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# 1. EUPHA update

## EUPHA Press releases 15 October 2015

EUPHA calls for European leadership on the refugee crisis. The refugee crisis facing Europe has shaken European institutions to their core. Read more [here](#)

EUPHA expresses its concern about the impact of climate change on health and calls upon political leaders to include health in the agenda of the upcoming COP21 Global Summit in Paris. Read the press release [here](#)

EUPHA calls for immediate action to control the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) by improving awareness, strengthening surveillance and research and working together with the veterinary sector in reducing the use of antibiotics in animals. Read more [here](#)

You are invited to distribute the press releases further within your own country and network .

## Report from The International Training Course on Research in Public Mental Health

In July 2015, already for the second time, the EUPHA Section on Public mental health, in collaboration with the Institute of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University (Lithuania) and the University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer (Germany) organized an international training course on *Research in public mental health* in Vilnius, Lithuania. The course aimed at strengthening research capacity, networking and collaboration in Public Mental Health. The main target group was doctoral students, public health researchers and practitioners.

Prof. Dr. Jutta Lindert (University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer), President of the Section, delivered a course on research methods in public mental health and public mental health epidemiology. This year's course focussed on life events and mental health over the life course. Presentation of most recent research and theory was followed by the practical development of life events questionnaires in the specific context of Lithuania. At the end of the course a viewpoint on the national mental health profile was prepared. Course attendants were granted international training certificates issued by EUPHA, Vilnius University and the University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer. The course was organized by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marija Veniute (Vilnius University), Vice President of the Section on Public mental health.

The course was very positively evaluated by staff and students. The course contributed to capacity building in public mental health research. By co-organising this training course, EUPHA was able to respond to a major demand within the public health community in the Eastern European region. The Section intends to continue these international training and education activities in the next years.

# 2. European Public Health Conference

## Milan 2015



The 8th European Public Health Conference is over and we look back at a successful and pleasant conference. The Conference was attended by over 1,500 delegates from over 65 countries worldwide. The EPH Conference website will be updated regularly with the video summary of the conference, a photo gallery, and other information.

## Conference Evaluation

We would appreciate it if you could take a few moments to evaluate the 8th EPH Conference Milan 2015. Your feedback will provide us with valuable information on what we could improve upon. All you need to do is login and give five minutes of your time. Link to the online evaluation form through your personal EPH Conference login: <http://ephconference.eu/questionnaire/questionnaire.php>

### Free access to European Journal of Public Health

EUPHA and Oxford University Press offer Conference Delegates free online access to the European Journal of Public Health (EJPH) until the end of this year. All you have to do is to log into your personal account at [www.ephconference.org](http://www.ephconference.org) and find your access to the online EJPH. This is the login and password you have used for registering for the conference. Access to the Journal is possible from 1 October – 31 December 2015.

### Vienna 2016: the place to be



In 2016 the conference will take place in Vienna, Austria. The theme of next year's conference is 'All for Health – Health for All'. Check our website for updated information. We look forward to welcoming you in Vienna from 9-12 November 2016.

## 3. EUPHA members update

### Bulgarian Public Health Association

The Bulgarian Public Health Association held its 10th year Jubilee Conference of the Faculty of Public Health at the Medical University of Pleven from 1 – 3 October. Almost half of the BPHA members are affiliated to this institution. The abstracts were published as a supplement to the Journal of Biomedical and Clinical Research (JBCR).

Please click [here](#) for the Programme and Abstract of this Jubilee Scientific Conference 'Public Health Policy and Practice', Pleven, Bulgaria.

## 4. European Journal of Public Health



The [European Journal of Public Health](#) is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public health. The EJPH is published bimonthly. The journal provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region. In 2014, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.591. The 5-year impact factor is 2.512.

The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

### Abstract Supplement 8<sup>th</sup> EPH Conference

In support of the 8<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference *The European Journal of Public Health* has published the abstracts from the Conference.

The supplement includes session PDFs, plenary sessions, parallel sessions, poster walks and posters displays. You can read the full supplement [here](#).

### Selection Most Read Articles [full text]

#### How do economic crises affect migrants' risk of infectious disease? A systematic-narrative review

A Kentikelenis, M Karanikolos, G Williams, P Mladovsky, L King, A Pharris, JE Suk, A Hatzakis, M McKee, T Noori, D Stuckler

[\[PDF\]](#)

**Measuring risk of HIV and HCV among injecting drug users in the Russian Federation**

L Platt, AJ Sutton, P Vickerman, E Koshkina, S Maximova, N Latishevskaya, M Hickman, C Bonell, J Parry, T Rhodes  
[\[PDF\]](#)

**Denialism: what is it and how should scientists respond?**

P Diethelm, M McKee  
[\[PDF\]](#)

**Is exposure to night-time traffic noise a risk factor for purchase of anxiolytic–hypnotic medication? A cohort study**

A Bocquier, S Cortaredona, C Boutin, A David, A Bigot, V Sciortino, S Nauleau, J Gaudart, R Giorgi, P Verger  
[\[PDF\]](#)

**Trust relations in health care—the new agenda**

R Rowe, M Calnan  
[\[PDF\]](#)

**Selection Most Cited Articles [full text]**

**Bullying and symptoms among school-aged children: international comparative cross sectional study in 28 countries**

P Due, BE Holstein, J Lynch, F Diderichsen, S Nic Gabhain, P Scheidt, C Currie  
[\[PDF\]](#)

**Monitoring health inequalities through general practice: the Second Dutch National Survey of General Practice**

GP Westert, FG Schellevis, DH de Bakker, PP Groenewegen, JM Bensing, J van der Zee  
[\[PDF\]](#)

**Cigarette pack design and perceptions of risk among UK adults and youth**

D Hammond, M Dockrell, D Arnott, A Lee, A McNeill  
[\[PDF\]](#)

**Socioeconomic status and smoking Analysing inequalities with multiple indicators**

M Laaksonen, O Rahkonen, S Karvonen, E Lahelma  
[\[PDF\]](#)

**Welfare state regimes and income-related health inequalities: a comparison of 23 European countries**

T A Eikemo, C Bambra, K Joyce, E Dahl  
[\[PDF\]](#)

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

### **Research Associate**

The Institut für Medizinische Informatik, Biometrie und Epidemiologie in Essen, Germany calls for a research associate. The planned duration of the position is initially 3 years, with a possible extension according to the maximum employment duration as given by laws regarding scientific fixed-term contracts (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz). The pay grade classification depends on the personal and collective legal requirements.

Job duties/responsibilities:

- Conceptual development of projects and acquisition
- Scientific development/preparation and publication of project results
- Participation in teaching activities – particularly in the international Master's program Urban Systems ([https://www.uni-due.de/urbane-systeme/master\\_urbane-systeme.shtml](https://www.uni-due.de/urbane-systeme/master_urbane-systeme.shtml)).

Required qualifications:

- Advanced degree in Human Geography, Urban Planning, Public Health, Statistics or related disciplines
- Above average dissertation in one of the above discipline
- Developed scientific research profile (in one of the above disciplines)
- Proven competence in methods (e.g. advanced skills in spatial and statistical data analysis using GIS and/or SAS)
- Interest in inter- and transdisciplinary cooperation, new research questions and approaches
- Written and oral proficiency in English.

Desirable qualifications:

- International orientation of research
- Experience dealing with large datasets
- Experience writing grants/obtaining external funding
- Project management experience
- Preparedness to conduct independent scientific research and teach research-based courses.

For more information: [www.cue-ruhr.de](http://www.cue-ruhr.de)

### **Associate Research Professor**

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics of the GW Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) calls for Associate Research Professor.

Position Description Summary:

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics of the GW Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) is recruiting for a dynamic, full-time faculty member at the rank of Assistant or Associate Research Professor. Responsibilities for the successful applicant will largely be working as the Bureau Chief of the Strategic Information Division of the District of Columbia Department of Health HIV/AIDS, STD, TB and Hepatitis (HAHSTA) program; and contributing to the educational mission of the Department through the teaching and mentoring of graduate students.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

The responsibilities of the Bureau Chief position at HAHSTA will include overseeing professional staff, directing core surveillance and epidemiology operations, providing direction for surveillance and monitoring and evaluation information systems, coordinating research partnerships with the NIH, developing the research agenda, and guiding clinical analysis of continuum of care and quality for clinical services.

This position is a critical component of the long-standing Public Health-Academic Partnership between the DC DOH and the GWSPH.

Special Instructions to Applicants:

To submit your application, use the link <https://www.gwu.jobs/postings/26246>

## **6. Interesting news**

### **Interesting articles on Science Daily**

**HIV patients should be included in early clinical trials of anti-TB drugs**

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

**Air pollution, traffic linked to deaths, organ rejection in lung transplant patients**

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

**Bowel screening kit with extras could help save more lives**

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

**Unconscious bias among physicians results in low quality care for LGBT, disabled patients**

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

**Drug residues in wastewater: Private households mainly responsible**

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

**Health economists call for strategies for universal access to medicines**

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

**Interventions to improve water quality for preventing diarrhea**

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

**Study reveals poor levels of use, availability, affordability of vital heart medicines**

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

## 7. Upcoming courses and conferences



**Going International** is the first source for finding courses, seminars, congresses and other events in the fields of medicine & health. Going International is Europe's biggest service provider and information platform and serves as an interface between organisers and participants of events. Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: **Securing Scotlands Health; Annual Public Health conference**

Date / location: 5 Nov 2015 - 6 Nov 2015 / Peebles Hydro Hotel, Scottish Border, Scotland

Organiser: Committee of the Faculty of Public Health in Scotland

Title: **European Risk Minimisation Conference**

Date / location: 10 Nov 2015 - 12 Nov 2015 / Novotel, Hammersmith, London

Organiser: DSRU Education and Training

Title: **ESCAIDE 2015**

Date / location: 11 Nov 2015 - 13 Nov 2015 / Stockholm, Sweden

Organiser: ECDC

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: **19th International Nursing Research Conference**

Date / location: 17 Nov 2015 - 20 Nov 2015 / Cuenca, Spain

Organiser: Unidad de Investigacion en Cuidados de Salud

Title: **Joining Forces in Health Promotion to Tackle the Burden of Chronic Diseases in Europe**

Date / location: 24 Nov 2015 - 25 Nov 2015 / ARTIS Centrum Hotels, Vilnius, Lithuania,

Organiser: The European Joint Action on Chronic Diseases and Healthy Ageing

Title: **A General Introduction to Theories and Methods in Research on Migration and Health**

Date / location: 25 Nov 2015 - 27 Nov 2015 / Copenhagen, Danmark

Organiser: Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen in collaboration with Amsterdam Medical Center, University of Amsterdam

Title: **Travellers Health**

Date / location: 25 Jan 2016 - 29 Jan 2016 / Basel, Switzerland

Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: **PREPAREing for (Re-)Emerging Arbovirus Infections in Europe, workshop - PREPARE/ESCMID**  
Date / location: 7 Mar 2016 - 9 Mar 2016 / Thessaloniki, Greece  
Organiser: Platform for European Preparedness Against (Re-) emerging Epidemics

Title: **IUHPE's 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion**  
Date / location: 22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil  
Organiser: IUHPE

Title: **The 6th International Jerusalem Conference On Health Policy**  
Date / location: 23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Jerusalem, Israel  
Organiser: The Israel National Institute For Health Policy Research

Title: **6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health**  
Date / location: 23 Jun 2016 - 25 Jun 2016 / Oslo, Norway  
Organiser: Eupha section migrant health and The Norwegian Center for Minority Health Research  
Organiser: The Norwegian Center for Minority Health Research

Title: **ETC- PHHP Summer Course**  
Date / location: 31 Jul 2016 - 13 Aug 2016 / Wageningen, Netherlands  
Organiser: Health and Society group, Wageningen University

Title: **12th World Conference on Injury prevention and safety promotion (from research to implementation)**  
Date / location: 18 Sep 2016 - 21 Sep 2016 / Tampere, Finland  
Organiser: National Institute for Health and Welfare

## 8. Interesting publications

**Obs & gyn doctors release opinion on toxic chemicals**

<http://www.env-health.org/resources/press-releases/article/heal-wecf-welcome-doctors-warning>

**Crime and subjective well-being in the countries of the former Soviet Union**

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

**A cross-sectional analysis of the relationship between tobacco and alcohol outlet density and neighbourhood deprivation**

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

**Epidemiology of infections by HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhoea and Lymphogranuloma Venereum in Barcelona City: a population-based incidence study**

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

**Social inequalities in a population based colorectal cancer screening programme in the Basque Country**

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

**Ever dispense of prescribed allergy medication in children growing up close to traffic: a registry-based birth cohort**

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

**Quantifying the contribution of changes in healthcare expenditures and smoking to the reversal of the trend in life expectancy in the Netherlands**

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

**A stitch in time saves nine? A repeated cross-sectional case study on the implementation of the intersectoral community approach Youth At a Healthy Weight**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**A cross-sectional serosurvey on hepatitis B vaccination uptake among adult patients from GP practices in a region of South-West Poland**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**How much of the difference in life expectancy between Scottish cities does deprivation explain?**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**A gloomy picture: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials reveals disappointing effectiveness of programs aiming at preventing child maltreatment**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**When children play, they feel better: organized activity participation and health in adolescents**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

## 9. European Commission news

**Call for renewing membership in the scientific committee**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific\\_committees/call\\_experts/call\\_exp\\_2015\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/call_experts/call_exp_2015_en.htm)

### Ageing

[Conference 'Which priorities for a European policy on multimorbidity?' \(27 October 2015\)](#)Agenda of the meeting

### Antimicrobial Resistance

[Presenting a United Front: International Taskforce Convenes to Battle Increasing Resistance to Life-saving Drugs](#)

### Blood, tissues and organs

[Single European Code \(SEC\) for tissues and cells](#)

### Ebola

[12-14 October: High-Level Conference draws lessons from Ebola](#)

### eHealth

[6th meeting of the eHealth Network \(18 November 2014\)](#)Meeting documents

[7th meeting of the eHealth Network \(12 May 2015\)](#)Meeting documents

### Endocrine Disruptors

[Meeting on "Impact assessment on criteria to identify endocrine disruptors – technical meeting on the Joint Research Center methodology" \(Brussels, 06 November 2015\)](#)Information the meeting, Registration, Contact details, Practical information

### EU Health Award for NGOs

[Winners of EU Health Award 2015 announced: Three NGOs have made a notable difference in fighting Ebola](#)

### European Reference Networks

[2nd conference on European Reference Networks \(Lisbon, 8-9 October 2015\)](#)Agenda of the meeting updated

[2nd conference on European Reference Networks \(Lisbon, 8-9 October 2015\)](#)Presentations and videos of the meeting

[8-9 October: Conference on European Reference Networks](#)



### **Health-EU Newsletter**

Health-EU Newsletter - "Ensuring that safe surplus food reaches those in greatest need" Editorial by Isabel Jonet, President of the European Federation of Food Banks  
"Showcasing top three initiatives in fight against Ebola" Editorial by Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

### **Health Indicators**

Indicators on Hospital in-patient discharges, limited diagnosis (ECHI 67) Updated with 2013 data  
Indicator on Total fertility rate updated with 2013 data (ECHI 4)

### **Health systems performance assessment**

3rd meeting of the Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment (HSPA) (5 May 2015) Minutes of the meeting

### **Medicinal products for human use**

Conference on '50 Years of EU Pharma legislation: Achievements and future perspectives' (28 September 2015) Video recording of the Conference

### **Scientific committees**

SCCS - Revision of the opinion on Silica, Hydrated Silica, and Silica Surface Modified with Alkyl Silylates (nano form)

SCENIHR - Minutes of the 12th Plenary meeting, Luxembourg, 24 September 2015

Workshop on Synthetic Biology, Luxembourg, 10 December 2015

Workshop on Synthetic Biology – Register now! Deadline for registration: 23 November 2015

### **Social determinants and health inequalities**

Commission funded project strengthens training of health professionals across Europe  
Dissemination Workshop: "Training packages for health professionals to improve access and quality of health services for migrants and ethnic minorities, including the Roma" (MEM-TP) Programme

### **Tobacco**

Tobacco: specifications for health warnings on cigarette packets adopted today

Ex-Smokers sparkle brighter! Celebrate their achievements in the run up to the Day of the Ex-Smoker on October 30th – Ex-Smokers are unstoppable

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

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 39, 01 October 2015**

#### **In this issue:**

A systematic review concludes that spatial methods are valuable tools in outbreak investigations and could be used more widely

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

##### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

A new outbreak of brucellosis in Bulgaria detected in July 2015 – preliminary report

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21264>

##### **SYSTEMATIC REVIEW**

Spatial methods for infectious disease outbreak investigations: systematic literature review

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21253>

##### **SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**

Phylogenetic and epidemiological analysis of measles outbreaks in Denmark, 2013 to 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21254>

Uptake and impact of vaccinating school age children against influenza during a season with circulation of drifted influenza A and B strains, England, 2014/15

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21256>

## MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21257>

ECDC's latest publications

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21255>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 40, 08 October 2015**

### **In this issue:**

Outbreak of *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis* in Finland illustrates need for public awareness of health risks linked to raw milk consumption

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

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Injection of new psychoactive substance snow blow associated with recently acquired HIV infections among homeless people who inject drugs in Dublin, Ireland, 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21274>

Genotypic anomaly in Ebola virus strains circulating in Magazine Wharf area, Freetown, Sierra Leone, 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21270>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Outbreak of *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis* O:1 infection associated with raw milk consumption, Finland, spring 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21268>

Tick-borne encephalitis in north-east Italy: a 14-year retrospective study, January 2000 to December 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21269>

#### NEWS

European Commission launches consultation on preliminary opinion on access to health services

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21273>

EU project provides training materials for health professionals to improve delivery of services for ethnic minorities and migrants

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21271>

## MISCELLANEOUS

Job vacancy at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21267>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 41, 15 October 2015**

### **In this issue:**

Campylobacter was most likely widely present in the Danish population before observed increase in poultry-associated clinical Campylobacter infections in those above 30 years of age from 1993 to 2001

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

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Isolation of an NDM-5-producing ST16 *Klebsiella pneumoniae* from a Dutch patient without travel history abroad, August 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21276>

#### RESEARCH

Was the increase in culture-confirmed Campylobacter infections in Denmark during the 1990s a surveillance artefact?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21277>

Comparison of serological assays in human Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS)-coronavirus infection

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21278>

## MISCELLANEOUS

ESCAIDE participants are invited at the fourth Eurosurveillance scientific seminar  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21275>

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 42, 22 October 2015

### In this issue:

*Borrelia recurrentis* diagnoses in refugees in Bavaria suggest that young male refugees originating from the Horn of Africa may be at particular risk of acquiring louse-borne relapsing fever

### This week's table of contents:

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

An autochthonous case of cystic echinococcosis in Finland, 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21279>

Louse-borne relapsing fever (*Borrelia recurrentis*) diagnosed in 15 refugees from northeast Africa: epidemiology and preventive control measures, Bavaria, Germany, July to October 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21282>

#### RESEARCH

Change in incidence of clinic visits for all-cause and rotavirus gastroenteritis in young children following the introduction of universal rotavirus vaccination in Israel

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21281>

#### NEWS

IMI launches new call for proposals

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21280>

## 11. WHO news

### The European health report 2015

The European health report is a flagship publication, published every three years. The 2012 report set the baseline for monitoring progress towards the six targets of the European policy framework, Health 2020. The 2015 report presents the progress made since the baseline. An assessment of the available data on all the targets reveals that the European Region is on track, but much potential remains for further health gains and reductions in inequalities.

The 2015 report gives an update on the challenges in measuring and reporting on progress towards Health 2020, particularly in measuring well-being, and proposes new sources of qualitative evidence to describe and monitor well-being.

Facts and figures are not enough to report meaningfully on what it means to be healthy and well in Europe. The 2015 European health report argues that new forms of evidence are necessary to fully capture this. Stronger international collaboration is required to advance the agenda for health-information research and development in the Region.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/data-and-evid...>