area
- Produce or endorse tools and methods to support measurement and evaluation of status and trends in equity and health, drawing on multiple disciplinary perspectives
- Recommend research and research synthesis methods to evaluate policies and interventions from an equity perspective and support global research activities in this area that serve to increase global evidence on what to do, and strengthen capacities and extend collaborations across low-, middle- and high-income countries involving a wide range of knowledge producers and users
- Produce key analysis and reports addressing equity and health, that clarify analytical methods, revise and apply norms and standards as well as peer-reviewed articles or practical guidelines for wider dissemination.

The members of the Scientific Resource Group (SRG) will work primarily through electronic communications (e.g. email, facsimile, telephone or video conferences) to exchange information, circulate documentation and maintain contact.

**Expected Qualifications:** Up to 25 members will be selected on the basis of their knowledge and expertise on equity and health. The group will include both established experts as well as promising leaders in relation to measurement, monitoring and analysis, and research methods. Experts from research and training institutions, universities, ministries, other institutes, governmental and non-governmental, as well as from other UN organizations, development banks, etc. are sought to participate in this group. Individuals from low- and middle-income countries and women are especially encouraged to apply.

**Commitment:** A two year commitment, renewable, is sought. A base advisory role is expected to range from 6 to 12 working days per year. This includes the tasks of reviewing documents, preparing for discussions, completing written comments, and participation in eventual meetings. Additional working days to contribute to products and services will be mutually agreed upon and contractual arrangements, as appropriate, will be made with each Scientific Resource Group (SRG) member and in consultation with its chair, *Professor Cesar G. Victora, President Elect of the International Epidemiological Association.*

**Nomination Process:** Please nominate yourself or someone else by 15 May 2009, by sending an expression of interest by email to [equity@who.int](mailto:equity@who.int) that includes the nominee's name, full contact information including email and telephones, and optionally, a couple of sentences on why the nominee should participate in the group and noting no conflict of interest to advise WHO. All nominees will be contacted on a rolling basis with selection completed by end June 2009.

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### 3. Interesting news

#### **Website 'Be healthy – Be Yourself'**

The Commission set up a new website in youth friendly design targeted for the young people. The aim of the website is to empower young people to have a real say about their health by offering them a space to air their views. This website will be used as a main source of information about the Youth Health Initiative. The initiative emphasises dialogue and involvement of young people in tackling the health issues that affect them and invites young people to be active partners in our work on health. The website is accessible from the EU Health Portal. It has three major parts: a conference page, a Youth Health competition page and a blog page which will be moderated by the European Youth Forum.

*The youth health conference* web site gathers information about the conference which will take place in Brussels on 9 and 10 July 2009. A main feature of the conference will be close involvement of young people and their organisations in the preparation of the event. The website will be regularly updated in order to gather the latest information including the conference program, the main conference themes, related documents on youth health, and information about the main partners and their activities contributing to the initiative.

*The youth health arts competition* is open to 15-25 year olds who wish to express their views on health issues. Participants are invited to send via the website or by post their pictures, short video-clips or drawings on the six conference themes.

Prizes include a personal music player, a video game console, and a camera or video camera. Some winners will be invited to the Youth Health Conference in Brussels to present their work to an audience from across the Europe.

*The blog* will be a discussion forum for young people to exchange views on their health concerns and priorities. Blog users will have the possibility to share their personal views on the "testimonial page" related to the 6 main conference themes. Some of the bloggers will be selected to participate in the Youth Health Conference.

## EUHSID News

The EUHSID (European Health Surveys Information Database) project is an inventory of national and multi-country health surveys. The information is included in the [HIS/HES Database](#) that is accessible online.

Developing and updating the database is the primary task of EUHSID. The other main aim is to provide a practical tool for the development of methods for the European Health Survey System (EHSS). The database also supports comparison and interpretation of survey findings. Moreover, EUHSID aims to disseminate information and to stimulate cooperation and sharing of experience in health survey methodology and instruments between EU Member States, Candidate Countries and EFTA-EEA countries, community bodies as well as international organisations.

EUHSID is implemented by the Scientific Institute of Public Health (IPH) in Belgium and the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) in Finland, with financial support by Eurostat and the Directorate General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO). In the first issue of the EUHSID newsletter, at [www.euhsid.org](http://www.euhsid.org), you will find more information on the project.

If you wish to subscribe, please contact: [johanna.maki-opas@thl.fi](mailto:johanna.maki-opas@thl.fi)

## 4. Upcoming courses and conferences

### Going International (Partner of EUPHA)

Going International (GI) promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of GI is the international course catalogue "medicine & health", a unique annual publication listing courses and congresses in the fields of biomedicine, public health and development cooperation. For further information: <http://www.going-international.at/index.php?lang=EN>

**Title** Primary Care: Interdisciplinary and Community Oriented  
**Date** 7/8 May 2009  
**Place** Nicosia, Cyprus  
**Organiser** EFPC conference in close collaboration with the University of Nicosia  
**More information** [mavis.j@unic.ac.cy](mailto:mavis.j@unic.ac.cy)

**Title** Training course on Measuring the Progress of Societies:  
"Statistics, Knowledge and Policy: Understanding Societal Change"  
**Date** 11-15 May 2009  
**Place** Ottawa, Canada  
**Organiser** OECD Global Project in association with the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL)  
**More information** [http://www.oecd.org/document/62/0,3343,en\\_40033426\\_40037426\\_42208190\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1,00.html](http://www.oecd.org/document/62/0,3343,en_40033426_40037426_42208190_1_1_1_1,00.html)

**Title** Inequalities in Health and Health Care  
**Date** June 8 to 12, 2009  
**Place** University of Geneva – Switzerland  
**More information** Website:  
[http://www.hec.unil.ch/iems/Enseignement/contact/ssph\\_brochure\\_web.pdf](http://www.hec.unil.ch/iems/Enseignement/contact/ssph_brochure_web.pdf) [page 8.]

**Title** 9<sup>th</sup> WONCA Rural Health World Conference  
**Date** 12 to 14 June 2009  
**Place** Heraklion, Crete, Greece  
**Organiser** Clinic of Social and Family Medicine, Medical Faculty, University of Crete, Greece in conjunction with the practice-based research rural network of Crete and EURIPA.  
**More information** [www.ruralwonca2009.org](http://www.ruralwonca2009.org)

**Title** Health in Context: A course in multilevel modelling for public health and services research  
**Date** 31 August - 4 September 2009  
**Place** Department for Epidemiology & International Public Health and Centre for Statistics, Bielefeld University, Bielefeld, Germany  
**More information** [www.healthincontext.com](http://www.healthincontext.com)

- Title** **Society for Social Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting**  
**Date** 9 - 11 September 2009  
**Place** Newcastle, UK  
**More information** [www.socsocmed.org.uk](http://www.socsocmed.org.uk)
- Title** **1<sup>st</sup> European Congress on Environmental Pathologies**  
**Date** 9-10 October 2009  
**Place** Rouen, France  
**Organiser** National Interdisciplinary College for Health and Environment
- Title** **Big Food Debate II - national public health nutrition conference**  
**Date** 20 October 2009  
**Place** Liverpool, UK  
**Organiser** Heart of Mersey  
**More information** [www.heartofmersey.org.uk](http://www.heartofmersey.org.uk)
- Title** **16th Annual Canadian Conference on International Health: Health Equity: Our Global Responsibility**  
**Date** 25-28 October 2009  
**Place** Ottawa, Canada  
**Deadline** 11 May 2009  
**More information** <http://www.csih.org/en/ccih/overview.asp>
- Title** **7e congrès européen de psychologie communautaire**  
**Date** 29-30 October 2009  
**Place** Paris, France  
**Organiser** L'Association Française de Psychologie Communautaire et l'Association Européenne de Psychologie Communautaire  
**Deadline** 30 April 2009
- Title** **1st Congress of Fatty Liver and Metabolic Syndrome**  
**Date** 12-14 November, 2009  
**Place** Budapest, Hungary
- Title** **International course in modern methods in epidemiology and biostatistics: Regression analysis**  
**Date** 26-30 October 2009  
**Place** Rome, Italy  
**Organiser** Institute of Hygiene, Catholic University of Rome  
**More information** [sboccia@rm.unicatt.it](mailto:sboccia@rm.unicatt.it)
- Title** **International course in modern methods in epidemiology and biostatistics: Survival analysis**  
**Date** 2-6 November 2009  
**Place** Rome, Italy  
**Organiser** Institute of Hygiene, Catholic University of Rome  
**More information** [sboccia@rm.unicatt.it](mailto:sboccia@rm.unicatt.it)
- Title** **International course in modern methods in epidemiology and biostatistics: Epidemiologic principles and methods**  
**Date** 9-13 November 2009  
**Place** Rome, Italy  
**Organiser** Institute of Hygiene, Catholic University of Rome  
**More information** [sboccia@rm.unicatt.it](mailto:sboccia@rm.unicatt.it)

## 5. Interesting publications

### **Access to health care in relation to socioeconomic status in the Amazonian area of Peru**

Charlotte Kristiansson, Eduardo Gotuzzo, Hugo Rodriguez, Alessandro Bartoloni, Marianne Strohmeyer, Göran Tomson and Per, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden.

International Journal for Equity in Health – April 2009

Available online at: <http://www.equityhealthj.com/content/pdf/1475-9276-8-11.pdf>

### **Affordable Medicines Facility - malaria (AMFm)**

An innovative financing mechanism, the Affordable Medicines Facility for malaria (AMFm), was officially launched. The AMFm will make the most effective treatment for malaria, artemisinin combination therapies (ACTs), more affordable and so has the potential to save thousands of lives. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria will manage the new scheme.

The Global Fund: <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/amfm/?lang=en>

### **Seguro Popular in Mexico: is premature evaluation healthy?**

Cesar G Victora, David H Peters

The Lancet, Volume 373, Issue 9673, Pages 1447 - 1454, 25 April 2009

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60564-X/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60564-X/fulltext)

### **Association of Maternal Height With Child Mortality, Anthropometric Failure, and Anemia in India**

S. V. Subramanian, PhD; Leland K. Ackerson, ScD; George Davey Smith, MD, DSc; Neetu A. John, ScM

JAMA. 2009;301(16):1691-1701. - Vol. 301 No. 16, April 22/29, 2009

Website: <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/301/16/1691>

### **A guide to Quantitative Methods in Health Impact Assessment**

Håkan Brodin, Stephen Hodge

Swedish National Institute of Public Health, (SNIPH) 2008

Available online at:

[http://www.fhi.se/PageFiles/4375/R200841\\_Health\\_Impact\\_200812.pdf?epslanguage=en](http://www.fhi.se/PageFiles/4375/R200841_Health_Impact_200812.pdf?epslanguage=en)

### **Recognition of the International Human Right to Health and Health Care in the United States**

Eleanor D. Kinney, JD, MPH Hall Render, William S. and Christine S.

Rutgers Law Review [Vol. 60:2 – 2008]

Available online PDF [45p.] at:

[http://www.pegasus.rutgers.edu/~review/vol60n2/Kinney\\_Macro\\_web.pdf](http://www.pegasus.rutgers.edu/~review/vol60n2/Kinney_Macro_web.pdf)

Also at: [http://indydlaw.indiana.edu/instructors/Kinney/Articles/Rutgers\\_Law\\_Review\\_2009.pdf](http://indydlaw.indiana.edu/instructors/Kinney/Articles/Rutgers_Law_Review_2009.pdf)

### **Inequality, Poverty and Social Policy: Recent Trends in Chile**

Osvaldo Larrañaga

No. 85, 08/04/2009, English, 34 pages, doi: 10.1787/224516554144

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD

PDF Available online: [http://www.oilis.oecd.org/oilis/2009doc.nsf/linkto/delsa-elsa-wd-sem\(2009\)13](http://www.oilis.oecd.org/oilis/2009doc.nsf/linkto/delsa-elsa-wd-sem(2009)13)

### **A four phase development model for integrated care services in the Netherlands**

Mirella MN Minkman, Kees TB Ahaus and Robbert Huijsman

*BMC Health Services Research* 2009, 9:42 doi:10.1186/1472-6963-9-42

Available online at: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1472-6963-9-42.pdf>

### **International travel and health**

International Health Regulations Secretariat, Communicable Diseases

World Health Organization, 2009

Available online PDF [252p.] at: [http://www.who.int/ith/ITH\\_2009.pdf](http://www.who.int/ith/ITH_2009.pdf)

### **Methodological problems in the use of indirect comparisons for evaluating healthcare interventions:**

#### **survey of published systematic reviews**

Fujian Song, Yoon K Loke, Tanya Walsh, Anne-Marie Glenny, Alison J Eastwood, Douglas G Altman,

BMJ April 18, 2009;338:b1147 - doi:10.1136/bmj.b1147  
Available online at: [http://www.bmj.com/cgi/reprint/338/apr03\\_1/b1147](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/reprint/338/apr03_1/b1147)

### **Quantifying Separate and Unequal**

Racial-Ethnic Distributions of Neighborhood Poverty in Metropolitan America  
Theresa L. Osypuk, Sandro Galea, Nancy McArdle, Dolores Acevedo-Garcia.  
Urban Affairs Review - February 4, 2009 as doi:10.1177/1078087408331119  
Abstract free at: <http://uar.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/1078087408331119v2>

### **Chronic Disease: An Economic Perspective**

Marc Suhrcke, Rachel A. Nugent, David Stuckler, Lorenzo Rocco.  
London: Oxford Health Alliance  
Web site: <http://www.oxha.org/initiatives/economics/chronic-disease-an-economic-perspective>  
PDF [60p.] at: <http://www.oxha.org/initiatives/economics/knowledge/publications/oxha-chronic-disease-an-economic-perspective.pdf>

### **Fixing Healthcare: The Professionals' Perspective**

The Economist Intelligence Unit, March 2009  
Fixing Healthcare PDF: [download a copy of the full 2009 report](#), released on March 20th, 2009. [1.6MB]

### **Globalization and social determinants of health: Analytic and strategic review paper**

Ronald Labonte, Ted Schrecker  
Prepared for the Health Systems Knowledge Network of the World Health Organisation's Commission on Social Determinants of Health. On behalf of the Globalization Knowledge Network  
Available online as PDF file [51p.] at:  
[http://www.who.int/social\\_determinants/resources/globalization.pdf](http://www.who.int/social_determinants/resources/globalization.pdf)

### **Improving impact evaluation production and use**

Nicola Jones, Harry Jones, Liesbet Steer and Ajoy Datta  
Working Paper:300 March 2009 - ISBN: 978 0 85003 899 6. Overseas Development Institute  
Available online PDF [87p.] at:  
<http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/odi-publications/working-papers/300-impact-evaluation-production-use.pdf>

### **Global economic crisis**

Oslo, Norway, 1-2 April 2009  
Link to recordings: [http://www.smartcom.no/who/who\\_eng\\_001.html](http://www.smartcom.no/who/who_eng_001.html)  
Links to materials, conference programme and the webcast can be found at url:  
[http://www.euro.who.int/healthsystems/econcrisis/20090316\\_1](http://www.euro.who.int/healthsystems/econcrisis/20090316_1)

### **A World of Science in the Developing World**

Website: <http://www.nature.com/nature/supplements/collections/npgpublications/twas/index.html>  
How will the financial crisis affect health?

M G Marmot, Ruth Bell.

BMJ Published 1 April 2009, doi:10.1136/bmj.b1314

Abstract:

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/apr01\\_3/b1314?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&fulltext=marmot&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&sortspec=date&resourcetype=HWCIT](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/apr01_3/b1314?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&fulltext=marmot&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&sortspec=date&resourcetype=HWCIT)

### **Eliminating World Poverty: Building Our Common Future**

The Department for International Development (DFID), 2009  
Available online as PDF file [32p.] at: <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/securingourcommonfuture/conference-paper-eliminating-poverty.pdf>

### **The Finnish Health Care System: A Value-Based Perspective**

Michael E. Porter, Juha Teperi, Lauri Vuorenkoski, Jennifer F. Baron,  
The Sitra Reports - Helsinki 2009  
Available online as PDF file [117p.] at:  
[http://www.isc.hbs.edu/pdf/Finnish\\_Health\\_Care\\_System\\_SITRA2009.pdf](http://www.isc.hbs.edu/pdf/Finnish_Health_Care_System_SITRA2009.pdf)

## **A Human Rights Approach to Neglected Tropical Diseases**

World Health Organization - Health & Human Rights team

Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights - 2009

Available online at: <http://www.who.int/hhr/activities/factsheets/en/index.html>

## **Co-ordination and management of chronic conditions in Europe: the role of primary care**

Position paper of the European Forum for Primary Care

Greß, Stefan; Baan, Caroline A. Calnan, Michael Dedeu, Toni, Groenewegen, Peter; Howson, Helen; Maroy, Luc; Nolte, Ellen; Redaelli, Marcus; Saarelma, Osmo; Schmacke, Norbert, Schumacher, Klaus; van Lente, Evert Jan; Vrijhoef, Bert

Quality in Primary Care, Volume 17, Number 1, February 2009 , pp. 75-86(12)

Abstract website at:

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/rmp/qpc/2009/00000017/00000001/art00011>

## **Obesity Metaphors: How Beliefs about the Causes of Obesity Affect Support for Public Policy**

Colleen L. Barry, Victoria L. Brescoll, Kelly D. Brownell, and Mark Schlesinger

The Milbank Quarterly, The Milbank Memorial Fund, Volume 87, Number 1, 2009

Available online at: <http://www.milbank.org/quarterly/8701feat.html>

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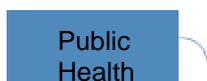
## **A human security challenge**

Policy Review Paper

The UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre in Florence, Italy, 2009

Available online PDF [68p.] at: [http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/climate\\_change.pdf](http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/climate_change.pdf)

## **6. European Commission: update**



- **Threats to health: Novel flu virus**  
[Following human cases of the novel flu virus notified to WHO by the United States and Mexico, DG SANCO is leading the EU coordination](#)
- **Threats to health: Rare diseases**  
[Public health national initiatives or other institutions responsible for rare diseases](#) Update: Italy and Portugal
- **Threats to health: Rare diseases**  
[Events page updated](#)
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**  
[Request for a scientific opinion on Mercury Sphygmomanometers in Healthcare and the Feasibility of Alternatives](#)
- **Health determinants: Diet, Physical Activity and Health - EU Platform for Action**  
To mark the fourth anniversary of the EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity & Health, Robert Madelin speaks about the maturation of this multi-stakeholder platform and the power of co-operative voluntarism, accelerating outputs to address nutrition and health issues in Europe
- **Health determinants: Alcohol**  
[European Alcohol and Health Forum](#) [List of members updated](#)
- **Health programme: Executive Agency**  
[National Focal Points of the Member States and participating countries](#) [List updated](#)
- **Overview of health strategy: Health Policy Forum**  
[new report: The Health Forum's Role: A Renewed Mandate](#)
- **Health determinants: Mental health**  
Commission hosts a Round table 'Reducing the psychosocial impact of the financial and economic crisis' in Brussels, 27 April 2009 [Read the Agenda](#)
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**  
[Scientific Hearing on Nanotechnology - Launch of Public Consultation](#) [Deadline for submission of comments: 19 June 2009](#)
- **Threats to health: HIV/AIDS**  
[HIV/AIDS Think Tank, Brussels, 25-26 March 2009](#) [Presentations available](#)
- **Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action**  
[Fourth meeting \(Luxembourg\) 17-18 February 2009](#)
- **Scientific Committee on Consumer Products slide : Questions**  
[Other Substances - Request for a scientific opinion: Scientific clarification on Annex II, Entry 168, Choline salts and their esters e.g. choline chloride \(INN\)](#) [Updated](#)
- **Database of Experts**  
[The European Commission invites scientists to join its Database of Experts serving the Risk Assessment Advisory Structure](#)

- **Health information: 2003 funded projects**  
EUPHORIC - EU Public Health Outcome Research and Indicators Collection 2nd interim report
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**  
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) by date of onset and country from January 2006 up to date Data as of 30 March 2009
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**  
Distribution H5N1 cases by age group up to date Data as of 30 March 2009
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**  
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) since 2003 Data as of 30 March 2009
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**  
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtypes Data as of 30 March 2009 (flash map)
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**  
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtype Data as of 30 March 2009
- **Scientific Committees - Questions: Fragrances**  
Request for an updated scientific opinion: on the labelling of 26 fragrance substances Corrigendum - typing error in the fourth paragraph. The sentence "Nevertheless, ... the limits of 0.1 and 0.01% ...." has been changed to "Nevertheless, as an administrative practice the limits of 0.01 and 0.001% respectively for rinse-off and leave-on were set."
- **Alcohol - Open Forum**  
Online registration Started !
- **Scientific Committee on Consumers Products (SCCP)**  
Minutes of the 19th Plenary meeting
- **Health information: Developing European Union health indicators**  
European Community Health Indicators (ECHI) Indicator Communicable diseases updated (Nb 15)
- **Newsletter: Health & Consumer Voice Newsletter on Food Safety, Health and Consumer Policy from Health and Consumers DG**  
Edition: April 2009
- **Health determinants: Socio-economic determinants of health - health inequalities**  
Consultation: EU action to reduce health inequalities Deadline extended to 15 April
- **Health determinants: Alcohol**  
Study on the affordability of alcoholic beverages in the European Union now available
- **Health determinants: Sexual Health**  
Sexual Health Forum; Brussels, 13 March 2009 Presentations available
- **Threats to health: Climate change**  
On 1 April 2009 the Commission has adopted the White Paper: 'Adaptation to Climate Change: Towards a European Framework for Action'. DG Health and Consumers has drafted an accompanying document having the purpose to outline the main issues relating to human, animal and plant health in relation to climate change.
- **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign**  
Conference 'Communicating health, the tobacco example', Brussels, 9-11 October 2008 Conference Recommendations available in 21 languages

## 7. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

### Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 16, 23 April 2009

#### EDITORIALS

European Immunization Week goes viral

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19180>

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We are pleased to provide you with the list of WHO information products recently released. Please click on [Just published](#)

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#### [Foodborne Disease Outbreaks](#)

These guidelines have been written for public health practitioners, food and health inspectors, district and national medical officers, laboratory personnel and others who may undertake or participate in the investigation and control of foodborne disease outbreaks.

#### [Implementing the WHO Stop TB Strategy](#)

This handbook has been prepared principally for use by national TB control programme managers and staff, as well as partner organizations and professionals involved in implementing TB control activities.

#### [International Travel and Health 2009](#)

This book covers all the main health risks to travellers, both during their journey and at the destinations. It describes the relevant infectious diseases, including causative agents, modes of transmission, clinical features, geographical distribution and prophylactic and preventive measures.

#### [Uncertainty and Data Quality in Exposure Assessment](#)

Assessment of human exposure to chemicals is a critical input to risk assessment and ultimately to decisions about control of chemicals. This two-part publication aims to improve the quality of information available to decision-makers and its communication.

#### [Managing Chronic Conditions](#)

This book examines the health system response to this rising burden in eight countries: Denmark, England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Australia and Canada.

#### [Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 87, No. 4, 2009](#)

As the flagship periodical of WHO, the Bulletin is a leading international voice on public health issues. This peer-reviewed monthly draws on the expertise within WHO to provide a vital resource for those interested in research, policy issues and debate on international public health, particularly the problems confronting developing countries.

#### [WHO Drug Information, Vol. 22, No. 4, 2008](#)

WHO Drug Information communicates pharmaceutical information that is either developed and issued by WHO or transmitted to WHO by research and regulatory agencies throughout the World. The journal also includes regular presentations of newly proposed and recommended International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceuticals Substances. This volume contains the Proposed INN List no. 100.

### **BOOKS IN SPANISH**

#### [Subsanar las desigualdades en una generación](#)

The Final Report of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health provides an analysis of social determinants of health and concrete examples of types of action that have proven effective in improving health and health equity in countries at all levels of socioeconomic development.

### **BOOKS IN CHINESE**

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