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# 1. EUPHA update

EUPHA is excited to announce two new institutional members.

## **Luxembourg Institute of Health**

[Luxembourg Institute of Health](#) is a public biomedical research organisation. Striving for excellence, its researchers, by their creativity, enthusiasm and commitment, generate knowledge on disease mechanisms and contribute to the development of new diagnostics, preventive strategies, innovative therapies and clinical applications that impact the healthcare of Luxembourgish and European citizens.

## **Italian National Agency for Regional Health Services (Agenas)**

[The National Agency for Regional Health Services \(Agenas\)](#) is a public agency founded in 1993 as a technical-scientific body of the Ministry of Health. The objectives of the Agency are essentially to promote innovation and quality in health care, to perform comparative analysis of the cost and effectiveness of the services offered to the public and to provide technical support to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Regions. The Agency also participates in several projects co-financed by the European Union and coordinates health research programs financed by the Ministry of Health.

## **EUPHA calls upon institutional investors to disinvest from the tobacco industry**

The tobacco industry manufactures a product that will kill half of those who use it in the way that is intended. Many institutional investors continue to invest in the tobacco industry. EUPHA believes that such engagement with the tobacco industry is futile. We see no evidence that the industry has changed its ways. Following the success of [Tobacco Free Portfolios](#) in Australia, we call upon institutional investors in Europe to follow the lead of a growing number of investors in Australia and publically disinvest in this disreputable and ultimately doomed industry. Read the Press Release [here](#).

## **EUPHA calls for the widespread adoption of sugar taxes in Europe**

EUPHA enthusiastically welcomes the decision by the United Kingdom government to implement a tax on sugar sweetened beverages, adding to the welcome already expressed by our member organisation, the UK Faculty of Public Health. EUPHA calls upon European governments to follow the approach taken by the UK government, as part of a comprehensive strategy against obesity and encourages the European public health community to learn from those activists in Berkeley who were so successful in standing up to powerful vested interests. Read the Press Release [here](#).

We encourage our member associations to distribute the press releases in their own countries.

## **6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, EUPHA MEMH 2016**



**Oslo, 23-25 June 2016**

Theme of the 6<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health is '**Equity – the Policy Practice Gap**'. Plenary sessions and presentations will focus on socio-demographic and political determinants for health and the policy environment with relevance for migrants, ethnic minorities, asylum seekers, refugees, undocumented migrants. Other topics include: access and quality of health care services; disparities and inequities, social exclusion and marginalization, health system responsiveness to diversity empowerment and levers for change, etc.

**More information:** [EUPHA MEMH 2016](#).

## 2. European Public Health Conference



### **9th European Public Health Conference: All for Health, Health for All Austria Centre Vienna, 9 - 12 November 2016**

The theme for the 9th EPH Conference is 'All for Health, Health for All'. Plenary sessions with speakers from around the world focus on:

**From Ottawa to Vienna: 30 Years of the Ottawa Charter:** celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Ottawa Charter. Where are we now and where should we go?

**Health for All:** highlighting the importance of good health and access to health care for all.

**All for Health:** looking outside the traditional fields of public health. Are other fields aware that their work has an impact on health?

**Health Technologies:** E-health, telemedicine, health apps, smart watches, ambient assisted technology and living. Where does that lead us?

**Achieving Health in Fragmented Systems:** exploring the relation between new forms of work, social solidarity, health insurance and health promotion.

### **Registration**

[Registration](#) for the 9th EPH Conference opens 1 March 2016. You can benefit from early bird registration fees until 1 September. We are expecting over 1,200 delegates. Meet your colleagues at the largest public health event in Europe and register early to benefit from the reduced rates.

Early bird registration fees for EUPHA and ÖGPH members are EUR 600. Non-members pay EUR 680, Early career professionals pay EUR 420 (all including VAT).

Preconferences can be booked online once the preconference programme is completed in May. At all times they can be added to your earlier made registration by contacting us at [registration@ephconference.eu](mailto:registration@ephconference.eu).

### **Abstract Submission open until 1 May**

Abstract submission does not have to be confined to the conference theme 'All for Health – Health for All'. Abstracts are invited for workshops, oral presentations, pitch presentations and posters. Prizes will be awarded for the best oral, poster and early career professional's presentation. Do not miss the opportunity to be recognised for your hard work. Abstracts and workshop proposals can be submitted [here](#).

## 3. EUPHA members update

### **EUPHA Research Lead Peter Groenewegen appointed as co-director of the Observatory Venice Summer School 2016**

EUPHA Research Lead and senior researcher at NIVEL, The Netherlands, Prof Peter Groenewegen has been appointed as co-director of the Venice Summer School. This year's theme is: "Primary health care: innovating for integrated, more effective care" and it will be held from 24 -30 July 2016 at Isola di San Servolo, Venice, Italy. Building on participants' own knowledge and expertise, the Summer School will systematize and interpret primary care reform innovations and their implementation, provide tools to assess the performance of primary care systems, address how integrative and integrated primary health care systems can serve whole populations and address the integration between health care/public health and social services.

## CFHI and EUPHAnxt partnership

Following the appointment of Director of European Engagement in August 2015, Child Family Health International (CFHI) and EUPHAnxt, the student and young professional association of the European Public Health Association, have partnered to bring ethically-based global health educational internships to European students and young professionals in the field of public health

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2015/12/prweb13145134.htm>

## 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.

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#### Editorials

The Global Charter for the Public's Health

Michael Moore, Martin McKee, Bettina Borisch, and Walter Ricciardi

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European Public Health News / EUPHA President's Column / EUPHA Office Column / Message from the WHO Regional Director for Europe / Message from Vytenis Andriukaitis, EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety / 9th European Public Health Conference—'All for Health—Health for All' Martin McKee, Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, Zsuzsanna Jakab, Vytenis Andriukaitis, and Floris Barnhoorn

Eur J Public Health 2016 26: 364-367

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#### Articles

The impact of a school food aid program on household food insecurity

Athanassios Petralias, Eleni Papadimitriou, Elena Riza, Margaret R. Karagas, Alexia B.A. Zagouras, Athena Linos, and on Behalf of the DIATROFI Program Research Team

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Expectation of sickness absence duration: a review on statements and methods used in guidelines in Europe and North America

Wout E. L. de Boer, S. Mohsen Mousavi, George L. Delclos, Fernando G. Benavides, Mercedes Lorente, and Regina Kunz

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Workplace social capital and risk of long-term sickness absence. Are associations modified by occupational grade?

Reiner Rugulies, Peter Hasle, Jan Hylde Pejtersen, Birgit Aust, and Jakob Bue Bjorner

Eur J Public Health 2016 26: 328-333

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How have trends in lifespan variation changed since 1950? A comparative study of 17 Western European countries

R. Seaman, A. H. Leyland, and F. Popham

Eur J Public Health 2016 26: 360-362

[\[Abstract\]](#)

## 5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

### Call for interest for European Reference Networks

A call for highly specialised healthcare providers to establish European Reference Networks (ERNs) has opened and will run until **21 June 2016**. For relevant information and documents go to

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ern/implementation/call/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ern/implementation/call/index_en.htm)

DG SANTE is organising an **info day** on **7 April 2016** to help candidates with the technicalities of the call for interest for ERNs and call for grants. The event will take place in Brussels on **7 April 2016**. As places are limited and priority will be given to potential candidates, interested stakeholders are invited to follow the event online. The web streaming link will be announced on the [event's web page](#) at the beginning of April.

### Call for commitments of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

The Call for Commitments of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) is now open.

Organisations involved in developing, promoting or deploying innovative solutions for active and healthy ageing are kindly invited to register an account and submit projects to be implemented in the coming three years. The commitments are organised within action groups and must be in line with the overall priorities of the EIP on AHA.

The call will be open until **Friday 15 April 2016**. For further information, please see the [FAQ page](#) or visit the EIP on AHA dedicated [portal](#).

### Call for abstracts Cross-cutting Informal Care and Professional Primary Care

Riga Latvian Society House, 5/6 September 2016

The conference scientific committee invites submissions of abstracts for presentations related to the scope and purpose of the conference.

<http://www.euprimarycare.org/riga/call-abstracts>

### World Federation of Public Health Associations

The World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) invites member national public health associations in good standing to submit a bid to host the WFPHA's 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health in 2020.

The deadline for submitting a bid is October 31, 2016. Please complete and return the completed 2020 Congress Bid template along with a provisional budget to the WFPHA Geneva office by email:

[eleonora.decata@wfpha.org](mailto:eleonora.decata@wfpha.org)

<http://www.wcph2017.com/>

### Professorship for Public Health, University of Bremen

University of Bremen, faculty of human and health sciences, Institute for Public Health and Nursing Research, offers a professorship for Public Health with a focus on health promotion and prevention

<http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/berufungsverfahren.html>

### postdoctoral researcher, University of Porto

The Institute of Public Health, University of Porto (ISPUP), in Porto, Portugal is looking for a postdoctoral researcher within the scientific area of Health Services Research.

CALL START AND FINISH DATES:

22nd March to 4th April 2016.

For further information, please click [here](#).

## 6. Interesting news

### ASPHER 50th Anniversary

This year marks ASPHER's 50th anniversary will culminate in ASPHER's Annual Retreat to be held in Athens, 25 - 27 May. This will be a wonderful occasion to reflect on ASPHER's incredible fifty year history, and to start planning the next half century! We hope all ASPHER members will be present.

More info will be available at <http://www.aspher.org> and will follow on a regular basis throughout the year, updating everyone on upcoming events.

### **ARNA final conference**

[Towards more prudent use of antibiotics in the European Union](#)

Associated event of the Dutch Presidency of the EU

June 17 2016, Media Plaza, Jaarbeurs, Utrecht, the Netherlands

### **LEPH2016: EUPHA President to be a keynote speaker.**

Renowned for his expertise in, and contribution to European public health, EUPHA's President **Martin McKee** will be addressing the 3rd International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEPH2016). The conference will be held at the Meervaart Centre, Amsterdam from 2 - 5 October 2016. More information about the invited speakers go to [www.leph2016.com/program/invited-speakers/](http://www.leph2016.com/program/invited-speakers/) To secure your place in the program you must submit an abstract on line at [www.leph2016.com/program/call-for-abstracts](http://www.leph2016.com/program/call-for-abstracts) Abstracts close on 14 April. Learn more about LEPH2016 and register at [www.leph2016.com](http://www.leph2016.com)

### **Kick-off meeting of the third HTA Joint Action**

The kick-off meeting of "EUNetHTA 3" (2016-2019) – the third Joint Action which aims to pave the way for sustainable cooperation on Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in Europe took place in Amsterdam on 3 March 2016. Building on achievements of the previous two, the specific objective of this Joint Action, which will include 75 partners from 27 EU countries, is to strengthen cooperation between HTA bodies in the EU and increase and improve joint work. Participants to this meeting included representatives from HTA organisations, academia, patient groups, regulators, physicians and industry. Initial discussions will revolve around the types of barriers to EU cooperation on HTA that are currently encountered and potential solutions for overcoming them.

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/technology\\_assessment/policy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/technology_assessment/policy/index_en.htm)

### **Spotlight on obesogenic environments**

The results of the four-year, EU-funded €3.7m SPOTLIGHT study into measures to prevent adult obesity and the role of the environment have been published. The research consortium developed tools for assessing the obesogenicity of urban environments using Google StreetView and investigated success factors in community level interventions. Details can be found in a summary [Briefing Paper](#), an open-access [Supplement](#) in Obesity Reviews, and a piece on the British Medical Journal [website](#).

### **Health costs from Balkan coal plants prompt call for EU policy rethink**

A new study from the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) quantifies the public health costs of polluted air from coal-fired power plants in the Western Balkans at up to 8.5 EUR billion per year. Fumes from these plants contribute to air pollution, which is a serious health risk in these countries. Polluted air is associated with unnecessarily high rates of premature death, chronic lung disease, heart conditions and asthma. HEAL says that Europe's leaders should support countries in the region by encouraging a move away from coal to improve health and tackle climate change. All resources available from [here](#).

### **2016 European Young Leaders in Global Health Fellowship**

Child Family Health International is pleased to offer partial scholarships for select program dates. Since 2007, we have provided CFHI Global Health Scholars with more than \$100,000 in scholarship funding. CFHI is committed to working globally and addressing inequities. In line with this global lens, it is our policy to actively seek a diverse pool of candidates from a variety of backgrounds who are committed to the mission and vision of CFHI.

The scholarship deadline for Spring and Summer 2016 programs has passed. The scholarship application cycle for Fall 2016 programs will open on May 1, 2016.

<https://www.cfhi.org/scholarships>

### **Zika's link to Guillain-Barre syndrome**

During a seven-month outbreak of Zika virus infection that ended in April 2014, health officials in French Polynesia noticed an uptick in the number of patients showing up at hospitals with a rare but dangerous constellation of symptoms known as Guillain-Barre syndrome.

Typically in the wake of a viral or bacterial infection, patients stricken with Guillain-Barre syndrome suffer a sudden onset of weakness, pain and paralysis in their legs and arms. Occasionally, paralysis progresses to the chest, impairing a patient's ability to breathe. Even with access to a respirator and intensive care, some 5% of those stricken by Guillain-Barre die.

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

### **Chronic conditions rise in older people**

The number of older people in England living with more than one chronic condition could have risen by ten per cent in the last decade putting increasing pressure on the NHS, new research has suggested. United Kingdom

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Study celebrates the success of EU air quality policy amidst Brexit uncertainty**

A study led by the University of Leeds has found that about 80,000 deaths are prevented each year due to the introduction of European Union (EU) policies and new technologies to reduce air pollution.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Gender gap in medical journal first authorship, new research reveals**

Women are under-represented among first authors of original research in high impact general medical journals, new research shows. The study investigated the representation of women among the first authors of original research articles published in the highest-ranked general medical journals over a period of 20 years.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Experts make progress towards optimizing diabetes care on a global scale**

Diabetes is a significant global health problem, afflicting 382 million people worldwide with increasing prevalence rates and adverse effects on health, wellbeing, and society in general. Experts from around the world have synthesized a core set of recommendations using information from 14 countries as a basis in order to work towards optimizing diabetes care globally -- a critically important initiative to help stem the diabetes epidemic.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Impact of climate change on food production could cause extra deaths in 2050**

Climate change could kill more than 500,000 adults in 2050 worldwide due to changes in diets and bodyweight from reduced crop productivity, according to new estimates. The research is the strongest evidence yet that climate change could have damaging consequences for food production and health worldwide.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Early detection: Colorectal cancer rates declining in Germany**

The introduction of screening colonoscopy in Germany is showing results: Within ten years of the start of this screening program for the early detection of colorectal cancer, the number of new cases has significantly dropped in the age groups 55 years and over, research shows.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Developing sustainable food cities**

The issue of global food security is a problem for us now, and for future generations. Perhaps the most visible issue is malnutrition, which affects millions in the developing world and poses a risk to many vulnerable people in the developed world. But the issue of global food security is much broader than the supply of food – it also refers to the challenges of our dependence on globally imported food, rising food prices, food waste and the provision of a nutritious, balanced diet.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Health experts call for improved TB care for refugees**

Refugees traveling across countries in Europe must have better access to Tuberculosis (TB) diagnostics and treatments in order to prevent a rise in new cases of the disease, according to experts.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>



## **Remote Italian village could harbor secrets of healthy aging**

To understand how people can live longer throughout the world, researchers in the United States and Italy have teamed up to study a group of 300 citizens, all over 100 years old, living in a remote Italian village nestled between the ocean and mountains on the country's coast.

Italy

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

## **7. Upcoming courses and conferences**

Title: **[Health in context: a course in multilevel analysis for public health and health services research](#)**

Date / location: 11 Apr - 15 Apr 2016 / Utrecht, The Netherlands

Organiser: Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (NIVEL)

Title: **[The Geneva Health Forum](#)**

Date / location: 19 Apr 2016 - 21 Apr 2016 / Geneva, Switzerland

Organiser: GHF

Title: **[Introduction to Health Technology Assessment](#)**

Date / location: 20 Apr 2016 - 23 Apr 2016 / Tirol, Austria

Organiser: UMIT - University for Health Sciences

Title: **[Young People's Mental Health in Europe: Promoting Prevention and Early Intervention Through Multi-Sector Cooperation](#)**

Date / location: 26 Apr 2016 / Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: Public Policy Exchange

Title: **[The XIII International Congress on Obesity \(ICO\)](#)**

Date / location: 1 May 2016 - 4 May 2016 / Vancouver, Canada

Organiser: ICO

Title: **[Flagship course on health systems strengthening: focus on noncommunicable diseases](#)**

Date / location: 9 May 2016 - 13 May 2016 / Barcelona, Spain

Organiser: WHO, Regional office for Europe

Title: **[mHealth: Taking your Health in Hand Conference](#)**

Date / location: 19 May 2016 / Manchester, United Kingdom

Organiser: University of Salford

Title: **[Health Services Research Europe Spring Meeting 2016: Call for abstracts and registration](#)**

Date / location: 19 May - 20 May 2016 / Utrecht, The Netherlands

Organiser: Health Services Research Europe

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

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

Organiser: International Union for Health Promotion and Education

Title: **[16th International Conference on Integrated Care](#)**

Date / location: 23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Barcelona, Spain

Organiser: International Foundation for Integrated Care

Title: [Health policy: from local experience to global patterns and back again](#)  
Date / location: 23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Jerusalem, Israel  
Organiser: The Israel National Institute For Health Policy Research

Title: [Full online International Students' Conference in Public Health \(Public Health 2nd DISCIPLE\)](#)  
Date / location: 23 May 2016 / Online  
Organiser: Cluj School of Public Health

Title: [HealthEurope 2016](#)  
Date / location: 25 May 2016 / Online!  
Organiser: [healthurope.eu](http://healthurope.eu)

Title: [Building the Future of Health](#)  
Date / location: 1 Jun 2016 - 4 Jun 2016 / Groningen, The Netherlands  
Organiser: Building the Future of Health and Healthy Ageing Network Northern Netherlands (HANNN)

Title: [World Congress of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Health 2016](#)  
Date / location: 4 Jun 2016 - 7 Jun 2016 / Mexico City, Mexico  
Organiser: World Heart Federation

Title: [The VII Conference on childhood studies: Childhood in Everyday Life](#)  
Date / location: 6 Jun 2016 - 8 Jun 2016 / Turku, Finland  
Organiser: Finnish Society for Childhood Studies and the Child and Youth Research Institute CYRI

Title: [Determinants of Unusual and Differential Health Expectancy](#)  
Date / location: 8 Jun 2016 - 10 Jun 2016 / Vienna, Austria  
Organiser: 28th REVES Meeting

Title: [EUCONCIP Final Conference](#)  
Date / location: 8 Jun 2016 - 9 Jun 2016 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: EUCONCIP

Title: [EHMA 2016 Annual Conference "New Models of Care. Reinventing Healthcare: Why, What, How"](#)  
Date / location: 14 Jun 2016 - 16 Jun 2016 / Porto, Portugal  
Organiser: EHMA

Title: [ARNA Final Conference 2016: Towards a more prudent use of antibiotics in the European Union](#)  
Date / location: 17 Jun 2016 / Utrecht, The Netherlands  
Organiser: NIVEL, University of Antwerp

Title: [15th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management and Policy](#)  
Date / location: 20 Jun 2016 - 23 Jun 2016 / Athens, Greece  
Organiser: The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)

Title: [8th Nordic Health Promotion Research Conference](#)  
Date / location: 20-22 June 2016 / Jyväskylä, Finland  
Organiser: Nordic Health Promotion Research Network

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

Title: **Is "Healthy lives: technologies, policies and experiences**  
Date / location: 27 Jun 2016 - 29 Jun 2016 / Geneva, Switzerland  
Organiser: The European Society for Health and Medical Sociology

Title: **Summerschool on Health Law and Ethics 2016**  
Date / location: 30 Jun 2016 - 8 Jul 2016 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
Organiser: Erasmus University Rotterdam

Title: **5th Annual International Festival of Public Health**  
Date / location: 1 Jul 2016 / Manchester, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Manchester Urban Collaboration on Health

Title: **2016 Summer Course on Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations (APHES)**  
Date / location: 4 Jul 2016 - 15 Jul 2016 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) at the Université catholique de Louvain

Title: **Observatory Venice Summer School 2016**  
Date / location: 24 Jul 2016 - 30 Jul 2016 / Island of San Servolo  
Organiser: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Title: **2nd Annual International Conference on Public Health**  
Date / location: 28 Jul 2016 - 29 Jul 2016 / Colombo, Sri Lanka  
Organiser: ICOPH

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

Title: **MSc in Sustainability, Health and Wellbeing**  
Date / location: Sep 2016 / Online only  
Organiser: School of Community Health and Midwifery

Title: **28th Annual International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Conference**  
Date / location: 1 Sep 2016 - 4 Sep 2016 / Rome, Italy  
Organiser: ISEE

Title: **Cross-cutting Informal Care and Professional Primary Care**  
Date / location: 5 Sep 2016 - 6 Sep 2016 / Riga, Latvia  
Organiser: European Forum for Primary Care

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

Title: **Summer School: Spatial Epidemiology, Climate and Health –**  
Date / location: 26 Sep 2016 - 30 Sep 2016 / Bielefeld, Germany  
Organiser: University of Bielefeld

Title: **LEPH2016 3rd International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health**  
Date / location: 2 Oct 2016 - 5 Oct 2016 / Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Organiser: Centre of Law Enforcement and Public Health

Title: **APHA 2016 Annual Meeting: Creating the healthiest nation: ensuring the right to health**  
Date / location: 29 Oct – 2 Nov 2016 / Denver, USA  
Organiser: American Public Health Association

Title: **Healthy aging at the crossroads: challenges and need for further action**  
Date / location: 30 Nov 2016 - 2 Dec 2016 / Istanbul, Turkey  
Organiser: The Healthy Community Association

Title: **One Health EcoHealth 2016**  
Date / location: 4 Dec 2016 - 7 Dec 2016 / Melbourne, Australia  
Organiser: International Association for Ecology and Health

Title: **15th World Congress on Public Health**  
Date / location: 3 Apr 2017 - 7 Apr 2017 / Melbourne, Australia  
Organiser: WFPHA and Tunisian Association of Health Promotion

Title: **The Sixth ESWI Influenza Conference**  
Date / location: 10 Sep 2017 - 13 Sep 2017 / Riga, Latvia  
Organiser: ESWI

## 8. Interesting publications

[Ensuring innovation in diagnostics for bacterial infection: implications for policy](#)

[New HiT for Israel: Health system is in the midst of numerous health reform efforts](#)

[New Health Systems in Transition \(HiT\) report for the United Kingdom: steady progress but renewed investment needed to advance outcomes](#)

### **Strengthening Health System Governance:**

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/publications/studies/strengthening-health-system-governance-better-policies,-stronger-performance>

### **Relationships between adverse childhood experiences and adult mental well-being: results from an English national household survey**

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

### **The HAPPY (Healthy and Active Parenting Programme for early Years) feasibility randomised control trial: acceptability and feasibility of an intervention to reduce infant obesity**

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

### **Maternal, fetal and perinatal alterations associated with obesity, overweight and gestational diabetes: an observational cohort study (PREOBE)**

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

### **Beneficial changes in food consumption and nutrient intake after 10 years of follow-up in a Mediterranean cohort: the SUN project**

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Prevalence of Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae infection in adolescents in Northern Italy: an observational school-based study**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Relationship between social network, social support and health behaviour in people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes: cross-sectional studies**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**An experimental study exploring the impact of vignette gender on the quality of university students' mental health first aid for peers with symptoms of depression**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Do work-related factors contribute to differences in doctor-certified sick leave? A prospective study comparing women in health and social occupations with women in the general working population**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Changes in mean serum lipids among adults in Germany: results from National Health Surveys 1997-99 and 2008-11**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**A survey of the governance capacity of national public health associations to enhance population health**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**First nationwide web-based surveillance system for influenza-like illness in pregnant women: participation and representativeness of the French G-GrippeNet cohort**

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**How are the employed and unemployed affected by the economic crisis in Spain? Educational inequalities, life conditions and mental health in a context of high unemployment**

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**Exploring synergistic interactions and catalysts in complex interventions: longitudinal, mixed methods case studies of an optimised multi-level suicide prevention intervention in four european countri**

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**Use of a knowledge broker to establish healthy public policies in a city district: a developmental evaluation**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**A systematic review of the health and well-being impacts of school gardening: synthesis of quantitative and qualitative evidence**

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## **9. European Commission news**

### **Call for proposals for projects HP-PJ-2016**

The call is based on the third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020) and the 2016 Annual Work Programme.

The [2016 work plan](#) sets out details of the financing mechanisms and priority areas for action to implement the programme. Deadline for submission of proposals: 2 June 2016

### **Health Programme 2014-2020: Commission adopts Work Programme for 2016**

Calls for tenders for specific services described in the 2016 Work Programme will be announced on [Chafea's website](#) at a later date.

For more information on the Health Programme, and to read the 2016 Work Programme in full, see: [http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index_en.htm)

### **Biocides**

[Commission published its Report on the Sustainable use of Biocides](#)

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

[Toolbox on Living Kidney Donation](#) Developed by the EU Working group on Living Donation under the EU Action Plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation, for National Authorities.

[Meeting of the Competent Authorities for Tissues and Cells \(3-4 December 2015\)](#) Summary minutes of the meeting

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

[Toolbox on Living Kidney Donation](#) Developed by the EU Working group on Living Donation under the EU Action Plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation, for National Authorities.

[Meeting of Competent authorities for blood and blood components \(11-12 November 2015\)](#) Summary report of the meeting

### **Cross-border care**

[List of National Contact Points updated](#)

### **EU in the world**

[Global Health Policy Forum \(25 February 2016\)](#) Presentations of the meeting

### **European Reference Networks**

[European Reference Networks: Two important dates to note!](#) The date of the launch of the call for interest for ERNs has been confirmed as 16 March 2016 and an "info day" regarding this call will be organised on 7 April 2016.

[Call for European Reference Network - Info Day \(Brussels, 7 April 2016\)](#) Registration open

[Call for interest for European Reference Networks is launched](#)

### **Food safety**

[IL Israel - Organic production](#)

[FR France - Protected Designation of Origin \(PDO\), Protected Geographical Indications \(PGI\) and Traditional Specialities Guaranteed \(TSG\) for agricultural products and foodstuffs](#)

[PT Portugal - evaluate the application of re-enforced checks on imported products of animal origin](#)

[HU Hungary - Animal Health](#)

### **Health-EU newsletter**

["Tackling rare diseases requires rare degree of cooperation"](#) Editorial by Till Voigtländer, Austrian representative to the Expert Group on Rare Diseases and Expert on the Board of Member States on European Reference networks.

### **Health Indicators**

[Indicators on life expectancy at birth and at age 65 by sex updated with 2014 data \(ECHI 10\)](#)

[Indicators on life expectancy by sex and educational attainment updated with 2013 data \(ECHI 10\)](#)

[Indicators on injuries at workplace by sex and age groups updated with 2013 data \(ECHI 31\)](#)

[Indicator on self-perceived health by sex, age and educational level updated with 2014 data \(ECHI 33\)](#)

[Indicator on self-reported chronic morbidity by sex, age and educational level updated with 2014 data \(ECHI 34\)](#)

[Indicator on total fertility rate updated with 2014 data \(ECHI 4\)](#)

### **Health programme**

[Health Programme 2014-2020: Commission adopts Work Programme for 2016](#) The overall total amount of EU funding available in 2016 covering grants and tenders is nearly €58 million. Calls for proposals for projects will be launched in March 2016.

### **Health technology assessment**

[Kick-off meeting of the third HTA Joint Action: 3 March 2016](#) "EUNetHTA 3" (2016-2019) aims to pave the way for sustainable cooperation on Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in Europe. The specific

objective of this Joint Action, which will include 75 partners from 27 EU countries, is to strengthen cooperation between HTA bodies in the EU and increase and improve joint work.

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

[Launch of 'PRIME' scheme to pave the way for promising medicines](#)

#### **Nutrition and physical activity**

[Spreading the 'love' – 'We love eating' concept jumps city limits](#)

[New 'SciView' pilot project preparing to gather evidence for a healthier EU](#)

#### **Outbreak of Zika Virus Disease**

[Interim guidance for healthcare providers](#) Technical document prepared by ECDC on 15 February 2016 and endorsed by the HSC during the audio-conference of 24 February 2016

[Flash report - Audio conference of the HSC on the latest developments of the Zika virus outbreak \(17 March 2016\)](#)

#### **Nutrition and physical activity**

[New 'SciView' pilot project preparing to gather evidence for a healthier EU](#)

#### **Public health**

[Call for experts on ad hoc rapid risk assessment of chemical threats](#)

[Public Hearing on the SCENIHR Opinion 'Biological effects of ultraviolet radiation relevant to health with particular reference to sunbeds for cosmetic purposes', Luxembourg, 12 April 2016 Draft programme](#)

[The Members of the new Scientific Committees 2016-2021 have been appointed](#) Read their names and the names of candidates in the reserve list

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#### **Scientific committees**

[SCHER - Minutes of 4th Working Group Meeting on Rapid Risk Assessment of 26 February 2016](#)

[SCENIHR - Minutes of Working Group Meeting on Tobacco additives of 18 February 2016](#)

[SCENIHR - Minutes of the 14th Plenary meeting, Luxembourg, 16 February 2016](#)

[SCCS Opinions on OPP and carbon black \(nano\) in cosmetic products were published in "Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology"](#)

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[Public Hearing on the SCENIHR Opinion 'Biological effects of ultraviolet radiation relevant to health with particular reference to sunbeds for cosmetic purposes', Luxembourg, 12 April 2016 Draft programme now available](#)

#### **Preparedness and response**

[Publication of first call for tender in the context of the Joint Procurement Agreement](#)

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

[Health inequalities are getting worse according to leading health organisations – First insights of new VulnerABLE pilot project](#)

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

**Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 12, 24 March 2016**

In this issue:

### EDITORIALS

Impact of migration on tuberculosis epidemiology and control in the EU/EEA

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21421>

### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Increased incidence of invasive meningococcal disease of serogroup C / clonal complex 11, Tuscany, Italy, 2015 to 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21423>

Presentation with gastrointestinal symptoms and high case fatality associated with group W meningococcal disease (MenW) in teenagers, England, July 2015 to January 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21422>

### RESEARCH ARTICLES

The effect of migration within the European Union/European Economic Area on the distribution of tuberculosis, 2007 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21419>

Migration-related tuberculosis: epidemiology and characteristics of tuberculosis cases originating outside the European Union and European Economic Area, 2007 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21418>

### NEWS

WHO publishes an implementation framework on active tuberculosis drug-safety monitoring and management (aDSM)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21420>

**Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 11, 17 March 2016**

In this issue:

### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Early findings in outbreak of haemolytic uraemic syndrome among young children caused by Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli, Romania, January to February 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21417>

Measles outbreak in a refugee settlement in Calais, France: January to February 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21413>

Steady increase of lymphogranuloma venereum cases, Czech Republic, 2010 to 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21412>

### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Risk assessment, risk management and risk based monitoring following a reported accidental release of poliovirus in Belgium, September to November 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21414>

### SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Interim estimates of 2015/16 vaccine effectiveness against influenza A(H1N1)pdm09, Canada, February 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21415>

### MEETING REPORT

ESCAIDE 2015: an operational scientific conference on infectious diseases for professionals from Europe and beyond

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21416>



## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 10, 10 March 2016**

In this issue:

### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Isolation of infectious Zika virus from saliva and prolonged viral RNA shedding in a traveller returning from the Dominican Republic to Italy, January 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21409>

Profile of illness in Syrian refugees: A GeoSentinel analysis, 2013 to 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21407>

### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Waning immunity against mumps in vaccinated young adults, France 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21404>

Children and young people with perinatal HIV in Europe: epidemiological situation in 2014 and implications for the future

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21410>

### **LETTERS**

Letter to the editor: diagnostic challenges to be considered regarding Zika virus in the context of the presence of the vector *Aedes albopictus* in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21408>

Authors' reply: diagnostic challenges to be considered regarding Zika virus in the context of the presence of the vector *Aedes albopictus* in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21411>

### **NEWS**

ECDC publishes updated evidence-based guidance for chlamydia prevention and control and makes latest chlamydia figures available online through interactive Surveillance Atlas

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21405>

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(17)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21406>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 9, 03 March 2016**

In this issue:

### **EDITORIALS**

Plasmid-mediated colistin resistance (*mcr-1* gene): three months later, the story unfolds

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21403>

### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Zika virus detection in urine from patients with Guillain-Barré syndrome on Martinique, January 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21400>

### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Presence of *mcr-1*-positive Enterobacteriaceae in retail chicken meat but not in humans in the Netherlands since 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21396>

### **SURVEILLANCE REPORT**

The measles outbreak in Bulgaria, 2009–2011: An epidemiological assessment and lessons learnt

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21399>

### **NEWS**

WHO publishes viral hepatitis surveillance guide

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21398>

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21402>

ECDC's latest publications

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21397>

## 11. WHO news

### **Book launch: Strengthening health system governance. Better policies, better performance**

The book launch will take place from 18:00-21:00 Monday 18 April 2016. It will be held at the Belgian Ministry of Health (Eurostation), just opposite the Gare du Midi in Brussels.

If you would like to join us, please register with Annalisa Marianecci ([ama@obs.euro.who.int](mailto:ama@obs.euro.who.int)). The number of participants is limited to 70 persons.

Statement on the 9th meeting of the IHR Emergency Committee regarding the Ebola outbreak in West Africa

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2016/end-of-ebola-pheic/en/>

Urban health: major opportunities for improving global health outcomes, despite persistent health inequities

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2016/urban-health-report/en/>