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# 1. EUPHA update

## **New E-collection on mental health and mental disorder**

We are pleased to announce the publication of a new E-collection. The topic of this July collection is mental health and mental disorder and is introduced by an editorial of Prof. Jutta Lindert, president of the EUPHA section on Public mental health. E-collections offer you the opportunity to access high profile articles published in the European Journal of Public Health on a specific topic. The E-collections are freely accessible for a 3-month period. <https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/pages/me...>

## **Sign the petition: EU do more for health**

Health is absolutely and unequivocally a core business of the EU. EUPHA, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), the European Patients' Forum (EPF) and a coalition of organisations have teamed up to express their concerns in a letter to European Commission President, Jean Claude Juncker. We call on the European Commission to step up coordinated EU action to tackle cross-border health challenges. Read more and sign the petition here: <https://epha.org/eu-do-more-for-health-campaign/>

## **Prof Walter Ricciardi knighted**

Prof. Walter Ricciardi, past president of EUPHA, has been knighted by the President of Italy for his contribution to public health. Prof. Ricciardi not only put public health on the Italian agenda, he has also been the motor behind the EUPHA strategy 2014-2020. EUPHA congratulates Prof Ricciardi with this great honour.

## **Leadership in Healthcare - Salzburg seminar**

EUPHA is proud to be a partner of this important Salzburg seminar: 2017 Salzburg UCSC/EUPHA Seminar in LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE. Sunday 10 September – Saturday 16 September 2017 [http://www.aaf-online.org/tl\\_files/exter...](http://www.aaf-online.org/tl_files/exter...)

## **MERH 2018: call for abstracts now open!**

EUPHA is very proud to be one of the supporting organisations for the first World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health, organised from 17-19 May 2018 in Edinburgh.

### ***The call for abstracts is now open!***

The deadline for submissions is October 6. More information can be found on the MERH website: <http://www.merhcongress.com/>

## **EUPHA represented at the Design and Health Conference in Vienna**

The president of our EUPHA section on Public mental health - Prof. Jutta Lindert - attended the 12th World Congress on Design and Health in Vienna, 12-16 July. Design and architecture are important to public health and EUPHA and the EPH Conferences have increased its activities on this topic. During the Milan 2015 conference, a pre conference on architecture and health was started. This has been continued and for Stockholm 2017, a full day preconference will be organised on Wednesday 1 November on Mental health and architecture, co-organised by EUPHA (MEN) (URB) and (ENV) and Politecnico Milano. For more information on this pre conference: <https://ephconference.eu/2017-pre-conference-programme-356>

## **EUPHA present at the European Parliament debate on Antimicrobial resistance**

Prof. Carlo Signorelli, member of the EUPHA Executive Council, represented EUPHA at this important meeting on 27 June, initiated by two Members of the European Parliament, MEPs Nicola Caputo (SandD) and José Inácio Faria (EPP).

## **New individual members from the Russian Foundation and Kosovo**

We are happy to announce that we have a contact person - individual member from the Russian Federation: Dr Diana Denisova, Research Institute of Internal and Preventive medicine in Novosibirsk.

We also are happy to announce that we have a contact person- individual member from Kosovo: Prof Naim Jerliu, National Institute of Public Health of Kosovo, Prishtina.

This expands our network to 45 countries!

## **GLEPHA becomes partner of EUPHA**

We are very happy to announce that EUPHA has set up a mutual partnership with the newly established GLEPHA - Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association. After several years of collaboration with the Law Enforcement and public health conference, we are happy that GLEPHA was established and look forward to continued and strengthened collaboration.

<http://www.cleph.com.au>

## **ECDC Summer School 2017: Workshop given on Economic Analyses of Public Health Interventions**

The president of our EUPHA section on Public health economics - Dr Tek-Ang Lim - organised a one-day interactive workshop during the ECDC summer school (29 May-2 June) on Economic Analyses of Public Health Interventions.

## **2. European Public Health Conference**



**10th European Public Health Conference: 'Sustaining resilient and healthy communities', Stockholm, 1 - 4 November 2017**

### **STOCKHOLM 2017: EVERYBODY WILL BE THERE**

#### **Parallel programme**

The full parallel programme divided over 16 tracks of 10 sessions each is available online. Presenters can check the track, session and time of their presentation in the updated [online programme](#).

#### **Pre-conferences**

Check the pre-conference [webpage](#) for regular updates.

#### **Registration**

You can benefit from [early bird registration](#) fees until 1 September.

## **3. EUPHA members update**

### **3rd V4 Conference on Public Health**

The Czech Society of Social Medicine and Health Care Management invite to the 3rd V4 Conference on Public Health to be held in Prague, on 19-20 October 2017.

Four years after the success of the 1st V4 Conference on Public Health that was held in Kosice, Slovakia, in 2013, and two years after 2nd V4 Conference on Public Health in Zabrze, Poland, in 2015, we kindly encourage international scholars, students, physicians and all public health specialists, practitioners and leaders to join us in Prague, Czech Republic. We believe you will use this opportunity to join the international forum to share and discuss ideas and experiences, present and publish research results, as well as simply arrange and develop your personal cooperation networks. We expect 150 international participants, especially from the so-called V4 countries (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Poland). Although the conference will primarily focus on the Visegrad Group Member States, colleagues from other countries are also kindly welcome!

The conference is held under the [auspices of Radek Lacko](#), the City of Prague councilor for health and housing.

The conference is organized by collaborating partners: the Czech Society of Social Medicine and Health Care Management of the Czech Medical Association of J. E. Purkyně, the Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education in Prague (IPVZ), the Slovak Public Health Association (SAVEZ), the Polish Society of Public Health, and the Hungarian Association of Public Health Training and Research Institutions (HAPHI). <http://conference2017.ipvz.cz/>

## The Société Française de Santé Publique organizes a public health conference in Amiens, from 4 to 6 October

This conference is co-organized with the Association des épidémiologistes de langue française – ADELFF with a main theme : “ Science and health practionners: Articulate knowledge and practices”. The full programme and additional information about the conference is available on the website: <http://urlz.fr/5CCC>.

## 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 2016, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.751. The 5-year impact factor is 2.512.

The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

Now available: Volume 27 Issue 4, August 2017

### Editorials

Contextual effects on health inequalities: a research agenda

Odile Sauzet; Alastair H. Leyland

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Sleep and cardiovascular diseases: time for action and new methods

Tea Lallukka; E. Kronholm

[\[article\]](#)

### Viewpoints

Migrant health: the economic argument

Ursula Trummer; Allan Krasnik

[\[article\]](#)

Migrant health: putting the economic argument into the context of deservingness debates

Nora Gottlieb; Nadav Davidovitch

[\[article\]](#)

Restricted access to health care for asylum-seekers: applying a human rights lens to the argument of resource constraints

Kayvan Bozorgmehr; Judith Wenner; Oliver Razum

[\[article\]](#)

### Health Policy

Chronic illness self-management: a mechanism behind the relationship between neighbourhood social capital and health?

Geeke Waverijn; Monique Heijmans; Peter P. Groenewegen

[\[article\]](#)

The differentiated effects of health on political participation

Jérôme Couture; Sandra Breux

[\[article\]](#)

An evaluation of a public–private partnership to reduce artificial trans fatty acids in England, 2011–16

C. Knai; L. James; M. Petticrew; E. Eastmure ; M.A. Durand ...

[\[article\]](#)

Health assessments for health governance—concepts and methodologies

Rainer Fehr ; Kristina Alexanderson; Carlo Favaretti; Judith de Jong; Giuseppe La Torre ...

[\[article\]](#)

## Health Services Research

Adherence to cancer treatment guidelines: influence of general and cancer-specific guideline characteristics

Marianne J. Heins; Judith D. de Jong ; Inge Spronk; Vincent K.Y. Ho; Mirian Brink ...

[\[article\]](#)

A systematic review of economic evaluations of screening programmes for cardiometabolic diseases

Mickael Hiligsmann; Caroline E Wyers; Susanne Mayer; Silvia M Evers; Dirk Ruwaard

Association between unmet healthcare needs and health-related quality of life: a longitudinal study

Yeong Jun Ju; Tae Hyun Kim ; Kyu-Tae Han; Hyo Jung Lee; Woorim Kim ...

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Health care on equal terms? Assessing horizontal equity in health care use in Northern Sweden

Miguel San Sebastián; Paola A. Mosquera; Nawi Ng; Per E. Gustafsson

[\[article\]](#)

## Work and Health

Occupations and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis: are jobs exposed to the general public at higher risk?

F. D'Ovidio; A. d'Errico; A. Calvo ; G. Costa; A. Chiò

[\[article\]](#)

The impact of the 2008 recession on the health of older workers: data from 13 European countries

Hila Axelrad; Erika L. Sabbath; Summer Sherburne Hawkins

[\[article\]](#)

Temporal changes in health within 5 years before and after disability pension—the HUNT Study

Gunnhild Åberge Vie; Kristine Pape; Steinar Krokstad; Roar Johnsen ; Johan Håkon Bjørngaard

[\[article\]](#)

Night work as a risk factor of future disability pension due to musculoskeletal diagnoses: a prospective cohort study of Swedish twins

Sanna Kärkkäinen ; Annina Ropponen; Jurgita Narusyte; Lisa Mather; Torbjörn Åkerstedt ...

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## Care of elderly

Editor's Choice

Long-term care is increasingly concentrated in the last years of life: a change from 2000 to 2011

Leena Forma; Mari Aaltonen ; Jutta Pulkki; Jani Raitanen; Pekka Rissanen ...

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Economic evaluation of health promotion and primary prevention actions for older people—a systematic review

Katarzyna Dubas-Jakóbczyk; Ewa Kocot; Katarzyna Kissimova-Skarbek; Kai Huter ; Heinz Rothgang

[\[article\]](#)

A baseline assessment by healthcare professionals of Dutch pharmacotherapeutic care for the elderly with polypharmacy

Lutien Bakker ; Peter F. Kemper; Cordula Wagner; Gepke O. Delwel; Martine C. de Bruijne

[\[article\]](#)

Lifetime abuse and perceived social support among the elderly: a study from seven European countries

Bahareh Eslami; Mirko Di Rosa; Henrique Barros ; Mindaugas Stankunas; Francisco Torres-Gonzalez

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[\[article\]](#)

## Alcohol

Binge drinking and well-being in European older adults: do gender and region matter?

Sonsoles Fuentes; Usama Bilal; Iñaki Galán; Joan R. Villalbí; Albert Espelt ...

[\[article\]](#)

The effectiveness of current French health warnings displayed on alcohol advertisements and alcoholic beverages

Gloria Dossou; Karine Gallopel-Morvan; Jacques-François Diouf

[\[article\]](#)

Alcohol and cancer: risk perception and risk denial beliefs among the French general population

Aurélié Bocquier ; Lisa Fressard; Pierre Verger; Stéphane Legleye; Patrick Peretti-Watel

[\[article\]](#)

Changes in alcohol consumption in the 50- to 64-year-old European economically active population during an economic crisis

Marina Bosque-Prous; Anton E. Kunst; M. Teresa Brugal ; Albert Espelt

[\[article\]](#)

### **Smoking**

Quit attempts and smoking cessation in Italian adults (25–64 years): factors associated with attempts and successes

Alessandro Coppo ; Sandro Baldissera; Alessandro Migliardi; Valentina Minardi; Elisa Quarchioni ...

[\[article\]](#)

Parental separation in childhood and adult smoking in the 1958 British birth cohort

Sarah E. Martindale; Rebecca E. Lacey

[\[article\]](#)

Restrictions on the use of e-cigarettes in public and private places—current practice and support among adults in Great Britain

Leonie S. Brose ; Ann McNeill; Deborah Arnott; Hazel Cheeseman

[\[article\]](#)

Burden of smoking in Lithuania: attributable mortality and years of potential life lost

Vaida Liutkut

[\[article\]](#)

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

**Free University of Brussels: Scientific assistant (F/M/X)For a challenging doctoral research project, Interface Demography (VUB) and the Stichting Kankerregister are seeking a Scientific assistant (F/M/X)**

As a scientific assistant you will work on a FWO-project into differences in **cancer according to migrant origin**. European societies are ageing and an ever-increasing group of older people have a migrant background. Belgium leads in this development, as large-scale immigration took place relatively early in its history. An older population is certainly good news, but raises a number of challenges, as older people often have weaker health and are more vulnerable to some cancers and other diseases. While cancer risks in the older host population have already been adequately mapped, much less is known about the cancer risks of immigrants. Large-scale studies into cancer incidence and mortality that compare the host population to those of migrant origin are relatively rare in Europe. However, it is very important to study these differences because our societies are ageing and because the factors that cause cancer have not yet been fully mapped. The project on which you will work will do this for Belgium. As first generation immigrants exchange their country of origin for another (host) country and thus also for another healthcare environment, they can be considered an 'experimental group'. Consequently, the study of cancer and its mechanisms in the population with a migrant background versus the host population can provide an insight into the mechanisms of that cancer: e.g. with respect to the importance of environmental versus genetic factors in the development of certain cancers. These findings will not only increase our knowledge of cancer and its causes but also have the potential of steering future policy aimed at improving the health of all people in an ageing society.

You will be responsible for the following duties:

Performing the proposed research project:

- Thorough literature study of the subject

- Methodological analysis and statistical analysis
- Clear reporting, accurate and concise synthesis of methods, analyses and results
- Publishing articles in scientific peer-reviewed journals

#### Job profile

- You have a master's degree in (Bio)medical Sciences, Paramedical Sciences, Public Health, Applied Science, Social Sciences or Bio-Engineering Sciences with prior knowledge of (bio-)statistics.
- You are a 'passionate researcher' with expertise/interest in quantitative research.
- You have the necessary software skills for managing databases and data analyses (including knowledge of SAS, SPSS, Stata, etc.)
- You have experience/interest in epidemiological research and a passion for the 'social inequality' theme.
- You are prepared to write a doctoral thesis based on the research.
- You have good written and oral communication skills in English and preferably also in Dutch.
- You are able to work in a collegial manner within a research team.

#### We offer:

- A full-time appointment as scientific employee for 4 years within the possibility of obtaining a doctorate
- Based on your experience and academic merits, you will receive a salary on one of the pay scales established by the government. Hospitalisation insurance and the free use of public transport for commuting are included as standard. If you would prefer to cycle to work, then there is also some remuneration for that.
- A motivating post in a young and dynamic team with space for contact and initiative
- A strong scientific guidance within a reputed, dynamic and multidisciplinary research team
- Diverse opportunities for further training in connection with this position both at the Stichting Kankerregister and the VUB
- Interesting national and international research contacts

#### Practically

As a doctoral student you will be affiliated to the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and your promotor is Professor Dr Hadewijch Vandenheede. Given the subject of the proposed research project, you will work under the supervision of Professor Vandenheede and the researchers at the Kankerregister. Physically you will primarily work at the Kankerregister in Brussels (estimate 60% at the Kankerregister in Brussels, 40% at the Interface Demography Department of the VUB). The anticipated start date for the project is 1 October 2017. The duration / term of the contract is 4 years.

The deadline for **applications** is **15 August 2017**. Applications can be sent electronically by sending your covering letter and CV to [hadewijch.vandenheede@vub.ac.be](mailto:hadewijch.vandenheede@vub.ac.be).

#### **Warwick Evidence is seeking to appoint up to two Assistant Professors**

Warwick Evidence is seeking to appoint up to two Assistant Professors in Health Technology Assessment and Epidemiology/Implementation Science to contribute to the expanding programme of Health Technology Assessment in Warwick Medical School (WMS). You will jointly lead the clinical effectiveness reviewing and evidence synthesis of HTA projects for Warwick Evidence during the production of multiple technology appraisals (MTAs) and single technology appraisals (STAs) for the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) appraisal process and other research projects. You will work with a multidisciplinary team of information specialists, researchers, health economists, modellers and other clinical effectiveness systematic reviewers in appraising evidence on the clinical and cost effectiveness of health technologies, including drugs, devices and diagnostics. Work undertaken will directly inform national health policy giving the post-holder experience of the application of evidence synthesis in clinical decision making, decision modelling and epidemiology.

Informal enquiries are welcome and should be directed to: Prof Aileen Clarke, Email: [Aileen.Clarke@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Aileen.Clarke@warwick.ac.uk) or Dr Paul Sutcliffe, Email: [p.a.sutcliffe@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:p.a.sutcliffe@warwick.ac.uk).

More details available at:

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/BCN701/assistant-professor-in-health-technology-assessment-and-epidemiology-implementation-science-79136-077/>

#### **The School of Public Health (Université Libre de Bruxelles) has a vacancy for a full-time academic position in Biostatistics**

(<http://www.dev.ulb.ac.be/greffe/files/5774.pdf>)

Job description:



The position is characterized by a load which is divided into two parts: 50% teaching and 50% research. Beyond this sharing, the candidate will also participate in various administrative / logistics responsibilities at the school. It will also work to strengthen the place of the School of Public Health in the national and international expertise in the specific areas “quantitative methods applied to epidemiology” in general and “biostatistics” in particular.

It will also ensure and maintain a productive high-level research and promote partnership with other research centers of the School of Public Health, the Faculty of the “Pôle Santé” but also with other national and international institutions.

Main Research Field : Medical sciences

Sub Research Field : Biostatistics

Required educational level: Master level in Medical Sciences (PhD in Medical Sciences)

Required Languages: Français : native, English : excellent

For more information, please contact Prof. Alain LEVEQUE (phone: 32 2 555.40.44 - e-mail: [aleveque@ulb.ac.be](mailto:aleveque@ulb.ac.be)).

Applications must be sent by e-mail to the rectorate of the Université Libre de Bruxelles ([recteur@ulb.ac.be](mailto:recteur@ulb.ac.be)) and to the faculty deanship ([presidence.esp@ulb.ac.be](mailto:presidence.esp@ulb.ac.be)).

They must include the following :

- an application letter
- a Curriculum vitae including a list of publications (a template can be downloaded at <http://www.ulb.ac.be/tools/CV-type.rtf>)
- any relevant documents showing 4 years of research experience
- a 7,000-character report (4 pages) presenting the applicant's research activities and a research project, including how these will integrate into ULB's research teams
- a teaching dossier including a 7,000-character report (4 pages) on the applicant's previous teaching activities and a teaching project for the first five years in this position; these must be relevant to the faculty and to the teaching profiles for the programmes to which the applicant is to contribute . a note on the applicant's international achievements and projects (no more than 4 pages)
- the names and e-mail addresses of five references (with equal gender representation) who may be contacted by those in charge of evaluating applications. These references should not have conflicts of interest.

By sending in their application, applicants acknowledge they have read and understood the additional information and the regulations relevant to research staff, available at the following address <http://www.ulb.ac.be/emploi/academique.html>.

Reference : 2017/A042

Application deadline : 08/01/2018

Start date: 01/10/2018

Type of contract : temporary

Tours per week : 38

Required Research Experiences : medical sciences (Biostatistics) : (4 years)

Researcher profile : Early stage researcher (0-4 years)

## 6. Interesting news

### **Income directly affects children's outcomes, says new report**

Poorer children have worse cognitive, social-behavioural and health outcomes because they are poor, and not just because poverty is correlated with other household and parental characteristics, according to a new report from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

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

### **Artificial Sweeteners Are Linked to Weight Gain--Not Weight Loss**

Artificial sweeteners might seem like a low- or no-calorie way to enjoy sweet food and not gain weight. But a new study links them to the opposite. In the report, published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, researchers analyzed 37 studies on artificial sweeteners to see if they were successful for weight management. The studies followed more than 400,000 people for about 10 years. Seven of the studies were randomized controlled trials, a type considered to be the gold standard in scientific research. Artificial sweeteners did not appear to help people lose weight. Instead, observational studies that looked at consumption over time suggested that people who regularly



consumed them—by drinking one or more artificially-sweetened beverage a day—had a higher risk for health issues like weight gain, obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

<http://time.com/4859012/artificial-sweet...>

### **New method helps fighting future pandemics**

By developing a new technique for labeling the gene segments of influenza viruses, researchers now know more about how influenza viruses enter the cell and establish cell co-infections – a major contributing factor to potential pandemic development.

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

### **British smokers down by 1.9 million since smoking ban**

Ten years after cigarettes were banished from all UK pubs, clubs, bars and restaurants, new figures from Cancer Research UK today (Saturday) reveal there are 1.9 million fewer smokers in Britain compared to when the smoking ban was introduced in 2007, with smoking rates now the lowest ever recorded.

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

### **Long working days can cause heart problems, study says**

It's been established that too many hours in the office can increase the risk of a stroke. Now it seems that clocking up more than 55 hours a week means a 40% higher chance of developing an irregular heartbeat, known as atrial fibrillation (AF), when compared to those with a better work-life balance.

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2017...>

### **'Activity inequality' could be one of the biggest factors in obesity**

A global study by Stanford University researchers involving hundreds of thousands of smartphone users found a new public health risk for obesity: “activity inequality.”

<http://www.businessinsider.com/activity-...>

### **Measles continues to spread and take lives in Europe**

Ongoing measles outbreaks in the WHO European Region have caused 35 deaths in the past 12 months. The most recent fatality was a 6-year-old boy in Italy, where over 3,300 measles cases and 2 deaths have occurred since June 2016. Several other countries have also reported outbreaks; according to national public health authorities, these have caused 31 deaths in Romania, 1 death in Germany and another in Portugal. “Every death or disability caused by this vaccine-preventable disease is an unacceptable tragedy,” says Zsuzsanna Jakab, PhD, WHO Regional Director for Europe. “We are very concerned that although a safe, effective and affordable vaccine is available, measles remains a leading cause of death among children worldwide, and unfortunately Europe is not spared. Working closely with health authorities in all European affected countries is our priority to control the outbreaks and maintain high vaccination coverage for all sections of the population.”

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/media-centre/...>

### **The return of the plague**

Bubonic plague brought terror to medieval Europe. Over a third of its population perished from the “Black Death” in the 14th century, hastening the end of the feudal system. As a bacterial disease, the plague these days is generally treatable with modern antibiotics. Nonetheless, it persists beyond the grim chapters of history.

<https://www.economist.com/blogs/graphicd...>

### **A changing society: 100 is the new 80**

When it comes to aging successfully and remaining in good health, are centenarians the perfect role models? Researchers have been studying illness trajectories in centenarians during the final years of their lives. According to their findings, people who died aged 100 or older suffered fewer diseases than those who died aged 90 to 99, or 80 to 89.

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

### **Global disease: Nearly 13 million infants were not vaccinated in 2016**

New estimates from the World Health Organization and UNICEF have found that 12.9 million infants, or nearly 1 in 10, around the world didn't receive any vaccinations in 2016. Consequently, these infants missed the first dose of the combined vaccine against diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP3),

which are potentially deadly diseases. The WHO and UNICEF findings, released online Monday, also found that about 6.6 million infants who did receive their first dose of DTP-containing vaccine didn't complete the full, three-dose immunization series during that time. Diphtheria is a bacterial infection that can cause infection of the nasopharynx, which may lead to breathing difficulties and death. Tetanus germs are likely to grow in deep puncture wounds caused by dirty nails, knives, tools, wood splinters and animal bites. And pertussis, more commonly known as whooping cough, is a disease of the respiratory tract caused by bacteria that live in the mouth, nose and throat.  
<http://www.newsweek.com/global-disease-i...>

### **Worldwide Prison Health Research & Engagement Network ([www.WEPHREN.org](http://www.WEPHREN.org))**

Public Health England, in partnership with the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the University of Oxford, has launched an international web platform on The Global Health Network called the Worldwide Prison Health Research and Engagement Network ([www.WEPHREN.org](http://www.WEPHREN.org)). There are more than 10 million people imprisoned worldwide; people in prison experience a higher burden of chronic illness, mental health and substance misuse problems than the general population. They often come from already marginalised and underserved groups in the wider community which makes prison an important public health opportunity for tackling health problems in a way that can deliver benefits to the individual as well as supporting reintegration into community life and future health. There is a lack of a robust evidence base to support healthcare commissioning and interventions in prison; WEPHREN will provide a forum for all stakeholders interested in reducing health inequalities through prison health to share good practice and build capacity across the globe in both the evidence base and public health practice.

WEPHREN is supported by the [WHO Health in Prisons Programme Steering Group](#) which includes various international organisations.

For more information and to join WEPHREN, please register at [www.wephren.org](http://www.wephren.org)

## **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: [PhD Course: Pitt falls and methodological considerations in nutritional epidemiology](#)

Date / location: 28 Aug 2017 – 31 Aug 2017 / Frederiksberg, Denmark

Organiser: Faculty of Medial Health and Sciences, University of Copenhagen

Title: [Introduction to Mathematical Models of the Epidemiology and Control of Infectious Diseases: An interactive short course for professionals](#)

Date / location: 4 Sep 2017 - 15 Sep 2017 / London, United Kingdom

Organiser: Imperial College London

Title: [Annual Meeting of the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Epidemiologie e. V. \(DGEpi\), the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Medizinische Soziologie e.V. \(DGMS\) and the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sozialmedizin und Prävention e.V. \(DGSMP\)](#)

Date / location: 5 Sep 2017 - 8 Sep 2017 / Lübeck, Germany

Organiser: DGEpi, DGMS and DGSM

Title: [61st Annual Scientific Meeting Society for Social Medicine \(SSM\)](#)

Date / location: 6 Sep 2017 - 8 Sep 2017 / Manchester, United Kingdom

Organiser: Society for Social Medicine

Title: **Science for Action**  
 Date / location: 6 Sep 2017 - 8 Sep 2017 / Barcelona, Spain  
 Organiser: AES (the Spanish Health Economics Association) and SEE (the Spanish Epidemiological Society)

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

Title: **Causal Inference course**  
 Date / location: 18 Sep 2017 - 22 Sep 2017 / The Llatzeret, Menorca  
 Organiser: 1st International Programme of Advanced Epidemiology and Statistics, Public Health School of Menorca

Title: **Healthy aging at the crossroads: challenges and need for further action**  
 Date / location: 21 Sep 2017 - 23 Sep 2017 / Istanbul, Turkey  
 Organiser: Healthy Community Association

Title: **Safety Promotion in Action**  
 Date / location: 21 Sep 2017 - 22 Sep 2017 / Amsterdam, Netherlands  
 Organiser: EuroSafe

Title: **FFC's 22nd International Conference on Functional Foods and Chronic Diseases**  
 Date / location: 22 Sep 2017 - 23 Sep 2017 / Boston, United States  
 Organiser: Funtional Food Center  
 Title: **14th International Conference on Urban Health**  
 Date / location: 26 Sep 2017 - 29 Sep 2017 / Coimbra, Portugal  
 Organiser: ISUH

Title: **Introduction to Meta-analysis with Stata**  
 Date / location: 27 Sep 2017 / Porto, Portugal  
 Organiser: Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto

Title: **Network Meta-analysis with Stata**  
 Date / location: 28 Sep 2017 - 29 Sep 2017 / Porto, Portugal  
 Organiser: Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto

Title: **Health, social and tourism policies: which synergies are possible?**  
 Date / location: 29 Sep 2017 / Jesolo, Italy  
 Organiser: ProMIS

Title: **European Health Forum Gastein - Health in All Politics—a better future for Europe**  
 Date / location: 4 Oct 2017 - 6 Oct 2017 / Bad Hofgastein, Austria

Title: **The 11th International Conference on engineering and design of public spaces**  
 Date / location: 6 Oct 2017 / Kazan, Russia  
 Organiser: KAZAN EXPO LLC

Title: **The 2nd International Congress on Controversies in Primary and Outpatient Care (COPOC)**  
 Date / location: 6 Oct 2017 - 8 Oct 2017 / Zagreb, Croatia  
 Organiser: ComtecMed

Title: **1st International conference on public health - from European to national health policy**  
Date / location: 9 Oct 2017 - 10 Oct 2017 / Sofia, Bulgaria  
Organiser: Medical University Sofia

Title: **International Course: Introduction to Epidemiology**  
Date / location: 16 Oct 2017 - 20 Oct 2017 / Rome, Italy  
Organiser: SItI and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: **1ST International Sofia Staff Week and 30th Anniversary of Erasmus: New horizon in Public Health and Health Care services**  
Date / location: 16 Oct 2017 - 20 Oct 2017 / Sofia, Bulgaria  
Organiser: the Medical University of Sofia

Title: **3rd V4 Conference on Public Health**  
Date / location: 19 Oct 2017 - 20 Oct 2017 / Prague, Czech Republic  
Organiser: The Czech Society of Social Medicine and Health Care Management

Title: **Clinical Research**  
Date / location: 20 Oct 2017 - 6 Jul 2020 / Linz and Wels, Austria  
Organiser: Johannes Kepler University Linz (JKU)

Title: **Advanced Clinical Research**  
Date / location: 20 Oct 2017 - 12 Oct 2019 / Linz and Wels, Austria  
Organiser: Johannes Kepler University Linz (JKU)

Title: **2nd International conference: Food for Healthy Ageing - Benefits beyond basic nutrition**  
Date / location: 23 Oct 2017 - 25 Oct 2017 / Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Organiser: Food for Healthy Ageing

Title: **6th International Conference on Epidemiology and Public Health**  
Date / location: 23 Oct 2017 - 25 Oct 2017 / Paris, France  
Organiser: OCM for Epidemiology Series Conferences

Title: **8th International Conference of EBHC Teachers and Developers**  
Date / location: 25 Oct 2017 - 28 Oct 2017 / Taormina, Italy  
Organiser: GIMBE Foundation

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Title: **European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE)**  
Date / location: 6 Nov 2017 - 8 Nov 2017 / Stockholm, Sweden  
Organiser: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

Title: **3rd World Congress on Nursing and Healthcare” (Nursing and Healthcare)**  
Date / location: 9 Nov 2017 - 11 Nov 2017 / Valencia, Spain  
Organiser: Scientific Federation, publisher of The Nursing and Healthcare journal

Title: **Acute respiratory pandemics: how to plan for and manage**  
Date / location: 9 Nov 2017 - 11 Nov 2017 / Amsterdam, Netherlands

- Title: **3rd World Congress on Public Health, Epidemiology and Nutrition**  
 Date / location: 13 Nov 2017 - 14 Nov 2017 / Osaka, Japan  
 Organiser: Public Health Congress 2017
- Title: **Istanbul Health Expo – 5th Medical Equipment Fair, Integrated Health Services, International Health Congress and Symposiums**  
 Date / location: 29 Nov 2017 - 2 Dec 2017 / Istanbul, Turkey  
 Organiser: Istanbul Health Expo
- Title: **Shape the future of Diabetes: IDF congress 2017**  
 Date / location: 4 Dec 2017 - 8 Dec 2017 / Abu Dhabi  
 Organiser: International Diabetes Federation
- Title: **1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health - Diversity and health**  
 Date / location: 17 May 2018 - 19 May 2018 / Edinburgh, Scotland
- Title: **26th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services**  
 Date / location: 6 Jun 2018 - 8 Jun 2018 / Bologna, Italy  
 Organiser: Italian regional HPH network Emilia-Romagna together with WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care at Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (Austrian Public Health Institute)

## 8. Interesting publications

**Will the European Union reach the United Nations Millennium declaration target of a 50% reduction of tuberculosis mortality between 1990 and 2015?**

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...>

**Debate: Institutionalizing community-focused maternal, newborn, and child health strategies to strengthen health systems: A new framework for the Sustainable Development Goal era**

*William T. Story<sup>1</sup>, Karen LeBan, Laura C. Altobelli, Bette Gebrian, Jahangir Hossain, Judy Lewis, Melanie Morrow, Jennifer N. Nielsen, Alfonso Rosales, Marcie Rubardt, David Shanklin and Jennifer Weiss*

Globalization and Health (2017) 13:37

Published online: June 2017

**Who wants to be involved in health care decisions? Comparing preferences for individual and collective involvement in England and Sweden**

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...>

**Tobacco use among Kyrgyzstan medical students: an 11-year follow-up cross-sectional study**

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...>

**Global Health: An Introduction to Current and Future Trends, (2nd edition)**

Kevin McCracken and David R. Phillips, Routledge, London and New York, 2017.

<https://www.routledge.com/Global-Health-...>

**Establishing an ICD-10 code based SARI-surveillance in Germany - description of the system and first results from five recent influenza seasons**

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...>

**The Start2Bike program is effective in increasing health-enhancing physical activity: a controlled study**

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **New Eurohealth on Measuring efficiency in health care**

*Eurohealth* (now incorporating Euro Observer) is a quarterly publication that provides a forum for researchers, policy-makers and experts to express their views on health policy issues and so contribute to a constructive debate on health policy in Europe. The aim of *Eurohealth* is to bridge the gap between the scientific community and the policy-making community by providing an opportunity for the publication of evidence-based articles, debates, and discussions on contemporary health system and health policy issues.

Eurohealth Observer - Identify the causes of inefficiencies in health systems, The challenges of using cross-national comparisons of efficiency to inform health policy; Eurohealth International – Big data for public health: Does the data promise a better quality of life?, The SELFIE Framework for Integrated Care for Multi-Morbidity, Time to focus on benefits beyond the health sector: the example of health literacy, New draft EU Directive submits the regulation of health professions to a proportionality test; Eurohealth Systems and Policies - New measures to increase the health budget in Romania and Eurohealth Monitor.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/part...>

### **The Antibiotic Guardian campaign: a qualitative evaluation of an online pledge-based system focused on making better use of antibiotics**

<https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Community-based initiatives improving critical health literacy: a systematic review and meta-synthesis of qualitative evidence**

<https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **ProMIS (Programma Mattone Internazionale Salute)**

In June 2017 ProMIS (Programma Mattone Internazionale Salute), the network which involves all Italian Regions and the Italian Ministry of Health, whose purpose is the internationalisation of the Italian Regional Healthcare Systems, realized and published the "METHODOLOGY FOR THE ITALIAN REFERENCE SITES: Which organisation structure?" You can read the document by clicking here: <http://www.promisalute.it/servizi/Menu/dinamica.aspx?idSezione=20209&idArea=21574&idCat=21601&ID=21601&TipoElemento=categoria>"

## **9. European Commission news**

### **Commission launches public consultation on Health and Care in the Digital Single Market**

The consultation will collect information on three main pillars:

1. Citizens' secure access to their health data and the possibility to share it across borders, clarifying citizens' rights and enhancing interoperability of electronic health records in Europe;
2. Connecting and sharing data and expertise to advance research, personalise health and care, and better anticipate epidemics;
3. Using digital services to promote citizen empowerment and integrated person-centred care.

Citizens, patient organisations, health and care professionals, public authorities, researchers, industries, investors, insurers and users of digital health tools are all invited to share their views via [EU Survey](#) until 12 October 2017.

More information: [http://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-transformation-health-and-care-digital-single-market\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-transformation-health-and-care-digital-single-market_en)

### **Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs): public consultation on the SCHEER Preliminary Opinion on potential risks to human health launched**

The European Commission and its Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER) today publish the preliminary Opinion on the potential risks to human health of Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).

Interested parties are invited to [submit comments on the scientific evidence online](#) before 17 September 2017.

More information:

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific\\_committees/consultations/public\\_consultations/scheer\\_consultation\\_05\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consultations/public_consultations/scheer_consultation_05_en)



### **AMR: 7% of antibiotics in the EU are taken without a prescription**

A study published on antimicrobial resistance and the causes of non-prudent use of antibiotics.

Read the full report here:

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/amr/sites/amr/files/amr\\_arna\\_report\\_20170717\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/health/amr/sites/amr/files/amr_arna_report_20170717_en.pdf)

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

### **Vaccine-preventable diseases and immunisation: Core competencies**

This report outlines the development of a competency framework covering key knowledge, skills and attitudes critical for the prevention and control of vaccine-preventable diseases and immunisation (VPDandI).

More information: <https://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/vaccine-preventable-diseases-and-immunisation-core-competencies>

### **Seasonal influenza vaccination in Europe**

This report summarises information on seasonal influenza immunisation recommendations and vaccination coverage rates in the EU/EEA between 2007–08 and 2014–15.

More information: <https://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/seasonal-influenza-vaccination-europe>

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 27, 06 July 2017**

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

A rapid communication compares the demographical, epidemiological and clinical characteristics between the HPAI and LPAI A(H7N9) human cases. in Guangdong 2016

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

[Epidemiology of human infections with highly pathogenic avian influenza A\(H7N9\) virus in Guangdong, 2016 to 2017](#)

by M Kang, EHY Lau, W Guan, Y Yang, T Song, BJ Cowling, J Wu, M Peiris, J He, CKP Mok

#### **SURVEILLANCE REPORT**

[Legionnaires' disease in Europe, 2011 to 2015](#)

by J Beauté, on behalf of the European Legionnaires' Disease Surveillance Network

#### **PERSPECTIVES**

[Surveillance perspective on Lyme borreliosis across the European Union and European Economic Area](#)

by CC van den Wijngaard, A Hofhuis, M Simões, E Rood, W van Pelt, H Zeller, W Van Bortel

#### **LETTERS**

[Letter to the editor: Trends in tuberculosis notification rates by country of origin in the metropolitan area of Rome, 2010 to 2015](#)

by M Sañé Schepisi, P Scognamiglio, M D'Amato, E Girardi, V Puro

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 28, 13 July 2017**

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

Study in the Netherlands shows need for greater adherence to testing guidelines for pertussis.

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

[A cluster of invasive meningococcal disease \(IMD\) caused by Neisseria meningitidis serogroup W among university students, France, February to May 2017](#)

by C Bassi, M Taha, C Merle, E Hong, D Lévy-Bruhl, A Barret, I Mouchetrou Njoya

[Evaluation of a widely used culture-based method for detection of livestock-associated methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus \(MRSA\), Denmark and Norway, 2014 to 2016](#)

by J Larsen, M Sunde, MZ Islam, AM Urdahl, AS Barstad, AR Larsen, CA Grøntvedt, Ø Angen

[International risk of yellow fever spread from the ongoing outbreak in Brazil, December 2016 to May 2017](#)

By I Dorigatti, A Hamlet, R Aguas, L Cattarino, A Cori, CA Donnelly, T Garske, N Imai, NM Ferguson

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

[Pertussis surveillance and control: exploring variations and delays in testing, laboratory diagnostics and public health service notifications, the Netherlands, 2010 to 2013](#)

by J Heil, HLG ter Waarbeek, CJPA Hoebe, PHA Jacobs, DW van Dam, TAM Trienekens, JW Cals, IHM van Loo, NHTM Dukers-Muijers

#### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 29, 20 July 2017**

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

Paper from Israel provides epidemiological and laboratory evidence that hepatitis A in MSM has spread beyond Europe.

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

[Ongoing hepatitis A among men who have sex with men \(MSM\) linked to outbreaks in Europe in Tel Aviv area, Israel, December 2016 – June 2017](#)

by Y Gozlan, I Bar-Or, A Rakovsky, M Savion, Z Amitai, R Sheffer, N Ceder, E Anis, I Grotto, E Mendelson, O Mor

#### SURVEILLANCE REPORT

[Are pertussis cases reported too late for public health interventions? Retrospective analysis of cases in London and South East England, 2010 to 2015](#)

by H Crabbe, M Saavedra-Campos, NQ Verlander, A Leonard, J Morris, A Wright, S Balasegaram

[Human myiasis caused by the reindeer warble fly, \*Hypoderma tarandi\*, case series from Norway, 2011 to 2016](#)

by J Landehag, A Skogen, K Åsbakk, B Kan

## **11. WHO news**

### **New WHO guidelines on ethical issues in public health surveillance**

World Health Organization

*Published online: 2017*

The WHO Guidelines on Ethical Issues in Public Health Surveillance is the first international framework of its kind, it fills an important gap. The goal of the guideline development project was to help policymakers and practitioners navigate the ethical issues presented by public health surveillance. This document outlines 17 ethical guidelines that can assist everyone involved in public health surveillance, including officials in government agencies, health workers, NGOs and the private sector.

Surveillance, when conducted ethically, is the foundation for programs to promote human well-being at the population level. It can contribute to reducing inequalities: pockets of suffering that are unfair, unjust and preventable cannot be addressed if they are not first made visible. But surveillance is not without risks for participants and sometimes poses ethical dilemmas. Issues about privacy, autonomy, equity, and the common good need to be considered and balanced, and knowing how to do so can be challenging in practice.

<http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665...>

### **Regional progress towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals**

Pan American Health Organization

*Published online: 20 June 2017*

The Pan American Health Organization announces the publication of the report, "Regional progress towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals". During this 15-year period, health maintained an explicit and privileged role within the universal framework for development, inspiring a myriad of initiatives that shaped and invigorated the global health agenda. Throughout the Region of the Americas, many countries reached or surpassed goals to reduce child mortality, control infectious diseases, reduce poverty and increase access to improved water, sanitation, education and infrastructure. This report presents a summary of Regional achievements toward the health-related

MDGs. Intended to supplement evaluations conducted by Member States at the national, sub-national, and municipal levels, this report provides a baseline of reliable evidence to support effective decision-making for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It also draws upon valuable experience that was gained in pursuit of the MDGs, describing challenges, lessons learned and suggested initiatives that should be considered as we continue to move forward into a new era of development. <http://bit.ly/2smW5mt>

#### **WHO Regional Health Network July update**

[Communicating about noncommunicable diseases and their risk factors: workshop in Malta for journalists from countries participating in the WHO Small Countries Initiative](#) 03-07-2017

The Fourth High-level Meeting of the Small Countries Initiative took place in St Julian's, Malta, on 26–27 June 2017. The focus of the workshop was “taking action on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs)”. The particular aim was to consider how communication officers and journalists could best convey information about NCDs and the relationship between the risk factors for NCDs (harmful use of alcohol, tobacco use, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity) and the social determinants of health.

[Public Health Wales publishes an International Health Strategy 2017–2027](#) 30-06-2017

Public Health Wales has developed and published an International Health Strategy 2017–2027 with the vision of building a globally responsible, world leading and inspiring public health agency, achieving a healthier, happier and fairer Wales. The mission of the Strategy is to maximize the impact of international and global health engagement and partnership in order to protect, improve and promote health and well-being and reduce health inequalities within and beyond Welsh borders.

[Regions for Health Network \(RHN\) and Healthy Cities Network together in Ostrava to build environmental and social resilience](#) 22-06-2017

Between 13 and 15 June 2017 an RHN delegation participated in the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, held in Ostrava, Czech Republic. During the conference a side event was organized, whereby some cities and regions presented the joint statement of the WHO Healthy Cities Network and the RHN.

[The RHN presented its activities during the Festival of Economics in Trento \(Italy\)](#) 09-06-2017 On 1–4 June 2017

Trento (Italy) hosted the Festival of Economics, which this year focused mainly on health inequalities. The WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development, based in Venice was invited on 2 June to present the activities of the Regions for Health Network (RHN), whose mission is to tackle health inequalities.