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1. 7th European Public Health Conference, Glasgow

The 7th European Public Health Conference will be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 19 to 22 November 2014. The theme for the conference is ***Mind the gap: reducing inequalities in health and health care.***

GLASGOW: THE PLACE TO BE! Check out our updates on the Conference at:
www.ephconference.eu

Open Society Foundations joins as partner in Glasgow 2014

We are very happy to announce that the Open Society Foundations have again decided to provide a grant to EUPHA to allow central and Eastern European presenters the opportunity to come to Glasgow 2014. It is the 15th year that the European Public Health Conference has received support from OSF. Last year in Brussels, 64 CEE presenters attended the conference. We thank OSF for their continuous support.

Going twitter

The EPH conference can be followed on twitter (@ephconference). To make it easy to follow each conference, we have created special hashtags:

#EPHGlasgow

#EPHMilan

#EPHVienna

2. EUPHA update

EUPHA endorsed the Appeal to the UN: Keep health R&D at the core of the post-2015 agenda

EUPHA has just endorsed the Appeal to the UN to keep health RandD at the core of the post-2015 agenda.

Member State negotiations for a successor to the current Millennium Development Goals are entering a decisive phase at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly this September, when UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will present his draft proposal for a new "Sustainable Development Framework 2015-2030." A solid commitment to the research, development, and delivery of new health tools is key to ensure "Healthy Lives for All," one of the goals currently envisioned in the development framework.

Please do [endorse](#) the appeal to keep the research, development, and delivery of new and improved health tools at the heart of the post-2015 development agenda. For information, please visit the website [here](#).

Initiated by:

The Global Health Technologies Coalition, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, and the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED)

<http://www.ghtcoalition.org/keep-RD-in-p...>

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Call for papers: The Journal of Human Development and Capabilities Special Issue: Health and Disability, with guest editors J Prah Ruger and S Mitra.

Deadline for submissions: November 30, 2014

The Journal of Human Development and Capabilities (JHDC) is pleased to announce a call for papers for a special issue on Health and Disability. This call for papers aims to advance the state of knowledge and expertise regarding health, disability and human development, as well as the linkages among them and a range of policies, institutions, and social structures that influence such links and their dynamics.

Submissions related to this topic are welcome. In particular, though not exclusively, we welcome submissions in the following themes: i) Social justice and resource allocation; ii) Health system financing and access; iii) Public health and health policy; iv) Disability, poverty and human development; v) Social determinants of health and disability; vi) Disability definition and measurement; vii) HIV/AIDS and antiretroviral therapies; viii) Health care services and provision, and; ix) Maternal, child and reproductive health.

Full papers in English, in .doc or .docx formats should be submitted by November 30th, 2014. Strict compliance with this deadline is required. Papers submitted will be evaluated through a standard peer review process. Authors of the selected papers will be notified by e-mail.

Submission of a paper implies that the author has the intention of publishing the paper in the JHDC, and it is not currently under evaluation at another journal.

Please submit papers online at: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/cjhd> .

Complete instructions for authors can be found at the publisher's website:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=cjhd20andpage=instructions>. For inquiries, please contact Sophie Mitra (mitra@fordham.edu) or Jennifer Prah Ruger (jenpr@upenn.edu).

Call for tender concerning mapping of patients' rights in all EU-Member States Call for tender no Chafea/2014/Health/03 concerning mapping of patients' rights in all Member States in the European Union

The objective of the call for tender is to map patients' rights initiatives in the EU Member States, Norway and Iceland. The focus will not only be on patients' rights derived from legal provisions, but also patients' rights derived from national recommendations and guidelines (soft-law) etc. Draft legislation and legislation under adoption shall be included. It should be clearly stated in the study whether information stems from legislation or soft-law.

<http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/tender...>

Call for tender concerning the support for the definition of core competencies of healthcare assistants

Call for tender number Chafea/2014/Health/04 concerning the support for the definition of core competences of healthcare assistants

The objective of this call for tender is to carry out a study which will explore the feasibility and prepare for a future suggestion for the establishment of a Common Training Framework (CTF) for healthcare assistants (HCA) in the European Union.

The study will contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan for the EU Health Workforce, adopted as part of the Commission's Communication Towards a job-rich recovery.

The objectives of this call for tender are to:

- Identify the representative national or European professional organisations (or competent authorities) that would be interested in working on a suggestion for a CTF for HCAs.
- To set up a network that can establish a common position on a set of knowledge, skills and competences combining the knowledge, skills and competences required in at least 12 Member States.
- Provide input (a common position on the set of knowledge, skills and competences and a feasible roadmap) for interested representative European or national professional organisations (or competent authorities) that might want to engage in working on a suggestion for a CTF for HCAs.

<http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/tender...>

Call for tender concerning the development of a manual and toolbox for the assessment of European Reference Networks

Call for tender Chafea/2014/Health/05 concerning the development of a manual and toolbox for the assessment of European Reference Networks

The contract is designed to a) prepare and organise the assessment process of European Reference Network proposals and healthcare provider applications and to b) develop, in consultation with Member States and interested parties, a detailed manual regarding the content of, documentation and procedure for the assessment referred in Implementing Decision 2014/287/ EU.

The assessment manual and toolbox must provide the assessment body (ies) in charge of the technical assessment, with clear and robust guidance, criteria and operational tools to ensure a sound and harmonised process. In addition they must integrate all the technical guidance tools, supporting documents and templates to be used along the sequence of all possible interdependent and linked procedures and operations at every stage of the assessment process.

<http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/tender...>

New Professor of Public Health & Evidence in Communicable Disease Epidemiology Post at Warwick Medical School

The University of Warwick (UoW) is looking to appoint a senior academic trained in public health, applied epidemiology and communicable disease control. You will provide strategic leadership to the development, establishment and running of Evidence in Communicable Disease Epidemiology and Control (ECDEC) team, closely affiliated to the Warwick Evidence team. The ECDEC team is co-funded by the University and Public Health England (PHE) and supported by additional training posts from Health Education England. You will undertake research to improve the evidence base in communicable disease control and together with the ECDEC team will provide a service to Public Health England, particularly in relation to defining the evidence base for specific communicable disease control problems.

Closing date: 1 September 2014

Further information is available on: <http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AJF680/professor-of-public-health-and-evidence-in-communicable-disease-epidemiology/>

Potential applicants should contact Aileen Clarke at aileen.clarke@warwick.ac.uk or Jeremy Hawker at Jeremy.Hawker@phe.gov.uk for further information.

4. Interesting News

Access to healthcare for the most vulnerable in a Europe in social crisis

Some weeks ago, Doctors of the World International network launched its most recent European report, on “[Access to healthcare for the most vulnerable in a Europe in social crisis](#)”. With the strong support of health partner organizations and public health researchers, we hope that this report will contribute to raising awareness and will lead to measures that improve access to healthcare for excluded groups.

HEAL Press release: Health costs in the EU - How much is related to EDCs?

Brussels, 18 June 2014 – Exposure to food and everyday electronic, cosmetic and plastic products containing endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) may be costing up to €31 billion per year in the EU, according to a [report](#) launched today by the HEAL.

Spiralling rates of hormone-related disease may be due to exposure to hormone-mimicking synthetic chemicals found in food, drink and everyday products.

- New study says if a small portion of hormone-related cancers, diabetes and obesity, and infertility could be avoided by reducing exposure to hormone disrupting chemicals, then billions in costs from these diseases and conditions could be saved.

- A change in European chemicals policy could massively reduce costs associated with cases of hormone-related diseases and conditions. EU should act now.

Join the ENGAGED learning community!

ENGAGED is a Thematic Network that will build a learning community of stakeholders, from different backgrounds and from across different European countries, to nurture the emergence of innovative and sustainable active and healthy ageing (AHA) services that make best use of technology. Stakeholders of the whole value chain will participate. You can now join the network's Learning Community for Sustainable Active and Health Ageing by clicking [here](#). A flyer to share with your colleagues is available [here](#).

European Healthy Stadia Network: European Smoke-free Stadia Report Published

Only 10 European Football Nations Have Rigorous Smoke-Free Stadia Policies

European Healthy Stadia Network has recently completed the first phase of three year programme that is advocating for smoke-free football stadia across Europe. Part one of the programme has developed an up to date report detailing those European football nations who have stadia with a total or partial ban on smoking, and more importantly, those without any smoke-free policy at all.

This research has been funded by Healthy Stadia's partnership with World Heart Federation and UEFA's social responsibility department. Thanks should be given to agencies who have assisted in the process, including: Association of European Professional Football Leagues, Global Smokefree Partnership, European Network for Smoking Prevention, World Health Organisation, World Heart Federation and UEFA.

Report available to download at: <http://tiny.cc/pm9pix>

Transparent communication in Epidemics: Learning Lessons from experience, delivering effective Messages, providing Evidence

The TELL ME project was created in response to European Commission Call (DG Research and Innovation - HEALTH), for developing an evidence-based behavioural and communication package to respond to major epidemic outbreaks.

[Go to the TELL ME Brochure](#)

CDC: Overprescribing causes prescription painkiller abuse

In 2012 health care providers wrote 259 million prescriptions for opioid painkillers — equaling a bottle of pills per American adult — according to data released by the Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention on Tuesday.

In this past decade, the number of prescriptions written have increased by 400 percent. With the surge in painkiller prescriptions, the U.S. has also seen an increase in deaths due to opioid and narcotic painkiller overdoses.

The agency reported the “overdose epidemic” in 2012, with increased death rates in several states from the late 1990s. In 2010 women had five times the number of prescription drug overdoses than they did in 1999. In 2011 prescription painkiller overdoses surpassed deaths from heroin and cocaine combined.

<http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/?p=1...>

Patients with HIV, cancer less likely to receive oncology treatment

Among those with cancer, patients with HIV were less likely to receive cancer treatment than patients without HIV, according to data published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

The study included 3,045 patients with HIV and 1,087,648 patients without HIV. The most common cancers in the patients with HIV included diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), lung cancer and anal cancer, whereas in patients without HIV, the most common cancers were prostate, breast and lung cancers. For DLBCL, lung cancer, Hodgkin's lymphoma, prostate cancer and colorectal cancer, a significantly higher proportion of patients with HIV did not receive cancer treatment compared with patients without HIV. The associations for cervical and breast cancer were not significant and treatment for anal cancer was the same in both patients with and without HIV.

Among patients with HIV, predictors of a lack of cancer treatment included distant and unknown cancer stages, men with HIV exposure by IV drug use, age 45 to 64 years, black race and CD4 counts lower than or equal to the median of 144 cells/mcL.

<http://www.healio.com/infectious-disease...>

Death by prescription painkiller

The number of deaths involving commonly prescribed painkillers is higher than the number of deaths by overdose from heroin and cocaine combined, according to McGill researchers. In a first-of-its-kind review of existing research, the McGill team has put the spotlight on a major public health problem: the dramatic increase in deaths due to prescribed painkillers, which were involved in more than 16,000 deaths in 2010 in the U.S. alone. Currently, the U.S and Canada rank #1 and #2 in per capita opioid consumption.

<http://publications.mcgill.ca/reporter/2...>

AJPH investigates public bike-share programs and head injuries

A recent study from APHA's *American Journal of Public Health* sheds new light on public bike-share programs. The study, which compared 10 cities in the United States and Canada with and without bike-share programs, found that cities with bicycle shares are correlated with an increased proportion of head injuries among bicycle-related injuries.

Appearing in cities from Washington, D.C., to Minneapolis, the public bike-share programs make bicycles available on a rental basis and increase options for access to physical activity within urban areas. The study found that in cities with bike-share programs, the proportion of head injuries among bicycle-related injuries increased from 42.3 percent before the programs began to 50.1 percent after. In comparison cities without sharing programs, the proportion of head injuries among bicycle-related injuries did not change significantly.

So what does all of this mean? According to the study, the majority of bike-share programs in North America do not provide helmets. While the study did not examine whether injured bicyclists were wearing helmets —or whether they were bike-share users at the time of their injuries — the researchers concluded the safety devices are important in sharing programs because of their ability to save lives. They called on programs to implement helmets in their planning and funding.

<http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/?p=1...>

5. EUPHA members update

French Society of Public Health www.sfsp.fr

French Society of Public Health becomes member of HEPA Europe (European network for the promotion of Health-Enhancing Physical Activity)

La SFSP vient d'être admise au sein de HEPA Europe (European network for the promotion of Health-Enhancing Physical Activity), réseau collaboratif européen pour la promotion de l'activité physique favorable à la santé animé par l'OMS Europe. Les objectifs de ce réseau sont de contribuer au développement de politiques favorables à l'activité physique, développer, soutenir et diffuser les bonnes pratiques, favoriser les approches intersectorielles. Cette participation s'inscrit dans le cadre des actions de notre commission internationale.

Plus d'informations sur HEPA Europe : <http://www.euro.who.int/hepa>

Appel à signatures - Déjà plus de 20000 signatures !

Pétition "Pour un étiquetage nutritionnel simple, intuitif et compréhensible par tous sur la face avant des emballages des aliments"

Des sociétés savantes, des associations de professionnels de santé et de la nutrition, d'acteurs de terrain, de consommateurs et de patients en France s'associent pour lancer une grande pétition citoyenne afin que soit mis en place un étiquetage nutritionnel simple, intuitif et compréhensible par tous sur la face avant des emballages des aliments. Pour bien comprendre cette mesure proposée par le Professeur Serge Hercberg dans son rapport pour un nouvel élan de la politique nutritionnelle de Santé publique, le Collectif invite les citoyens à visualiser la courte vidéo explicative sur le site : <http://youtu.be/GAwTyEEHnOs> et signer la pétition soutenant cette proposition. Ainsi, les citoyens (consommateurs, patients,

professionnels), au travers de cette démarche de démocratie sanitaire, ont l'opportunité de peser sur la décision politique pour que soit mise en place cette mesure de santé publique qui les concerne.

Signatures sur le site de la Société française de santé publique <http://www.sfsp.fr/petition-nutrition.htm>

[Voir le communiqué de presse](#) ; [Voir la lettre ouverte au Premier Ministre](#)

[Pour en savoir plus dossier thématique](#)

6. Upcoming courses and conferences

Title: [ERASMUS Summer Programme 2014](#)

Date / location: 11 Aug 2014 - 29 Aug 2014 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Organiser: Erasmus university

Title: [WIS 2014 – safe and secure cities](#)

Date / location: 18 Aug 2014 - 20 Aug 2014 / Turku, Finland

Organiser: University of Turku and the Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association

Title: [Summer school in Public Health Policy, Economics and Management](#)

Date / location: 25 Aug 2014 - 31 Aug 2014 / Lugano, Switzerland

Organiser: SSPH+

Title: [1st European Conference on Donor Health and Management](#)

Date / location: 3 Sep 2014 - 5 Sep 2014 / The Hague, The Netherlands

Organiser: Sanquin Blood Supply

Title: [10th Public Health Association of South Africa \(PHASA\) Conference: Dignity, rights and quality: towards a health care revolution](#)

Date / location: 3 Sep 2014 - 6 Sep 2014 / Polokwane, South Africa

Organiser: PHASA

Title: [EPHA 5th annual conference: Tectonic tensions - wealthy Europe's fear of commitment](#)

Date / location: 4 Sep 2014 - 5 Sep 2014 / Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: EPHA

Title: [International masterclass on care pathways and organization of care processes](#)

Date / location: 8 Sep 2014 - 10 Sep 2014 / Leuven, Belgium

Organiser: EPA

Title: [Summer school: Health Care Management](#)

Date / location: 8 Sep 2014 - 12 Sep 2014 / Rome, Italy

Organiser: EHMA and the Catholic University Rome

Title: [Integrating Personalised Medicine into the EU Strategy](#)

Date / location: 9 Sep 2014 - 10 Sep 2014 / Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: EAPM

Title: [Qualitative Research in Health: An Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods](#)

Date / location: 10 Sep 2014 - 12 Sep 2014 / Basel, Switzerland

Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

- Title:** [5th International Public Health Summer School - Primary Health Care: Quality and Performance](#)
Date / location: 15 Sep 2014 - 20 Sep 2014 / Graz, Austria
Organiser: Medical University Graz
- Title:** [Medizinische Statistik für Nicht - StatistikerInnen](#)
Date / location: 17 Sep 2014 / Krems, Austria
Organiser: Danube University Krems
- Title:** [The Dementia Challenge North: Continuing the Fight Back](#)
Date / location: 18 Sep 2014 / Leeds, United Kingdom
- Title:** [16th International Summer School 2014: Burden of Infectious Diseases: Epidemiology, Population Health, and Mathematical Modelling](#)
Date / location: 22 Sep 2014 - 26 Sep 2014 / Bielefeld, Germany
Organiser: University of Bielefeld
- Title:** [6th International Summer School 2014: Spatial Epidemiology and Climate Change: Concepts and Modelling](#)
Date / location: 22 Sep 2014 - 26 Sep 2014 / Bielefeld, Germany
Organiser: University of Bielefeld
- Title:** [Causal Inference in Epidemiologic Research](#)
Date / location: 22 Sep 2014 - 25 Sep 2014 / Menorca, Spain
Organiser: Public Health School in Menorca, Spain
- Title:** [Steuerung von Evaluationen](#)
Date / location: 23 Sep 2014 - 24 Sep 2014 / Krems, Austria
Organiser: Danube University Krems
- Title:** [Permanente Verfügbarkeit in der Arbeits - und Lebenswelt – Risiken und Chancen](#)
Date / location: 24 Sep 2014 - 26 Sep 2014 / Erlangen, Germany
Organiser: DGMSP and partners
- Title:** [Global Public Health Doctoral Programme](#)
Date / location: 1 Oct 2014 - 15 Jul 2015 / Porto, Portugal
Organiser: Joint organisation with Portuguese schools of public health
- Title:** [The Second International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health](#)
Date / location: 5 Oct 2014 - 8 Oct 2014 / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Title:** [Masterclass: Lifestyle Counselling in Primary Care and Public Health: Nutrition and physical activity guidance by primary care and public health professionals](#)
Date / location: 13 Oct 2014 - 15 Oct 2014 / Wageningen, The Netherlands
Organiser: VLAG / NuGO Association
- Title:** [WPA Section on epidemiology and public health - 2014 meeting](#)
Date / location: 16 Oct 2014 - 18 Oct 2014 / Nara, Japan
Organiser: WPA
- Title:** [5th International Conference: Is an ounce of prevention still worth a pound of cure? The economics and value of prevention](#)
Date / location: 16 Oct 2014 - 18 Oct 2014 / Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Organiser: European Society for Prevention Research and European Institute of Studies on Prevention

Title: [Qualitätssicherung in der Gesundheitsförderung](#)
Date / location: 22 Oct 2014 - 23 Oct 2014 / Krems, Austria
Organiser: Danube University Krems
Title: [Universitaetslehrgaenge Clinical Research und Advanced Clinical Research](#)
Date / location: 24 Oct 2014 - 11 Jun 2016 / Zwettl/Rodl, Austria
Organiser: Johannes Kepler University

Title: [2014 AICR Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer](#)
Date / location: 29 Oct 2014 - 31 Oct 2014 / Washington, DC, United States
Organiser: AICR

Title: [ESCAIDE 2014](#)
Date / location: 5 Nov 2014 - 7 Nov 2014 / Stockholm, Sweden
Organiser: ECDC

Title: [ENCR Scientific Meeting and General Assembly: Towards a harmonised cancer information system in Europe](#)
Date / location: 12 Nov 2014 - 14 Nov 2014 / Ispra, Italy
Organiser: ENCR
Title: [14th World Congress on Public Health - WCPH 2015](#)
Date / location: 11 Feb 2015 - 15 Feb 2015 / Kolkata, India
Organiser: WFPHA

Title: [4th Global Forum on TB Vaccines](#)
Date / location: 21 Apr 2015 - 24 Apr 2015 / Shanghai, China

Title: [COHRED Forum 2015: People at the center of research and innovation for health](#)
Date / location: 25 Aug 2015 - 27 Aug 2015 / Manila, Philippines
Organiser: COHRED

7. European Journal of Public Health

Advanced access:

Associations between life conditions and multi-morbidity in marginalized populations: the case of Palestinian refugees
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

Breast cancer diagnosis and death in the Netherlands: a changing burden
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

Contribution of psychopathology, psychosocial problems and substance use to urban and rural differences in birth outcomes
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

Multiple risk behaviour in adolescence and socio-economic status: findings from a UK birth cohort
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

Cross-national evidence for the clustering and psychosocial correlates of adolescent risk behaviours in 27 countries
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

8. Interesting publications

Associations between objectively assessed child and parental physical activity: a cross-sectional study of families with 5-6 year old children

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

Fluid intake survey among schoolchildren in Belgium

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

Sexual behaviour and sexual and reproductive health education: a cross-sectional study in Romania

<http://www.reproductive-health-journal.c...>

The United Nations millennium development and post-2015 sustainable development goals: Towards long-term social change and social stability: an introduction

<http://www.seejph.com/wp-content/uploads...>

Leadership Alliance for the Care of Dying People report

[Download the report and commitment statements](#)

Bavarian government publishes health report on vaccination (in German)

http://www.lgl.bayern.de/publikationen/doc/gesundheitsreport_2014_01.pdf

Longitudinal changes in health behaviours and body weight among Swedish school children - associations with age, gender and parental education - the SCIP school cohort

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

Barriers for recess physical activity: a gender specific qualitative focus group exploration

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

Parental perceived neighborhood attributes: associations with active transport and physical activity among 10-12 year old children and the mediating role of independent mobility

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

'Complex' but coping: experience of symptoms of tuberculosis and health care seeking behaviours - a qualitative interview study of urban risk groups, London, UK

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

Changes in the profiles of smokers seeking cessation treatment and in its effectiveness in Galicia (Spain) 2001-10

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

Differences in beliefs and home environments regarding energy balance behaviors according to parental education and ethnicity among schoolchildren in Europe: the ENERGY cross sectional study

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

Exploring genetic variants predisposing to diabetes mellitus and their association with indicators of socioeconomic status

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

Barriers and facilitators for participation in health promotion programs among employees: a six-month follow-up study

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

Sexual orientation, social capital and daily tobacco smoking: a population-based study

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

The associations between psychosocial working conditions and changes in common mental disorders: a follow-up study

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

Prevalence and factors associated with hardcore smoking in Poland: Findings from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (2009-2010)

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

The potential of social enterprise to enhance health and well-being: A model and systematic review

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0277953614004602>

The effect of smoking on the duration of life with and without disability, Belgium 1997-2011

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

9. European Commission news

EC Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks published final opinion on Nanosilver

On 13 June 2014, the European Commission and its non-food Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) published the final opinion on Nanosilver: safety, health and environmental effects and role in antimicrobial resistance. SCENIHR concluded that the widespread (and increasing) use of silver containing products implicates that both consumers and the environment are exposed to new sources of silver. More data are needed to better understand bacterial response to ionic silver and silver nanoparticles exposure.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/docs/citizens_silvernanoparticles_en.pdf

Patient safety: progress made, more needed

The European Commission published a report highlighting how the Commission and EU countries are addressing the challenge of patient safety, progress made since 2009 and barriers to overcome to improve patient safety.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/patient_safety/policy/package_en.htm

First European Reference Network Conference (ERNC 2014 Brussels): presentations now available

You will find all the related documents and presentations of the day at the following link

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ern/events/ev_20140623_en.htm.

You will find updated information in the ERN website

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ern/policy/index_en.htm

Study maps EU school food policies for the first time

As part of the European Commission's efforts to help reduce childhood obesity, the Commission's in-house science service, the Joint Research Centre (JRC), has published the first comprehensive report on school food policies in Europe. It shows that European countries acknowledge the important contribution of school food to children's health, development and performance at school. All the countries studied (28 European Member States + Norway and Switzerland) have guidelines for school food, although these vary considerably. National measures aimed at promoting healthy diets in schools range from voluntary guidelines, for example for menus and portion sizes, to complete bans, including on marketing, of vending machines and sugar-sweetened drinks.

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/publication/eur-scientific-and-technical-research-reports/mapping-national-school-food-policies-across-eu28-plus-norway-and-switzerland>

Ageing

[Frailty in old age conference \(Brussels, 18 June 2014\)](#) Presentations available

Expert Panel

2nd Working Group meeting on WG on Competition between health care providers in EU, 13 June 2014 Minutes of the meeting

eHealth

5th meeting of the eHealth Network (Athens, 13 May 2014) List of participants, Final summary minutes, Multiannual Work Programme

5th meeting of the eHealth Network (Athens, 13 May 2014) Meeting documents

European Reference Networks

Presentations from the European Reference Network Conference are now available
Call for tender concerning the development of a manual and toolbox for the assessment of European Reference Networks. Deadline for comments: 12 September 2014.

Health-EU Newsletter

Issue 132 - Joint purchasing of vaccines and medicines becomes a reality in the EU

Health indicators

The European Core Health Indicators (ECHI) - Factsheet available

Disease-specific mortality (ECHI 13) updated with a new European Standard Population

Health workforce

Anticipating future skills needs Development and Coordination of a Network of Nurse Educators and Regulators - Final report available

Rare diseases Report on the state of the art of rare disease activities in Europe – 2014 edition

Social determinants and health inequalities

Conference 'Health in Europe, making it fairer' Short video of the Conference and Conference report

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 25, 26 June 2014

In this issue: Papers on potential transmissibility and evolution of avian influenza A viruses

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Epidemiological and genetic investigations of human-to-human transmission of zoonotic influenza viruses

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20840>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Two clustered cases of confirmed influenza A(H5N1) virus infection, Cambodia, 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20839>

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11. WHO news

New evidence-based tools to reduce health inequities in Europe

While health indicators have improved overall in the WHO European Region, this improvement is unevenly distributed within and between the 53 Member States and between population groups within them. As a result, avoidable inequalities are increasing in the Region. For example, the gap in life expectancy between the European countries with the highest and lowest is 17 years for men and 12 years for women. The 2008 economic crisis has exacerbated this trend, but appropriate policy intervention can reverse it.

The WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Commission jointly carried out a project to produce policy guidelines and tools for addressing health inequalities. Its results provide policy-makers with evidence on how policies affect socially determined health inequities and guidance on what actions can be taken to improve health equity. The project has produced several tools for use in pursuing the two priority goals of the European policy framework, Health 2020: reducing health inequities and improving governance for health. They comprise interactive online atlases and a series of policy briefs.

Read more at : http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/252118/Fact-sheet-Evidenced-based-tools-vs-health-inequity.pdf?ua=1

Making the European Region free of asbestos-related diseases

Asbestos is one of the most severe and widespread environmental health hazards in the WHO European Region, and is responsible for half of fatal cancers linked to exposure at work. To discuss activities to put an end to asbestos-related diseases, representatives from 16 Member States in the WHO European Region and experts in occupational health and cancer registries met in Bonn, Germany, on 10–11 June 2014.

They evaluated progress made since the 2010 Parma Declaration and emphasized the need for WHO support to develop national programmes on asbestos elimination. The Parma Declaration commits governments in the European Region to take action on a range of environmental issues affecting health. This includes commitments to act on the identified risks of exposure to carcinogens, including asbestos, and to develop national programmes for the

elimination of asbestos-related diseases by 2015, in collaboration with WHO and the International Labour Organization (ILO).
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics...>

Balkans floods: clean-up underway

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics...>

Assessing progress towards better child and adolescent health care in Armenia

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/arm...>

Riga becomes a WHO European healthy city

On 6 June 2014, Riga, the capital and largest city of Latvia, joined the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. The WHO Country Office, Latvia delivered the membership certificate on behalf of WHO Regional Director for Europe Zsuzsanna Jakab during a conference on the city's achievements in promoting healthy lifestyles. Riga is the largest city in the Baltic region, and has about 700 000 inhabitants: almost half of Latvia's population.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/lat...>

Addressing the legacy of polio in Tajikistan

Most of the victims of the 2010 polio outbreak in Tajikistan were children, many of whom have developed physical impairments that require long-term rehabilitation care. In partnership with Ministry of Health, WHO initiated a disability rehabilitation programme to address the needs of this group, and in March 2014 with the technical support of the WHO Country Office, rehabilitation camps were organized to assess their current needs and develop appropriate intervention plans. Technical assistance was also provided to guide the country in strengthening appropriate service providers.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/taj...>

3 ministers join in call to action to promote healthy lifestyles for children in Turkey

Key findings of a major childhood obesity study conducted in Turkey and 20 other countries in the European Region in 2013 indicate that only approximately 7–8 out of 10 children in the country are within normal limits in terms of children's BMI Z-score values. Conversely 23.3% of boys and 21.6% of girls are overweight or obese, and 2.2% of boys and 1.9% of girls are thin or severely thin.

The study also found that fresh fruit is distributed in only 9.7% of Turkish schools in the study and fresh vegetables in only 8.3% of the schools. 66.2% of the schools perform healthy living activities and 63.4% offer sports activities for all students.

The third round of the European Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative (COSI) survey conducted with the support of WHO/Europe in Turkey reached 5101 students attending second grade in 216 schools located in 67 provinces across the country.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/tur...>