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# 1. EUPHA update

## **ERA-NET - Update EUPHA Research Pillar**

The lead of the EUPHA Research Pillar, Peter Groenewegen, would like to provide an update on activities of the Research Pillar of EUPHA. Aim of this Pillar is to strengthen the research-base of EUPHA, cross-cutting all sections and topic areas, with the ultimate (EUPHA-wide) purpose of improving health and well-being and narrowing health inequalities for all Europeans. One of the key ambitions of the Research Pillar is to get health systems higher on the research agenda of Europe, in particular within Horizon 2020. As this is a high ambition, we also need partnerships, both within EUPHA's constituency as well as with other European leading organisations. This is reflected in EUPHA's involvement in setting up a European research programme (a so-called ERA-NET) in which enhancing intelligence on cross-border policy learning is vital. This should in the end help create funding opportunities for researchers across Europe in the area of health systems research, both including the health services and public health dimensions of the term (click [here](#) for an earlier description of our plans).

With a new call of the Horizon 2020 for 2016/2017 being expected in September 2015 it is also important that EUPHA, among others through the annual EPH Conference, can provide a platform for preparing project projects. The research lead would like to encourage those attending this year's annual EPH Conference to use that opportunity to meet up with potential project partners. All EUPHA Sections are also invited to reserve some of the time in their meeting for this networking among researchers. In addition, the EPH Conference will include a joint session of all EUPHA Pillars, including practice and policy, which will provide room for intelligence sharing on how to strengthen capacity in all areas. Another example of strengthening partnerships which the research lead is happy to contribute to is the [Preconference on Evidence-Informed Decision Making](#), which is jointly organised by the EUPHA Section on Health Services Research and the EUPHA Section on Public Health Policy and Practice, together with the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

## **EUPHA Executives speaking at Global Health Forum in Taiwan**

EUPHA President Martin McKee and our President-Elect Natasha Azzopardi Muscat will represent EUPHA at the 2015 Global Health Forum in Taiwan, 1 - 2 November 2015. The Forum has become the premier gathering of public health in Taiwan since its inception in 2005, and features congregation of the world's distinguished health care organisation leaders, health ministers, officials and public health experts.

This year the organisers have decided to extend their invitation to everyone who is interested in current findings and experience sharing from top international public health leaders and experts. Registration to the forum is free (excluding airfare and accommodation). More [information](#) and [registration](#) here.

## **Call of EUPHA Section on Health Impact Assessment calls to its Section members EUPHA Section on Health Impact Assessment calls on Section members to join new European Commission's Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB)**

The RSB will be a new body, replacing the Impact Assessment Board and will partly be composed of independent full-time experts from a broad selection of backgrounds including health. A health expert on the Board would have a good opportunity to improve the integration of health into impact assessments. If you are interested, contact EUPHA Office.

[http://www.eupha.org/repository/sections/HIA/call\\_for\\_RSB\\_060815.pdf](http://www.eupha.org/repository/sections/HIA/call_for_RSB_060815.pdf)

## **EUPHA concerned about TTIP negotiations**

The European Public Health Association (EUPHA) has previously noted its concerns about the secrecy surrounding negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. This week, following a freedom of information request by the Corporate Europe Observatory, the European Commission published an almost completely redacted set of documents relating to its discussions with global tobacco companies. The story is reported in detail in the UK newspaper The Independent.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/ttip-controversy-the-european-commission-and-big-tobacco-accused-of-coverup-after-heavily-redacted-documents-released-10473601.html>

The European Commission argues that this redaction is necessary to protect its negotiating position. While there may be a case for withholding internal Commission documents, this argument is simply not credible in relation to correspondence with the tobacco industry. EUPHA regards the Commission's actions as unacceptable and calls for the full release of this correspondence as soon as possible. Follow our advocacy activities on @EUPHActs and our [webpage](#)

## 2. European Public Health Conference



### Lunch Symposia and Extra Meetings

We are excited to announce an interesting Lunch Symposium programme at the 8th EPH Conference on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 October. EPH Conference delegates can attend the Lunch Symposia and Extra Meetings free of charge. Check for up to date information the [Conference Programme](#)

### Strengthening Vaccination Strategies: The Role of Europe

*Thursday 15 October, 15:45 – 17:15, Auditorium*

This round table is a great opportunity for international public health experts to discuss current and future vaccination policies in EU countries. **With:** Beatrice Lorenzin, Minister of Health, Italy; Vytenis Andriukaitis, EU Health Commissioner; Luc De Bruyne, GSK Vaccines; Reda Guiha, Pfizer Vaccines Europe; David Khougazian, Sanofi Pasteur MSD, Roberta Siliquini, Italian Higher Health Committee and Aura Timen, EUPHA Section Infectious diseases.

### Lost in Translation - Pathogens, Antimicrobial Resistance, Globalisation and Politics

*Friday 16 October, 10:30 – 11:30, Auditorium*

Round table, organised by the Netherlands Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), on the topic of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), globalisation, policy and politics. **With:** Ilaria Capua, MP Italy; Ricardo Baptista Leite, MP Portugal; Martin McKee, EUPHA President; Luca Carra, Italy; Aura Timen, EUPHA Section Infectious diseases; Karl Ekdahl, ECDC.

### The Potential of Integrated Personalised Diabetes Management in Europe

*Friday 16 October, 12:35 – 13:45*

How to transform disease-oriented management systems into patient-oriented care, and the hurdles preventing this shift and possible solutions. Panellists will provide perspectives on barriers experienced at individual, professional and health systems. Organised by EUPHA Section Public health genomics, Roche Diabetes Care and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome, Italy.

### Health Policies and Practices of Health Promoting School Programmes in Asian Countries

*Friday 16 October, 12:35 – 13:45*

A great opportunity to learn from best practices in Asia offered by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan. How to successfully apply different health promotion strategies in school intervention programmes. Speakers from Taiwan and USA.

## **The Role of Adult Vaccination as Part of Healthy Ageing**

*Friday 16 October, 13:00 – 14:30, Amber 1*

Who is at risk and why community awareness is so low? Round table on the challenge that an ageing EU population presents for the control of vaccine preventable disease and the need for governments to do more. **With:** Sergio Pecorelli and Walter Ricciardi, Italy; Lale Ozisik, Turkey; Jane Barratt, Canada; and Michele Conversano and Anna Odone, Italy.

## **EPH Conference Early Bird Registration Closes 1 September**

Until 1 September delegates can benefit from an early bird discount of €50 on conference fees. More than 1,000 people have registered already. You cannot afford to miss the EPH Conference at Milan. Register [here](#).

## **3. EUPHA members update**

### **EU Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

EUPHA's institutional member, NIVEL, Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research, together with colleague institutes from the Netherlands, has written a Commentary for the European Journal of Public Health on the EU Data Protection Regulation.

The discussion about the European regime for processing personal data is entering a new phase. The proposal of the European Parliament of the GDPR restricts processing personal data by requiring informed consent, regardless of the purpose the data will be used for and regardless of whether or not privacy enhancing technologies are applied.

EUPHA Members in other countries are encouraged to lobby in particular with their Members of the European Parliament to have a research friendly version of the GDPR adopted.

Read the [Commentary](#) here.

## **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.

### **★Editor's Choice ★**

**Might extended education decrease inequalities in health? - a meta-analysis**

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **Articles (for full text subscription required)**

**Social adversities in adolescence predict unfavourable trajectories of internalized mental health symptoms until middle age: results from the Northern Swedish Cohort**

K. Rajaleid, T. Nummi, H. Westerlund, P. Virtanen, P.E. Gustafsson, A. Hammarström

Eur J Public Health/10.1093/eurpub/ckv150

[\[Abstract\]](#)

### **Medication adherence among patients with chronic conditions in Italy**

F. Napolitano, P. Napolitano, I.F. Angelillo, Collaborative Working Group

Eur J Public Health published 11 August 2015, 10.1093/eurpub/ckv147

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Effect of country-of-origin contextual factors and length of stay on immigrants' substance use in Spain**

L. Sordo et al.

Eur J Public Health published 10 August 2015, 10.1093/eurpub/ckv144

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Association between second-hand smoking and acute coronary heart disease among Arab women with multiple risk factors**

K. Awawdi, H. Steiner, M.S. Green, S. Zelber-Sagi

Eur J Public Health published 10 August 2015, 10.1093/eurpub/ckv143

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Substance use among Dutch homeless people, a follow-up study: prevalence, pattern and housing status**

B. Van Straaten, G. Rodenburg, J. Van der Laan, S.N. Boersma, J.R.L.M. Wolf, D. Van de Mheen

Eur J Public Health published 6 August 2015, 10.1093/eurpub/ckv142

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Letter to the Editor**

**Flexible data analysis and evaluations of the SFP 10-14**

D.M. Gorman

Eur J Public Health published 14 August 2015, 10.1093/eurpub/ckv155

[\[Extract\]](#)

**Short Report**

**Effect of Human Papillomavirus vaccination of daughters on the cervical screening uptake of their non-vaccinated mothers**

A.M. Spencer, S.A. Roberts, A. Verma, J. Patnick, P. Elton, Loretta Brabin

Eur J Public Health published 7 August 2015, 10.1093/eurpub/ckv146

[\[Abstract\]](#)

**Supplement Paper**

**What factors are associated with the prevalence of atopic symptoms amongst adolescents in Greater Manchester?**

R. Katebi, G. Williams, M. Bourke, A. Harrison, A. Verma

Eur J Public Health published 12 August 2015, 10.1093/eurpub/ckv139

[\[Abstract\]](#)

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

**The French National Cancer Institute calls for a Research Chair**

The French National Cancer Institute in partnership with the University Lille 3 and the French cancer research sites SIRIC ONCOLille, is opening a research chair position in social and human sciences applied to cancer. Deadline for applications is 28 September 2015.

More information (in french) is available at <http://www.e-cancer.fr/Professionnels-de-la-recherche/Appels-a-projets-en-cours/Chaire-de-recherche-en-SHS>

**The European Social Observatory (OSE) calls for an Experienced Researcher**

With a view to permanently reinforcing its multilingual team situated in Brussels, the European Social Observatory (OSE), is hiring a **part-time experienced researcher** in the area of **social protection**. Applications should be submitted in English by 21 September 2015.

[http://www.ose.be/files/OSE\\_Recruitment\\_announcement.pdf](http://www.ose.be/files/OSE_Recruitment_announcement.pdf)

## **The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) job vacancies**

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) is located in Stockholm, Sweden. The legal base for the Centre is Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 establishing a European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. ECDC's main source of funding is a subsidy from the EU general budget.

- Back Office Administrator - Deadline:21 Sep 2015
- Head of Disease Programme, Vaccine-preventable Disease - Deadline:21 Sep 2015
- Head of Disease Programme Influenza and other Respiratory Viruses - Deadline:21 Sep 2015
- Expert Public Health Preparedness - Deadline:14 Sep 2015
- Events Assistant- Deadline:14 Sep 2015

<http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/jobs/Pages/vacancies.aspx>

## **6. Interesting news**

### **Are e-cigarettes' popularity causing more teens to smoke?**

As cigarette use continues its [historical drop](#) among teens and e-cigarette use has [begun climbing](#), one question looms large for public [health](#) officials: will the popularity of e-cigarettes undo all the progress made in reducing teen smoking rates?

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/tarahaelle/2...>

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

#### **Comprehensive global prevention can end HIV/AIDS pandemic, experts say**

Although much progress has been made in combating the global HIV/AIDS pandemic, to halt new infections and end the pandemic, a combination of non-vaccine and vaccine prevention modalities will be needed.

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

#### **Home births lead to higher infant mortality, at least for mothers living in poorer areas, experts say**

Home births lead to higher infant mortality than hospital births, at least for mothers living in poorer areas. This is the conclusion of a new study that examines 356,412 low-risk Dutch women who delivered between 2000 and 2008 and who were allowed to choose between a home and a hospital birth.

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

#### **Hepatitis B continues to be a global health problem**

Hepatitis B infections are among the most common infectious diseases worldwide. In the scope of an international study, scientists have determined how often the chronic infection occurs in different countries and how many people of the general population are affected. They noted strong differences between different countries.

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

#### **Bioethicists call for end to 'pay-to-play' clinical research**

Charging people to participate in research studies is likely to undermine the fundamental ethical basis of clinical research, according to a new paper written by bioethicists. The paper outlines the arguments for and against the concept of "pay-to-play" research, ultimately concluding that this type of approach compromises the overall integrity of clinical research.

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

#### **Every country in the world can afford to support its smokers to stop**

A major new review examined a wide range of measures that healthcare systems in different countries can adopt to help smokers to stop, determining that in fact, all countries can afford to support smoking cessation.

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



### **Simple intervention can moderate anti-vaccination beliefs, study finds**

It might not be possible to convince someone who believes that vaccines cause autism that they don't. Telling skeptics that their belief is not scientifically supported often backfires - strengthening, rather than weakening, their anti-vaccine views. But researchers say they have found a way to overcome some of the most entrenched anti-vaccine attitudes: Remind the skeptics -- with words and images -- why vaccines exist.

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

### **New medical research reporting requirements may lead to fewer positive outcomes**

The adoption of new transparent reporting standards may have contributed to a significant reduction in the percentage of studies reporting positive research findings among large-budget clinical trials.

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

### **Could a sugar tax help combat obesity?**

Following the British Medical Association's call for a 20 percent sugar tax to subsidize the cost of fruit and vegetables, experts debate whether a sugar tax could help combat obesity.

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

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



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

**Title:** [6th International Carers Conference: Care and Caring: Future proofing the new demographics](#)

Date / location: 4 – 6 September 2015 / Gothenburg, Sweden

Organiser: International Association of Carer Organisations and Eurocarers

**Title:** [17th International Summer School 2015 "Infectious Disease Epidemiology: Concepts, Methods, Mathematical Modelling, and Burden of Disease"](#)

Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Bielefeld, Germany

Organiser: Bielefeld University

**Title:** [Introduction to Mathematical Models of the epidemiology and control of infectious diseases](#)

Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 25 Sep 2015 / London, UK

Organiser: Imperial College London

**Title:** [WHO- Regional Committee for Europe](#)

Date / location: 14 Sep 2015 - 17 Sep 2015 / Vilnius, Lithuania

Organiser: WHO

**Title:** [Oslo breaking the ice EUGMS congress](#)

Date / location: 16 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Oslo

Organiser: EUGMS 2015

**Title:** [2nd V4 Conference on Public Health, "Health for Public, Public for Health"](#)

Date / location: 17 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 / Zabrze, Poland

Organiser: TYGIEL Foundation and Silesia Division of the Polish Association of Public Health

**Title:** [EUFAMI European Congress](#)  
Date / location: 19 Sep 2015 - 20 Sep 2015 / Sofia, Bulgaria  
Organiser: Eufami

**Title:** [International Congress on Education, Innovation and Learning Technologies](#)  
Date / location: 21 Sep 2015 - 23 Sep 2015 / Granada, Spain  
Organiser: Iceilt

**Title:** [Global Environmental Health Faculty Forum - GEHFF2015](#)  
Date / location: 22 Sep 2015 - 26 Sep 2015 / Coimbra, Portugal  
Organiser: International Federation of Environmental Healthfirst World Academic Congress on Environmental Health

**Title:** [7th Congress of the International Society for Gender Medicine](#)  
Date / location: 22 Sep 2015 - 23 Sep 2015 / Berlin, Germany  
Organiser: IGM congress

**Title:** [Migrant and Ethnic Health Research](#)  
Date / location: 24 Sep 2015 / The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland  
Organiser: NHS Health Scotland

**Title:** [Paris World Health Organisation Simulation](#)  
Date / location: 25 Sep 2015 - 27 Sep 2015 / Paris, France  
Organiser: EHESP school of public health

**Title:** [4th World Congress of Clinical Safety](#)  
Date / location: 28 Sep 2015 - 30 Sep 2015 / Vienna, Austria, Schlos Schonbrunn  
Organiser: International Association of Risk Management in Medicine

**Title:** [18th European Health Forum Gastein](#)  
Date / location: 30 Sep 2015 - 2 Oct 2015 / Bad Hofgastein, Austria  
Organiser: European Health Forum

**Title:** [3rd GRF One Health Summit](#)  
Date / location: 4 Oct 2015 - 7 Oct 2015 / Davos, Swiss  
Organiser: GR forum

**Title:** [Health and sustainable development – the future](#)  
Date / location: 7 Oct 2015 - 9 Oct 2015 / Durban, South Africa  
Organiser: Public Health Association of South Africa

**Title:** [6th Annual Excellence in Hospital Management Conference](#)  
Date / location: 8 Oct 2015 - 9 Oct 2015 / Vienna, Austria

**Title:** [25th Annual Congress of the European Childhood Obesity Group](#)  
Date / location: 12 Oct 2015 - 14 Oct 2015 / Stockholm, Sweden  
Organiser: European Childhood Obesity Group

**Title:** [International Health and Wealth Conference](#)  
Date / location: 15 Oct 2015 - 17 Oct 2015 / Algarve, Portugal  
Organiser: IHWC



- Title:** [Global Health Forum 2015 in Taiwan](#)  
**Date / location:** 1 – 2 Nov 2015 / Taipei City, Taiwan  
**Organiser:** Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health, Taiwan
- Title:** [ESCAIDE 2015](#)  
**Date / location:** 11 Nov 2015 - 13 Nov 2015 / Stockholm, Sweden  
**Organiser:** ECDC
- Title:** [Health Care and Management in Tropical Countries \(HCMTC\)](#)  
**Date / location:** 7 Mar 2016 - 10 Jun 2016 / Basel, Switzerland  
**Organiser:** Swiss TPH
- Title:** [IUHPE's 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion](#)  
**Date / location:** 22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil  
**Organiser:** IUHPE
- 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:** [How to plan successfully? A focus on priority setting, resource allocation and strategic planning for health](#)  
**Date / location:** 14 Nov 2016 - 2 Dec 2016 / Ifakara, Tanzania  
**Organiser:** Swiss TPH

## 8. Interesting publications

**Promotion of influenza vaccination among health care workers: findings from a tertiary care children's hospital in Italy**

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

**Modifiable cardiovascular risk factors in adults aged 40-79 years in Germany with and without prior coronary heart disease or stroke**

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

**Factors associated with sexual risk behaviors with non-steady partners and lack of recent HIV testing among German men who have sex with men in steady relationships: results from a cross-sectional int**

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

**Is alcohol consumption in older adults associated with poor self-rated health? Cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing**

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

**Ecological correlation between diabetes hospitalizations and fine particulate matter in Italian provinces**

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

**Neighborhood social capital is associated with participation in health checks of a general population: a multilevel analysis of a population-based lifestyle intervention- the Inter99 study**

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

**Gender and the double burden of economic and social disadvantages on healthy eating: cross-sectional study of older adults in the EPIC-Norfolk cohort**

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

**Impact of opportunistic testing in a systematic cervical cancer screening program: a nationwide registry study**

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

**The gender gap in sickness absence from work and the influence of parental absence on offspring absence 15 years later: register-based cohort of Norwegians born in 1974-1976**

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

**Self-reported symptoms and healthcare seeking in the general population -exploring "The Symptom Iceberg"**

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

**Effects of the Swedish physical activity on prescription model on health-related quality of life in overweight older adults: a randomised controlled trial**

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

**The influence of dairy consumption, sedentary behaviour and physical activity on bone mass in Flemish children: a cross-sectional study**

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

**Are area-based initiatives able to improve area safety in deprived areas? A quasi-experimental evaluation of the Dutch District Approach**

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

**Overview of systematic reviews on the health-related effects of government tobacco control policies**

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

**Identifying binge drinkers based on parenting dimensions and alcohol-specific parenting practices: building classifiers on adolescent-parent paired data**

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

**Life Balance - a mindfulness-based mental health promotion program: conceptualization, implementation, compliance and user satisfaction in a field setting**

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

**Prevalence and pattern of alcohol consumption during pregnancy in the Netherlands**

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

## **9. European Commission news**

### **Health indicators**

[Indicator on Crude birth rate](#) Updated with 2014 data (ECHI 2)

[Indicator on Life expectancy at birth and at age 65](#) Updated with 2013 data (ECHI 10)

[Indicator on Infant mortality](#) Updated with 2013 data (ECHI 11)

[Indicator on Disease-specific mortality](#) Updated with 2012 data (ECHI 13)

[Indicator on Long-term activity limitations](#) Updated with 2013 data (ECHI 35)

[Indicator on Hospital beds](#) updated with 2013 data (ECHI 62)

[Indicator on Practising nurses \(ECHI 64\) and other health professionals](#) updated with 2013 data

[Indicator on Medical technologies \(CT/MRI\)](#) updated with 2013 data (ECHI 66)

[Indicators on Expenditures on health care as percentage of GDP and in millions of PPS](#) Updated with 2012 data (ECHI 77a & b)

[Indicator on Survival rates cancer](#) Now implemented with EURO CARE data (ECHI 78)

## **Nutrition and physical activity**

[Update - review of scientific evidence and policies on nutrition and physical activity](#) Deadline extended to 18/09

[WANTED - 12,500 pregnant or breastfeeding women across Europe](#) Join "Together" project and choose a healthy lifestyle for you and your baby

[The "secret" to a healthier diet - "We love eating" workshops in Granollers, Spain](#)

## **Tobacco**

[EX-smokers are unstoppable – new iCoach attracted almost 30,000 new users in 6 months who want to stub out their last cigarette](#)

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

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 31, 06 August 2015**

**In this issue:** Ross River virus disease in two travellers returning to the Netherlands from Australia, highlighting the need for awareness of physicians and professionals advising travellers

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

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Increased prevalence of influenza B/Victoria lineage viruses during early stages of the 2015 influenza season in New South Wales, Australia: implications for vaccination and planning

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21201>

Ross River virus disease in two Dutch travellers returning from Australia, February to April 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21200>

Detection of influenza A(H3N2) virus in children with suspected mumps during winter 2014/15 in England

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21203>

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Risk factors for sporadic listeriosis in the Netherlands, 2008 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21199>

Malaria knowledge, attitudes and practices among migrants from malaria-endemic countries in Evrotas, Laconia, Greece, 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21208>

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Letter to the editor: There is a need to consider all respiratory viruses in suspected mumps cases

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21210>

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21202>

ECDC's latest publications

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21198>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 32, 13 August 2015**

**In this issue:** A research paper on the long-term presence of cross-reactive antibodies against influenza A(H3N2)v in Germany

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

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Louse-borne relapsing fever (*Borrelia recurrentis*) in an Eritrean refugee arriving in Switzerland, August 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21204>

## SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Incidence of gonococcal and chlamydial infections and coverage of two laboratory surveillance networks, France, 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21205>

## RESEARCH ARTICLES

Age-related prevalence of cross-reactive antibodies against influenza A(H3N2) variant virus, Germany, 2003 to 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21206>

## MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2015;20(25)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21207>

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 33, 20 August 2015

### In this issue:

1995 to 2013 data from Finland shows that vole population peaks preceded tularaemia outbreaks one year later.

### This week's table of contents:

## RESEARCH ARTICLES

Malaria knowledge, attitudes and practices among migrants from malaria-endemic countries in Evrotas, Laconia, Greece, 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21208>

Incidence and seroprevalence of tularaemia in Finland, 1995 to 2013: regional epidemics with cyclic pattern

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21209>

## LETTERS

Letter to the editor: There is a need to consider all respiratory viruses in suspected mumps cases

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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## 11. WHO news

### Vaccine hesitancy: A growing challenge for immunization programmes

18 August 2015 -- People who delay or refuse vaccines for themselves or their children are a growing challenge for countries seeking to close the immunization gap. Globally, 1 in 5 children still do not receive routine life-saving immunizations, and an estimated 1.5 million children still die each year of diseases that could be prevented by vaccines that already exist, according to WHO.

WHO recommendations on interventions to improve preterm birth outcomes

Preterm babies are prone to serious illness or death during the neonatal period. Without appropriate treatment, those who survive are at increased risk of lifelong disability and poor quality of life.

"WHO recommendations on interventions to improve preterm birth outcomes." has been launched to help prevent the complications and consequences of preterm birth.

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### Mental Health Atlas 2014

WHO's Mental Health Atlas series has established itself as the most comprehensive and widely used source of information on the global mental health situation.

This new edition of Mental Health Atlas, carried out in 2014, assumes new importance as a repository of mental health information in WHO Member States because it is providing much of the baseline data against which progress towards the objectives and targets of the Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020 is to be measured.

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### **WHO report on the global tobacco epidemic, 2015 Raising taxes on tobacco**

The continued success in global tobacco control is detailed in this year's *WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2015*: substantial progress has been made since the entry into force of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) ten years ago. The fifth in the series of WHO reports provides a snapshot of the MPOWER measures, with all country-specific data updated and aggregated through 2014. In addition, the report provides a special focus on tobacco taxation and in-depth analyses of tobacco taxes in all WHO Member States, allowing for a more detailed understanding of progress and future challenges in this area.

The progress in reaching the highest level of achievement in tobacco control is a sign of the growing success of the WHO FCTC and provides strong evidence that there is political will for tobacco control on both national and global levels. About 2.8 billion people are now covered by at least one MPOWER measure at the highest level of achievement. This is due to the actions taken by many WHO Member States to fight the tobacco epidemic. These countries can be held up as models of action for the many countries that need to do more to protect their people from the harm of tobacco use. The report also indicates that despite significant progress, much remains to be done, especially in areas such as increasing tobacco taxes. With populations ageing and noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) on the rise, tackling a huge and entirely preventable cause of disease and death becomes all the more imperative.

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