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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](http://www.ephconference.eu)

### **Call for chairs**

Following the successful experience of Brussels 2013, we are again planning to organise the parallel programme sessions chaired by two people: an experienced chair combined with a participant who is interested in learning the skills to chair.

- Are you an experienced chair, planning to attend the conference and interested in chairing one of the sessions?
- Are you an early career professional, planning to attend the conference and interested in chairing one of the sessions?

Then you can contact us at [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org) by **15 September 2014** and send us your preferred topics or sessions. We will do our best to accommodate you.

### **Glasgow 2014: Accreditation by the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians**

We are pleased to announce that the 7th European Public Health Conference (Glasgow 2014) has been approved by the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom for 24 category 1 (external) CPD credit(s).

The accreditation application with the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) is still pending.

## 2. EUPHA update

### **EUPHA president supports editorial freedom**

Dear Sirs,

I write as President of the European Public Health Association, representing over 17,000 public health professionals across Europe. We understand that a complaint has been made against Dr Richard Horton in respect of a letter he recently published in the Lancet on the situation in Gaza. I write on behalf of the association to offer our full support for Dr Horton. We do not take a collective view, as an association, on the situation in Israel and Gaza. However, we are very concerned at any threat to Dr Horton who, in our view, has led the Lancet to a position where it is now the most respected international medical journal and the premier forum for discussions on global health. We know Dr Horton to be someone of the highest integrity, committed to the welfare of humanity. We note that the Lancet has published online many responses to the letter in question, many of which take a contrary view, something we regard as prima facie evidence of balance. To lose him would, in our view, cause the Lancet inestimable damage as it would signify that the publishers were giving in to what, in our view, is an entirely unjustified attack on editorial freedom.

Yours faithfully

Walter Ricciardi  
President, EUPHA

### **EUPHA Section Public Health Monitoring and Reporting**

The candidates for the upcoming presidency period of the PHMR section, the current section presidents, and the section Steering Committee are happy to present the first issue of the PHMR section newsletter, which will be published biannually – in spring and autumn. Read the 1st edition of the section PHMR newsletter [here](#)

### **EUPHA is happy to support the second International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health**

This conference is organised in Amsterdam, The Netherlands from 5 to 8 October 2014. The programme is now available online at: <http://www.lephcon.com.au/program/program-2014/>

### **EUPHA supports the joint WFPHA - AFPHA statement regarding the current Ebola situation**

On 20 August, the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and the African Federation of Public Health Associations (AFPHA) issued a [joint statement](#) regarding the current Ebola situation emphasizing the need to mobilize public health resources and revitalize primary health care for a sustainable response to the public health emergencies. EUPHA is fully supporting this call for action.

## **3. Call for proposals, job opportunities**

### **Call for tender n CHAFEA/2014/Health/02 concerning the further development and implementation of the 'EU Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well-being'**

The objective of this contract will be to support the European Commission's Health and Consumers Directorate-General in its activities to implement the European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being by developing the EU Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well-being into a mechanism, supported by a website, to collect, exchange and analyse information on policy and non-governmental stakeholder activities in the field of mental health and well-being.

**Deadline: 12 Sept 2014**

[http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/tender-02-2014\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/tender-02-2014_en.html)

### **Call for tender no Chafea/2014/Health/06 concerning the study on cost-benefit of reference laboratories for human pathogens**

The purpose of this contract is to provide a cost benefit analysis and analysis of regulatory options to strengthen the existing coordination of reference microbiology provision in the EU in order to support the European response coordination to outbreaks of highly pathogenic infectious agents.

The key results expected are one report on technical and economic issues related to the establishment of European reference laboratories for human pathogens and the organisation of two expert review workshops.

**Deadline: 12 Sept 2014**

[http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/tender-06-2014\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/tender-06-2014_en.html)

### **ISQua Fellowship - Call for applications**

The International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) is pleased to offer applicants from developing countries or countries with economies in transition, scholarship places in the ISQua Fellowship Programme.

The scholarships aim to identify and support up and coming 'leaders', who would benefit from a range of learning opportunities enhancing their professional development. Priority will be given to professionals who are relatively junior in their careers and whose organisations are considered least able to afford such an opportunity. The scholarships do not target senior country officials working for well recognised institutions.

The scholarship covers:

- Course fees for the Fellowship Programme at the chosen level
- Individual Membership of ISQua until the end of the year from the point of graduation

The scholarship does not cover Annual maintenance fees post graduation

Application forms can be downloaded from: <http://www.isqua.org/education/fellowship-scholarship-programme>

**Applications closing date: 1st October 2014**

### **EU - Joint research centre: Category 40 grantholder job vacancy**

#### **2014-IPR-I-40-000-3515 - Cancer Information System**

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) is the European Commission's in-house science service. In 2013, its institute for Health and Consumer Protection established a Public Health Policy Support Unit to address priority activities such as nutrition, behavioural economics, surveillance (medical devices), healthcare quality and health information on rare diseases and cancer.

With regard to the latter, the JRC is facilitating and coordinating the creation of a cancer information system for Europe. This will channel past and existing experiences and competences in a neutral environment (JRC) which will provide sustainability and continuity. Support to, and cooperation with, Europe's cancer registries will be the key towards improving the quality, reliability and comparability of cancer data. The comparison of data via epidemiological analysis will be used to steer public health policy making and will provide an evidence base for understanding the effectiveness of cancer diagnosis, treatment and follow-up.

The tasks assigned to the successful candidate would include:

1. collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, partnerships, and scientific networks related to the establishment of the cancer information system
2. supporting the JRC team in the activities necessary for setting up a database architecture enabling management of datasets from cancer registries and their subsequent analysis
3. publication of reports and peer reviewed papers.

Qualifications:

Category 40 grantholder contracts are aimed at researchers holding a doctoral degree and having a minimum of 10 years of research experience after the PhD – or, in case the candidate did not obtain a doctoral degree, 15 years of experience, after first university degree giving access to doctoral studies in a field relevant to the JRC's scientific activities. Detailed information can be found on the website: <http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=GH>

### **EU - Joint research centre: Category 40 grantholder job vacancy 2**

#### **2014-IPR-I-40-000-3473 - ECIBC (European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer)**

The Institute for Health and Consumer Protection established in 2013 a Public Health Policy Support Unit to cover several horizontal aspects of public health, like nutrition, behavioural economics, surveillance (medical devices), disease data (cancer registries and rare disease registries) and healthcare quality.

For this last horizontal aspect, a project was started in 2012 on breast cancer (the European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer - ECIBC) which aims to (i) update the existing screening guidelines, (ii) create a platform for guidelines for other stages of care, and (iii) establish a set of European evidence-based standards for breast cancer care (a voluntary accreditation scheme for breast cancer services).

The successful candidate will have to support the team in all the core and side activities related to the project, including, e.g.:

1. Advising and contributing to the knowledge base of the team in the requested fields of competence (see below under "Requirements")
2. Updating the networking horizon, including HORIZON 2020 and other related on-going projects
3. Organising bi-lateral and plenary meetings with stakeholders
4. Contributing to preparation of documents related to working groups management (terms of reference, conflict of interest management, invitations and agendas, supporting documents management, etc.)
5. Updating of project web-pages and of any ECIBC information source available to public
6. Publication of reports and peer reviewed papers in the initiative domains

The successful candidate will have also to establish collaborations with relevant stakeholders and provide support to the team leader in granting that the oncological side of the project is correctly planned and coordinated.

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Detailed information can be found on the website: <http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=GH>

### **Professor of Public Health Sciences, especially Social Epidemiology, at the Centre for Health Equity Studies, Stockholm University**

The Center for health equity Studies is a multidisciplinary research institute, co-founded by Stockholm University and Karolinska Institutet. In addition to research on the social, psychological and medical processes and mechanisms that contribute to health inequalities we also run a Master course and PhD student training in Public Health Sciences. In collaboration with the Stress Research Center we are now looking for a (full) professor of Public health sciences, with a special focus on Social Epidemiology. It is a new position that is part of an expansion and further build-up of Public Health Sciences as subject area at Stockholm University. See the announcement at: <http://www.su.se/english/about/vacancies/lecturers-researchers/professor-in-public-health-science-especially-social-epidemiology-1.197158>

**Deadline for applications is 29 September 2014.**

### **Professor of Medical Sociology, especially inequality, at the Centre for Health Equity Studies, Stockholm University**

The Center for health equity Studies is a multidisciplinary research institute, co-founded by Stockholm University and Karolinska Institutet. In addition to research on the social, psychological and medical processes and mechanisms that contribute to health inequalities we also run a Master course and PhD student training in Public Health Sciences.

A position as (full) professor in Medical sociology, with a special emphasis on inequality, is open. For detailed information, see <http://www.su.se/english/about/vacancies/lecturers-researchers/professor-in-medical-sociology-especially-inequality-1.197138>

**Deadline for applications is 29 September 2014.**

### **Request for participation in survey for The Teaching and Learning Health Policy and Systems Research Thematic Working Group of Health Systems Global**

The Teaching and Learning Health Policy and Systems Research Thematic Working Group of Health Systems Global in collaboration with the World Health Organization's Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research is conducting a mapping study with the goal of identifying current training programmes with a focus on health policy and systems research relevant to low- and middle-income countries. They aim to capture the diversity of these courses in terms of content and modalities to suggest opportunities for expansion and for further development of training around health policy and systems research.

As an emerging area of research, health policy and systems research asks questions that relate to real-world situations and issues that focus on health services and promoting health. It supports applied research that explicitly seeks to influence policy and has potential to lead to health system development. Health policy and systems research is seen as particularly well-suited to answer why and how a certain combination of structures, policies, or interventions may have shaped outcomes. It can draw on one or more disciplines and methods to answer these questions.

The Teaching and Learning Health Policy and Systems Research Thematic Working Group of Health Systems Global would appreciate it if you could answer some questions about health policy and systems research courses in which you are involved. The survey first asks a few questions about your institution, and then moves to questions about specific courses. It should take around 15–20 minutes to complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X7NRH53>

Your contribution to this survey will be vital to collective efforts in supporting health policy and systems research, and in influencing institutions' strategies to continue to support this field.

The findings from this study will be discussed during the Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in South Africa, September 30–October 3 2014, and will be disseminated through the Thematic Working Group and the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research.

## 4. Interesting News

### **European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing - video**

In 30 years' time, there will be 150 million older people living in the EU. Society is ageing. But making sure our golden years are happier and healthier is not just down to the individual, it's also down to the whole society, public and private sectors together. Improving the quality of life of older people is a priority for the European Commission.

We are thus pleased to share with you a video, realised by the European Commission, on the importance of active and healthy ageing and targets a larger public.

As you know, the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing is committed, throughout Europe in this sense. This video refers to its action.

The video can be found on the following Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0ip9ZLRdZU>

### **Best Practices on Chronic pain: GET ACTIVE!**

Active Citizenship Network is looking for Best Practices dealing with chronic pain, with an emphasis on policy initiatives aimed at increasing patient empowerment, awareness campaign for the benefit of citizenship, attention of various stakeholders. To these may be added also good practice in the clinical management of chronic pain and dedicated tools. The most significant will be published and showed in a European event celebrated during the EU Italian Presidency next 2nd of October in Brussels titled "d.quaggia@activecitizenship.net and fill the [online form](#)

## 5. EUPHA members update

### **Interim Faculty of Public Health statement on current conflict in Gaza -**

<http://www.fph.org.uk>

The UK Faculty of Public Health just published a statement on the current conflict in Gaza. The conclusion reads:

"We express our sympathy with the friends, families and loved ones of all those who have been killed and injured, and our outrage at the current attacks on civilians across the region. We believe peace is possible, but it must be peace with dignity, autonomy, and freedom from aggression and intimidation and with mutual respect. It starts with talking. We need to see a willingness for reconciliation and a willingness to make concessions. As Nelson Mandela said, "If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner."". [http://www.fph.org.uk/interim\\_faculty\\_of...](http://www.fph.org.uk/interim_faculty_of...)

## 6. Upcoming courses and conferences

**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:** [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:** [Young People and Sexual Health: Reducing Risky Behaviour through Education and Empowerment](#)

Date / location: 23 Sep 2014 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: Public policy exchange

**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:** [Health settings and developing wellbeing in the community](#)  
Date / location: 1 Oct 2014 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Royal Society for Public Health
- Title:** [Seventh interdisciplinary symposium of Public Health, Social Work, Nursing and Laboratory investigating methods - Healthy ageing](#)  
Date / location: 7 Oct 2014 - 8 Oct 2014 / Trnava, Slovakia  
Organiser: Trnava University
- Title:** [5th Annual Hospital Management Conference](#)  
Date / location: 9 Oct 2014 - 10 Oct 2014 / Vienna, Austria  
Organiser: Uniglobal
- Title:** [World Conference on Medical Research and Environmental Health](#)  
Date / location: 13 Oct 2014 - 17 Oct 2014 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: WCMREH
- 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:** [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:** [EHTEL 2014 Symposium: Innovating for Better Outcomes in Health and Social Care](#)

Date / location: 25 Nov 2014 - 26 Nov 2014 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: EHTEL

**Title:** [European Obesity Forum](#)

Date / location: 26 Nov 2014 - 28 Nov 2014 / Lisbon, Portugal  
Organiser: EPODE International Network

**Title:** [Concepts of Epidemiology \(5-Day Course\)](#)

Date / location: 8 Dec 2014 – 12 Dec 2014 / Edinburgh, UK  
Organiser: University of Edinburgh

**Title:** [Health Technology Assessments](#)

Date / location: 16 Dec 2014 - 18 Dec 2014 / Krems, Austria  
Organiser: Danube University Krems

**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

**Cross-national comparisons of sickness absence systems and statistics: towards common indicators**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Youth exposure to alcohol advertising on television in the UK, the Netherlands and Germany**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Equity impact of European individual-level smoking cessation interventions to reduce smoking in adults: a systematic review**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**The alcohol industry, charities and policy influence in the UK**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**The gender gap in sickness absence: long-term trends in eight European countries**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**E-cigarettes: does the new emperor of tobacco harm reduction have any clothes?**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Age differences in mammography screening reconsidered: life course trajectories in 13 European countries**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**The need for integrating palliative care in ageing and dementia policies**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Weight change and sickness absence--a prospective study among middle-aged employees**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Decision-making criteria among European patients: exploring patient preferences for primary care services**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**From global to local: vector-borne disease in an interconnected world**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**E-cigarettes: threat or opportunity?**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Public health leadership and electronic cigarette users**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Healthy behaviours and mental health: findings from the German Health Update (GEDA)**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**The perceptions of UK youth of branded and standardized, 'plain' cigarette packaging**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Trends and risk groups for smoking during pregnancy in Finland and other Nordic countries**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Next generation of public health professionals: networks and the EUPHANxt integration approach**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Using multi-level data to estimate the effect of social capital on hazardous alcohol consumption in the former Soviet Union**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Evaluation of a Swedish version of the Strengthening Families Programme**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Deprivation and health risk indicators in full-time permanent workers**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Does social disadvantage over the life-course account for alcohol and tobacco use in Irish people? Birth cohort study**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**The disease burden across different ethnic groups in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2011-2030**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Social and immigration factors in intimate partner violence among Ecuadorians, Moroccans and Romanians living in Spain**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Association between economic fluctuations and road mortality in OECD countries**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Are European countries prepared for the next big heat-wave?**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Heat-related thermal sensation, comfort and symptoms in a northern population: the National FINRISK 2007 study**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Geographical and climatic factors and depression risk in the SUN project**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Economic valuation of the mortality benefits of a regulation on SO<sub>2</sub> in 20 European cities**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Dispersion of *Aedes albopictus* in the Spanish Mediterranean Area**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Green space and changes in self-rated health among people with chronic illness**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Single and additive effects of health behaviours on the risk for disability pensions among Swedish twins**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Combining employment and family in Europe: the role of family policies in health**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Unemployment and dispensed prescribed antidepressants in Stockholm County 1998-09**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Use of informal and formal care among community dwelling dependent elderly in Spain**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**An examination of the association between premature mortality and life expectancy among men in Europe**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Health-related quality of life and risk factor control: the importance of educational level in prevention of cardiovascular diseases**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Do smoking and fruit and vegetable intake mediate the association between socio-economic status and plasma carotenoids?**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

## **8. Interesting publications**

**Gender-based differences in the high-risk sexual behaviours of young people aged 15-29 in Melilla (Spain): a cross-sectional study**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Risk markers of all-cause and diagnosis-specific disability pension - a prospective cohort study of individuals' sickness absent due to stress-related mental disorders**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Active commuting to school, cognitive performance, and academic achievement: an observational study in Dutch adolescents using accelerometers**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Work economic sectors and cardiovascular risk factors: cross-sectional analysis based on the RECORD Study**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Proximal and distal determinants of stressful work: framework and analysis of retrospective European data**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Educational differences in cigarette smoking among adult population in Estonia, 1990-2010: does the trend fit the model of tobacco epidemic?**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Is the association between high strain work and depressive symptoms modified by private life social support: a cohort study of 1,074 Danish employees?**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Wanting to attend isn't just wanting to quit: why some disadvantaged smokers regularly attend smoking cessation behavioural therapy while others do not: a qualitative study**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**A public health threat in Hungary: obesity, 2013**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**A qualitative study of independent fast food vendors near secondary schools in disadvantaged Scottish neighbourhoods**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Health related quality of life of immigrant children: towards a new pattern in Germany?**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Levels and distribution of self-rated health in the Kazakh population: results from the Kazakhstan household health survey 2012**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Overview of 71 European community-based initiatives against childhood obesity starting between 2005 and 2011: general characteristics and reported effects**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Association of lifestyle habits and academic achievement in Norwegian adolescents: a cross-sectional study**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Annual public health and economic benefits of seasonal influenza vaccination: a European estimate**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**WHO European Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative: body mass index and level of overweight among 6-9-year-old children from school year 2007/2008 to school year 2009/2010**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**A repeated measurement study investigating the impact of school outdoor environment upon physical activity across ages and seasons in Swedish second, fifth and eighth graders**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Open drug scenes: responses of five European cities**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

### **Social Determinants of Health Equity**

M Marmot and JJ Allen

American Journal of Public Health: September 2014, Vol. 104, No. S4, pp. S517-S519.

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### **The Promise of Community-Based Participatory Research for Health Equity: A Conceptual Model for Bridging Evidence With Policy**

L Cacari-Stone, N Wallerstein, AP Garcia, M Minkler

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### **What Causes Environmental Inequalities and Related Health Effects? An Analysis of Evolving Concepts**

H Kruize, M Droomers, I van Kamp, A Ruijsbroekpez-Valcarcel

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## **9. European Commission news**

### **How are breast cancer care services organised in Europe?**

The JRC published a comprehensive report of breast cancer care services in Europe based on a survey which analysed the current situation in 25 countries that voluntarily participated in the study. This report is a major step towards the development of a European quality assurance scheme for breast cancer services, which is part of the [European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer](#) coordinated by the JRC.

The 'Report of a European survey on the organisation of breast cancer care services' covers healthcare organisation, cancer screening, breast cancer care organisation, safety and quality, accreditation and certification schemes, competence requirements for professionals and much more.

The survey results illustrate a diversity of healthcare systems, showing that:

- healthcare services are public in the majority of participating countries (88%);
- independent of the respective country's healthcare system, breast cancer care services can be organised along different models (e.g. one central body or multiple collaborating entities to cover all the stages of breast cancer care); at least seven models are represented in participating countries;
- a national, standardised education path for breast cancer specialists is available in 64% of countries for physicians and in less than 50% for nurses and paramedical staff;
- screening programmes for breast cancer are available in 22 countries, for cervical cancer in 18 countries and for colorectal cancer in 14 countries;
- only half of the participating countries have at least one kind of quality assurance system for breast cancer services in place (e.g. private or public, national, local or hospital-based).

The European Commission supports the development of a modular, flexible and evidence-based scheme, adaptable to the diverse healthcare organisational settings, ensuring all women in Europe get access to quality care.

### **What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (25-07-2014)**

#### **Major and chronic diseases**

[Pages on mortality and indicators updated](#)

### **What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (18-08-2014)**

#### **Health programme**

[EU health programme \(2008-2013\) - Annual Report 2012](#)

#### **Health workforce**

[New call for tender on Healthcare assistants – deadline 12 September 2014](#)

## Indicators

Indicator on total (recorded + unrecorded) alcohol consumption (ECHI 46) and indicator on recorded alcohol consumption updated

Indicator on Low birth weight updated with 2012 data (ECHI 28)

Indicator on HIV incidence by sex now implemented (ECHI 19)

## Communicable diseases

Ebola Virus Disease (EBV)

## What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (19-08-2014)

### Nutrition and physical activity

Council conclusions on nutrition and physical activity (2014/C 213/01)

# 10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 30, 31 July 2014

In this issue: Gonorrhoea treatment failures reinforce importance of appropriate testing and therapy

### This week's table of contents:

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Four treatment failures of pharyngeal gonorrhoea with ceftriaxone (500 mg) or cefotaxime (500 mg), Sweden, 2013 and 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20862>

Non-fatal case of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever imported into the United Kingdom (ex Bulgaria), June 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20864>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Q fever epidemic in Hungary, April to July 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20863>

No evidence of transmission from an acute case of hepatitis A in a foodhandler: follow-up of almost 1,000 potentially exposed individuals, London, United Kingdom, April 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20865>

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 31, 7 August 2014

In this issue: Outbreak of salmonellosis in Europe associated with melons from South America with WGS providing convincing evidence to link human cases and sources of infection

### This week's table of contents:

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

West Nile virus lineage 2 isolated from *Culex modestus* mosquitoes in the Czech Republic, 2013: expansion of the European WNV endemic area to the North?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20867>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

A multi-country outbreak of *Salmonella* Newport gastroenteritis in Europe associated with watermelon from Brazil, confirmed by whole genome sequencing: October 2011 to January 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20866>

Epidemiology and outcome of invasive pneumococcal disease among adults in Belgium, 2009–2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20869>

#### NEWS

Information resources and latest news about Ebola virus disease available from ECDC

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20871>

European Commission launches consultation on Science 2.0

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20872>

## MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20870>

ECDC's latest publications

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20868>

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 32, 14 August 2014

In this issue: Ecological study showed statistical association between campylobacteriosis incidence and the annual number of prescriptions for proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) in the Netherlands

**This week's table of contents:**

### REVIEW ARTICLES

Injectational anthrax - new presentation of an old disease

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20877>

### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Increase of pertussis incidence in 2010 to 2012 after 12 years of low circulation in Spain

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20875>

### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Potential association between the recent increase in campylobacteriosis incidence in the Netherlands and proton-pump inhibitor use – an ecological study

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20873>

The hanta hunting study: underdiagnosis of Puumala hantavirus infections in symptomatic non-travelling leptospirosis-suspected patients in the Netherlands, in 2010 and April to November 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20878>

### NEWS

WHO publishes handbook on the analysis of TB surveillance data

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20876>

## MISCELLANEOUS

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(30)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20874>

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 33, 21 August 2014

In this issue: Network analysis software helpful in investigating links between cases and staff exposure in outbreak of staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome in neonates in England

**This week's table of contents:**

### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Nosocomial outbreak of staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome in neonates in England, December 2012 to March 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20880>

Mumps outbreak in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina with large cohorts of susceptibles and genetically diverse strains of genotype G, Bosnia and Herzegovina, December 2010 to September 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20879>

### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Investigations into the emergence of pertactin-deficient Bordetella pertussis isolates in six European countries, 1996 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20881>

### **Rapid risk assessment: Outbreak of Ebola virus disease in West Africa**

The outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in West Africa with onset in early December 2013 in Guinea now involves three countries: Guinea, Liberia and most recently Sierra Leone. This is the first documented EVD outbreak in these countries. By week 14 of 2014, it looked like the control measures would bring the outbreak to a halt but the situation has now evolved in another direction. In week 22 of 2014, there was an unexpected surge in the number of new cases and the outbreak spread to previously unaffected areas in Guinea and Sierra Leone. [http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/\\_l...](http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/_l...)

## **11. WHO news**

### **NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - JULY 2014**

#### [WHO Guidelines for Screening and Treatment of Precancerous Lesions for Cervical Cancer Prevention](#)

This guideline provides recommendations for strategies for a screen-and-treat programme. It is intended primarily for policy-makers, managers, programme officers, and other professionals in the health sector who have responsibility for choosing strategies for cervical cancer prevention, at country, regional and district levels.

#### [WHO Recommendations for Augmentation of Labour](#)

The goal of the present guideline is to consolidate the guidance for effective interventions that are needed to reduce the global burden of prolonged labour and its consequences. The primary target audience includes health professionals responsible for developing national and local health protocols and policies, as well as obstetricians, midwives, nurses, general medical practitioners, managers of maternal and child health programmes, and public health policy-makers in all settings.

#### [Clinical Practice Handbook for Safe Abortion](#)

This handbook is oriented to providers who already have the requisite skills and training necessary to provide safe abortion and/or treat complications of unsafe abortion.

#### [Psychological First Aid: Facilitator's Manual for Orienting Field Workers](#)

The instructions and materials in this manual are for a half-day orientation (4 hours excluding breaks) to prepare helpers to support people recently affected by very stressful events. This facilitator's manual is to be used together with the Psychological First Aid: Guide for Field Workers.

#### [Progress on Drinking Water and Sanitation : 2014 update](#)

This 2014 update report of the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation provides updated information on the status of and trends in access to improved drinking water sources and sanitation.

#### [WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization](#)

This report presents the recommendations of a WHO Expert Committee commissioned to coordinate activities leading to the adoption of international recommendations for the production and control of vaccines and other biological substances, and the establishment of international biological reference materials.

#### [eHealth and innovation in women's and children's health: a baseline review](#)

This report shows how, on a daily basis, eHealth innovations are improving access to care and assisting women to take control of their own health. Advances such as these are providing pregnant women, mothers and young children with better health care services and advice.

#### [Atlas of eHealth Country Profiles 2013: eHealth and Innovation in Women's and Children's Health](#)

This publication is based on the 2013 WHO/ITU joint survey that explored the use of eHealth for women's and children's health in countries that are covered by the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health (CoIA).

#### [Health Professional Mobility in a Changing Europe](#)

This book sheds new light on health professional mobility in this changing Europe. The book goes well beyond situation analysis as it presents practical tools such as a yardstick for registry methodology, a typology of mobile individuals, qualitative tools for studying the motivation of the workforce and a set of concrete policy responses at EU-, national and organizational level including bi-lateral agreements, codes and workplace responses.

#### [Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 92, No. 7, 2014](#)

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

#### [Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 20 No. 6, 2014](#)

The EMHJ was launched in 1995 as a peer-reviewed medical journal. Starting January 2010, the Journal has been given a new format and is now published monthly. The EMHJ serves as a forum for the dissemination of biomedical information through the publication of scientific research papers on a range of topics related to public health, with particular relevance to the Eastern Mediterranean Region.