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# 1. EUPHA update

## **EUPHA comments on European Commission's White Paper on the Future of Europe**

EUPHA welcomes the Commission's White Paper on the Future of Europe as an opportunity to reflect on the direction that the European Union might take in the coming years. EUPHA calls upon the EU institutions to ensure that public health and health systems research are given due importance in order to enable European solutions, informed by evidence, to assist policy making in these challenging times.

Read the full statement [here](#).

## **New at EUPHA office**

Ms Maaïke Droogers started working - as scientific officer - for EUPHA this month. With a background in public health, she worked for various research institutes, NGOs and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). As scientific officer Maaïke supports EUPHA in enhancing its research and scientific profile and its presence in the European institutions in Brussels. In addition, she participates in the research projects and takes active part in the tasks of the EUPHA office.



## **EUPHA publishes first E-collection (Injury prevention and safety promotion)**

In collaboration with Oxford University Press, EUPHA has published its first e-collection on injury prevention and safety promotion. The president of our EUPHA section on Injury prevention and safety promotion, Dr Anne Lounamaa, has written the editorial for the selection of published articles in the EJPB in the past 5 years. E-collections are published to give special attention to a specific topic. E-collections are open access for a limited time period, so check out the first e-collection here.

[https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/pages/injury\\_prevention\\_safety\\_promotion](https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/pages/injury_prevention_safety_promotion)

## **EUPHA supports the 2018 World Congress on Migrant Health**

EUPHA is very proud to be an official supporter of the **1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health – Diversity and Health** organised from 17-19 May 2018 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

More information can be found at: <http://www.merhcongress.com/>

## **EUPHA past president Martin McKee to speak at WCPH2017**

Prof. Martin McKee will be one of the plenary speakers at the World Congress on Public Health, organised in Melbourne, Australia, from 3-7 April 2017. Prof. McKee will talk about: "Enemies of the people? Public health in the era of populist politics".

# 2. European Public Health Conference



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

## **Abstracts are invited**

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

## Registration

[Registration](#) for the 10th EPH Conference opens 1 April 2017. You can benefit from early bird registration fees until 1 September. We are expecting over 1,500 delegates. Meet your colleagues at the largest public health event in Europe and register early to benefit from the reduced rates. Please note that we succeeded in keeping the fees at the same level as last year. Early bird registration fees for EUPHA members are EUR 600. Non-members pay EUR 680, Students pay EUR 420 (all including VAT). Pre conferences can be booked online once the pre conference programme is completed in May. They can be added to your earlier made registration at all times.

## Lunch Symposiums, Exhibition

Raise your institute's or company's profile. The EPH Conference offers exceptional opportunities to network and gain valuable access to influential opinion-leaders, policy-makers and researchers. We offer interesting opportunities for lunch symposiums and exhibition stands. If you have plans, please contact [office@ephconference.eu](mailto:office@ephconference.eu)

## 3. EUPHA members update

### EuSPR is looking for early career professionals

EuSPR, the European Society for Prevention Research, is currently looking for early-career colleagues working in prevention research to join the Committee of the Early Careers Forum of the European Society for Prevention Research on a honorary basis. The call is available at <https://euspr.hypotheses.org/523>

### Netherlands Public Health Federation newsletter

In the NPHF newsletter of 13 March 2017, a blog is included discussing the limited access of a large group of the population to e-health possibilities. This may impact their health. The blog is written by Monica van Berkum, director of PHAROS (Dutch Centre of Expertise on Health Disparities). <http://nphf.nl/trckr.php>

### Spanish Society for Public Health and Administration (SESPAS)

SESPAS, together with AES (Spanish Health Economics Association) and SEE (Spanish Epidemiological Society), have decided to coordinate their respective annual scientific meetings into a "Congress of conferences". With the overall theme of **Science for action**, the conference will take place **September 6 to 8 in Barcelona, Spain**.

The scientific programme will include issues of great current relevance, determinants of population health such as global warming, social inequality in health, education and big data. Furthermore, the conference aims to contribute to the continuing existing association between European and global public health networks, and strengthen the role of SESPAS within national and international decision-making institutions. We are inviting **members from all European public health societies** to join us in Barcelona, at a conference where many sessions and keynote lectures will be held in English. More information: <http://congresosespas.es/sespas/en/>

## 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.

### Social Inequalities in Health and their Determinants

Supplement 1 to the European Journal of Public Health 2017

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/27...>

### Editorial

Sharing the burden: a new European Burden of Disease Network is formed

C. Stein, J. Newton

Eur J Public Health published April 2017  
[Full text]

#### Article

Associations between lifestyle factors and an unhealthy diet  
Heidi P. Fransen, Jolanda M.A. Boer, Joline W.J. Beulens, G. Ardine de Wit, H. Bas Bueno-de-Mesquita, Jeljer Hoekstra, Anne M. May, Petra H.M. Peeters  
Eur J Public Health published April 2017  
[Full text]

Living alone and unplanned hospitalizations among older adults: a population-based longitudinal study  
Clément Pimouguet Debora Rizzuto Marten Lagergren Laura Fratiglioni Weili Xu  
Eur J Public Health (2017) 27 (2): 251-256.  
[Full text]

Searching for sustainability within public health policy: insights from an injury prevention perspective  
Gail Errington Catrin Evans Michael C. Watson  
Eur J Public Health (2017) 27 (2): 334-339.  
[Full text]

## 5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

#### Vacancy at ECDC

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) invites applications for the following position: Expert Public Health Training and Capacity Building. The deadline for application is 10 April 2017. For more information, visit the ECDC website:  
<http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/jobs/Pages/JobOpportunities.aspx>

#### Instituto de Saúde Pública da Universidade do Porto (ISPUP)

ISPUP is hiring two assistant researchers for the project "Diabetes and obesity at the crossroads between Oncological and Cardiovascular diseases – a system analysis NETWORK towards precision medicine (DOCnet)".

##### Assistant Researcher – DOCNet - Cardiovascular Epidemiology

The successful candidate should have a PhD in Public Health, Medicine, Epidemiology or a related field and have relevant experience and publication track-record in Cardiovascular Epidemiology. Preference will be given to candidates with expertise in cohort studies projects. The initiative and critical thinking will also be taken into account in evaluating candidates. Two or more years of independent Post-Doctoral research in projects in this specific research area will be valuable. Excellent reading, writing and comprehension skills in English (mandatory).

**Call start and finish dates:** 13th of March and finish in the 30th of March 2017

**Applications must be sent by email to:** [secretaria@ispup.up.pt](mailto:secretaria@ispup.up.pt)

**Further information:** <http://ispup.up.pt/training-positions/other-positions/open-positions/12/>

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#### WHO is looking for a Technical Officer

Grade: P3, Fixed-Term Appointment, Contract duration: One year

Under the umbrella of the EHII, the main objective of the Health Information, Monitoring, and Analysis (HMA) Unit within the Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation (DIR) is to ensure (i) the collection of health statistics for policy-making; (ii) coordination of health information activities across major stakeholders; and (iii) adequate dissemination and use of statistics and health

information by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, WHO headquarters, Member States, and WHO partners and related organizations. The Unit also supports capacity building activities as well as the creation and implementation of multi-country and multi-stakeholders health information related networks in the Region.

More information: <https://tl-int.vcdp.who.int/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=1700337andlang=en>

### **World Obesity Federation is looking for an Executive Director**

Closing date 13 April 2017

The World Obesity Federation ([www.worldobesity.org](http://www.worldobesity.org)) is looking for an Executive Director to work with our members, trustees and staff to achieve our vision to drive forward global efforts to reduce, prevent and treat obesity. Candidates for this role will bring a proven track record of articulating and delivering a compelling vision and leading the growth of an organisation representing professional members of the scientific, medical and research communities from over 50 regional and national obesity associations. [Find out more here](#). [Download the job prospectus here](#)

### **McGill University is looking for Assistant or Associate Professor of Public and Population Health**

Faculty of Medicine – Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University.

Faculty members are responsible for conducting a strong research program and for supervising graduate trainees. The candidate will be expected to teach students in the graduate programs in Epidemiology and Public Health.

The successful candidate will have potential or proven ability to develop an internationally recognized research program in public and population health, health services or policy research and to obtain grants for his or her own research as well as to contribute to the building of successful research projects and programs.

More information: <http://www.mcgill.ca/medicine-academic/positionsavailable>

### **WHO EURO is asking for your input**

The WHO Collaborating Centre on Complex Health Systems Research, Knowledge and Action at Durham University is undertaking a survey to explore evidence-informed policy-making across Europe and you are invited to take part in a **research project assessing the capacity for evidence-informed policy-making in health across Europe**. You are invited to complete an online survey that should take around 45 minutes. To access the survey, please make use of the following links:

[https://durham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/eipacrosseurope\\_english](https://durham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/eipacrosseurope_english) (English)

### **Have your say on Erasmus+: European Commission invites citizens and organisations to give their views on Erasmus+ and its predecessor programmes**

The European Commission has launched a [public consultation](#) to seek the views of stakeholders and the general public on Erasmus+, as well as its predecessor programmes (Lifelong Learning, Youth in Action, Erasmus Mundus and other international higher education programmes).

The Commission welcomes feedback from all individuals and organisations with a stake in the programme through an [online questionnaire](#) available in all EU official languages. More information:

Public consultation: [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/consultations/erasmus-plus-mid-term-evaluation-2017\\_en?pk\\_campaign=chapeauandpk\\_kwd=mtr2017](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/consultations/erasmus-plus-mid-term-evaluation-2017_en?pk_campaign=chapeauandpk_kwd=mtr2017)

Online Questionnaire: <http://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90027560/2e966dd3b731>

## **6. Interesting news**

### **What will Donald Trump's presidency mean for health? A scorecard**

Prof Martin McKee, Scott L Greer, PhD, Prof David Stuckler

US Presidents make their mark on health, for better or worse. Donald Trump campaigned on a populist platform to “make America great again”. While the actual policies his administration will pursue—and the priority he will place on each of them—remain in many ways uncertain, both his statements and his nominations for key government posts suggest that his presidency could have profound implications for health. We propose criteria on which the global health community can judge the success or failure of a Trump presidency, based on a selection of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that apply to health.

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet...>

### **Fourth SEE Health Ministerial Forum in Chisinau, Moldova, 3 - 4 April 2017**

On 3 and 4 April 2017 ministers of the nine countries members of the South eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) will gather at their Fourth SEE Health Ministerial Forum in Chisinau, the Republic of Moldova. The Fourth Forum, under the theme "Health, well-being and prosperity in SEE by 2030 in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN", follows 15 years of SEE cooperation, streamlined towards the global and European efforts for achieving improved health, equity and accountability in health. The main purpose of the Forum is to introduce joint subregional and national actions in the SEE region for implementing and achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with the objective of better health, equity and accountability. More information: <http://seehn.org/fourth-see-health-ministerial-forum-in-chisinau-the-republic-of-moldova-03-and-04-april-2017/#>

### ***"Transforming the challenge of an ageing population into an opportunity. The experience of the European Regions"***

*The Italian Mattone Internazionale Salute Programme (ProMIS), in collaboration with the Reference Site Collaborative Network (RSCN) of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP-AHA) organized in Rome last March the 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> the RSCN meeting "Transforming the challenge of an ageing population into an opportunity. The experience of the European Regions" at the Ministry of Health premises. During the event remarkable speakers introduced the EIP-AHA Reference Sites Network, the Blueprint document on Digital Health and Silver Economy and the Twinning results in the framework of EIP-AHA. The Action Groups promoters had the opportunity to talk about their experiences and to share best practices on active and healthy ageing, while the 4 stars Reference Sites presented their integrated ecosystems based on a Quadruple helix model where government, industry, academia and civil participants work together, underlining the investments undertaken, the challenges tackled, the lessons learned and the scale up strategies to be implemented. Please click [here](#) for the presentations of the event.*

### **Patients more likely to get flu shots when doctors make appointments**

Doctors who take a proactive stance and schedule flu shots for patients can dramatically increase vaccination rates, new research has found. <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Popular charity heart screenings for teens may cause more problems than they solve**

Dozens of not-for-profit organizations have formed in the past decade to promote free or low-cost heart screenings for teens. These groups often claim such tests save lives by finding abnormalities that might pose a risk of sudden cardiac death. But the efforts are raising concerns. <http://khn.org/news/popular-charity-hear...>

### **Trans students face 'detrimental' health effects without Fed protection**

Transgender students who have been fighting for access to public facilities — including restrooms — that align with their gender identity are just going to have to hold it. That's the message LGBTQ advocates say President Donald Trump sent after his administration rescinded past guidance on transgender protections in public schools, which they fear opens trans students to physical and psychological harm. <http://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/w...>

### **WHO: These 12 bacteria pose greatest risk to human health**

Twelve types of bacteria were deemed "priorities" in urgent need of new antibiotics, according to a list released by the World Health Organization on Monday. The first list of its kind, it highlights bacteria that global health experts believe pose the greatest threats to human health. The WHO is calling on governments and pharmaceutical companies to prioritize the development of new drugs against them. <http://edition.cnn.com/2017/02/27/health...>

### **How to Get Patients to Take More Control of Their Medical Decisions**

For years, patients have been hearing the same message from the health-care industry: Get involved. They're told they need to do more to monitor their chronic conditions. They are directed to be more active in deciding what treatments to have, or whether to treat a condition at all. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/how-to-get-...>

### **Bad Diet in Teen Years Could Raise Later Breast Cancer Risk**

Here's a good reason to check what your kids are eating: women who remember having eaten poorly as teenagers were more likely to develop early breast cancer, researchers reported Wednesday. They found women who ate the most inflammatory diet – heavy in red meat, sodas, sweet foods and white flour – were up to a third more likely to develop breast cancer in their 20s, 30s or 40s compared to women who thrived on salads and whole grains.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/health/cancer/bad...>

### **Nervous system birth defects 20 times likelier for Zika-hit mothers, study finds**

Pregnant women infected with Zika are 20 times more likely to give birth to children with central nervous system birth defects such as abnormally small heads, a study from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found.

Researchers compared data about early brain malformations, microcephaly, eye defects, and other central nervous system problems in babies born in 2013 – before Zika reached the US – to the children of mothers infected with Zika in 2016.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/m...>

### **Some Melanoma Survivors Are Still Getting Too Much Sun Exposure**

People who have survived melanoma were more likely to protect themselves from sun exposure than those who hadn't experienced the disease, but a significant portion of them still reported getting a sunburn in the past year, among other behaviors that might increase the risk of a new cancer.

The study, which appears Thursday in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention, included 724 cancer survivors who had been diagnosed with melanoma, a potentially deadly form of skin cancer, between July 2004 and December 2007.

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

### **Polluted environments kill 1.7 million children a year: WHO**

A quarter of all global deaths of children under five are due to unhealthy or polluted environments including dirty water and air, second-hand smoke and a lack of adequate hygiene, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health...>

### **Syrian children in state of 'toxic stress', Save the Children says**

Millions of Syrian children could be living in a state of "toxic stress" due to prolonged exposure to the horrors of war, aid group Save the Children says.

The damage to an entire generation of children could soon become irreversible without immediate help, it adds.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-eas...>

### **Birth weight not a good proxy for population health**

Despite dramatic improvements in human health, babies' average birth-weights have not increased over the last 150 years reveals new research from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

United Kingdom

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

### **Should we commit to eradicate malaria worldwide?**

Should we commit to eradicate malaria worldwide? For the author of a new report, eradication is the only equitable and sustainable solution.

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

### **Air pollution can alter the effectiveness of antibiotics and increases the potential of disease, new study reveals**

New research has explored the impact of black carbon on bacteria in the respiratory tract. The study specifically looked into how air pollution affects the bacteria living in our bodies, specifically the respiratory tract -- the nose, throat and lungs.

United Kingdom

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

### **Research could lead to better vaccines and new antivirals**

Scientists have identified a new regulator of the innate immune response—the immediate, natural immune response to foreign invaders. The study suggests that therapeutics that modulate the regulator—an immune checkpoint—may represent the next generation of antiviral drugs, vaccine adjuvants, cancer immunotherapies, and treatments for autoimmune disease.

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

### **Broad cancer vaccine may be out of reach**

The high level of genetic diversity between individual tumors suggests that if it were to be developed, a broad cancer vaccine would be unlikely to work for more than 0.3 percent of the population, according to new research.

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

### **White paper on Value of innovation in oncology**

*On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017, the European Cancer Patient Coalition will present the White Paper "Value of Innovation in Oncology", its vision for sustainable, equitable and accessible innovation of cancer care in Europe, including 10 sets of recommendations to the EU and Member States.*

<http://www.ecpc.org/>

### **Patients lose sight after stem cells are injected into their eyes**

Three women suffered severe, permanent eye damage after stem cells were injected into their eyes, in an unproven treatment at a loosely regulated clinic in Florida, doctors reported in an article published Wednesday in The New England Journal of Medicine. The cases expose gaps in the ability of government health agencies to protect consumers from unproven treatments offered by entrepreneurs who promote the supposed healing power of stem cells.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/15/healt...>

### **The global tobacco control treaty has reduced smoking rates in its first decade, but more work is needed**

Despite worldwide progress since the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC) came into effect in 2005, not all key demand-reduction measures have been fully implemented at the same pace, but doing so could reduce tobacco use even further, say researchers.

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

### **Antenatal screening in Europe: How to avoid mother-to-child transmission of infections**

Transmission of infections with HIV, hepatitis B, syphilis or rubella from mother to child before and during birth as well as in infancy still occur across Europe -- despite existing prevention methods. A new report outlines the cornerstones for effective antenatal screening programs across the EU/EEA countries.

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

### **Rehabilitation 2030: A Call for Action**

There is a substantial and ever-increasing unmet need for rehabilitation worldwide, which is particularly profound in low- and middle-income countries. Bringing stakeholders together in the Rehabilitation 2030: A Call for Action meeting provided an invaluable opportunity for discussing the strategic direction for coordinated action and establishing joint commitments to raise the profile of rehabilitation as a health strategy relevant to the whole population, across the lifespan and across the continuum of care. Access all presentations and relevant material through the link:

<http://www.who.int/disabilities/care/rehab-2030/en/>

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

Title: **Health Economics for Public Health Practice and Research**  
 Date / location: 3 Apr 2017 - 5 Apr 2017 / Bangor, United Kingdom  
 Organiser: Bangor University

Title: **3rd Public Health Conference: Youth and Health**  
 Date / location: 6 Apr 2017 - 7 Apr 2017 / Tirgu Mures-Corunca, Italy  
 Organiser: Sapienza University

Title: **Evidence Meets Decisions Makers - Better Use of Evidence for Better Health**  
 Date / location: 6 Apr 2017 / Basel, Switzerland  
 Organiser: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

Title: **25th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services**  
 Date / location: 12 Apr 2017 - 14 Apr 2017 / Vienna, Austria  
 Organiser: Austrian HPH-Network and WHO-CC for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care at Austrian Public Health Institute

Title: **Obesity: Tipping Back the Scales of the Nation**  
 Date / location: 19 Apr 2017 / Manchester, United Kingdom  
 Organiser: Open Forum Events

Title: **Dementia: Implementing Better Care**  
 Date / location: 20 Apr 2017 / Manchester, United Kingdom  
 Organiser: Open Forum Events

Title: **Course: Introduction to Health Technology Assessment**  
 Date / location: 2 May 2017 - 5 May 2017 / Tyrol, Austria  
 Organiser: UMIT, the health and life sciences university

Title: **European Diabetes Epidemiology Group Annual Meeting**  
 Date / location: 6 May 2017 - 9 May 2017 / Dubrovnik, Croatia  
 Organiser: : EASD European Diabetes Epidemiology Group EDEG / Croatian Institute of Public Health CIPH

Title: **EU Falls Festival 2017**  
 Date / location: 8 May 2017 - 9 May 2017 / Amsterdam, Netherlands  
 Organiser: EU Falls Festival

Title: **eHealthWeek 2017**  
 Date / location: 10 May 2017 - 12 May 2017 / Malta  
 Organiser: Maltese Ministry for Health, EC, HIMSS Europe

Title: **10th Annual World Cancer Congress (WCC-2017)**  
 Date / location: 19 May 2017 - 21 May 2017 / Barcelona, Spain  
 Organiser: BIT

Title: **Social Sciences and Health Innovations: Making Health Public**  
 Date / location: 22 May 2017 - 24 May 2017 / Tomsk, Russia  
 Organiser: Tomsk Stat University and Maastricht University

Title: **RCPE Symposium: Public Health in a changing world**  
Date / location: 31 May 2017 / Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

Title: **2017 Edition of the Summer School on Modern Methods in Biostatistics and Epidemiology**  
Date / location: 4 Jun 2017 - 17 Jun 2017 / Treviso, Italy

Title: **Old tensions, emerging paradoxes in health: rights, knowledge, and trust**  
Date / location: 7 Jun 2017 - 8 Jun 2017 / Lisbon, Portugal  
Organiser: European Society for Health and Medical Sociology

Title: **EHMA 2017 Annual Conference**  
Date / location: 13 Jun 2017 - 15 Jun 2017 / Milan, Italy  
Organiser: European Health Management Association - EHMA

Title: **Health Economics, Management and Policy Conference Athens Greece**  
Date / location: 19 Jun 2017 - 22 Jun 2017 / Athens, Greece  
Organiser: Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)

Title: **Public Health Beyond Borders - driving change with evidence**  
Date / location: 20 Jun 2017 - 21 Jun 2017 / Telford, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Faculty of Public Health and National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Title: **5th EUFEP Congress 2017: Child and Adolescent Health - A mere Child's Play? Public Service Obligation and Parental Responsibilities**  
Date / location: 21 Jun 2017 - 22 Jun 2017 / Kloser Und, Krems, Austria  
Organiser: Danube University Krems

Title: **Going beyond the salt shaker**  
Date / location: 27 Jun 2017 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: European Salt Producers' Association - EuSalt

Title: **healtheurope Amsterdam**  
Date / location: 28 Jun 2017 - 29 Jun 2017 / Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Organiser: healtheurope

Title: **Summer school on Health law and ethics**  
Date / location: 28 Jun 2017 - 7 Jul 2017 / Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Organiser: Erasmus University

Title: **ECCE Summer Program on Medicine**  
Date / location: 1 Jul 2017 - 31 Jul 2017 / Prague, Czech Republic  
Organiser: European Centre for Career Education (ECCE)

Title: **9th International Shared Decision Making Conference**  
Date / location: 2 Jul 2017 - 5 Jul 2017 / Lyon, France  
Organiser: University of Lyon

Title: **Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations (APHES)**  
Date / location: 3 Jul 2017 - 14 Jul 2017 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED)

Title: **UCL Health and Society Summer School: Social Determinants of Health**  
 Date / location: 3 Jul 2017 - 7 Jul 2017 / London, United Kingdom  
 Organiser: UCL

Title: **Children and Young People's Mental Health: Taking early action**  
 Date / location: 6 Jul 2017 / London, United Kingdom  
 Organiser: Open Forum Events

Title: **European Training Consortium summer school - Public Health Assets**  
 Date / location: 16 Jul 2017 - 29 Jul 2017 / Alicante, Spain  
 Organiser: European Training Consortium in Public Health and Health Promotion

Title: **Barcelona Global Health Summer School 2017: Innovation, Access and Health**  
 Date / location: 16 Jul 2017 - 21 Jul 2017 / Barcelona, Spain  
 Organiser: Barcelona Global Health Summer School

Title: **European Observatory Summer School 2017**  
 Date / location: 23 Jul 2017 - 29 Jul 2017 / San Servolo, Venice  
 Organiser: European Observatory

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: **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: **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: **FFC's 22nd International Conference on Functional Foods and Chronic Diseases**  
 Date / location: 22 Sep 2017 - 23 Sep 2017 / Boston, United States  
 Organiser: Functional Food Center

Title: **14th International Conference on Urban Health**  
 Date / location: 26 Sep 2017 - 29 Sep 2017 / Coimbra, Portugal  
 Organiser: ISUH

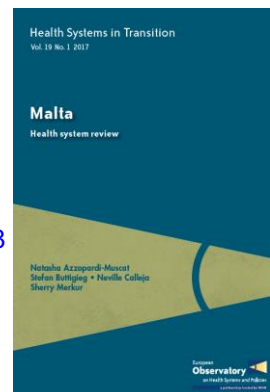
Title: **International Course: Introduction to Epidemiology**  
 Date / location: 16 Oct 2017 - 20 Oct 2017 / Rome, Italy  
 Organiser: SItI and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

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

## 8. Interesting publications

New HiT to mark Malta's EU Presidency

Malta's HiT has been updated to mark its EU Presidency and shows that the Maltese health system has been making remarkable progress. People live in good health, avoidable mortality has fallen and unmet need is low. People still choose to use private primary care and continue to pay more out of pocket than in many EU countries despite Malta's universal coverage. Authors: Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, Stefan Buttigieg, Neville Calleja, Sherry Merkur  
<http://who.us4.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=bb832ff4c9f8efad547ffcf69&id=e48e2dd22a&e=fb82f62761>



### **The contribution of poor and rural populations to national trends in reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health coverage: analyses of cross-sectional surveys from 64 countries**

Cesar G Victora, Aluisio J D Barros, Giovanni V A França, Inácio C M da Silva, Lilita Carvajal-Velez, Agbessi Amouzou  
*Lancet Glob Health* 2017; 5: e402–07  
<http://bit.ly/2n3oknN>

### **Strengthening health systems to provide rehabilitation services**

Etienne Krug and Alarcos Cieza  
*Bull World Health Organ* 2017;95:167  
<http://bit.ly/2myb8l2>

### **Socioeconomic status and non-communicable disease behavioural risk factors in low-income and lower-middle-income countries: a systematic review**

Luke Allen, Julianne Williams, Nick Townsend, Bente Mikkelsen, Nia Roberts, Charlie Foster, Kremlin Wickramasinghe  
*The Lancet Global Health*, v5(3) March 2017

<http://bit.ly/2kUTq1a>

**Equity in global health research in the new millennium: trends in first-authorship for randomized controlled trials among low- and middle-income country researchers 1990-2013**

*Margaret Kelaher, Lye Ng, Kieran Knight, Arie Rahadi*

*International Journal of Epidemiology*

<http://bit.ly/2nhLmaq>

**What kind of divorce: a clean, hard Brexit or a messy, confrontational Brexfast?**

*Fabian Zuleeg*

[http://www.epc.eu/documents/uploads/pub\\_...](http://www.epc.eu/documents/uploads/pub_...)

**A novel bio-psycho-social approach for rehabilitation of traumatized victims of torture and war in the post-conflict context: a pilot randomized controlled trial in Kosovo**

*Shr-Jie Wang, Ardiana Bytyçi, Selvi Izeti, Melita Kallaba, Feride Rushiti, Edith Montgomery and Jens Modvig*

*Conflict and Health*, 201710:34

<http://conflictandhealth.biomedcentral.c...>

## 9. European Commission news

**Strategic investments for the future of healthcare**

<http://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/...>

**Health indicators Indicators on long-term activity limitations (ECHI 35) updated with 2015 Eurostat data**

<https://ec.europa.eu/health/indicators/e...>

**Health indicators - Indicators on self-reported chronic morbidity (ECHI 34) updated with 2015 Eurostat data**

<http://ec.europa.eu/health/indicators/ec...>

**Nutrition and physical activity**

Study on the implementation of the EU Action Plan on Childhood Obesity 2014-2020

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

**Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 11, 16 March 2017**

**In this issue:**

Extensive exposure of imported and resident camels to MERS-CoV and existence of virus circulation in camels in Egypt.

**RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Yellow fever in a traveller returning from Suriname to the Netherlands, March 2017

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22744>

Increasing evidence of tick-borne encephalitis (TBE) virus transmission, the Netherlands, June 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22738>

**RESEARCH**

Use of WHONET-SaTScan system for simulated real-time detection of antimicrobial resistance clusters in a hospital in Italy, 2012 to 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22740>

**SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT**

Cross-sectional surveillance of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) in dromedary camels and other mammals in Egypt, August 2015 to January 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22743>

#### LETTER

Letter to the editor: Pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV in Europe: The need for resistance surveillance  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22739>

#### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 10, 09 March 2017**

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

Sex matters – Dutch analysis of invasive pneumococcal disease and impact of pneumococcal conjugate vaccination highlights differences between outcome in men and women

#### SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Sex differences in invasive pneumococcal disease and the impact of pneumococcal conjugate vaccination in the Netherlands, 2004 to 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22737>

#### LETTERS

Letter to the editor: Just a coincidence? Two severe human cases due to swine influenza (SIV) A(H1N1)v in Europe, October 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22734>

Authors' reply: Two severe human cases due to swine influenza A (H1N1)v in October 2016 in Europe were chronologic coincident yet distinct events

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22736>

#### NEWS

WHO recommendations on the composition of the 2017/18 influenza virus vaccines in the northern hemisphere

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22735>

#### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 9, 02 March 2017**

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

MLVA of *S. Enteritidis* delivers internationally comparable results in inter-laboratory validation study

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Emerging highly pathogenic H5 avian influenza viruses in France during winter 2015/16: phylogenetic analyses and markers for zoonotic potential

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22729>

Multi-laboratory validation study of multilocus variable-number tandem repeat analysis (MLVA) for *Salmonella enterica* serovar Enteritidis, 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22730>

#### PERSPECTIVE

Towards elimination of hepatitis B and C in European Union and European Economic Area countries: monitoring the World Health Organization's global health sector strategy core indicators and scaling up key interventions

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22728>

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Increasing proportion of new HIV diagnoses in Ireland previously diagnosed elsewhere – potential impact on estimating incidence

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22726>

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2017;22(8)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22727>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 12, 23 March 2017**

### **In this issue:**

On World Tuberculosis Day 2017 we present articles on different aspects of challenges for TB elimination in Europe.

#### **EDITORIAL**

Ending tuberculosis in risk groups in Europe: challenges from travel and population movement  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22748>

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATION**

Tuberculosis notification rate decreases faster in residents of native origin than in residents of foreign origin in the EU/EEA, 2010 to 2015  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22742>

#### **REVIEW**

Yield of active screening for tuberculosis among asylum seekers in Germany: a systematic review and meta-analysis  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22746>

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLE**

Contact investigation after a fatal case of extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) in an aircraft, Germany, July 2013  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22749>

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

Risk of tuberculosis among air passengers estimated by interferon gamma release assay: survey of contact investigations, Japan, 2012 to 2015  
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22747>

## **11. WHO news**

### **WHO issues ethics guidance to protect rights of TB patients**

New tuberculosis (TB) ethics guidance, launched today by the World Health Organization (WHO), aims to help ensure that countries implementing the End TB Strategy adhere to sound ethical standards to protect the rights of all those affected.

The new WHO ethics guidance addresses contentious issues such as, the isolation of contagious patients, the rights of TB patients in prison, discriminatory policies against migrants affected by TB, among others. It emphasizes five key ethical obligations for governments, health workers, care providers, nongovernmental organizations, researchers and other stakeholders.

### **NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM WHO - FEBRUARY 2017**

#### [Selected practice recommendations for contraceptive use](#)

This document is the third edition of WHO's selected practice recommendations for contraceptive use. It provides guidance regarding "how" to use contraceptive methods safely and effectively. .../...

#### [Survey of the quality of medicines identified by the United Nations Commission on life saving commodities for women and children](#)

This publication presents the results of a survey of the quality of 13 essential but overlooked life-saving commodities identified by the UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Woman and Children. .../...

#### [Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Vol. 22 No. 12. 2016](#)

The EMHJ was launched in 1995 as a peer-reviewed medical journal. Starting January 2010, the Journal has been given a new format and is now published monthly. .../...

#### [Interventions for the Control of Non-typhoidal Salmonella spp. in Beef and Pork](#)

Non-typhoidal Salmonella spp. (hereafter simply referred to as Salmonella) are estimated to cause 93.8 million cases of acute gastroenteritis and 155 000 deaths globally each year, approximately 85% of which are estimated to be foodborne. .../...

#### [Personal protective equipment for use in a filovirus disease outbreak. Rapid advice guideline](#)

Filoviruses (Ebola and Marburg) are highly contagious pathogens, which cause severe and often fatal illness in humans. Health workers are at increased risk of infection with these viruses because of their close and prolonged contact with severely ill patients with a high viral load. .../...

#### [Selection and application of methods for the detection and enumeration of human-pathogenic halophilic Vibrio spp in seafood](#)

One of the challenges in the development of global risk assessments for halophilic Vibrio spp. has been the availability of appropriate datasets from around the world which could be considered to be representative of the range of conditions under which halophilic Vibrio spp. .../...

#### [Pharmaceutical regulation in 15 European Countries](#)

The Health Systems in Transition (HiT) series consists of country-based reviews that provide a detailed description of a health system and of reform and policy initiatives in progress or under development in a specific country. Each review is produced by country experts in collaboration with the Observatory's staff. .../...

#### [Bulletin of WHO Vol. 95 No.02, 2017](#)

The Bulletin of the World Health Organization is an international journal of public health with a special focus on developing countries. Since it was first published in 1948, the Bulletin has become one of the world's leading public health journals. .../...