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# 1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2011: Copenhagen, Denmark – Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Public Health



EUPHA and ASPHER are pleased to invite you to the 4<sup>th</sup> joint European Public Health Conference combining the 19<sup>th</sup> annual EUPHA meeting and the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of ASPHER. The conference will be organised from 9 to 12 November in Copenhagen jointly with the Danish Society of Public Health (DSOPH). The main theme of the conference is Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Public Health.

At the moment, we have over 1000 registrations already. Please note that **online registration will close on 24 October at midnight**. After that, registration will be possible onsite in Copenhagen - please come directly to the registration desk at the Bella Centre, which will be open from Wednesday, 9 November at 8.00.

## Accommodation

There are still hotel rooms available during the congress in Copenhagen. In order to achieve the favourable congress rates – you should book as soon as possible. Please go to the web site for more information or book directly via this link:  
[http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming\\_conference.php?conference\\_page=6](http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=6)

The full programme is available at:  
[http://eupha.org/site/upcoming\\_conference.php?conference\\_page=26](http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=26)

You can now follow the updates on the EPH conference on TWITTER (<http://twitter.com/EPHconference>).

## 2. Call for proposals, papers, job opportunities

### Establishing an evidence base for e-health: a call for papers (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization - June 2011;89:394-394. doi: 10.2471/BLT.11.090274  
The deadline for submissions is **20 November 2011**  
Website: <http://bit.ly/ICGFY7>

There are many definitions of e-health. In 2001 Eysenbach defined e-health as “an emerging field in the intersection of medical informatics, public health and business, referring to health services and information delivered or enhanced through the Internet and related technologies. In a broader sense, the term characterizes not only a technical development, but also a state-of-mind, a way of thinking, an attitude, and a commitment for networked, global thinking, to improve health care locally, regionally and worldwide by using information and communication technology.” The field has since evolved; the potential of e-health to help strengthen health systems and to improve the safety, quality and efficiency of care was recognized by the World Health Assembly in its resolution on e-health in 2005. This has raised high expectations from all stakeholders, many of which are still unmet. New e-health solutions are continually being designed, implemented and evaluated around the world.

From what evidence base, if any, are these solutions developed? Can e-health solutions truly improve health equity? What types of disparities do they minimize or exacerbate? How are health systems and their governance influenced by these e-health solutions, policies and practices?

Evidence is needed to promote equity of access to information and health services, and to strengthen activities and programmes that support local, regional, national and global health communities. There is a critical need to communicate evidence and to provide examples of best practice in the development of effective and efficient solutions to major health challenges. These could include: governance and multisectoral engagement, funding systems, system architectures, information systems implementation, capacity building, and areas such as equity in health systems, strategic planning, policy and regulatory frameworks, infrastructures, human capital development and system and data interoperability.

- The first objective of this theme issue of the Bulletin is to provide an authoritative, critical and independent overview of knowledge about the appropriate, transdisciplinary methods and applications in e-health. There have been considerable developments and experiences – social, technical and political – in the field of e-health in the past several years.  
This theme issue aims to provide a credible source of evidence, authored by individuals representing different parts of the world, to help inform decisions on e-health and its application. It will draw on examples from around the world of the successes of health informatics. We welcome papers for the research and systematic review sections of the Bulletin and encourage authors to consider contributions that document evidence of impact of e-health methods and tools.  
Suggested domains include: governance and management of health systems; equity of access to health care; transferable and sustainable economic models; health policy development; information sharing and interoperability to improve the quality, efficiency and continuity of care; information collection and aggregation for public health support; and health workforce development. We particularly seek papers that document experiences and lessons learnt in low-resource settings.
- The second objective of this theme issue is to include contributors from developing countries who typically do not have the opportunity to publish in international journals. It is likely that significant experiences and knowledge about many e-health issues do not make it to the mainstream scientific literature, as implementers and researchers involved in these projects may lack the resources, skills and/or contacts necessary to access these international communication channels. The International Medical Informatics Association will provide quality control and mentoring to ensure that these contributors get the appropriate level of support, if required.  
Review papers will be commissioned to teams of authors, with a mix of internationally-recognized senior scientists and contributors who may have valid experiences and perspectives without writing practice. An important goal of this project is to develop writing capacities through a joint authorship and mentoring process.
- A third objective is to disseminate the key findings of this theme issue to high-level decision-makers, to promote a stronger commitment on e-health interoperability issues and its wider application.

The deadline for submissions is **20 November 2011**. Manuscripts should respect the Guidelines for contributors and mention this call for papers in a covering letter. All submissions will go through the Bulletin's peer review process.

Please submit to: <http://submit.bwho.org>

### **UMIT – University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology**

The Department of Public Health and Health Technology Assessment, in Hall i.T. / Innsbruck, Austria is searching for

- Public Health Experts
- Health Economists or Health Technology Assessment Experts
- Decision Scientists / Modellers
- Clinical Researchers (MD) with expertise in Personalized Cancer Medicine
- Research Assistants
- Information Specialists (e.g., MLIS)

to contribute to or lead research projects in public health, epidemiology, outcomes research, evidence-based medicine, health economics, HTA and personalized cancer medicine. UMIT is an internationally recognized private university dedicated to health & life sciences and also a partner of the ONCOTYROL Center for Personalized Cancer Medicine. The Department of Public Health is focused on international research, excellence in teaching and policy implementation.

Responsibilities: Working on research projects; Assisting and implementing trial protocols; Collaborating in development and implementation of quality assurance, data collection, and project management; Performing scientific analyses; Coordinating relevant scientific activities within the

Department (main fields: Public Health, Outcomes Research, HTA for National HTA authorities, Personalized Cancer Medicine); Conducting interim analyses and reporting as well as participating in publications for international biomedical journals; Involvement and contributing to education and training.

Qualifications: Successful candidates will hold a degree (Bachelor, Master, PhD) preferably in public health, epidemiology, biostatistics, or in an equivalent field. Additional qualification or experience in quantitative methods in public health/biomedicine preferred; Graduate degree in a biomedical field and experience in epidemiological studies in cancer preferred; Commitment to interdisciplinary team-oriented research; Experience in project management; Experience as a team player; Excellent communication skills in English; Experience in statistical analysis with SAS, SPSS etc. and modeling software (e.g., TreeAge, Arena, BerkleyMadonna, AnyLogics).

Employment will initially be for one year, with a possibility for extension.

The Department is committed to advancing employees who demonstrate excellent performance.

Further degrees can be achieved during the course of duties. Opportunities for part-time employment are available. UMIT is dedicated to promoting the role of women in science, and therefore expressly invites women to apply. Handicapped candidates with equal qualifications and personal aptitude will also be prioritized.

Further information can be obtained from the website at [www.umat.at](http://www.umat.at).

Interested candidates should apply with a cover letter, CV, publication list, educational certification and 2 letters of recommendation preferably by email to: [public-health@umat.at](mailto:public-health@umat.at)

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is searching for a

- Biostatistician / Epidemiologist

Applicants should have strong knowledge and active experience in practicing and teaching quantitative methods in Public Health. This includes, but is not limited to, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Risk & Decision Analysis, Economic Evaluation in Health Care, Econometrics, Quality-of-Life Assessment, Health Technology Assessment (HTA), and Outcomes Research.

This position provides the opportunity to work in an interdisciplinary research team and to interact with the Medical University in Innsbruck, the University of Munich, Harvard University, and European Government HTA Agencies (NICE/UK, IQWiG/Germany, BIQG/Austria, EUnetHTA etc.) as well as other decision-making bodies. There are formal collaborations and exchange programs with the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for HTA in Vienna/Austria, the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston/USA, and the Harvard Medical School in Boston/USA.

Candidates should have a commitment to working in an interdisciplinary research team and to teaching excellence at both the graduate and undergraduate levels (in Bachelor-, Master- and Doctoral Programs in Health Sciences with concentrations in Epidemiology, Health Technology Assessment and Health Decision Science).

Candidates should submit a C.V., selected publications, and a statement of research and teaching interests; and they should arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

All materials should be sent by regular mail or email to: Dr. Holger Gothe, Dept. of Public Health and HTA, UMIT, Eduard Wallnoefer Center I, A-6060 Hall i.T., Austria (email: [public-health@umat.at](mailto:public-health@umat.at), Phone. +43-50-8648-3930, Fax +43-50-8648-673930).

UMIT is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### **Southern Vaccine Advocacy Challenge (SVAC)/Defi Promotion de la vaccination dans le Sud (DPVS)**

is now open for applications.

This is an exciting new program that aims to fund innovative ideas to strengthen public and political support for vaccines in low- and middle-income countries. Launched as a pilot project, the SVAC/DPVS will award five grants of up to \$10,000 USD each to support innovative advocacy initiatives around a specific vaccine-related event, issue or policy.

We are encouraging innovators from organizations based in low- and middle-income countries to apply with their bold ideas. Each grant will be selected based on the project's likelihood for impact, innovation and creativity, scalability, and technical merit and execution plans.

More information: <http://www.vaccinechallenge.org>

Deadline for applications: October 24, 2011.

### 3. Interesting news

#### **WFPHA – working groups**

The World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) has currently 4 active Working Groups. Please read the WG description on their website:

- [Environmental Health](#)
- [Global Health Equity](#)
- [Public Health Education](#)
- [Tobacco Control](#)

For more information or if you wish to join one of these groups, please contact directly the correspondent Chair person:

Environmental Health : [Dr. Peter Orris](#).

Global Health Equity: [Prof. Bettina Borisch](#) or [Dr. Deborah Walker](#).

Public Health Education: [Dr. Ehud Miron](#).

Tobacco Control: [Prof. Mike Daube](#)

#### **Use of sub-national indicators to improve public health in Europe (UNIPHE)**

The overall aim of the project is to develop a sustainable environmental health monitoring system consisting of a set of sub-national indicators to improve public health across Europe. The creation of a consistent and common framework within Europe will facilitate the comparability of health status data. Therefore the project will provide a tool to enable member states to reduce the burden of disease through control of hazardous environmental exposures and their health effects

To ensure European added value for public health improvement, activities of this project are focussed on: the development of a harmonised system of environmental health indicators; collation of data; development of a method to compare regions; and collation of policies which deliver positive outcomes to ensure transferability within Europe.

Interested contacts can join our newsletter mailing list by sending a request to [uniphe@hpa.org.uk](mailto:uniphe@hpa.org.uk) or through the contact us page on our website [www.uniphe.eu](http://www.uniphe.eu)

#### **EuSANH news**

The European Science Advisory Network for Health (EuSANH) will formally finalise its project 'Improving Science Advice for Health in Europe (EuSANH-ISA)' and launch its new organization on 13-14 October in Bucharest. Presidents of Science Advisory Bodies in Europe interested to participate as founding member at the first Governing Council meeting to discuss and agree on the first constitution and on the membership can contact the secretariat at [d.coenen@gr.nl](mailto:d.coenen@gr.nl).

The final results of the EuSANH-ISA project will be presented at our workshop 'Translating science into policy: illustration of a methodological framework for science advice' on Friday 11 November 13.45 hr at the European Public Health Conference in Copenhagen. More information can be found at our website and newsletter [www.eusanh.eu](http://www.eusanh.eu).

#### **New: European Center for Injury Prevention Universidad de Navarra**

The above mentioned centre has become a WHO Collaborating Center for Injury Prevention.

Publications can be found at: <http://www.unav.es/ecip/english/news/OMS.html>.

### 4. EUPHA update



The general objective of PHIRE is to contribute to the improvement of public health knowledge and practice across the European Union by assessing the impact and uptake of the first Public Health Programme (PHP) and structuring information on public health research. At the moment, the work packages are busy with data collection: from our sections, but also from our national members.

During the Copenhagen 2011 conference, the PHIRE project will be presenting its results, work and future activities in a workshop entitled: **The political economy of health research in Europe** on Saturday 12 November from 11:30-13:00. Lunch will follow this interesting workshop, so don't miss it! The project is also planning regional meetings with our members during the Copenhagen 2011 conference.

#### **EUPHA sections:**

Some of the EUPHA sections publish their own newsletter. For instance the section on health services research and the section on public health economics. You can download these from their websites at: <http://eupha.org/site/sections.php#Sections> You can join our sections by going to: [http://www.eupha.org/cgi-files/mem\\_db.cgi](http://www.eupha.org/cgi-files/mem_db.cgi)

## **EUPHAnxt**

EUPHAnxt is growing steadily. At the moment we have just under 100 subscribers for this network of students and young public health professionals. Collaboration has been set up with:

- International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
- International Sociological Association
- European Federation of Psychology Students' Associations

## **5. EUPHA member updates**

Welcome to this section of the EUPHA newsletter, in which we summarize the activities of our members. We continue to summarize information we have received directly from our members in different languages. We hope to include more and more of our members in this new section.

#### **French Society of Public Health - [www.sfsp.fr](http://www.sfsp.fr)**

Congrès SFSP 2011 – Lille – programme now available

La Société française de santé publique a le plaisir d'annoncer son prochain congrès pluri-thématique "*Experts et expertises en santé publique. Diversité des acceptions, multiplicité des enjeux : comment avancer ?*" qui se déroulera à Lille, au Grand Palais, du 2 au 4 novembre 2011.

New address SFSP

1, rue de la forêt  
54520 Laxou  
France

#### **University of Maastricht – Department of International Health - <http://inthealth.eu>**

Invitation to the Euregio II conference "*Effective cross-border care: Next Generation*". The conference will take place on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the historic Theater La Bonbonnière in the heart of Maastricht.

The conference will examine how the growth of cross-border care in Europe's border regions intersects with the evolution of the European Union in coming decades. Speakers will focus on three themes (Technology, Inequalities and Politics/Law) at two levels (Regional Development and European Vision to 2050). Renowned Dutch historian and journalist Geert Mak will give the keynote address.

The conference is an initiative of the Euregio II project "Solutions for improving health care cooperation in border regions" which is funded by the European Commission (DG SANCO).

Register now by clicking [here](#). (75,- Euros through October 15<sup>th</sup>. Late registration 95,- Euros after October 15<sup>th</sup>).

## **6. Upcoming courses and conferences**



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> Global International is an official partner of EUPHA.

**Title: eHealth 2020 - What Synergies for Europe?**

Date: 12 October 2011

Place: Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: EHTEL-Intel

More info: [www.ehtel.eu/events/ehealth2020-what-synergies-for-europe](http://www.ehtel.eu/events/ehealth2020-what-synergies-for-europe).

Participation is free charge. Please register at: [www.regonline.com/ehealth2020-synergies-for-europe](http://www.regonline.com/ehealth2020-synergies-for-europe).

**Title: World Conference on Social Determinants of Health**

Date: 19 - 21 October 2011

Place: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

More info: <http://bit.ly/mOELYR>

**Title: Psychosocial effects of globalization on mental health: toward an ecology of social links**

Date: 19-22 October 2011

Place: Lyon, France

Organiser: ONSMP-ORSPERE

More info: <http://www.congresdescinqcontinents.org/en>

**Title: SUSTAINABLE HEALTH AND REGIONAL INNOVATION SYSTEMS**

Date: 19 October 2011

Place: Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: Vrije Universiteit Brussels

More info: Participation is free but [registration is obligatory](#)

**Title: TELEMEDICINE: Improving patient management. Perspective in France and Europe**

Date: 17-18 November 2011

Place: Paris, France

Organiser: Association Nationale de télémédecine

More info: [www.antel.nl](http://www.antel.nl)

**Title: Concepts of Epidemiology (5-Day Course)**

Date: 5-9 December 2011

Place: Edinburgh, UK

Organiser: University of Edinburgh

More info: <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/epidemiology>

**Title: 2nd International Conference and EUSPR Members' Meeting**

"Synergy in prevention and health promotion: individual, community, and environmental approaches"

Date: 8-9 December 2011

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

Organizer: European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR)

More info: <http://euspr.org>

**Title: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mongolian Public Health Conference:**

*Advancing public health through learning, advocating and working together*

Date: 8 December 2011

Place: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Organiser: Mongolian Public Health Professionals' Association  
Deadline: abstract submission: 14 October 2011, registration: 1 November 2011  
More info: [mphpa.mongolia@gmail.com](mailto:mphpa.mongolia@gmail.com)

**Title:** "eHealth and Equity in the Global Health Communities"  
Date: 15 December 2011  
Place: Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: ePractice.eu  
Deadline: For workshops: 21 October 2011-09-29  
More info: [events@eurodyn.com](mailto:events@eurodyn.com)

**Title:** Day Certified Course "Winter School in Clinical Epidemiology"  
Date: 16-21 January 2012  
Place: Hall i.T., Austria  
Organiser: UMIT  
More info: [www.umat.at/htads](http://www.umat.at/htads)

**Title:** Second international Conference on Landscape & Health  
Date: 24-25 January 2012  
Place: Birmensdorf, Switzerland  
Organiser: Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research  
Deadline: Deadline for presentation-submissions: September 23rd 2011.  
The deadline for conference registration is December 15th 2011.  
More info: [landschaft.gesundheit@wsl.ch](mailto:landschaft.gesundheit@wsl.ch).

**Title:** WPA Thematic Conference in collaboration with WONCA: Mental Health and Family Medicine Working Together  
Dates: 8-11 February 2012  
Place: Granada, Spain  
More info: <http://www.thematicconferencegranada2012.com/>

**Title:** Arts and Wellbeing: Recent Developments, Future Challenges  
Date: 9 February 2012  
Place: London, UK  
Organiser: Royal Society for Public Health  
More info: <http://www.rsph.org.uk/en/courses-conferences-and-events/events/index.cfm/eid/2BB354CA-3877-477E-AFAE4B5F95F6F896>

**Title:** GRF One Health Summit: One Health – One Planet – One Future  
Date: 19-23 February 2012  
Place: Davos, Switzerland  
Organiser: Global Risk Forum GRF Davos  
Abstracts: Deadline 30 September 2011  
More info: <http://onehealth.grforum.org>

**Title:** World Federation of Public Health Associations' 13<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Congress on Public Health  
Date: 21-29 April, 2012  
Place: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Organiser: WFPHA  
Deadline: abstract submission: 21 October 2011  
More info: [wfpha@confex.com](mailto:wfpha@confex.com)



**Title:** 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Environmental Health  
**Date:** 22-27 May 2012  
**Place:** Vilnius, Lithuania  
**Deadline:** Deadline for abstract submission: 15 February 2012  
**Registration:** Early bird registration until 1 March 2012  
**More info:** [www.ifeh2012.org](http://www.ifeh2012.org)

**Title:** The Second Scientific Conference on Work Disability Prevention and Integration  
**Date:** October 22-24, 2012  
**Place:** Groningen, The Netherlands  
**Organiser:** University Medical Center Groningen  
**More info:** [www.wdpi2012 Groningen.com](http://www.wdpi2012 Groningen.com)

## 7. Interesting publications

**Analysing Commitments to Advance the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health**  
The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH), September 2011 Report  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/qseQYE>

**Innovating for Every Woman, Every Child**  
Thematic Report  
The Global Campaign for the Health Millennium Development Goals 2011  
Available online PDF [52p.] at: <http://bit.ly/n7Ynlp>

**Closing the gap: Policy into practice on social determinants of health**  
Policy into Practice on Social Determinants of Health Discussion Paper  
Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights - WHO  
World Health Organization – September 2011  
Available online as PDF [56p.] at: <http://bit.ly/q67ren>

**The Challenge Ahead: Progress and Setbacks in Breast and Cervical Cancer**  
The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME)  
Policy report available online at: <http://bit.ly/ohHCMS>

**From burden to "best buys": Reducing the economic impact of NCDs in low- and middle-income countries**  
Summary: World Health Organization, September 2011  
New WHO study details low-cost solutions to help curb the tide on noncommunicable diseases  
Strategies to prevent and treat cancer, heart disease, diabetes and lung disease for just US\$ 1.20 per person per year  
Available online PDF file at: <http://bit.ly/r7ZYS0>

**World Development Report 2012: Gender Equality and Development**  
The World Bank, September 2011  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/n28pnv>  
**Segregated Spaces, Risky Places: The Effects of Racial Segregation on Health Inequalities**  
Thomas A. LaVeist, Darrell Gaskin, Antonio J. Trujillo  
Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies – September 2011  
Available online PDF [44p.] at: <http://bit.ly/nFtQo9>

**Governance for health in the 21st century: a study conducted for the WHO Regional Office for Europe**  
WHO regional Office for Europe – August 2011  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/r25XXA>

**The Growing Danger of Non-Communicable Diseases  
Acting Now to Reverse Course**  
The World Bank - Human Development Network – September 2011

Available online PDF file [24p.] at: <http://bit.ly/mY9zP8>

**Global Atlas on cardiovascular disease prevention and control**

CVDs Joint Publication of the World Health Organization the World Heart Federation Organization  
editors: Shanthi Mendis, Pekka Puska and Bo Norrving  
Available online PDF [164p] at: <http://bit.ly/mUce0M>

**What has made the population of Japan healthy?**

Ayu Ikeda et al  
The Lancet, Volume 378, Issue 9796, Pages 1094 - 1105, 17 September 2011  
Abstract: <http://bit.ly/nMymzL>

**The Global Economic Burden of Non-communicable Diseases**

A report by the World Economic Forum and the Harvard School of Public Health  
September 2011  
Available online PDF [48p.] at: <http://bit.ly/odBjrH>

**UN Summit discusses ways to curb death toll from Non-Communicable Diseases**

UN Press Release New York, Sep. 19, 2011 2:05PM  
Website: <http://bit.ly/pzFUWF> Millennium Development Goal 8  
The Global Partnership for Development: Time to Deliver  
MDG Gap Task Force Report 2011, United Nations New York  
Available online PDF [98p.] at: <http://bit.ly/qm5twO>

**Noncommunicable diseases country profiles 2011**

World Health Organization 2011  
Available online PDF [209p.] at: <http://bit.ly/nG9Hu8>

**International Perspectives: Communicating the Noncommunicable**

Journal of Health Communication  
Volume 16, Supplement 2, 2011 September 14, 2011  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/plEZH5>

**UNICEF and IPSOS Mori-Social Research Institute release child well-being report**

Children's Well-being in UK, Sweden and Spain: The Role of Inequality and Materialism  
A Qualitative Study June 2011  
Available online PDF [95p.] at: <http://bit.ly/q3tcNV>

**Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2010**

Carmen DeNavas-Walt; Bernadette D. Proctor; Jessica C. Smith  
U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, P60-239, U.S. Government Printing Office  
Washington, DC, September 2011.  
Available online as PDF file [95p.] at: <http://1.usa.gov/nBvvQ0>

**Priorities for cardiovascular health in the Americas**

Key Messages for Policy Makers  
Pan American Health Organization Regional office of the World Health Organization PAHO/WHO  
Editors: Pedro Ordúñez García and Carlos Campillo Artero - September 2011  
Available online as PDF file [88p.] at: <http://bit.ly/pyR2fr>

**Building the Field of Health Policy and Systems Research: An Agenda for Action**

Bennett S et al.  
PLoS Med - August 2011 - 8(8): e1001081. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001081  
Website: <http://bit.ly/osxupA>

**International perspectives on the public health implications of 9/11**

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health – August 2011 vol. 35 no. 4, 2011  
Public Health Association of Australia  
Website: <http://bit.ly/o4Mjc4>

### **Home care in Europe: a systematic literature review**

Nadine Genet et al.

BMC Health Services Research 2011, 11:207doi:10.1186/1472-6963-11-207

URL: <http://bit.ly/okVg9h>

### **Tackling NCDs: a different approach is needed**

The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 6 September 2011doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(11)61135-5

URL: <http://bit.ly/ppSOvY>

### **Changing the future of obesity: science, policy, and action**

The Lancet, Volume 378, Issue 9793, Pages 838 - 847, 27 August 2011

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/o3UA8Y>

### **Data Systems and Social Determinants of Health**

Public Health Reports Volume 126 Supplement 3: 2011

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/qyxHxD>

### **Chronic Emergency: Why NCDs Matter**

Irina A. Nikolic; Anderson E. Stanciole; Mikhail Zaydman

Health, Nutrition, and Population, Human Development Network, The World Bank, July 2011

Available online PDF [34p.] at:<http://bit.ly/nFHaAR>

## **8. European Commission news**

- **Alcohol**
  - [8th meeting of the Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum, 21 March 2011](#) Summary report available
  - [9th meeting of the Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum, 15 September 2011](#) Draft agenda available
- **Blood, tissues and organs**
  - [Summary report of the meeting of Competent authorities for blood and blood components, Brussels, 16-17 May 2011](#)
- **Communicable diseases**
  - [ECDC assessment on Avian flu outbreak in Southeast Asia indicates no change in risk to human health](#)
  - [ECDC assessment on Oseltamivir-resistant influenza A\(H1N1\)2009 cluster reported in Australia](#)
- **Cross-border care**
  - [Updated information on cross-border care policy and legislative framework](#) Information available in 22 languages
- **Electromagnetic fields**
  - [2011 International Scientific Conference on EMF and Health, Brussels, 16 November 2011 - Register now!](#)
- **EU in the world**
  - [Global Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 15 September 2011](#) Draft Agenda available
- **Healthy environments**
  - [Meeting of the Experts Group on Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\), Luxembourg, 14 June 2011](#) Minutes and presentations available
- **Health indicators**
  - [ECHI - indicators on nurses employed updated](#)
  - [ECHI - Indicators on body mass index updated](#)
  - [Publication: The European Community Health Indicators \(ECHI\) - Factsheet](#)
  - [EU Injury database \(IDB\): take note of the new internet address](#)
  - [Environment and health indicators system](#) Page updated
- **Health programme**
  - [Report on final evaluation Public Health Programme 2003-2008 now available](#)
  - [Read the 2009 report about EU Health Programme's implementation](#)
- **Major and chronic diseases**
  - [Oral health - Page updated](#)
- **Population groups**
  - [The State of Men's Health in Europe: the extended report now available](#)

- **Preparedness and response**  
[Report of the Stakeholder consultation on Health Security in the European Union](#) available  
[Commission staff working paper on the activities of the Health Security Committee during the period from November 2009 to December 2010](#) Translations available  
[Generic Public Health Preparedness in Europe](#) New publication
- **Public Health**  
[Project Management in Public Health in Europe](#) New publication  
[Health priorities within the Europe 2020 strategy](#) The Europe 2020 strategy is the EU's growth strategy for the coming decade. In the field of health, it aims at taking actions to ensure a better [health for EU citizens](#), including healthy ageing, health at work and health inequalities.
- **Scientific Committees**  
[Meeting on Hearing on Health Effects of Artificial Light \(10 October 2011\)](#) Venue in Brussels and deadline for registration extended  
[SCCS - Minutes of 6th Working Group on Nitrosamines of 15 September 2011](#)  
[SCCS - 6 New opinions open for comments](#) Deadline for comments: 28 October 2011  
[SCCS: Minutes of the 11th Plenary meeting \(Brussels, 21 June 2011\)](#)  
[SCCS - Minutes of 20th Working Group on Hair Dyes of 13 September 2011](#)  
[SCCS - Minutes of 15th Working Group on Nanomaterials in Cosmetic Products of 14 September 2011](#)  
[SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Hair dye p-Phenylenediamine \(CAS 106-50-3\) submission IV \(A007\)](#)  
[SCENIHR - Request for a scientific opinion on health effects of security scanners for passenger screening \(based on X-ray technology\)](#)  
[SCENIHR - Minutes of the 14th plenary meeting, Brussels, 15 June 2011](#)  
[SCENIHR - Minutes of 10th Working Group on New Challenges for Risk Assessment Meeting of 12th September 2011](#)  
[Bringing the results of the Scientific Committees closer to the public - Summary of the scientific opinion on Depleted Uranium - Updated version](#)
- **Sexually transmitted diseases**  
[Joining together to tackle HIV/AIDS in Europe](#) New publication
- **Social determinants and health inequalities**  
[Publications added: Health of People of Working Age](#) Summary and full report available  
[Publications added: Expert Review and Proposals for Measurement of Health Inequalities in the European Union](#) Summary and full report available  
[The brochure "Reducing health inequalities in the European Union", commissioned under the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity \(2007-2013\), is now available](#)
- **Tobacco**  
[Ex-smokers are unstoppable: Commissioner Dalli presented next steps of the campaign at a press event in Brussels on 14 September 2011](#) Watch the videos and pictures  
[Ex-smokers are unstoppable - Watch the campaign's TV clips](#)  
["Ex-smokers are unstoppable", the new EU anti-tobacco campaign](#) Information available in 22 languages

## 9. European Centre for Diseases Control

In July and August 2011, ECDC has published:

Rapid risk assessments

- [Autochthonous Plasmodium vivax malaria in Greece, 23 August 2011](#)
- [Risk of travel-associated cholera from the Dominican Republic, 22 July 2011](#)
- [Outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli \(STEC\) O104:H4 2011 in the EU, 8 July 2011](#)

Technical reports

- [External quality assurance scheme for diphtheria diagnostics 2010](#)
- [Second external quality assurance scheme for Salmonella typing](#)
- [Operational guidance on rapid risk assessment methodology](#)
- [Migrant health series: HIV testing and counselling in migrant populations and ethnic minorities in EU/EEA/EFTA Member States](#)
- [Migrant health series: Improving HIV data comparability in migrant populations and ethnic minorities in EU/EEA/EFTA countries: findings from a literature review and expert panel](#)

Surveillance report

- [Surveillance of invasive bacterial diseases in Europe 2008/2009](#)

Meeting reports

- [First annual meeting of the European Diphtheria Surveillance Network](#)

- Laboratory networks and biosafety communities. How to make biosafety pan-European?
- Understanding the behavioural aspects and the role of health communication in mitigating the impact of seasonal influenza

Web items

- [European monthly measles monitoring](#)
- [Bi-weekly influenza surveillance overview](#)

**Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 35, 01 September 2011**

In this issue: ongoing mumps outbreak in Bosnia and Herzegovina possibly due to vaccination failures in this country during the war and post-war period

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Plasmodium vivax malaria in a Romanian traveller returning from Greece, August 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19954>

Ongoing large mumps outbreak in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, December 2010 to July 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19959>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Surveillance of hospitalised patients with influenza-like illness during pandemic influenza A(H1N1) season in Sicily, April 2009 – December 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19957>

Meticillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) bacteraemia in Tampere University Hospital: a case-control study, Finland October 2002 to January 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19958>

MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2011;16(31)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19955>

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2011;16(29)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19956>

**Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 36, 08 September 2011**

In this issue: an HIV outbreak among injecting drug users in Greece demonstrates the need for HIV-related behavioural surveillance among IDUs: a separate study analyses the extent of such surveillance in Europe

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

HIV-1 outbreak among injecting drug users in Greece, 2011: a preliminary report

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19962>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Mapping HIV-related behavioural surveillance among injecting drug users in Europe, 2008

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19960>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

A five-year perspective on the situation of haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome and status of the hantavirus reservoirs in Europe, 2005-2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19961>

**Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 37, 15 September 2011**

In this issue: Chagas disease in Europe

The first part of the special issue presents surveillance estimates from several European countries.

This week's table of contents:

## MISCELLANEOUS

A note from the editors: Chagas disease – neglected in Europe?  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19970>

## SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Chagas disease in Italy: breaking an epidemiological silence  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19969>  
Chagas disease in Switzerland: history and challenges  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19963>  
Chagas disease in European countries: the challenge of a surveillance system  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19968>

## PERSPECTIVES

EuroTravNet: imported Chagas disease in nine European countries, 2008 to 2009  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19966>  
Chagas disease at the crossroad of international migration and public health policies: why a national screening might not be enough  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19965>

## NEWS

EUVAC-Net - the surveillance network for vaccine-preventable diseases is now hosted by ECDC  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19964>  
New WHO Europe Action Plan to fight MDR-TB  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19967>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 16, Issue 38, 22 September 2011**

In this issue: Chagas disease in Europe  
The second part of the special issue presents several examples of intervention programmes in different regions in Spain.  
This week's table of contents:

## EDITORIALS

The hidden Chagas disease burden in Europe  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19975>

## RESEARCH ARTICLES

Clinical, electrocardiographic and echocardiographic abnormalities in Latin American migrants with newly diagnosed Chagas disease 2005-2009, Barcelona, Spain  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19971>

## PERSPECTIVES

Targeted screening and health education for Chagas disease tailored to at-risk migrants in Spain, 2007 to 2010  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19973>  
The current screening programme for congenital transmission of Chagas disease in Catalonia, Spain  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19972>

## SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Surveillance of Chagas disease in pregnant women in Madrid, Spain, from 2008 to 2010  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19974>

Full table of contents:  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/>

# 10. WHO publications

## Technical guidance on water-related disease surveillance

(Edited by E. Funari, T. Kistemann, S. Herbst and A. Rechenburg)

This guidance is intended to assist the countries that are Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes in establishing and/or strengthening their detection and early warning systems, contingency plans and capacity to respond to outbreaks of water-related disease accordance with article 8 of the Protocol.

The guidance reviews the main threats to health related to water services, recalls basic concepts of epidemiology and disease surveillance and advises on data management and analysis. It will therefore also support countries' efforts towards national and international health security, in line with the International Health Regulations (2005). The Parties to the Protocol approved this guidance in November 2010.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version check:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/technical-guidance-on-water-related-disease-surveillance>

### **Policy guidance on water-related disease surveillance**

This booklet contains guidance on the policy related to water-related disease surveillance developed by the Task Force on Water-related Disease Surveillance established under the Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on Protection and Use of Transboundary Waters and International Lakes.

The guidance explains countries' legal obligations related to disease surveillance under the Protocol and other international frameworks, and gives advice on policy to set up and maintain an effective and efficient disease surveillance system. These explanations are coupled with illustrative examples of good practice in the European Region.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version check:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/sections/featured-publication/policy-guidance-on-water-related-disease-surveillance>

## **11. EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together**



**EUPHApedia**

We take the liberty of providing you with an update on our new project EUPHApedia - a search engine for all public health issues, whereby we actively invite our members to upload their experiences (practice, policy, research and training/education) in the system to be shared with all our members.

There are now 2298 documents (increase of 51 documents) in EUPHApedia. Three countries are uploading information and 19 countries have accessed the information. To upload information, please contact [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org)

**EUPHApedia NEWS section:**

**19 September, 2011**

[Non communicable diseases: country profiles 2011](#)

This WHO report provides information required by countries worldwide to assess their situation in face of the growing threat posed by noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). The country profiles reveal an enormous burden on mortality and alarming rates for risk factors like tobacco smoking, physical inactivity, raised blood pressure, overweight and obesity, raised cholesterol and raised blood glucose. There are also signs of positive improvement in some countries where health systems have been strengthened and population strategies have been effectively applied.

**21 September, 2011**

[Global Atlas on cardiovascular disease prevention and control](#)

This joint report of the World Health Organization and the World Heart Federation Organization reveals the necessity to act against cardiovascular diseases. Data shows that both governments and individuals need to take action against heart disease and stroke.

**28 September, 2011**

[From burden to 'best buys': Reducing the economic impact of NCDs in low- and middle-income countries](#)

This newly published study of WHO showcases low-cost solutions to help curb the tide on noncommunicable diseases.

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