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# 1. EUPHA update

## **EUPHA joins the UK Faculty of Public Health in expressing concerns on the negative impact on health of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)**

The UK Faculty of Public Health (FPH) and the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) are calling on the EU to oppose the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), a proposed free trade agreement between the European Union and United States.

Professor Martin McKee, President of EUPHA, said: "TTIP will take the power to make decisions away from democratically elected politicians and put it in the hands of a mechanism that is beyond public scrutiny and outside the UK court system. EUPHA and FPH are calling on the European Union to put health before profit and reject TTIP. We need healthy communities for economic growth."

<http://www.eupha.org/advocacy-by-eupha>

## **EUPHA has concerns on the proposed EU Trade Secrets Directive**

On 25 March 2015, EUPHA issued a statement to join the concerns of the Corporate Europe Observatory, Medicines in Europe Forum, and the International Society of Drug Bulletins with regard to the draft EU Directive on Trade Secrets.

More specifically, we share the concern of these organisations that: a) The Directive employs an excessively broad definition of "trade secrets", including scientific data that is in the public interest. In particular, it does not allow for the exclusion of scientific data whose disclosure is in the public interest, such as health-related regulatory data.

b) It shifts documents that are currently in the public domain to the trade secrets domain, thereby constraining the scope to expose actions that could impact negatively on public health.

c) It has an impact on the right to freedom of expression and information.

<http://www.eupha.org/repository/advocacy...>

## **EUPHA Section SSH has a new name**

The EUPHA Section on Social Security and Health has changed its name to better reflect its area of expertise. As of 20 March, the section is now named: EUPHA Section on Social Security, Work and Health.

## **March Newsletter of the EUPHA section HSR**

The EUPHA section on Health Services Research has published its March newsletter.

<http://www.eupha.org/repository/sections...>

## **Survey on 'what is good public health practice'**

The EUPHA Practice Pillar lead would like to invite those interested to join the survey on 'what is good public health practice'. There are many public health practices in Europe but sometimes they are not known by potentially interested professionals and, most importantly, there is not an explicit and shared definition of the characteristics of a 'good public health practice'. There are several EU projects focused on classifying and sharing good practices, for instance in patient safety, but the specificity of Public Health programmes requires a tailored definition. This effort could be considered a preliminary step in the perspective of facilitating the sharing of experiences within Europe and of promoting a widespread culture on how to design and implement 'good public health good practices' among European professionals.

The EUPHA practice pillar is the ideal setting to start such an initiative and a first step could be trying to set up some basics elements through a survey, which includes:

- Exploring the interest of EUPHA members on this topic;
- Analysing the existing documents and programmes including a definition of a public health "good" and/or "best" practice and, if existing, the criteria adopted; and
- Collecting inventories of public health practices.

Based on this survey and existing experiences, possible definitions and criteria of good public health practice could be elaborated to be agreed by the European public health community.

Those interested to join this survey are invited to send an email to [office@eupha.org](mailto:office@eupha.org)

## 2. European Public Health Conference



### **Glasgow 2014 - New Eurohealth on Reducing inequalities in health and health care**

This Eurohealth issue provides a reflection on the 7th European Public Health Conference which was held in late 2014 in Glasgow. Articles in the Observer section look specifically at health inequalities - How Roma communities are responding to these; adaptation of health promotion and disease prevention interventions for migrant and ethnic minority populations; and the Glasgow Declaration. Other articles include: Learning from each other - where health promotion meets infectious diseases; Public health monitoring and reporting; Changing your health behaviour - regulate or not; Developing the public health workforce; Building sustainable and resilient health care systems; Leaving a legacy in Glasgow; Conclusions; and Eurohealth Monitor.

[http://www.euro.who.int/\\_\\_data/assets/pd...](http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pd...)

### **Milan 2015 - 8<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference**

#### ***Plenary programme***

We are excited to inform you that the plenary programme is taking shape. Confirmed keynote speakers include:

- Sir Andy Haines, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
- Dr Mengistu Asnake, president of the World Federation of Public Health Associations, Ethiopia
- Prof. Tim Lang, City University London's Centre for Food Policy, UK
- Dr Armin Fidler, President EHMA and World Bank
- Prof. Martin McKee, President EUPHA

#### ***Abstract submission***

Abstract and workshop submission is still open until 1 May 2015 (midnight CET). The EPH Conference is inviting abstracts for workshops and single presentations (oral, pitch and posters). The programme offers the traditional 10-minutes presentations and poster presentations in the designated poster area. Following the very successful introduction in Glasgow, we will increase the number of pitch presentation sessions in Milan. Pitch presentations are 5-minutes, with 2 minutes of discussion time in 60-minutes sessions. More information: <http://www.ephconference.org/2015-milan-abstract-submission-151>

## 3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

### **Professorship in Social Pharmacy at the University of Copenhagen**

Deadline for the application is 6 April 2015.

<http://jobportal.ku.dk/videnskabelige-st...>

### **Call for papers on e-cigarettes**

Special issue on E-cigarettes - International Journal of Public Health

It is currently very challenging for public health authorities to make informed decisions about how to react to the increasing popularity of E-cigarettes and related products. We know very little about the epidemiology of its use, its impact on users and on the environment, the association between the use of E-cigarettes and consumption of regular cigarettes, the corporate relationships between the tobacco

industry and E-cigarette promoters, and the relevance, effectiveness and acceptability of alternate public health responses to the use and dissemination of such products, locally, nationally and internationally. Briefly stated we urgently need primary research documenting the epidemiology of e-cigarette use, the impact of its use and the effects of alternate public health responses to the popularity of these products.

The [International Journal of Public Health](#) invites authors to submit papers (Original Articles, or Reviews) that provide evidence that public health should or should not be concerned with vapor delivery systems for nicotine such as E-cigarettes, and what constitutes an appropriate public health response. While we invite a broad range of topics and perspectives, papers that address issues of social inequality and cultural diversity are particularly welcome. Please do not submit opinion and discussion articles. Manuscripts can be submitted online through the Journal's website <http://www.springer.com/public+health/journal/38>. Authors should mention that the submission refers to this Call.

Closing date for submissions: 15 May 2015

### **Physicians with a PhD, specialised in community medicine: 2 tenured positions**

(two positions, 70-100% each)

The unit Community and Occupational Medicine of the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) is looking for two physicians with a PhD-degree or corresponding qualification, and an orientation on community medicine and epidemiology. Candidates will have to extend research regarding community health problems in youth and elderly nationally and internationally, and to deliver education on community health and health research. Societal challenges and public health issues are at the core of the unit's activities. Personal plans regarding these challenges are appreciated.

UMCG - Community and Occupational Medicine is highly successful in research on prevention and societal participation. It hosts a series of collaborative centers with community and occupational health services. Moreover, it has a longstanding research cooperation with Central Europe and with a number of international partners. The unit provides education to medical and epidemiology students.

The two positions are tenured, 70-100% each. One also comprises coordination of the research cooperation with Central Europe, the other the coordination of teaching in community medicine.

Further conditions depend on the qualifications and track record of the candidate, including arrangement needed to move families. Applications have to comprise the following documents, written in English or Dutch:

- A motivation letter
- CV and scientific merits

Applications can be submitted via the recruitment system of the UMCG at [s.a.reijneveld@umcg.nl](mailto:s.a.reijneveld@umcg.nl)

## **4. Interesting News**

### **Agreement on best estimates of breast cancer overdiagnosis urgently needed to inform women**

More than any other debate about overdiagnosis, the discussion of breast cancer has spilt from the pages of the specialist medical press into the public domain, argues a public health expert, stating that changing screening policy "should be based on demonstrated ability to achieve equivalent benefit to harm ratios and not on the assumption that increased detection will achieve a net benefit."

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

### **Global economic impact of diabetes revealed in new study**

Diabetes reduces people's employment chances and wages around the world, according to a new study. Researchers studied the economic impact of type II diabetes worldwide, and were surprised to find not only a large cost burden in high-income countries, but also in low and middle-income countries - where people with diabetes and their families face high costs for treatment. While it is widely known that diabetes poses a huge health challenge, awareness of its impact on the global economy and labor markets has never before been studied in such detail.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

### **'Cardiovascular revolution' has increased life expectancy in Spain**

Over the last century, life expectancy for Spaniards has increased by 40 years. A study highlights the main cause, since 1980, as being the reduced incidence of cardiovascular diseases while other pathologies, such as mental illnesses and certain types of cancer, have been seen to rise. The authors predict that the effects of the economic recession on mortality will show up in the long-term.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

### **Improving inmate health can lead to better community health, safety**

If prisoners received better health care while behind bars and after release, both their health and the community's health would improve, new research has found.

Offering treatment to prisoners or by linking them to community-based family physicians and psychiatrists after they are released leads to less substance abuse, mental health problems, chronic diseases and health service utilization, as well as a reduced spread of infectious diseases, according to a systematic review published today in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

### **Experts call for a tobacco-free world by 2040**

Leading public health researchers today call for the sale of tobacco to be phased out by 2040, showing that with sufficient political support and stronger evidence-based action against the tobacco industry, a tobacco-free world -- where less than 5 percent of adults use tobacco -- could be possible in less than three decades.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

### **Received wisdom about mental illness challenged by new report**

A new report challenges received wisdom about the nature of mental illness and has led to widespread media coverage and debate in the UK. Many people believe that schizophrenia is a frightening brain disease that makes people unpredictable and potentially violent, and can only be controlled by medication. However the UK has been at the forefront of research into the psychology of psychosis conducted over the last twenty years, and which reveals that this view is false.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

### **Electronic cigarette vapors contain toxins, have potential to be a public health concern**

On the heels of the Federal Drug Administration's (FDA) second public workshop to explore the public health considerations associated with e-cigarettes, nonprofit research organization RTI International released a new research paper "Exhaled Electronic Cigarette Emissions: What's Your Secondhand Exposure?," which explores the composition of e-cigarette vapor and the potential health impacts of secondhand exposure.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/201...>

### **Watching e-cig ads may increase the urge to smoke, study says**

Seeing commercials for electronic cigarettes can increase the urge to smoke traditional cigarettes, [a new study](#) suggests.

Researchers at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania discovered that watching advertisements that showing vaping can increase the desire of current and former smokers to pick up a conventional cigarette. In the new study, published in the journal *Health Communication*, the researchers assessed the urge to smoke among 301 daily smokers, 272 intermittent smokers and 311 former smokers. They then had the participants watch three e-cigarette commercials. Some of the commercials showed vaping, and others did not.

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

## **5. EUPHA members update**

### **UK Faculty of Public Health - annual conference**

The Faculty of Public Health will be holding its annual conference, *The Politics of Healthy Change on* 23 and 24 June 2015 at the Sage, Newcastle Gateshead. Details of which can be found at the conference section of the FPH website [www.fph.org.uk](http://www.fph.org.uk).

## **Netherlands Public Health Federation - annual conference**

The NPHF is organising its annual conference on 8-9 April in Rotterdam. The main theme is Prevention in care and public health - the best of two worlds.

<http://www.ncvgz.nl>

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

Title: **Pan-European road towards future healthcare**

Date / location: 14 Apr 2015 - 15 Apr 2015 / Gothenburg, Sweden

Organiser: WeCare

Title: **4th Global Forum on TB Vaccines**

Date / location: 21 Apr 2015 - 24 Apr 2015 / Shanghai, China

Title: **Introduction to Health Technology Assessment**

Date / location: 22 Apr 2015 - 25 Apr 2015 / Hall in Tyrol, Austria

Organiser: UMiT, Austria

Title: **The 1st International Congress to Consensus in Primary and Outpatient Care (COPOC)**

Date / location: 20 May 2015 - 22 May 2015 / Tel Aviv, Israel

Organiser: ComTec

Title: **Faculty of Public Health Annual Summer Scientific Meeting 2015**

Date / location: 21 May 2015 - 22 May 2015 / Dublin, Ireland

Organiser: Faculty of Public Health Medicine, RCPI

Title: **First Scientific Conference of the Psychotrauma Society**

Date / location: 22 May 2015 / Stockholm, Sweden

Organiser: Swedish Psychotrauma Society

Title: **Tackling climate change - for a sustainable and healthy future - Climate Change and Health Research Methods course**

Date / location: 1 Jun 2015 - 12 Jun 2015 / Umeå, Sweden

Organiser: Umeå Centre for Global Health Research

Title: **14th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity "Advancing Behavior Change Science"**

Date / location: 3 Jun 2015 - 6 Jun 2015 / Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Organiser: ISBNPA

Title: **Ecology and Safety, International conference**

Date / location: 4 Jun 2015 - 8 Jun 2015 / Elenite Holiday Village, Bulgaria

Organiser: Science and Education Foundation, Bulgaria

Title: **Summer School on Modern Methods in Biostatistics and Epidemiology**

Date / location: 7 Jun 2015 - 20 Jun 2015 / Treviso, Italy

Organiser: Karolinska Institute

Title: **23rd International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services: Person-oriented health promotion in a rapidly changing world: Co-production – continuity – new media and technologies**

Date / location: 10 Jun 2015 - 12 Jun 2015 / Oslo, Norway  
Organiser: International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services and Norwegian Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services

Title: **[EHMA 2015 annual conference - Evidence based management: better decisions, better healthcare](#)**

Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 17 Jun 2015 / Breda, The Netherlands  
Organiser: EHMA

Title: **[How to plan successfully? A focus on priority setting, resource allocation and strategic planning for health](#)**

Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 3 Jul 2015 / Basel, Switzerland  
Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: **[Course: Health Systems Methods and Current Research – 3rd Edition](#)**

Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 17 Jun 2015 / Porto, Portugal  
Organiser: Institute of Public Health, University of Porto

Title: **[Introduction to Epidemiology](#)**

Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 19 Jun 2015 / Rome, Italy  
Organiser: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: **[Health Systems Methods and Current Research – 3rd Edition](#)**

Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 17 Jun 2015 / Porto, Portugal  
Organiser: University of Porto

Title: **[Towards a generation free from tobacco: turning the vision into reality](#)**

Date / location: 18 Jun 2015 - 19 Jun 2015 / Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
Organiser: AHS Scotland

Title: **[Linear and logistic regression analysis of epidemiologic data](#)**

Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 26 Jun 2015 / Rome, Italy  
Organiser: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: **[Causal Inference in Medicine](#)**

Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 26 Jun 2015 / Rome, Italy  
Organiser: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: **[2015 International Conference on Health Promoting Universities and Colleges: 10 Years after the Edmonton Charter](#)**

Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 25 Jun 2015 / Kelowna, Canada  
Organiser: University of British Columbia

Title: **[14th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management and Policy](#)**

Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 25 Jun 2015 / Athens, Greece  
Organiser: Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)

Title: **[2015 International Conference on Health Promoting Universities and Colleges: 10 Years After the Edmonton Charter](#)**

Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 26 Jun 2015 / Kelowna, BC, Canada  
Organiser: University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus

Title: **[International Health Conference](#)**

Date / location: 25 Jun 2015 - 27 Jun 2015 / Oxford, United Kingdom

Organiser: Global Health Congress

Title: **4th Annual International Festival of Public Health UK**  
Date / location: 2 Jul 2015 / Manchester, UK

Title: **1st International conference on Transport and Health**  
Date / location: 6 Jul 2015 - 8 Jul 2015 / London, UK  
Organiser: UCL and TPH (Transport Public Health) Link

Title: **APHES Summer Course – Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations**  
Date / location: 6 Jul 2015 - 17 Jul 2015 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disaster

Title: **Observatory Venice Summer School 2015**  
Date / location: 26 Jul 2015 - 1 Aug 2015 / San Servolo, Venice  
Organiser: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Title: **24th ETC-PHHP Summer school: European perspectives on health promotion**  
Date / location: 2 Aug 2015 - 14 Aug 2015 / Cagliari, Italy  
Organiser: ETC-PHHP

Title: **Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health 2015: "People at the Center of Health Research and Innovation"**  
Date / location: 24 Aug 2015 - 27 Aug 2015 / Manila, Philippines  
Organiser: COHRED

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

Title: **The Summer school on longitudinal and life course research**  
Date / location: 31 Aug 2015 - 4 Sep 2015 / Leibniz, Germany  
Organiser: Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories and University of Bamberg

Title: **Accidents due to venomous and poisonous animals**  
Date / location: 10 Sep 2015 - 13 Sep 2015 / Basel, Switzerland  
Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: **17th International Summer School 2015 "Infectious Disease Epidemiology: Concepts, Methods, Mathematical Modelling, and Burden of Disease"**  
Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Bielefeld, Germany  
Organiser: Bielefeld University

Title: **7th International Summer School 2015 "Spatial Epidemiology, Climate and Health: Concepts and Modelling"**  
Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Bielefeld, Germany  
Organiser: Bielefeld University

Title: **Introduction to Mathematical Models of the epidemiology and control of infectious diseases**  
Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 25 Sep 2015 / London, UK  
Organiser: Imperial College London

Title: **Global Environmental Health Faculty Forum - GEHFF2015**



Date / location: 22 Sep 2015 - 26 Sep 2015 / Coimbra, Portugal  
Organiser: International Federation of Environmental Health first World Academic Congress on Environmental Health

Title: [Health and sustainable development – the future](#)

Date / location: 7 Oct 2015 - 9 Oct 2015 / Durban, South Africa

Organiser: Public Health Association of South Africa

Title: [25th Annual Congress of the European Childhood Obesity Group](#)

Date / location: 12 Oct 2015 - 14 Oct 2015 / Stockholm, Sweden

Organiser: European Childhood Obesity Group

Title: [International Health and Wealth Conference](#)

Date / location: 15 Oct 2015 - 17 Oct 2015 / Algarve, Portugal

Organiser: IHWC

Title: [Sixth EUSPR Conference and Members' Meeting](#)

Date / location: 22 Oct 2015 - 24 Oct 2015 / Ljubljana, Slovenia

Organiser: European Society for Prevention Research

Title: [Integrated elderly and patient care in Turkey](#)

Date / location: 29 Oct 2015 - 1 Nov 2015 / Istanbul, Turkey

Organiser: Healthy Community Association

Title: [The 3rd European Health Literacy Conference](#)

Date / location: 17 Nov 2015 - 19 Nov 2015 / Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: Health Literacy Europe, the IROHLA Consortium and the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG)

Title: [IUHPE's 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion](#)

Date / location: 22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil

Organiser: IUHPE

## 7. European Journal of Public Health

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### Editorials

#### **Should we aim to reduce relative or absolute inequalities in mortality?**

Johan P. Mackenbach Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (2): 185

[\[Extract\]](#)

#### **The politics of tobacco regulation**

Christopher P. Morley Eur J Public Health (2015) 25 (2): 186

[\[Extract\]](#)

### Commentaries

#### **The Ebola crisis: perspectives from European Public Health**

Aura Timen , Marc Sprenger , Michael Edelstein , Jose Martin-Moreno , Martin McKee

[\[Extract\]](#)

#### **Ebola's media outbreak: lessons for the future**

José Joaquín Mira , Susana Lorenzo , María Teresa Gea , Jesús Aranaz , Carlos Aibar  
[\[Extract\]](#)

## **Tobacco policy**

### **★ Editor's Choice ★**

#### **Tobacco control policy development in the European Union: do political factors matter?**

Jizzo R. Bosdriesz , Marc C. Willemsen , Karien Stronks , Anton E. Kunst *Eur J Public Health* (2015)  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

#### **Reduction of ST-elevation myocardial infarction in Canton Ticino (Switzerland) after smoking bans in enclosed public places—No Smoke Pub Study**

Marcello Di Valentino et al.  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

#### **Mediation of smoking abstinence self-efficacy on the association of nicotine dependence with smoking cessation**

Suyun Li et al.  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

#### **Effectiveness of pharmacotherapy in behavioural therapeutic smoking cessation programmes**

Rosan Oostveen , Onno P. van der Galiën , Hugo M. Smeets , Anne P. D. Hollinga , Judith E. Bosmans  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

#### **Tobacco-free schools as a core component of youth tobacco prevention programs: a secondary analysis of data from 43 countries**

Israel T. Agaku , Enihomo M. Obadan , Oluwakemi O. Odukoya , Olubode Olufajo  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

#### **Reduced affordability of cigarettes and socio-economic inequalities in smoking continuation in Stakhanov, Ukraine, 2009**

Mall Leinsalu , Andrew Stickley , Anton E. Kunst  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

#### **Healthy behaviours and mental health: findings from the German Health Update (GEDA)**

Amanda K. Buttery , Gert B. M. Mensink , Markus A. Busch  
[Abstract](#)

#### **Mental health and alcohol use: a cross-sectional study of the Finnish general population**

Pia Mäkelä , Kirsimarja Raitasalo , Kristian Wahlbeck  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

#### **Which socio-economic measures are associated with psychological distress for men and women? A cohort analysis**

Ida Linander , Anne Hammarström , Klara Johansson  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

#### **The development of a mental health screening tool and referral pathway for police custody**

Heather L. Noga , Elizabeth C. L. Walsh , Jenny J. Shaw , Jane Senior  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

#### **The contribution of perceived ethnic discrimination to the prevalence of depression**

Umar Z. Ikram et al.  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

#### **Research priorities for public mental health in Europe: recommendations of the ROAMER project**

Anna K. Forsman et al.  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

## **Overweight and obesity**

### **Economic impact of adult obesity on health systems: a systematic review**

Maria Lucia Specchia et al.

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **Weight change and sickness absence—a prospective study among middle-aged employees**

Eira Roos , Mikko Laaksonen , Ossi Rahkonen , Eero Lahelma , Tea Lallukka

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **Thinness in the era of obesity: trends in children and adolescents in The Netherlands since 1980**

Yvonne Schönbeck , Paula van Dommelen , Remy A. HiraSing , Stef van Buuren

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **The development in body mass index, overweight and obesity in three regions in Denmark**

Ulla Toft et al.

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **Secular trends in BMI and the prevalence of obesity in young Polish males from 1965 to 2010**

Anna Lipowicz , Monika Łopuszańska , Halina Kołodziej , Alicja Szklarska , Tadeusz Bielicki

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **Preliminary findings of how visual demonstrations of changes to physical appearance may enhance weight loss attempts**

Moyez Jiwa , Oksana Burford , Richard Parsons

[\[Abstract\]](#)

## **Socioeconomic conditions**

### **Multiple chronic health conditions and their link with wealth assets**

Deborah J. Schofield et al.

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **The effect of local policy actions on mortality among homeless people: a before–after study**

Marcel T. Slockers et al.

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **Immigrants' health and health inequality by type of integration policies in European countries**

Davide Malmusi

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **Prevalence of metabolic syndrome among Roma: a comparative health examination survey in Hungary**

Zsigmond Kósa et al.

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **Childhood family background and mortality differences by income in adulthood: fixed-effects analysis of Finnish siblings**

Lasse Tarkiainen , Pekka Martikainen , Mikko Laaksonen , Mikko Aaltonen

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **Low socioeconomic status and perceptions of social inadequacy and shame: findings from the Dutch SMILE study**

Hans Bosma , Lloyd Brandts , Audrey Simons , Danielle Groffen , Marjan van den Akker

[\[Abstract\]](#)

## **Cancer screening and epidemiology**

**Age differences in mammography screening reconsidered: life course trajectories in 13 European countries**

Sarah Missinne , Piet Bracke

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Breast cancer diagnosis and death in the Netherlands: a changing burden**

Daniëlle van der Waal et al.

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Ambient particulate matter and lung cancer incidence and mortality: a meta-analysis of prospective studies**

Ping Cui , Yubei Huang , Jiali Han , Fengju Song , Kexin Chen

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Unemployment, public-sector health-care spending and breast cancer mortality in the European Union: 1990–2009**

Mahiben Maruthappu et al.

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Miscellaneous**

**Increasing disability-free life expectancy among older adults in Palestine from 2006 to 2010**

Henrik Brønnum-Hansen , Mohammed Duraidi , Khaled Qalalwa , Bernard Jeune

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Excess Winter Deaths in Europe: a multi-country descriptive analysis**

Tom Fowler et al.

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Do lifestyle, health and social participation mediate educational inequalities in frailty worsening?**

Astrid Etman et al.

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**A stepped wedge cluster randomized control trial of dried blood spot testing to improve the uptake of hepatitis C antibody testing within UK prisons**

Noel Craine , Rhiannon Whitaker , Stephanie Perrett , Lu Zou , Matthew Hickman , Marion Lyons

[\[Abstract\]](#)

## 8. Interesting publications

**Economic considerations and health in all policies initiatives: evidence from interviews with key informants in Sweden, Quebec and Australia**

Andrew D. Pinto, Agnes Molnar, Ketan Shankardass, Patricia J. O'Campo, Ahmed M. Bayoumi

*BMC Public Health*(2015) 15:171

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf...>

**Income inequality and health: A causal review**

Kate E. Pickett, Richard G. Wilkinson

*Social Science and Medicine*, 128(2015), 316-326

<http://fc7jk4ac4t.search.serialssolution...>

**Closing the Gap: Past Performance of Health Insurance in Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Access to Care Could Be an Indication of Future Results**

Susan L. Hayes, Pamela Riley, David C. Radley, Douglas McCarthy

The Commonwealth Fund

Issue Brief, March 2015, pub. 1805, vol. 5.

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/~media/...>

### **Health Equity Research: A New, Ongoing Series in Nursing Research**

Lowe, John PhD, RN, FAAN

Nursing Research, January/February 2015, 64(1); p 1–2

<http://journals.lww.com/nursingresearcho...>

### **The Palgrave International Handbook of Healthcare Policy and Governance**

Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2015, edited by E. Kuhlmann, R.H. Blank, I.L. Bourgeault and C. Wendt; sample chapter available at:

<http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/the-palgrave-international-handbook-of-healthcare-policy-and-governance-ellen-kuhlmann/?K=9781137384935>

### **Bioéthique globale : Dans quel but: 20e anniversaire du Programme de bioéthique de l'UNESCO**

Published by UNESCO (in French). Available online at:

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002313/231397F.pdf>

## **9. European Commission news**

### **Ageing**

[European Summit on Innovation for Active and Healthy Ageing \(9-10 March 2015\)](#)

### **Communicable diseases**

[World Tuberculosis Day - Editorial by Vytenis Andriukaitis, EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety](#)

[Workshop on the EU Health Programme actions against Tuberculosis \(Riga, 30 March 2015\)](#)

### **Ebola**

[Press release - EU response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa](#)

[Webstreaming - High-level conference "Ebola, from emergency to recovery" \(3 March 2015\)](#)

[From emergency to recovery: EU mobilises efforts to end Ebola and alleviate its impact](#) Press release

### **EU in the world**

[12th annual EC/WHO Senior Officials Meeting \(20 February 2015\)](#) Minutes of the meeting

### **Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health**

[8th Plenary meeting of the Expert Panel, 11 December 2014](#) Minutes of the meeting

### **Health-EU Newsletter**

[Health-EU Newsletter: "How the new can help the old – putting innovation to work to help Europe's ageing population"](#) Editorial by Peter Portheine, Director Brainport Health Innovation

### **Health indicators**

[Indicators on Drug-related deaths \(ECHI 14\)](#) Updated with 2012 EMCDDA data

[Indicator on Life expectancy by educational attainment \(ECHI 10\)](#) Updated with 2012 data

[European Health Indicator on Equity of access to dental care services](#) Updated with 2013 data

### **Interest groups**

[Health Policy Forum meeting \(19 March 2015\)](#) Agenda and contributions of the meeting

### **Major and chronic diseases**

[2nd meeting of the Expert Group on Cancer Control \(03-04 March 2015\)](#) Flash report of the meeting

### **Nutrition and physical activity**

["We love eating" and drinking at zero calories in Slovakia](#) Story of the month

[12 year- old participant of "My healthy family" project in Poland proved her knowledge of vitamins to win a blender](#)

"My healthy family" participants in Hungary learned how to save lives: their own and others'

#### **Patient safety**

[EMPATIE - Empowering patients in the management of chronic diseases](#) Final report

#### **Rare diseases**

[Commission Expert Group on Rare Diseases \(12-13 March 2015\)](#) Flash report of the meeting

#### **Vaccination**

[Conference on the State of Health of Vaccination in the EU in Rome \(3 November 2014\)](#) Final report

## **10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news**

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 9, 5 March 2015**

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#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

[An ongoing measles outbreak in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2014 to 2015](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21047>

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

[Opportunistic testing for urogenital infection with Chlamydia trachomatis in south-western Switzerland, 2012: a feasibility study](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21051>

[Characteristics and practices of National Immunisation Technical Advisory Groups in Europe and potential for collaboration, April 2014](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21049>

#### **LETTERS**

[Letter to the editor: Measles outbreak linked to an international dog show in Slovenia – primary cases and chains of transmission identified in Italy, November to December 2014](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21050>

[Authors' response: Measles outbreak linked to an international dog show in Slovenia, 2014](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21052>

[Letter to the editor: Trends in human leptospirosis in Denmark, 1980 to 2012](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21053>

[Author's reply: Trends in Human Leptospirosis in Denmark, 1980 to 2012](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21054>

#### **NEWS**

[WHO recommendations on the composition of the 2015/16 influenza virus vaccines in the northern hemisphere](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21048>

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

[In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21055>

[ECDC'S Latest publications](#)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21046>

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 10, 12 March 2015**

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#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Two cases of acute severe flaccid myelitis associated with enterovirus D68 infection in children, Norway, autumn 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21062>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Self-sampling for community respiratory illness: a new tool for national virological surveillance

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21058>

Household transmissibility of avian influenza A (H7N9) virus, China, February to May 2013 and October 2013 to March 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21056>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Emergence and spread of predominantly community-onset Clostridium difficile PCR ribotype 244 infection in Australia, 2010 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21059>

Impact of 10- and 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccines on incidence of invasive pneumococcal disease in children aged under 16 years in Germany, 2009 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21057>

#### NEWS

WHO publishes first guidelines for hepatitis B treatment

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21061>

ESCAIDE 2015 – save the date

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21060>

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 11, 19 March 2015**

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#### EDITORIAL

Progressing towards tuberculosis elimination in the European Union and European Economic Area

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21066>

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Excess mortality among the elderly in European countries, December 2014 to February 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21065>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Risk factors for TB and HIV coinfection in Scotland, 2001 to 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21067>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Impact of the BCG vaccination policy on tuberculous meningitis in children under 6 years in metropolitan France between 2000 and 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21064>

Self-sampling for analysis of respiratory viruses in a large-scale epidemiological study in Sweden

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21063>

## **11. WHO news**

### **What do we know about the strengths and weakness of different policy mechanisms to influence health behaviour in the population?**

With health care systems under increasing pressure the development of a well defined and effective public health strategy has never been more important. Many health problems are potentially avoidable

and governments have long had tools at their disposal to influence population health and change individual behaviours, directed both 'upstream' at some of the underlying causes of poor health, as well as at 'downstream' challenges when poor health behaviours are already manifest. But how effective are these different actions? This policy summary briefly maps out what is known about some of these mechanisms, including approaches that have come to recent prominence from behavioural economics and psychology. Combinations of taxation, legislation and health information remain the core components of any strategy to influence behavioural change. There remain many unanswered questions on how best to design new innovative interventions that can complement, and in some instances augment, these well-established mechanisms.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/publications/policy-briefs-and-summaries/what-do-we-know-about-the-strengths-and-weakness-of-different-policy-mechanisms-to-influence-health-behaviour-in-the-population>

### **Uzbekistan and the challenge of reform**

Since the country's independence in 1991, Uzbekistan has embarked on several major health reforms, which included changes to health financing and the primary health care system. The country has also retained some features of the Soviet period, as most health care providers are still publicly owned and administered and health workers are government employees. Health expenditure is comparatively low when compared to the rest of the WHO European Region. The government has increased public expenditure on health in recent years, but private expenditure in the form of out-of-pocket payments remains substantial. The government has implemented a basic benefits package, but, for most people, this does not include secondary or tertiary care and outpatient pharmaceuticals. This new health system review (HiT) on Uzbekistan examines the changes and reforms that have taken place and the challenges that still remain.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/publications/health-system-reviews-hits/countries-and-subregions/uzbekistan-hit-2014>

### **Health literacy toolkit for low- and middle-income countries: series of information sheets to empower communities and strengthen health systems**

The World Health Organization – Regional Office for South-East Asia. New Delhi; 2015

This series of information sheets introduces health literacy, its relevance to public policy, and the ways it can be used to inform the promotion of good health, the prevention and management of communicable and noncommunicable diseases, and the reduction of health inequities. It provides information and links to further resources to assist organizations and governments to incorporate health literacy responses into practice, service delivery systems, and policy. This publication seeks to inform: governments, politicians and policy makers at all levels; academic institutions; public, civil society, and non-governmental organizations; and practitioners; relevant private sectors promoting health and well-being; communities, community-based organizations and social networks; WHO and other UN partners and development organizations.

### **New publications issues by WHO – March 2015**

[Guidelines for the Identification and Management of Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders in Pregnancy](#)

These guidelines have been developed to enable professionals to assist women who are pregnant, or have recently had a child, and who use alcohol or drugs or who have a substance use disorder, to achieve healthy outcomes for themselves and their fetus or infant.

[WHO Classification of Tumours of the Lung, Pleura, Thymus and Heart. Fourth edition](#)

WHO Classification of Tumours of the Lung, Pleura, Thymus and Heart is the seventh volume in the 4th Edition of the WHO series on histological and genetic typing of human tumours. This authoritative, concise reference book provides an international standard for oncologists and pathologists and will serve as an indispensable guide for use in the design of studies monitoring response to therapy and clinical outcome.

[Guide to monitoring and evaluation for collaborative TB/HIV activities -- 2015 update](#)

This guide is developed to assist TB and HIV programme managers and other stakeholders in monitoring and evaluation for collaborative TB/HIV activities. It is intended to facilitate collection of standardized data and to help in interpretation and dissemination of these data for programme improvement at national and subnational level.



[Bulletin of WHO Vol. 93, No. 03, 2015](#)

This 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.

[WHO Drug Information, Vol. 28 No. 4, 2014](#)

WHO Drug Information communicates pharmaceutical information that is either developed and issued by WHO or transmitted to WHO by research and regulatory agencies throughout the World. The journal also includes regular presentations of newly proposed and recommended International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceuticals Substances. This volume contains the proposed INN List No. 112.