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# 1. EUPHA update

## Andorra joins the EUPHA network

EUPHA is very pleased to welcome Dr Josep Romagosa Massana as the representative of Andorra into our network. This expands our network to:

- 78 members from 46 countries:
- 39 national public health associations
- 20 institutional members
- 7 individual members
- 1 global member
- 11 partners

# 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***

## **FULL PROGRAMME INCLUDING PRE CONFERENCES NOW AVAILABLE**

We are happy to inform you that the full programme is now available online. Click [here](#) to access the full programme.

## **REGISTRATION**

Nearly 1400 colleagues have already registered for the Stockholm 2017 conference. Don't miss out, be quick and save EUR 90 as [early bird registration](#) fees end **1 September**. From 1 September fees for EUPHA members are EUR 680. Non-members pay EUR 770, students and day registration EUR 420 (all including VAT). Registration fees vary between EUR 20 and EUR 140.

Registration is easy through the EPH Conference [registration](#) panel.

# 3. EUPHA members update

## **Public Health - Switzerland: annual conference**

The Swiss Public Health Conference 2017 - «Personalisierte Gesundheit aus Public-Health-Perspektive» (personalized health from a public health point of view) is organised on 22-23 November 2017. There will be simultaneous translation (French, German, English). Until 31 August, the early registration fees apply. More information: <http://conference.public-health.ch>

## **French Society of Public Health - SFSP bi-annual conference**

The next bi-annual conference of the French Society of Public Health will take place in Amiens, from 4 to 6 October 2017.

This conference is co-organized this year with the Association des épidémiologistes de langue française – ADELFF with a main theme : “ Science and health practitioners : Articulate knowledge and practices”.

The full programme and additional information about the conference is available on our 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.

### Advance articles alert 16-17 July 2017

Cocaine contamination of banknotes: a review

Gianmarco Troiano; Isabella Mercurio; Marco Golferà; Nicola Nante ; Paola Melai ...

[\[article\]](#)

Assessment of informal caregiver's needs by self-administered instruments: a literature review

Anne Lefranc ; David Pérol; Morgane Plantier; Pierre Chatelain; Henri de Rohan-Chabot ...

[\[article\]](#)

Estimating the prevalence of diabetes mellitus and thyroid disorders using medication data in Flanders, Belgium

Bert Vaes; Catherine Ruelens; Samuel Saikali ; Alexander Smets; Séverine Henrard ...

[\[article\]](#)

### Advance articles alert 12-13 July

Sustainability of outdoor school ground smoking bans at secondary schools: a mixed-method study

A. D. Rozema; J. J. P. Mathijssen; M. W. J. Jansen ; J. A. M. van Oers

[\[article\]](#)

### Advance articles alert 9-10 July

Lower fragmentation of coordination in primary care is associated with lower prescribing drug costs—lessons from chronic illness care in Hungary

Ágnes Lublóy; Judit Lilla Keresztúri; Gábor Benedek

[\[article\]](#)

### Advance articles alert 5-6 July

Reasons for non-participation and ways to enhance participation in health examination surveys—the Health 2011 Survey

Hanna Tolonen; Annamari Lundqvist; Tuija Jääskeläinen; Seppo Koskinen ; Päivikki Koponen

[\[article\]](#)

## 5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

### Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto, Portugal

#### Research Scholarship - Healthcare Services Research

A position is available within the scientific area of Health Services Research at the Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto (ISPUP) (Ref. BINT2017001).

**About the Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto:** The Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto – ISPUP – is devoted to create and disseminate high quality information and competitive knowledge in the broad field of public health. ISPUP promotes solid interaction among experienced researchers from complementary scientific fields and actively stimulates networking among relevant regional, national and international institutions with a dynamic exchange of clinical and population-based scientific information. As part of its strategic plan a hospital epidemiology group was launched that later engaged in a strong cooperation with Centro Hospitalar de São João, the largest hospital structure in the North of Portugal.

#### Admission requirements:

Mandatory:

- Master in Public Health, Epidemiology or equivalent;
- Professional experience in the field of epidemiology, health services research, patient safety or quality of care;
- Fluency in English documented by corresponding diploma or scientific papers as the first author.

**Activity Outline:** The fellow will be part of the hospital epidemiology team. He/she will be responsible for data extraction and analysis to describe and monitor patient safety and quality of care indicators.

**Workplace:** Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto (ISPUP), Portugal

**Duration and Stipend:** The grant will have an initial duration of 12 months, with a possible extension, with an expected starting date in September/October 2017. Financial aspects are in accordance with the FCT regulations (<http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>), which assigns a tax-free stipend of 980€ per month (12 months a year).

**Call finish date:** 6th September 2017

Applications should be sent by email to “[secretaria@ispup.up.pt](mailto:secretaria@ispup.up.pt)” (or personal delivery) to Joana Ferreira, Instituto de Saúde Pública da Universidade do Porto, Rua das Taipas 135, 4050-600 Porto, within the timeframe of the call.

**Further information:** [Here](#)

### **Social Justice Research - Call for Papers on Justice and Health**

**Submission deadline for papers (based on accepted abstracts): June 30, 2018**

The special issue is expected to appear in 2019

#### **Overview**

Social Justice Research plans a special issue in “Justice and Health”, to appear in 2019. This issue will be multidisciplinary oriented, and will be open to contributions from psychology, sociology, economics, philosophy, epidemiology, public health, political science, public administration etc., as long as the research makes a contribution to the theoretical and/or empirical state of the art.

Guest editors are Yukiko Asada and Erik Schokkaert.

The editors will consider contributions related to the following contexts:

1. Priority setting: how to decide equitably about which treatments should be included in the insurance package – or provided by the public system?
2. Inequality and inequity in health outcomes
3. Inequity in access to the health care system (e.g., who pays? Is there equality of access based on need?)

These topics can be approached in different ways:

- Conceptual questions about how to define “justice” in the contexts above.
- Empirical work on how people think about justice.
- Empirical work on actual systems, i.e., on how equitable is the existing situation.

It is important that authors make sure to clarify and define whatever ‘fairness concept’ they use, whether or not they focus on equity, equality or the umbrella notion of justice.

#### **Important Dates / Fechas importantes**

- **November 30, 2017** - Deadline for proposed one-page abstracts should **be sent by email to [Yukiko.Asada@Dal.Ca](mailto:Yukiko.Asada@Dal.Ca) and [erik.schokkaert@kuleuven.be](mailto:erik.schokkaert@kuleuven.be)**
- **December 31, 2017** - Authors will be notified about the acceptance of their proposal
- **June 23, 2018** - Submission deadline for papers (based on accepted abstracts)

All submissions will go through the usual SJR peer-review process. Conditional on acceptance of the proposal, full papers should be submitted using the online system, specifying that the submission is for the special issue on the “Justice and Health”. Instructions for authors are available at

[www.springer.com/11211](http://www.springer.com/11211)

## **6. Interesting news**

### **Before the flood: What drives preparedness?**

More targeted efforts are needed from both the public and private insurance sectors in order to encourage people to take action to reduce their risk of flood damage, according to a new study of three European countries.

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

## Abstinence-Only Education Is Ineffective And Unethical, Report Argues

Abstaining from sexual activity is a surefire way to prevent pregnancy and avoid sexually transmitted diseases. But programs advocating abstinence often fail to prevent young people from having sex, researchers write in the September issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health. Such programs, sometimes referred to as "abstinence only until marriage" programs, typically advocate monogamous, heterosexual marriage as the only appropriate context for sexual intercourse and as the only certain way to avoid unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots...>

## Fat bias starts early and takes a serious toll

A very slender friend recently admitted to me that she "can't stand to be around fat people." Her reaction is almost visceral, and it prompts her to avoid social and professional contact with people who are seriously overweight. Although she can't pinpoint the source of her feelings, she said they go back as far as she can remember. And she is hardly alone. Decades ago, researchers found that weight-based bias, which is often accompanied by overt discrimination and bullying, can date back to childhood, sometimes as early as age 3. The prejudiced feelings may not be apparent to those who hold them, yet they can strongly influence someone's behavior.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/21/well/...>

## 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: **[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: **[Advancing Tools for European Diabetes Research](#)**

Date / location: 11 Sep 2017 / Lisbon, Portugal

Organiser: EURADIA - Alliance for European Diabetes Research

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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Date / location: 25 Oct 2017 - 28 Oct 2017 / Taormina, Italy

Organiser: GIMBE Foundation

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: **3rd World Congress on Public Health, Nutrition and Epidemiology: Strengthening Health Systems and Promoting Awareness**



Date / location: 13 Nov 2017 - 14 Nov 2017 / Osaka, Japan  
Organiser: ConferenceSeries

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: **Health Economics for Public Health Practice and Research**

Date / location: 19 Mar 2018 - 21 Mar 2018 / Bangor, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Bangor University

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

**Why older workers work beyond the retirement age: a qualitative study**

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

**Creative Health: The Arts for Health and Wellbeing**

New report, issued by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing in the UK, which looks at the role of the arts in public health, is available [here](#), together with supporting material.

**Occupational class differences in diagnostic-specific sickness absence: a register-based study in the Finnish population, 2005-2014**

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

**Missed opportunities in the evaluation of public health interventions: a case study of physical activity programmes**

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

## 9. European Commission news

**Survey of mental health activities and policies**

EU Compass is inviting mental health stakeholders to take part in the third survey of mental health activities and policies. The focus is on providing community based services and mental health in all policies. Deadline for participation: 10 October 2017.

More information is available [here](#).

**Joint Interagency Antimicrobial Consumption and Resistance Analysis (JIACRA)**

The European Food Safety Authority, the European Medicines Agency and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control issued a joint report presenting new data on antibiotic consumption and antibiotic resistance. The report reflects improved surveillance across Europe.



More information is available [here](#).

### **Medicine safety: New commitment allows EU and US to share full medicine inspection reports**

This month, the European Commission, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) signed a new confidentiality commitment related to medicine safety. The commitment allows the EU and US regulators to share non-public and commercially confidential information, including full reports on medicine inspections, potentially improving patient safety on both sides of the Atlantic.

[For more information.](#)

### **Share your views - public consultation on health and care in the Digital Single Market**

How should Europe promote digital innovation in health and care, for the benefits of citizens and health systems? The input will feed into a new policy Communication to be adopted by the end of 2017.

More information available [here](#).

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

Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 33, 17 August 2017

### **In this issue: Plasmid-encoded colistin resistance**

Of over 4,000 cases of measles in Italy in 2017, more than 270 were in healthcare workers. Two articles in this issue describe measles transmissions in nosocomial settings.

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

A cluster of measles linked to an imported case, Finland, 2017

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22857>

Ongoing large measles outbreak with nosocomial transmission in Milan, northern Italy, March–August 2017

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22858>

A nosocomial measles outbreak in Italy, February-April 2017

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22859>

#### **SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT**

Imported case of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection from Oman to Thailand, June 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22860>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 32, 10 August 2017

### **In this issue: Plasmid-encoded colistin resistance**

A rare subtype of botulinum neurotoxin in a case of food-borne botulism in Slovakia

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATION**

Cyclosporiasis in travellers returning to the United Kingdom from Mexico in summer 2017: lessons from the recent past to inform the future

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22854>

#### **SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT**

Reoccurrence of botulinum neurotoxin subtype A3 inducing food-borne botulism, Slovakia, 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22853>

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Improving regional influenza surveillance through a combination of automated outbreak detection methods: the 2015/16 season in France

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22855>

Evidence for more cost-effective surveillance options for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and scrapie in Great Britain

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22856>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 31, 03 August 2017

**In this issue: Plasmid-encoded colistin resistance**

The articles in this issue describe the emergence of *mcr-3* and detection of *mcr-4* in Europe and summarise the epidemiology of ESBL and carbapenemase producers in Italy

EDITORIAL

Plasmid-encoded colistin resistance: *mcr*-one, two, three and counting

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22850>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Novel *mcr-3* variant, encoding mobile colistin resistance, in an ST131 *Escherichia coli* isolate from bloodstream infection, Denmark, 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22846>

Plasmid-borne colistin resistance gene *mcr-3* in *Salmonella* isolates from human infections, Denmark, 2009–17

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22848>

Co-occurrence of colistin-resistance genes *mcr-1* and *mcr-3* among multidrug-resistant *Escherichia coli* isolated from cattle, Spain, September 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22849>

Novel plasmid-mediated colistin resistance *mcr-4* gene in *Salmonella* and *Escherichia coli*, Italy 2013, Spain and Belgium, 2015 to 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22851>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT

Evolving beta-lactamase epidemiology in Enterobacteriaceae from Italian nationwide surveillance, October 2013: KPC-carbapenemase spreading among outpatients

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22847>

## 11. WHO news

**National health inequality monitoring: a step-by-step manual**

World Health Organization

ISBN 978-92-4-151218-3 Published online: July 2017

Learn more about the manual and access the full text – [click here](#)

**Highlights from the Health systems newsletter**

August 2017

**Member States meet to plan 10th anniversary of Tallinn Charter**

28-07-2017

A core group of Member States convened at a side-event on 26 May 2017, during the Seventieth World Health Assembly, to discuss preparations for a high-level technical meeting in 2018, which will mark the 10th anniversary of the Tallinn Charter. At the side-event, Member States agreed on the proposed themes of the conference, which will focus on “Health systems for prosperity and solidarity: Leaving no one behind”.

**New WHO/Europe report sheds light on antibiotic consumption in eastern European and central Asian countries**

01-05-2017

A new WHO/Europe report collates and reviews surveillance data on the consumption of antimicrobial medicines in 11 non-European Union countries and Kosovo\* from 2011–2014, gathered through the WHO Antimicrobial Medicines Consumption (AMC) Network. The report indicates that consumption

across the surveyed countries varies widely. It concludes that the variation recorded may not be explained by population health problems alone, and calls for further investigation.

**Seminar strengthens leadership to implement public health reforms in Ukraine**

13-06-2017

High-level staff of the Ukraine Public Health Centre and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine benefited from a seminar organized in Kiev, on 20–21 April, to strengthen leadership for the ongoing large-scale public health reforms in the country.

**Expert meeting lays foundation for scaled-up action on strengthening public health services in Europe**

15-02-2017

WHO/Europe joined forces with champion countries and organizations from the international public health community to take the first step in forming a coalition of partners to develop and implement a joint agenda for action to strengthen public health services.