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# 1. European Public Health Conference



**Health in Europe: are we there yet?**

*Learning from the past,  
building the future*

## **Brussels - 6<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference – 13-16 November 2013**

Only two more days to go to submit your abstract for the Brussels 2013 conference. **Deadline for submission: 1 May 2013** (midnight CET).

The plenary programme has been updated and has a wide range of excellent speakers and panellists. Please check the website for the latest news: [www.eupha.org/Brussels2013](http://www.eupha.org/Brussels2013).

We are currently working on the pre conference programme with about 20 interesting sessions being planned at the moment. One of these is the **ASPHER's Annual Young Researchers' Forum**, which offers a unique opportunity for MPH, PhD and postdoc researchers to present their research to a select audience of peers and key representatives of the European public health community. This year's forum will be a collaborative effort with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Population and Public Health, one of 13 Institutes with Canada's federal health research funding council. Therefore, we particularly encourage abstracts from those young researchers conducting interdisciplinary, collaborative and/or comparative research between Europe and Canada or whose research presents opportunities to share best practices or lessons learned from which both Europe and Canada could benefit. All other topics are welcome as well.

The abstracts will be reviewed and rated by a panel of public health experts from Canada and Europe. Top scoring authors will have the opportunity to give an oral presentation of their work at the Forum. Authors who submit abstracts of high quality, but are not selected for an oral presentation, will be invited to do a poster presentation at the event. Attractive prizes will be offered by ASPHER member schools for the best poster and oral presentations.

Please go to [http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming\\_conference.php?conference\\_page=356](http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=356) to submit your abstract by May 1st through EPHA Conference's main abstract submission site hosted by EUPHA. Please follow standard submission procedure (i.e. choosing the area in which you want to submit an abstract from research, training, policy and practice; as on the website), indicating at the entry stage when filling in details that your abstract is being submitted specifically for the Young Researchers' Forum.

## 2. EUPHA update

### **Recipes for Sustainable Healthcare Conference 28 May 2013, Bibliothèque Solvay, Brussels**

EUPHA is one of the partners (together with Abbvie and Philips) to be organising this conference.

We are also pleased to share our up to date programme with you on the registration website, which includes:

- Presentations from high-level European policy-makers
- A multi-stakeholder public debate entitled *From Crisis to Recovery: how to drive sustainable healthcare together*
- Sharing of pan-European best practices in sustainable healthcare
- Workshops to cast light on the experience for living with chronic disease and offering practical coping solutions.

We invite you to visit the [website](#) to keep abreast of new speaker confirmations and find all the practical information on the location of the venue, updates on the agenda and speakers biographies.

To reserve your place at the conference, please register at [www.recipes4healthcare.eu](http://www.recipes4healthcare.eu)

## EUPHA Sections

Our section on **Chronic Diseases** provided valuable input in the recently published report by the Dutch RIVM on Chronic Diseases and Economic Activity. [Reflection process on chronic diseases - RIVM report on "Europeans of retirement age: chronic diseases and economic activity"](#)

The **initiative** to set up a EUPHA section on **Health Technology Assessment** will be active at the Brussels conference. This will include an annual meeting during the conference. If you are interested in joining this initiative, please go to our database and register.

## EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



At the end of April 2013, we have 2917 documents included in EUPHApedia (increase of 22 from last month). All persons in our database have access to search EUPHApedia, all EUPHA members can upload information on to EUPHApedia.

## 3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

### **Swiss Paraplegic Research (SPF) - PhD candidate in health services research**

The Swiss Paraplegic Research (SPF) is an affiliate of the Swiss Paraplegic Foundation. The mission of SPF is sustainably improving the situation of people with spinal cord injury (SCI) through clinical and interdisciplinary research on a national and international level. Specific areas of its comprehensive research include human functioning, social integration, equality of opportunity, self-determination, quality of life, as well as health services research.

The successful applicant will work in a multidisciplinary environment in a research project on health services research and health promotion in people with spinal cord injury. The work comprises of the statistical analysis of the health services module of the Swiss Spinal Cord Injury Cohort Study with the aim to identify social, political and geographical determinants of health disparities. Enrollment as PhD candidate is foreseen at the Graduate School of Lucerne, University of Lucerne, Switzerland.

#### Requirements

- Master's degree in Geography, Economics, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Public Health or another discipline with good understanding of applied statistics
- Interest in the Swiss health system
- Proficiency in English
- Good computing skills. Knowledge in Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS; GeoDA) or in a statistical software package (R; SAS; Stata) an asset
- Ability to work in a team

#### Typical tasks include

- Statistical analysis (spatial smoothing; disease mapping)
- Data management
- Writing of scientific papers

#### We offer

- Supportive mentoring to advance epidemiological and statistical skills

- A job on the forefront of health services research for people with spinal cord injury in a vivid work environment
- a full-time PhD position in a stimulating and productive working atmosphere
- encouragement and support in the publication of scientific papers
- opportunities to participate in international conferences

The position is for 3 years. For further information please contact Dr. Armin Gemperli, Assistant Professor, email: [armin.gemperli@paraplegie.ch](mailto:armin.gemperli@paraplegie.ch). Closure date for the application is 30.04.2013.

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[humanresources@paraplegie.ch](mailto:humanresources@paraplegie.ch)  
 Tel. 0041 41 939 53 46

Please refer to "PhD HSR" in Email correspondence.

### **Invitation to the CHANCE 2013 conference, Pécs, Hungary, 5-7 September 2013**

With the coordination of University of Pécs, a consortium of Danube University Krems, Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald, Medizinische Universität Graz, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice and University of East Anglia and EURIPA as associate partner, has successfully applied in 2010 for the European Commission ERASMUS Lifelong Learning Program with the proposal: ***MSc in Migrant Health: Addressing New Challenges in Europe – CHANCE***. The proposal has received 100% of the scores regarding 'European added value'.

Now the task has been completed and University of Pécs is going to host an introductory, European level conference in Pécs/ Hungary on 5-7 September this year.

Beside the introduction of the curriculum the event will provide excellent opportunity for an EU wide overview, how migrants' and ethnic minorities' assistance related programs are represented in the higher education system. That's why we would like to invite the members of EUPHA members to contribute with their view, comments, and experiences to this overview.

EUPHA Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health Section is co-organizer of the conference and high level EC and WHO officials will participate in the event and the discussions.

The Conference's website is already available under the link: <http://www.chance2013.eu/>

For personal information you may contact Prof. Istvan Szilard ([istvan.szilard@aok.pte.hu](mailto:istvan.szilard@aok.pte.hu)) and Dr. Zoltan Katz ([zoltan.katz@aok.pte.hu](mailto:zoltan.katz@aok.pte.hu)).

## **4. Interesting News**

### **WFPHA newsletter**

March issue of the WFPHA newsletter is now available. To read the newsletter, [click here](#).

### **Tips for finalising and submitting a proposal**



Similar to writing an essay, swiftly putting together a first draft of the project proposal and later revising and improving it gradually is usually a good approach (provided that you have enough time!). However, as we mentioned in our previous blog post, it is important to establish a clear outline of the proposal as a first step. Likewise, you would need to gather a critical amount of necessary technical content before proceeding with compiling that first draft of the proposal. So, it is essential to allow for some time for gathering the "ingredients" of the proposal by conducting research and digging into various types of relevant documents and data as

needed. Already at this stage, the partners' contribution comes handy; so, push them to provide you with useful input!

Once you feel that you have sufficient material to fill in the different sections of the proposal, go ahead and start typing in the forms. You will then have the basis of the proposal, most probably with some missing links. Next steps will be to fill these missing links and to check and re-check if everything is properly fitting and the proposal design is appropriate. As we pointed out in Part 4 of this blog series, perhaps the most typical feature of this process is that it is "iterative". So, do return back to various sections of the proposal to refine, rectify and adjust certain things until perfection.

While completing the forms and finalising your proposal, the following tips may be helpful:

- As you continue shaping and updating your proposal, regularly refer back to the call text (work programme topic) to ensure that you are still fully in line with the call requirements and expectations;
- Allow enough time to put together a well thought-out Gantt chart and PERT diagram as opposed to preparing them hastily and risking ending up with generic diagrams and figures, which would be harshly commented by the evaluators;
- Clearly demonstrate the complementarity of the partners that you have brought together – show how they are well suited to take care of the specific tasks they are assigned with, while at the same time contributing to other collaborative/joint tasks;
- Think carefully on every kind of resource that is necessary for realising the the activities you have planned;
- In view of the resources needed, make a careful estimation of the project budget (do not underestimate!) and provide detailed explanation and justification of the individual budget items.

While finalising your proposal, be ready for surprises and challenges, hence to improvise and act pragmatically. For instance, even after several requests, you may have partners not providing information/data (e.g. partner description, budget related information, etc.), which you might end up having to find out and/or create on your own. Be ready to spend longer hours in the office (or to continue working at home or elsewhere) and/or to work at the weekends. In most cases, preparation of the proposal will come as an additional task to your day-to-day activities at work.

If you proceed according to your plan, hopefully you will manage to have a final draft of your proposal a few days prior to the submission deadline, which will allow you to double-check and cross-check everything. Another piece of advice here would be to ask a colleague or friend, who has not been involved in the preparation of the proposal, to have a look at the final draft of the proposal with fresh eyes and give you an honest feedback. It would even be better if this colleague or friend could assess the proposal against the official evaluation criteria.

Finally, leave enough time to do a proper formatting and editing of the proposal and its language. The proposal will be the only tool trying to express your project concept and ideas to the evaluators. Therefore, you'd better ensure that it communicates in the best way! Make sure to avoid any spelling errors and grammar mistakes, acronyms or abbreviations not spelled out, too small fonts, long and merged paragraphs, etc. Do include graphics, tables or other illustrative elements to avoid just plain text and make the reader's life easier. Repeating certain good arguments and strong ideas throughout the proposal and highlighting them appropriately would also be a good idea so that they are not overlooked.

If you worked hard on the proposal and believe that you have done your best, your efforts will most likely pay off. Submit your proposal by the deadline and wish for the best!

## 5. EUPHA member updates

**Norwegian Public Health Association – <http://folkehelseforeningen.no>**

Celebrated its 15th anniversary in April.

**Center for Public Health Research CSISP - <http://www.csisp.gva.es>**

Has a new contact person: Prof. Andrés Moya, Scientific Director of CSISP.

## 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/](http://www.goinginternational.eu/en/online-datenbank/) Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

**Title:** Into the future with the Health Data Navigator: Final EuroREACH Conference  
**Date:** 16-17 May 2013  
**Place:** Vienna, Austria  
**More info:** [click here](#).

**Title:** European Public Health. 20 years of the Maastricht Treaty – Turning past experiences into visions  
**Date:** 22-23 May 2013  
**Place:** Maastricht, The Netherlands  
**Organiser:** Department of International Health at Maastricht University  
**More info:** [here](#).

**Title:** European Summer school in evidence based public health  
**Date:** 1-5 July 2013  
**Place:** Liverpool, United Kingdom  
**Organiser:** Department of Public Health and Policy, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK  
**More info:** [www.evidencebasedpublichealth.co.uk](http://www.evidencebasedpublichealth.co.uk)

**Title:** The 7th Annual European Nutrition and Lifestyle Conference  
**Date:** 26-27 June 2013  
**Place:** Brussels, Belgium  
**More info:** [www.nutrition-lifestyle.eu](http://www.nutrition-lifestyle.eu)

**Title:** The 3rd International Equip – Summer School  
**Date:** 19-22 July 2013  
**Place:** Berlin, Germany.  
**More info:** [http://www.allgemeinmedizin.uni-jena.de/content/lehre/equip\\_summer\\_school/index\\_ger.html](http://www.allgemeinmedizin.uni-jena.de/content/lehre/equip_summer_school/index_ger.html)

**Title:** International Conference on Health Impact Assessment (HIA) - From local to global – Health Impact Assessment to face the new challenges  
**Date:** 2-4 October 2013  
**Place:** Geneva, Switzerland  
**Deadline:** for abstracts 31 May 2013  
**More info:** <http://www.hia2013.net>

## 7. Interesting publications

**Europe's Strong Primary Care Systems Are Linked To Better Population Health But Also To Higher Health Spending**  
Kringos DS, Boerma WGW, Van der Zee J, Groenewegen PP.

doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2012.1242 Health Affairs April 2013 vol. 32 no. 4, pp. 686-694.  
[http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/32/4/686.abstract?=&right&related-  
urls=yes&legid=healthaff;32/4/686](http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/32/4/686.abstract?=&right&related-urls=yes&legid=healthaff;32/4/686)

**Ethnicity and cardiovascular health research: pushing the boundaries by including comparison populations in the countries of origin**

Charles Agyemang, Ama de-Graft Aikins & Raj Bhopal

Ethnicity & Health

Volume 17, Issue 6, 2012

Special Issue: Culture, Ethnicity and Chronic Conditions: a global synthesis pages 579-596

[http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13557858.2012.730607?url\\_ver=Z39.88-  
2003&rfr\\_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr\\_dat=cr\\_pub%3dpubmed](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13557858.2012.730607?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr_dat=cr_pub%3dpubmed)

**Review of community-based interventions for prevention of cardiovascular diseases in low- and middle-income countries'**

Steven van de Vijver, Samuel Otia, Juliet Addo Ama de Graft-Aikins & Charles Agyemang

Ethnicity & Health

Volume 17, Issue 6, 2012

Special Issue: Culture, Ethnicity and Chronic Conditions: a global synthesis pages 651-676

[http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13557858.2012.754409?url\\_ver=Z39.88-  
2003&rfr\\_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr\\_dat=cr\\_pub%3dpubmed](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13557858.2012.754409?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr_dat=cr_pub%3dpubmed)

**BRICS without straw?**

**A systematic literature review of newly emerging economies' influence in global health**

Andrew Harmer, Yina Xiao, Eduardo Missoni, Fabrizio Tediosi

Globalization and Health- April 2013, 9:15

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/13mnYWE>

**Economic crisis, restrictive policies, and the population's health and health care: The Greek case**

E. Kondilis, S. Giannakopoulos, M. Gavana, I. Ierodiakonou, H. Waitzkin, and A. Benos, American Journal of Public Health, April 18, 2013

(online ahead of print) : <http://bit.ly/15n1hW1>

**What do people want for health in the post-2015 agenda?**

Task Team for the Global Thematic Consultation on Health in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Ties Boerma et al. The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 19 April 2013

Abstract: <http://bit.ly/17888RG>

**Health Systems in Transition - Mongolia Health System Review**

Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

WHO Western Pacific Regional Office, March 2013

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/ZxLtI2>

**Innovative Care for Chronic Conditions: Organizing and Delivering High Quality Care for Chronic Non communicable Diseases in the Americas**

Pan American Health Organization, PAHO 2013

Available online PDF [103p.] at: <http://bit.ly/11dld8C>

**Bias Temporal Comparisons of Health Disparities?**

**An Exploration with Causal Graphs and Simulations**

Jarvis T. Chen, Jason Beckfield, Pamela D. Waterman, and Nancy Krieger

American Journal of Epidemiology - AJE- Published by Oxford University Press on behalf of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

April 7, 2013

Abstract: <http://bit.ly/Zw5Ght>

**Making Sense of “Consumer Engagement” Initiatives to Improve Health and Health Care:**

**A Conceptual Framework to Guide Policy and Practice**

Jessica N. Mittler, Grant R. Martsolf, Shannon J. Telenko, Dennis P. Scanlon,  
The Milbank Quarterly, Vol. 91, No. 1, March 2013  
Available online at: <http://bit.ly/10SbRiO>

**Strategic Review of Health and Medical Research (HMR) in Australia**

Final Report - February 2013  
Commissioned by Australia’s Ministry of Health  
Available online PDF [294p.] at: <http://bit.ly/XMYEdV>

**Exploring patient participation in reducing health-care-related safety risks**

WHO Regional Office for Europe  
Copenhagen, Denmark, 2013  
Available online PDF [175p.] at: <http://bit.ly/10XgQhx>

**Strengthening civil registration and vital statistics for births, deaths and causes of death**

World Health Organization, 2013  
Richard Horton – The Lancet  
Marie-Paule Kieny, Alan Lopez  
Available online PDF [238p.] at: <http://bit.ly/ZRgSMD>

**John Snow’s legacy: epidemiology without borders**

Paul Fine et al.  
The Lancet, Volume 381, Issue 9874, Pages 1302 - 1311, 13 April 2013  
Website: <http://bit.ly/ZRHZjA>

**Childhood Pneumonia and Diarrhoea**

The Lancet - Published April 12, 2013  
Website: <http://bit.ly/Zf61ce>

**Health in the post - 2015 agenda**

**Final Report of the Global Thematic Consultation on Health**

April 2013  
World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Government of Sweden, the Government of Botswana, United Nations  
Available online PDF [108p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Yg9oMI>

**New Century, Old Disparities:**

**Gender and Ethnic Wage Gaps in Latin America**

Juan Pablo Atal, Hugo Ñopo, Natalia Winder  
Inter American Development Bank ISDB/BID  
IDB Working Paper Series No. IDB-WP-109  
Health Policy Toolkit  
The World Bank - Available at: <http://bit.ly/zp8Ysm>

**Considerations for Incorporating Health Equity into Project Designs:**

**A Guide for Community-Oriented Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health Projects**

USAID – MCHIP Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program  
Available online PDG [38p.] at: <http://bit.ly/11J85dl>

**Globalization, Climate Change, and Human Health**

Anthony J. McMichael  
N Engl J Med April 4, 2013  
Website: <http://bit.ly/10zPSNa>



**A systematic review of interventions to enhance access to best practice primary health care for chronic disease management, prevention and episodic care**

E.J. Comino et al.

Website: <http://bit.ly/17bC68c>

**Untapped potential of health impact assessment**

Mirko S Winkler et al.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization – April 2013

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/Z3bzt2>

**Revitalizing communities together:**

**the shared values, goals, and work of education, urban planning, and public health**

Alison Klebanoff Cohen, Joseph W. Schuchter

Journal of Urban Health -April 2013, Volume 90, Issue 2

Website: <http://bit.ly/YZ42pk>

**Making health services adolescent friendly:**

**developing national quality standards for adolescent friendly health services**

World Health Organization – 2012

Available online PDF [46p.] at: <http://bit.ly/1037Yld>

**A comparative analysis of health policy performance in 43 European countries**

Johan P. Mackenbach; Martin McKee

Tropical Medicine, London, UK

European Journal of Public Health, February 2013 - Vol. 23, No. 2

Website: <http://bit.ly/11he74W>

**Late lessons from early warnings: science, precaution, innovation**

European Environment Agency - EEA Report No 1/2013

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/ZrtGp3>

**Community-based organizations in the health sector: A scoping review**

Michael G Wilson, John N Lavis and Adrian Guta<sup>6</sup>

Health Research Policy and Systems 2012

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/14IQUBw>

**Whole-person care: from rhetoric to reality**

**Achieving parity between mental and physical health**

Royal College of Psychiatrists –UK – March 2013

Available online PDF [95p.] at: <http://bit.ly/YFvjwS>

## **8. European Commission news**

### **Ageing**

eNews: [High level conference addresses frailty in old age](#)

[European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing – Conference on frailty in old age, Brussels, 18 April 2013 – Agenda now available](#)

### **Blood, tissues and organs**

[2012 Journalist Workshop on organ donation and transplantation – English translations of articles now available](#)

### **Health indicators**

[Indicators on health care expenditures implemented \(ECHI 77\) as % of GDP and in PPS](#)

[Indicator on Drug-related deaths \(ECHI 14\) updated with 2010 data \(source: EMCDDA\)](#)

### **Health programme**

[New publication: EU Health Programme: 2011 Call for Proposals - Abstracts of the actions selected for EU co-funding](#)

**Health workforce**

[Working Group on the European Workforce for Health, Brussels, 12 April 2013 - Presentations now available](#)

**Interest groups**

[EU Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 9 April 2013 - Contributions now available](#)  
[EU Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 25 October 2012 - Minutes now available](#)

**Nutrition and physical activity**

[Pilot project on increasing the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in vulnerable population groups - Progress report for March 2013 now available](#)

**Major and chronic diseases**

[Reflection process on chronic diseases - RIVM report on "Europeans of retirement age: chronic diseases and economic activity"](#)  
[European Partnership for Action Against Cancer launched the online social gaming campaign 'I'm a Fan of Life'](#)

**Medical devices**

[The Commission Recommendation on a common framework for a unique device identification system for Medical Devices has been adopted \(OJ L 99 of 9 April 2013\)](#)

**Mental health**

[EU-compass - List of reports and studies updated - Revised version of report on Economic analysis of workplace mental health promotion and mental disorder prevention programmes](#)

**Public consultations on GM food & feed authorisation applications under Regulation 1829/2003**

[Maize 59122 New EFSA opinion](#)

**Public health**

[Open Door Day 2013 at the European Commission, Brussels, 4 May 2013](#)

**World Health Day**

[Listen to your heart - Personally Speaking by Commissioner Borg on the occasion of the World Health Day \(7 April\)](#)

## 9. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

**Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 13, 28 March 2013**

**In this issue:** MLVA and SNP analyses indicate the possibility that recent and earlier anthrax cases in IDUs in several EU countries could have been caused by the same strain since at least a decade.

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

[Anthrax among heroin users in Europe possibly caused by same Bacillus anthracis strain since 2000](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20437>

[Barebacking among men who have sex with men recruited through a Swedish website: associations with sexual activities at last sexual encounter](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20438>

## MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20439>

The European Commission invites bids for €227m in research grants

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20440>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 14, 04 April 2013**

**In this issue:** Two papers presenting new methods to detect *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* F89 and the human coronavirus hCoV-EMC

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

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Specific serology for emerging human coronaviruses by protein microarray

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20441>

Increased incidence of invasive group A streptococcal infections in Sweden, January 2012–February 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20443>

More reasons to dread rain on vacation? Dengue fever in 42 German and United Kingdom Madeira tourists during autumn 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20446>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Polymerase chain reaction-based screening for the ceftriaxone-resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* F89 strain

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20444>

#### NEWS

Novel influenza A(H7N9) virus linked to human disease in China, April 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20445>

## MISCELLANEOUS

Addendum for Euro Surveill. 2013;18(11)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20442>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 15, 11 April 2013**

**Update:** The article “Genetic analysis of novel avian A(H7N9) influenza viruses isolated from patients in China, February to April 2013” by Kageyama et al. was published online on the morning of Friday 12 April.

**In this issue:** A case of *Echinococcus vogeli* infection imported to the Netherlands emphasises the need for awareness of this infection when treating patients with cystic tumours from endemic areas

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

#### EDITORIAL

A novel reassortant avian influenza A(H7N9) virus in China – what are the implications for Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20452>

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Genetic analysis of novel avian A(H7N9) influenza viruses isolated from patients in China, February to April 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20453>

First case of *Echinococcus vogeli* infection imported to the Netherlands, January 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20448>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Automated mortality monitoring in Scotland from 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20451>

Prevailing effectiveness of the 2009 influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 vaccine during the 2010/11 season in Sweden

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20447>

#### NEWS

The European Union summary report on trends and sources of zoonoses, zoonotic agents and food-borne outbreaks in 2011 has been published

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20449>

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2013;18(14)

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### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 16, 18 April 2013**

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## **10. WHO publications**

### **The changing national role in health system governance. A case-based study of 11 European countries and Australia**

(Edited by Elke Jakubowski and Richard B. Saltman)

This study of 12 countries provides an overview of recent changes in national governments' role in the governance of health systems, focusing on efforts to reconfigure responsibilities for health policy, regulation and management; the resultant policy priorities; and the initial impact.

The shift in responsibilities shows little uniform direction: a number of countries have centralized certain areas of decision-making or regulation but decentralized others. The study reviews common trends, based on the country cases, and assesses potential future developments.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/changing-national-role-in-health-system-governance-the.-a-case-based-study-of-11-european-countries-and-australia>

### **European facts and “Global status report on road safety 2013”**

This is the second report in a series analysing to what extent countries in the WHO European Region are implementing effective road safety measures to address the five key risk factors: drinking and driving, speeding, helmets, seat-belts and child restraints.

Though death rates are down, the report shows that 55% of the European population live in countries that do not provide the protection of comprehensive road safety laws. It also highlights the importance of issues such as vehicle safety standards, road infrastructure inspections and policies on walking and cycling. In charts, maps and tables, the brief report presents information from 51 countries, covering most of the population of the Region, and providing a baseline assessment to measure progress towards the goals of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011–2020.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/european-facts-and-global-status-report-on-road-safety-2013>

### **Exploring patient participation in reducing health-care-related safety risks**

Laws and declarations on patients' rights do not automatically make health care safer, but can help to empower patients. Empowered patients can better manage their own health and health care and participate in efforts to improve safety.

This report presents an overview of the legal influences on patient safety and explores the relationship between patients' rights, patient participation and patient safety. It provides a synthesis of studies of patient involvement, with detailed examples from Bulgaria, France, the Netherlands, Poland and Portugal. It highlights the need to strengthen a continuum of information between various levels of care, including patient experiences, health literacy and engagement. It offers recommendations on the macro, meso and micro levels of health service delivery. By contributing to the wider process of evidence collation, it will help identify efficient ways to build realistic and informed expectations of health care, while encouraging patients to be vigilant and knowledgeable, thus ensuring maximum safety standards.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/exploring-patient-participation-in-reducing-health-care-related-safety-risks>

### **Joint meeting of experts on targets and indicators for health and well-being in Health 2020**

The WHO Regional Office for Europe convened a joint meeting of experts on targets and indicators for health and well-being in Health 2020 to advise on the measurement framework and indicators for the targets already set for Health 2020 (including the one on well-being), and to determine the support needed by countries in the use of such a framework and for further development. The participants reviewed the definition of well-being agreed in the context of Health 2020, examined research data and existing guidelines on tools and indicators for measuring well-being and proposed overall satisfaction with life as the core indicator of subjective well-being. They also reviewed the existing proposals for indicators for Health 2020, agreeing overall general principles for indicators. Finally, they recommended quantified targets (where appropriate) and a shortlist of indicators for consultation with Member States and the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/joint-meeting-of-experts-on-targets-and-indicators-for-health-and-well-being-in-health-2020>

## **Health system performance comparison. An agenda for policy, information and research**

(Edited by Irene Papanicolas and Peter C. Smith)

This timely and authoritative book offers an important summary of the current developments in health system performance comparison. It summarizes the current efforts to compare systems, and identifies and explores the practical and conceptual challenges that arise. It discusses data and methodological challenges, as well as broader issues such as the interface between evidence and practice.

The book outlines the priorities for future work on performance comparison, in the development of data sources and measurement instruments, analytic methodology, and assessment of evidence on performance. It concludes by presenting the key lessons and future priorities, and thus offers a rich source of material for policy-makers, their analytic advisors, international agencies, academics and students of health systems.

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## **NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO – MARCH 2013**

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Please note that our new [Autumn 2012 Catalogue of WHO Information Products](#) is now available online:

[WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety 2013](#)

In addition to providing a baseline, this Report also illustrates some of the progress made in a number of countries to reduce road traffic deaths over the past three years, since publication of the first Global status report on road safety in 2009.

[Sustaining the Drive to Overcome the Global Impact of Neglected Tropical Diseases](#)

The second WHO report on neglected tropical diseases builds on the growing sense of optimism generated by the 2012 publication of the WHO Roadmap. Commitments on the part of ministries of health in endemic countries, global health initiatives, funding agencies and philanthropists have escalated since 2010, as have donations of medicines from pharmaceutical companies and the engagement of the scientific community.

[Evaluation of Certain Food Additives](#)

This report represents the conclusions of a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee convened to evaluate the safety of various food additives, including flavouring agents, with a view to concluding as to safety concerns and to preparing specifications for identity and purity.

[Safety Evaluation of Certain Food Additives](#)

The toxicological monographs in this volume summarize the safety data on four food additives (other than flavouring agents). Monographs on 12 groups of related flavouring agents evaluated by the Procedure for the Safety Evaluation of Flavouring Agents are also included.

[Clean Care is Safer Care. Hand Hygiene Training Films \(DVD\)](#)

The WHO Patient Safety Programme has developed these hand hygiene training films for health-care workers involved in training sessions about hand hygiene best practices and/or about hand hygiene compliance observation.

[Making Health Services Adolescent Friendly](#)

This guide sets out the public health rationale for making it easier for adolescents to obtain the health services that they need to protect and improve their health and well-being, including sexual and reproductive health services.

[Canada](#)

This new volume in the Health Systems in Transition (HiT) series provides a detailed

description of a health system and of reform and policy initiatives in progress or under development in a specific country, namely Canada.

[Achieving the Health-related Millennium Development Goals in the South-East Asia Region](#)

This publication presents the achievements on MDGs by Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region gauged only at the national level.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 91, No. 3, 2013](#)

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. 19 No. 2, 2013](#)

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.

## **BOOKS IN FRENCH**

[Comité OMS d'experts de la Pharmacodépendance](#)

Le présent rapport contient les recommandations d'un comité OMS d'experts chargé d'étudier les données relatives aux substances psychoactives afin de déterminer dans quelle mesure il pourrait être nécessaire de les placer sous contrôle international.