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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 at: www.ephconference.eu

Abstract and workshop submission

Abstract submission has been closed since 1 May. We have received over 1'000 single abstracts and 75 workshops from 68 countries. Our International Scientific Committee is now scoring all submissions. The information on acceptance or rejection will be made available by the end of June 2014.

Call for abstracts for Public Health Science: A National Conference Dedicated to New Research in UK Public Health

We are pleased to announce the call for abstracts for Public Health Science: A National Conference Dedicated to New Research in UK Public Health. The core of the event will comprise of oral and poster presentations of selected research. Peer-reviewed abstracts of shortlisted papers will be published by *The Lancet*, online and in print.

Now in its third year, this multidisciplinary event showcases exceptional talent in the UK public health research community from early career researchers through to senior academics. This year we are delighted to hold the event on in association with European Public Health Association at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow on Nov 19, 2014. Work completed outside the UK can be submitted to the conference; however, abstracts relevant to UK public health science will be prioritised.

The success of previous events has been due to the diversity and quality of the work that was submitted. We would therefore be extremely grateful if you could circulate this email to relevant colleagues in your department in order to make sure they are aware of the call for abstracts.

Please submit your abstract as a Microsoft Word document to The Lancet's online submission system (<http://ees.elsevier.com/thelancet/>), stating in your covering letter that the submission is for the Public Health Science conference, no later than **June 27, 2014**. After the Lancet peer-review process, participants will be informed of acceptance of abstracts for oral or poster presentation by Aug 27, 2014. Further details on the programme for the day and topics will be announced shortly on the conference

website http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=404

2. EUPHA update

EUPHA supports the Global Convention to Protect and Promote Healthy Diets

EUPHA is pleased to be an official supporter of the call for a globally binding treaty to improve diets made by the World Obesity and Consumers International. The call to the international community is to develop a global convention to fight diet-related ill health, similar to the legal framework for tobacco control. Unhealthy diets now rank along with tobacco and alcohol as the three leading causes of disease and early death globally. The jointly published report 'Recommendations towards a Global Convention to protect and promote healthy diets' calls for government commitment to introduce a raft of policy measures designed to help consumers make healthier choices and improve nutrition security for everyone and is published on May 19th and launched at a side event of the World Health Assembly in Geneva on May 21st.

<http://www.worldobesity.org/news/>

Retirement symposium for our past president: John-Paul Vader

On 12 May, the Institut universitaire de médecine sociale et préventive in Lausanne organised a symposium to thank John-Paul Vader for his superb contribution to the fields of public health and health services research. John-Paul Vader was our first treasurer, organised the successful 2006 conference in Montreux and was our president in 2007. Our current president, Walter Ricciardi, was there to thank him for his long commitment to EUPHA. We of course wish him a wonderful retirement!

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

WHO Europe: Call for expressions of interest in serving on Evidence-Informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) Europe Steering Group

WHO is currently seeking experts like yourself to serve on the WHO Evidence-Informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) Europe Steering Group. EVIPNet promotes and strengthens the use of research evidence for decision-making processes in public health and health care delivery systems. EVIPNet was globally launched in 2005 and EVIPNet Europe was subsequently launched in 2012. We are currently in the process of establishing a Steering Group which will play an essential role as a consultative advisory body providing advice and recommendations as well as ad hoc expertise necessary for operational and technical support.

Please note that the deadline for applications is **6 June**.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/data-and-evidence/evidence-informed-policy-making/evidence-informed-policy-network-evipnet>

University of Porto: applications period for new Global Public Health Doctoral Programme

We would like to inform you about the ongoing applications period for new Global Public Health Doctoral Programme which will start in October 2014. The first phase of applications will run until the May 23rd and the selection results will be published on June 16th.

The new Doctoral Programme will select a maximum of 16 candidates with 10 being eligible for an FCT (Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology) scholarship.

This training offer is the result of a consortium established by four Portuguese schools - Institute of Public Health and Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto, as well as National School of Public Health, Faculty of Medical Sciences and Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine of the Lisbon NOVA University - with the aim to compete internationally in teaching and research in Public Health.

For more information, please consult the Global Public Health Doctoral Programme website - www.phd-gph.ensp.unl.pt.

4. Interesting News

Tackling health inequalities: the MASCOT vision

Health inequalities are still affecting women and children in many areas of the world. The [MASCOT](#) project aimed at enhancing understanding and dissemination of strategies for addressing these inequalities through international co-operation.

MASCOT brought together 11 partners and 3 world regions (Europe, Africa, and Latin America) to work towards selected targets. These included mapping the current status of maternal and child health inequalities in selected countries, identifying the best practices that should be implemented for tackling inequalities, and fostering multilateral collaboration and knowledge transfer.

Among the many results/outcomes produced, an open source, freely searchable [webDatabase](#) has been developed that covers research on maternal health in low- middle- and high-income countries.

http://blog.cohred.org/83/tackling-health-inequalities-the-mascot-vision?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=post4

HealthEquity-2020 project - Evidence-based regional action plans on reducing health inequalities - 2nd Newsletter

The 2nd edition of the Newsletter of the [HealthEquity-2020 project](#) financed under the EU Health Programme was just published. The general objective of HE2020 is to assist Member States/regions to develop evidence-based action plans on reducing health inequalities, which also informs the use of Structural and Investments Funds in the next programming period.

Launch of WHO newsletter Public Health Aspects of Migration in Europe

The newsletter has been developed within the frame of cooperation between WHO EURO and University of Pécs, and we are providing the Editorial Office of the Newsletter. The initiative has already been introduced during the meeting of EUPHA Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health Section and Allan Krasnik and Martin McKee have been invited to act as member of the International Editorial Board.

http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/248097/PHAME-Newsletter-Issue-1-April-2014.pdf?ua=1

UK's first Public Health Film Festival

This summer, the UK's first Public Health Film Festival will be take place in Oxford. Hosted by the Public Health Film Festival, the festival will include a variety of events, including film screenings, workshops, panel discussions and networking evenings over the weekend of 27th to 29th June 2014. The programme will include events for all ages, with one dedicated family event.

The historic backdrop of Oxford provides the perfect environment to reflect on the rich heritage of health related cinema and film, from public health announcements to Hollywood blockbusters.

The festival will bring together individuals, organisations and industry leaders. There will be opportunities to develop relationships, discover synergies and work towards increasing the role of film in health. Our hope is to inspire the next generation of health related films.'

The health of populations within the UK and around the world is a key issue of our times. Diet, social inequality, global economy, health care services, the control of infectious diseases and climate change are just a few examples of the challenges public health specialists work on. We passionately believe that both film and public health have the ability to change people's lives. Our aim is to see these two disciplines come together to inform and inspire.

The festival is being supported by the University of Oxford, the British Medical Association and The programme of events are on our website (www.publichealthfilms.org), and you can subscribe to our twitter page for live updates.

5. EUPHA members update

Public Health Schweiz

Swiss Public Health Conference 2014 / 3. Netzwerktagung Psychische Gesundheit Schweiz, 21-22 August, Olten, Switzerland

<http://sph14.organizers-congress.ch/>

47° Congresso Nazionale SItI

47° Congresso Nazionale SItI, 1-4 Ottobre 2014, Riccione, Italy <http://www.siti2014.org/>

6. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of Going International is the online education database »medicine & health«. It contains international courses, master programmes and conferences in the field of medicine and international health.

Due to the large number and variety of training events the education database enables health professionals to find their educational event at their fingertips. For further information: www.goinginternational.eu/en/online-datenbank/ Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: **Infectious diseases in Europe: HIV and Hepatitis**

Date / location: 2 Jun 2014 - 4 Jun 2014 / Porto, Portugal

Organiser: ISPUP

Title: **Colloque APEMAC - Chronic diseases, adaptation and perceived health, stakes and future**

Date / location: 3 Jun 2014 - 6 Jun 2014 / Nancy, France

Organiser: Faculté de Médecine, Université de Lorraine

Title: **Medizinische Statistik für Nicht - StatistikerInnen**

Date / location: 4 Jun 2014 / Krems, Austria

Organiser: Danube University Krems

Title: **3 - Day Certificate Course “Modeling Approaches for HTA: a Practical Hands - On Workshop”**

Date / location: 5 Jun 2014 - 7 Jun 2014 / Antwerp, Belgium

Organiser: UMIT

Title: **Meta - Analysen für Nicht - StatistikerInnen**

Date / location: 6 Jun 2014 / Krems, Austria

Organiser: Danube University Krems

Title: **Netzwerktagung: Gesundheit partizipativ gestalten, fördern und erforschen**

Date / location: 17 Jun 2014 - 18 Jun 2014 / Graz, Austria

Organiser: FH Joanneum

Title: **Cross-Border Healthcare in Europe: Improving Co-operation to Deliver a Patient Centred System**

Date / location: 18 Jun 2014 / Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: Public Policy Exchange

Title: **Caucasus Healthcare Infrastructure and Pharmaceutical Summit**

Date / location: 18 Jun 2014 - 19 Jun 2014 / Tbilisi, Georgia

Organiser: Euroconvention Global

Title: **4th Annual FISABIO Summer School in Biomedical Research and Public Health**

Date / location: 23 Jun 2014 - 25 Jul 2014 / Valencia, Spain

Organiser: FISABIO Summer School

Title: **Observational Epidemiological Studies: Advanced Methods for Data Analysis**

Date / location: 23 Jun 2014 - 27 Jun 2014 / Basel, Switzerland

Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Title: **Outbreak investigations and management course**

Date / location: 23 Jun 2014 - 27 Jun 2014 / Singapore, Singapore

Organiser: IIIDE

- Title:** [EHMA annual conference 2014: Leadership in healthcare: from bedside to board](#)
 Date / location: 24 Jun 2014 - 26 Jun 2014 / Birmingham, United Kingdom
 Organiser: EHMA
- Title:** [Unlocking the Potential of Migrants in Europe: From Isolation to Multi-level Integration](#)
 Date / location: 2 Jul 2014 / Brussels, Belgium
 Organiser: Public Policy Exchange
- Title:** [Global Health Summer School - Health by System: The Role of Health Systems](#)
 Date / location: 13 Jul 2014 - 18 Jul 2014 / Barcelona, Spain
 Organiser: Barcelona Institute for Global Health
- Title:** [UCL Health and Society Summer School: Social Determinants of Health](#)
 Date / location: 14 Jul 2014 - 18 Jul 2014 / London, United Kingdom
 Organiser: UCL
- Title:** [Mobilising Local Health Promotion Systems for Equity - Taking up the challenge of the social determinants of health](#)
 Date / location: 20 Jul 2014 - 1 Aug 2014 / Rennes, France
 Organiser: EHESP
- 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:** [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:** [International masterclass on care pathways and organization of care processes](#)
 Date / location: 8 Sep 2014 - 10 Sep 2014 / Leuven, Belgium
 Organiser: EPA
- 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:** [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:** [Permanente Verfügbarkeit in der Arbeits- und Lebenswelt – Risiken und Chancen](#)
Date / location: 24 Sep 2014 - 26 Sep 2014 / Erlangen, Germany
Organiser: DGMS and partners
- Title:** [The Second International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health](#)
Date / location: 5 Oct 2014 - 8 Oct 2014 / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Title:** [Universitaetslehrgaenge Clinical Research und Advanced Clinical Research](#)
Date / location: 24 Oct 2014 - 11 Jun 2016 / Zwettl/Rodl, Austria
Organiser: Johannes Kepler University
- Title:** [AICR Research Conference on Food, nutrition, physical activity and cancer](#)
Date / location: 29 Oct 2014 - 31 Oct 2014 / Washington, DC, US
Organiser: IARC
- 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:** [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

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F Stölzel, N Seidel, S Uhmman, M Baumann, H Berth, J Hoyer, G Ehninger
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New MdM report on access to healthcare for the most vulnerable in a Europe in social crisis - Focus on pregnant women and children

<http://mdmeuroblog.wordpress.com/resources/publications/new-report-2014/>

Journal of Public Health Research newest issue published

<http://www.jphres.org/index.php/jphres>

9. European Commission news

Health Programme 2014-2020

Annual Work Plan

The 2014 Work Plan 2014 for the 3rd Health Programme was adopted on 26 May 2014. The 3rd Health Programme is the main instrument the European Commission uses to implement

the EU health strategy . It is implemented by means of annual work plans which set out priority areas and the criteria for funding actions under the programme. The 2014 Work Plan and annexes are available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/events/adoption_workplan_2014_en.htm

InfoDay 10 June 2014

An InfoDay on the implementation of the 3rd Health Programme and the calls for proposals and tender to be launched to implement its 2014 Work Plan, will be held on **10 June 2014** in Luxembourg. For registration: http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/infoday-10062014_en.html

Tobacco and inequities - Guidance for addressing inequities in tobacco-related harm

This policy guidance aims to support European policy-makers to improve the design and implementation of policies to reduce inequities in tobacco-related harm. Smoking kills more Europeans than any other avoidable factor. Socioeconomic inequities in tobacco consumption in Europe are extensive, and are widening. The overall reduction in smoking in Europe has been a public health success, but the effects have mainly been seen in middle- and high-income groups, causing a substantial widening of inequities. Reducing health inequities is a key strategic objective of Health 2020 – the European policy framework for health and well-being endorsed by the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region in 2012. This guide seeks to assist European policy-makers in contributing to achieving the objectives of Health 2020 in a practical way. It draws on key evidence, including from the WHO Regional Office for Europe's Review of social determinants and the health divide in the WHO European Region. It sets out options and practical methods to reduce the level and unequal distribution of tobacco use in Europe, through approaches that address the social determinants of tobacco use and the related health, social and economic consequences.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/social_determinants/docs/policybrief_tobacco_en.pdf

Alcohol and inequities - Guidance for addressing inequities in alcohol-related harm

This policy guidance aims to support European policy-makers to improve the design and implementation of policies to reduce inequities in alcohol-related harm. The WHO European Region has the highest level of alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm in the world. Within European countries, the burden of alcohol-related harm falls more heavily upon certain groups. Reducing health inequities is a key strategic objective of Health 2020 – the European policy framework for health and well-being endorsed by the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region in 2012. This guide seeks to assist European policy-makers in contributing to achieving the objectives of Health 2020 in a practical way. It draws on key evidence, including from the WHO Regional Office for Europe's Review of social determinants and the health divide in the WHO European Region. It sets out practical options to reduce the level and unequal distribution of alcohol-related harm in Europe, through approaches that address the social determinants of alcohol misuse and the related health, social and economic consequences.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/social_determinants/docs/policybrief_alcohol_en.pdf

Obesity and inequities - Guidance for addressing inequities in overweight and obesity

This policy guidance aims to support European policy-makers to improve the design, implementation and evaluation of interventions and policies to reduce inequities in overweight and obesity. The prevalence of obesity in Europe is rising in many countries, and rising fastest in low socioeconomic population groups. There is a strong relationship between obesity and low socioeconomic status, especially for women. Reducing health inequities is a key strategic objective of Health 2020 – the European policy framework for health and well-being endorsed by the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region in 2012. This guide seeks to assist European policy-makers in contributing to achieving the objectives of Health 2020 in a practical way. It draws on key evidence, including from the Review of social determinants and the health divide in the WHO European Region. It sets out options to reduce the unequal distribution of obesity in Europe, through approaches which address the social determinants of obesity and the related health, social and economic consequences of the obesity inequity gradient.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/social_determinants/docs/policybrief_obesity_en.pdf

Injuries and inequities - Guidance for addressing inequities in unintentional injuries

This policy guidance aims to support national, regional and local policy-makers in Europe to prepare, implement and follow up policy actions and interventions to reduce inequities in unintentional injuries. Unintentional injuries, including road traffic injuries, falls, burns, drownings and poisonings still constitute a major public health problem, killing almost half a million people in the WHO European Region each year and causing many more cases of disability. The burden of unintentional injuries is unevenly distributed in the WHO European Region. Steep social gradients for death and morbidity exist across and within countries. Reducing health inequities is a key strategic objective of Health 2020 – the European policy framework for health and well-being endorsed by the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region in 2012. This guide seeks to assist European policy-makers in contributing to achieving the objectives of Health 2020 in a practical way. It draws on key evidence, including from the WHO Regional Office for Europe's Review of social determinants and the health divide in the WHO European Region. It sets out options and practical methods to reduce the level and unequal distribution of unintentional injuries in Europe, through approaches that address the social determinants of unintended injuries and the related health, social and economic consequences.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/social_determinants/docs/policybrief_injuries_en.pdf

Ageing

[Frailty conference \(Brussels, 18 June 2014\): registration opened until 16 May 2014](#)

[Frailty in old age conference \(Brussels, 18 June 2014\) Deadline for registration extended to 30 May 2014](#)

Antimicrobial resistance

[Transatlantic Taskforce on Antimicrobial Resistance: Progress report](#)

Blood, tissues and organs

[Mid-term review of the "Action Plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation \(2009-2015\): Strengthened Cooperation between Member States"](#)

[Meeting of Competent authorities for blood and blood components \(6-7 November 2013\)](#)

[Summary report](#)

[Meeting of the Competent Authorities for Tissues and Cells, 2-3 December 2013](#)

Cross-border care

[Commissioner Tonio Borg delivers a message to patients on the occasion of European Patients' Rights Day](#)

eHealth

[eHealth Forum: health management in the 21st century](#)

[2nd meeting of the HTA Network - Brussels, 7 April 2014 Draft agenda available](#)

European Reference Networks

[European Reference Network Conference \(Brussels, 23 June 2014\) Agenda updated](#)

[European Reference Network Conference \(Brussels, 23 June 2014\) Deadline for registration extended to 10 June 2014](#)

Ex-smokers are unstoppable

[20 kilometres of Brussels run: more than 40 000 people took the start on the 35th edition](#)

Expert Panel

[5th plenary meeting of the Expert Panel, Brussels Agenda](#)

[Public consultation on the preliminary opinion on Definition primary care with emphasis on financing systems and referral systems Deadline for comments extended to 19 May 2014](#)

[3rd Working Group meeting on Future EU agenda on quality of health care, 28 April 2014](#)

[Minutes of the meeting](#)

Health-EU Newsletter

[Health-EU Newsletter - New Tobacco Products Directive: an achievement for public health in Europe. Editorial by by Tonio Borg, European Commissioner for Health](#)

Health Indicators

Population projections updated (ECHI 5) with EUROPOP2013 data

Indicators

Two new indicators on self-reported incidence for injuries implemented (ECHI 29a and ECHI 30a) With data from the European Health Interview Survey

Medical devices

New references of harmonised standards for Directive 93/42 on Medical Devices (OJ C149 of 16 May 2014)

Medicinal products for human use

Monitoring the safety of medicines: European Medicines Agency presents the Commission with its first report

Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use

Public consultation on the application of Regulation on Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)
Deadline for answers: 31 May 2014

Preparedness and response

MERS-CoV infection advice with regard to travelling and for Health Care Workers caring for patients with confirmed or possible MERS-CoV infection
Explanatory note on the Joint Procurement Initiative
Polio - Travel advice: New recommendations for residents and visitors to polio-infected countries

Public health

Speech by Paola Testori Coggi, Director General for Health and Consumers: "Sante, médicaments et produits de santé, consommateurs; bilan des reformes et perspectives"

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 16, 24 April 2014

In this issue: MERS-CoV: an editorial, a report about the imported case in Greece and more data on infections in camels in Oman

This week's table of contents:

EDITORIAL

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus - two years into the epidemic

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20783>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

A case of imported Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus infection and public health response, Greece, April 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20782>

Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) in dromedary camels, Oman, 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20781>

West Nile virus surveillance in mosquitoes, April to October 2013, Vojvodina province, Serbia: implications for the 2014 season

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20779>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT

Smoking and older age associated with mumps in an outbreak in a group of highly-vaccinated individuals attending a youth club party, the Netherlands, 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20776>

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Seasonal influenza immunisation in Europe. Overview of recommendations and vaccination coverage for three seasons: pre-pandemic (2008/09), pandemic (2009/10) and post-pandemic (2010/11)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20780>

NEWS

The European Medicines Agency publishes interim guidance on enhanced safety surveillance for seasonal influenza vaccines in the European Union

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20778>

ECDC public consultation on working document on potential introduction of varicella vaccination

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20777>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 17, 1 May 2014

In this issue: Irish study showing a 13.9-fold higher risk of narcolepsy in children/adolescents vaccinated in Ireland with Pandemrix adds to existing body of knowledge

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

A case of autochthonous human *Dirofilaria* infection, Germany, March 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20790>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Investigation of an association between onset of narcolepsy and vaccination with pandemic influenza vaccine, Ireland April 2009-December 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20789>

Invasive infections due to *Streptococcus pyogenes*: seasonal variation of severity and clinical characteristics, Iceland, 1975 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20784>

Emergence of *Escherichia coli* encoding Shiga toxin 2f in human Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) infections in the Netherlands, January 2008 to December 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20787>

MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20788>

ECDC's latest publications

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20791>

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill 2014;19(16)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20785>

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill 2014;19(16)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20786>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 18, 8 May 2014

In this issue: Comprehensive literature review on human infection with swine or avian influenza viruses retrieved virological evidence for 1,419 naturally infected cases

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RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Laboratory-confirmed case of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection in Malaysia: preparedness and response, April 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20797>

REVIEW ARTICLES

Influenza at the animal–human interface: a review of the literature for virological evidence of human infection with swine or avian influenza viruses other than A(H5N1)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20793>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Enhanced epidemic intelligence using a web-based screening system during the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20796>

Hepatitis A outbreak in British Columbia, Canada: the roles of established surveillance, consumer loyalty cards and collaboration, February to May 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20792>

NEWS

Note from the editors: WHO declares international spread of wild poliovirus

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20798>

European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) 2014 - call for abstracts

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20794>

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Note from the editors: Eurosurveillance stops regular production and distribution of hard copies

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Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 19, 15 May 2014

In this issue: A long-term programme to control carbapenemase-resistant Enterobacteriaceae in a large French multihospital institution succeeds in limiting secondary cases and outbreaks.

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Controlling Salmonella along the food chain in the European Union - progress over the last ten years

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Multidisciplinary investigation of a multicountry outbreak of Salmonella Stanley infections associated with turkey meat in the European Union, August 2011 to January 2013

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Investigating an outbreak of Clostridium perfringens gastroenteritis in a school using smartphone technology, London, March 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20799>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Long-term control of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae at the scale of a large French multihospital institution: a nine-year experience, France, 2004 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20802>

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Letter to the editor: Measles on the cruise ship: links with virus spreading into an emergency department in Southern Italy

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20800>

Authors' reply: Measles on the cruise ship: links with virus spreading into an emergency department in Southern Italy

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20803>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 20, 22 May 2014

In this issue: Simple mapping tool based on Google Maps application allows timely tracing of New Delhi-beta-lactamase-1-producing bacteria

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New Delhi Metallo-beta-lactamase around the world: An eReview using Google Maps

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20809>

Rotavirus vaccination coverage and adherence to recommended age among infants in Flanders (Belgium) in 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20806>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

A low-cost, sustainable, second generation system for surveillance of people living with HIV in Spain: 10-year trends in behavioural and clinical indicators, 2002 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20805>

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Letter to the Editor: Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) in dromedary camels: are dromedary camels a reservoir for MERS-CoV?

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Authors' reply: Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) in dromedary camels: are dromedary camels a reservoir for MERS-CoV?

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Letter to the Editor: Smoking and older age associated with mumps in an outbreak in a group of highly-vaccinated individuals attending a youth club party, the Netherlands, 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20807>

MISCELLANEOUS

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(3)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20808>

11. WHO news

Making fair choices on the path to universal health coverage

Final report of the WHO Consultative Group on Equity and Universal Health Coverage
Universal health coverage (UHC) is at the center of current efforts to strengthen health systems and improve the level and distribution of health and health services. This document is the final report of the WHO Consultative Group on Equity and Universal Health Coverage. The report addresses the key issues of fairness and equity that arise on the path to UHC. As such, the report is relevant for every actor that affects that path and governments in particular, as they are in charge of overseeing and guiding the progress toward UHC.

This report addresses the critical choices of fairness and equity that arise on the path to UHC. Accordingly, the report is not primarily about why UHC ought to be a goal, but about the path to that goal. The report may differ from others in the direct way it addresses fundamental issues and difficult trade-offs. This approach was facilitated by the involvement of philosophers and ethicists in addition to economists, policy experts, and clinical doctors.

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/112671/1/9789241507158_eng.pdf?ua=1

WHO/Europe highlights - May 2014

News

[New websites on migration and Roma health](#) 25-04-2014 An estimated 73 million migrants and 10–12 million Roma live in the WHO European Region. The European health policy framework, Health 2020 calls for the creation of supportive environments and resilient communities as one of its four priority areas for policy action. Improving the conditions in which migrants and Roma populations live, grow, work and age is a key factor in improving their health and well-being, as well as reducing the health inequalities in the Region. WHO/Europe has launched two new websites to share information about improving the health of both migrants and Roma populations.

[Malaria: great progress towards elimination, but persistent threat of imported cases and reintroduction](#) 25-04-2014 The WHO European Region aims to interrupt the transmission of malaria and eliminate the disease by 2015. Vector surveillance and control, and the early detection of cases in human beings are vital to prevent the reintroduction and re-establishment of mosquitoes, and the spread of the diseases they carry. 5000 cases were imported into the Region in 2013, and the threat of reintroduction of the disease remains.

[Paris declaration on green and healthy mobility and transport signed](#) 15-04-2014 On 15 April 2014, European ministers attending the Fourth High-level Meeting (4HLM) on Transport, Health and Environment, adopted the Paris Declaration: City in Motion – People First!. The Declaration sets priorities and calls for action to ensure green and healthy mobility and transport to secure sustainable livelihoods for all.

[Press release: Cycling can create at least 76 600 jobs and save 10 000 lives every year in major European cities](#) 14-04-2014 Over 76 600 people would be employed in green and healthy transport every year and 10 000 lives would be saved if major European cities reached the cycling modal share of Copenhagen. This is the conclusion of a new publication released today by UNECE and the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

[Third European Roma Summit calls for integration at local level](#) 11-04-2014 Around 500 representatives of European Union (EU) institutions, national governments and parliaments, international organizations, civil society (including Roma organizations), local and regional authorities and mayors gathered in Brussels on 4 April 2014 to take stock of progress made on Roma inclusion in the EU.

[Hepatitis C treatment guidelines issued](#) 09-04-2014 WHO has issued its first guidance for the treatment of hepatitis C, a chronic infection that affects an estimated 130 million to 150 million people and results in 350 000 to 500 000 deaths a year worldwide. An estimated 1 in 50 people is infected with hepatitis C in the WHO European Region. The publication of the "WHO guidelines for the screening, care and treatment of persons with hepatitis C infection" coincides with the availability of more effective and safer oral hepatitis medicines, along with the promise of even more new medicines in the next few years.

[New resources support laboratory quality management](#) 28-03-2014 To help laboratories implement systems to manage quality control, WHO recently launched a suite of resources in several languages.

Publications

[Unlocking new opportunities: jobs in green and healthy transport](#) This publication focuses on potential job creation from public transport, cycling and walking. An analysis of the available evidence suggests that these modes could be significant employers and contributors to the green economy.

[Developing national action plans on transport, health and environment. A step-by-step manual for policy-makers and planners](#) This manual was developed to guide national transport, health and environment action plan (NTHEAP) development by countries. It proposes four phases: planning, development, implementation and evaluation. It does not provide specifics on how to establish general policies or strategies on sustainable and healthy transport, an activity that usually precedes the development of NTHEAPs. The manual provides practical advice on each of the phases (and the steps that comprise them) in an NTHEAP and highlights good practices from the European Region.

[From Amsterdam to Paris and beyond: the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme \(THE PEP\) 2009-2020](#) This report encapsulates the past 12 years of progress made under THE PEP since its launch in 2002. The report underlines some of the achievements between the adoption of the Amsterdam Declaration in 2009 at the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (3HLM) and the 4HLM held in Paris, France in 2014.

[The equity action spectrum: taking a comprehensive approach. Guidance for addressing inequities in health](#) While population health indicators have improved across Europe overall, that improvement has not been experienced equally everywhere, or by all. This is one of a series of policy briefs that describe practical actions to address health inequities, especially in relation to tobacco, alcohol, obesity and injury, the priority public health challenges facing Europe.

[Eliminating measles and rubella. Framework for the verification process in the WHO European Region](#) This document describes the steps to be taken to document and verify that elimination of measles and rubella has been achieved in the WHO European Region.

[Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\) report: negative health effects outweigh benefits](#) This is the second instalment of the IPCC's fifth assessment report on climate change and its impact.

Countries

[Georgia achieves first-year target for rotavirus vaccination](#) 24-04-2014

[Tajikistan moves towards universal health coverage \(UHC\)](#) 15-04-2014

[World Health Day celebration in Turkmenistan](#) 10-04-2014

[Belarus initiates dialogue with the Global Fund for continued support in controlling MDR-TB](#) 07-04-2014