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1. EUPHA – ASPHER 2009: Lodz, Poland

The preparations for the 2nd Joint European Public Health Conference in Lodz, Poland (25 to 28 November 2009) are well on its way. The decisions on all abstracts have been sent to the submitters. If you have not yet received your decision, please contact office@eupha.org.

The preliminary (detailed) programme will be available as of mid-July on the EUPHA and ASPHER websites: www.eupha.org and www.aspher.org

INFORMATION ABOUT LODZ

The new conference centre in Lodz, Poland

The Andel's hotel is the newly opened conference centre in Lodz. It is situated in an old textile factory, which is completely renovated and includes a hotel, conference centre, shopping mall, museum, several bars and numerous restaurants.

How to get to Lodz:

Lodz airport only has few flights arriving per day, mainly from London (STN), Vienna and Copenhagen. Please note that these flights are not on a daily basis. Warsaw airport has more possibilities. The transfer from Warsaw Airport to Lodz can be done:
- by PKS bus (leaving a bus stop near front gate of arrival hall of the airport)
- by train (leaving Warszawa Centralna railway station which you can reach by taking city bus No. 175. The trip takes 1 hour 30 minutes and the fare is 32 PLN. More info in English at: www.intercity.pl or www.rozklad-pkp.pl)
- by taxi (taxi fare from Warsaw to Lodz is about 300 PLN depending on the number of passengers)

- The local organizers are looking into a bus service from Warsaw airport directly to the Andel's hotel in Lodz.
2. Call for proposals

Promising Agriculture & Food policies and innovations to better health and nutrition in Latin America and the Caribbean

Deadline for the submission of proposals: September 4, 2009

This Request for Proposals will fund 3 research proposals that aim to show how existing or potential agriculture and food policies or technological innovations (e.g. biotechnology) can make a contribution to population health and diet with focus on obesity and non-communicable disease in Latin America and the Caribbean. Proposals that incorporate issues of agriculture sustainability, preservation of culinary traditions or promote collaboration between agriculture and public health professionals are particularly encouraged.

The policies under scrutiny are expected to show potential or actual population impact on health/nutrition by way of modifying one or some of the following aspects: agriculture and trade policies, food security, food and nutrition policies and consumer behaviors (e.g. food-purchasing behavior and food consumption patterns).

Proposals must include:
- Show potential or actual population impact on health/nutrition as a result of manipulating some of the following aspects: agriculture and trade policies, food security issues, food and nutrition policies, food marketing and consumer behaviors;
- Original analysis or interpretation of (existing) data must support project’s main thesis or proposition;
- Show collaboration of public health scientists and experts on agriculture or food policy;
- Projects that incorporate issues of agriculture sustainability or preservation of culinary traditions are a plus.

Eligible Applicants: The Principal-Investigator must be an “in-country” professional from any of the region’s countries (Latin American & the Caribbean) and must be affiliated to an institution with identifiable research experience; Email applications with a Subject: PAHO RFP FOOD POLICY & HEALTH must be sent to Dr. Enrique Jacoby, email addresses: jacobyen@paho.org with copy to bennette@paho.org no later than September 4, 2009, 02:00PM (US Eastern Time).

Consultancy on the Social Determinants of Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases

Call for Expression of Interest in a Consultancy on the Social Determinants of Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases in Latin America and the Caribbean

Deadline for submission of applications: 10 July 2009.

This Call is an initiative of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), in the context of its Program for the Elimination of Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases.

“...The purpose of the consultancy is to analyze the social determinants of health associated with neglected infectious diseases (NIDs) (i.e. living conditions, cultural factors, etc.), as well as possible key interventions to mitigate them in order to reduce the burden of selected NIDs that can be targeted through mass drug administration (MDA)—i.e. onchocerciasis, lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil-transmitted helminthiasis, and trachoma—as well as other diseases that could be part of an integrated plan, including Chagas disease, rabies transmitted by dogs, plague, leprosy, leishmaniasis, and congenital syphilis, among others.

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Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)
525 Twenty-Third Street NW Washington, DC, 20037-2895, USA
Phone: (+1-202) 974-3191 E-mail: aguilerax@paho.org
Consultancy on Disease Mapping and Modeling for Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases
Call for Expression of Interest in a Consultancy on:
Disease Mapping and Modeling for Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases in Latin America and the Caribbean
Deadline for submission of applications: 10 July 2009
Website: http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1509&Itemid=259&lang=en
This Call is an initiative of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), in the context of its Program for the Elimination of Neglected and Other Poverty-Related Diseases. PAHO/WHO Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control Area, Communicable Diseases Project
The purpose of the consultancy is to conduct or improve disease mapping of the selected neglected infectious diseases (NIDs) that can be targeted through mass drug administration (MDA), i.e. onchocerciasis, lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil-transmitted helminthiasis, and trachoma, as well as other diseases that could be part of an integrated plan, including Chagas disease, rabies transmitted by dogs, plague, leprosy, leishmaniasis, and congenital syphilis, among others.

This will require deciding on the level of disaggregation (in consultation with PAHO/HSD/CD), according to the population size that will provide the best information for NID strategy and that will be the most feasible, given the time constraints and technical and financial resources dedicated to this exercise.

Consultation on the first phase of the Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England Post 2010 (Marmot Review) is open

The review team is also asking for submissions of evidence and best practice.

The Review wishes to consult a wide range of Individuals, Groups and Organisations. The views drawn from the consultation will inform the ongoing work of the Review and feed into the second phase of the Review, due to report in September 2009. Responses to the consultation will be considered alongside further evidence and expert and stakeholder views.

The consultation commenced on 22nd June 2009 and closes on 5th August 2009.
Responses should be emailed by 5 August 2009 to Ilaria Geddes i.geddes@public-health.ucl.ac.uk

Website: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/gheg/marmotreview/consultation

3. Interesting news

Open Letter
Dear:
Commission President, Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso
Commissioner for Environment, Mr. Stavros Dimas
Commissioner for Health, Ms. Androulla Vassiliou
cc: Ministers of Health of Member States of the European Union

RE: Improving health representation in climate change discussions and outcomes
Call for EU Health delegation at climate change talks

The coming days are crucial to the preparations for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting in Copenhagen in December 2009. We call on you to ensure a
high-level delegation of EU Health Ministers and officials take part in the preparatory meetings and in Copenhagen.

Human health is already being seriously affected by climate change. Global warming causes 300,000 deaths per year and increasingly severe heatwaves, floods, storms and forest fires could increase the annual death toll to 500,000 by 2030, according to a report published by the Global Humanitarian Forum, the think tank of former UN secretary general Kofi Annan in May 2009.1 Yet, the health benefits of tackling climate change are numerous. For example, our recently co-published report2 shows that if the European Union increased its target on greenhouse gas emission reductions from the present 20% to 30% then the total savings from health ‘co-benefits’ could reach an additional 25 billion Euros per year by 2020. These savings are due to cleaner air that would mean fewer premature deaths among people with existing respiratory problems, 5,300 fewer cases of bronchitis, and 2,800 fewer hospital admissions each year.

It is essential that the health sector has a fair chance to bring attention to serious human health concerns and to focus policy solutions on measures that would bring the most benefits to human health and society at large.

The health sector is already taking measures to address its climate footprint while simultaneously promoting health. In a recent document3 co-produced by the World Health Organisation (WHO), we also call on the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009 to specifically promote and facilitate climate change mitigation by the health sector. Prioritising primary health care and pursuing disease prevention strategies, in order to lower dependence on resource-intensive therapies, can simultaneously reduce the burden of disease and the health sector's fossil fuel consumption.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that health becomes a cornerstone of international and EU climate change policy.

Sincerely,
Genon Jensen, Executive Director Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL)
Anja Leetz Executive Director Healthcare Without Harm Europe (HCWH E)

European Medicines Agency (EMEA) Patient and Consumer Working Party (PCWP)

Developments
The EMEA PCWP ad hoc working group of patient organisations has developed a Code of Practice between Patient Organisations and the Healthcare Industry. All patient groups are invited to adopt and sign up for the Code (see the end of this article) that is intended for guidance on relations between patient organisations and industry. It does not attempt to be exhaustive, but identifies some challenges and solutions based on experiences, and defines a set of basic principles and recommendations. EPF took also part in the development of the Code. Organisations who sign up for the Code will be listed at the end of the document. In January, EMEA held a workshop on their developing transparency policy and expectations of different stakeholders for such a policy, transparency being one of EMEA’s priorities for 2009.

The presentations are available at:

Virtual Academy for Health launched: citizens, policy makers, higher education students, research community and health care professionals are invited to join the Virtual Academy now

The international consortium of the EU project whole has developed and launched a Virtual Academy for Health: a unique virtual space created for exchanging and gaining knowledge on European healthcare issues that fosters the use of ICT for learning, exchange, and collaboration in the healthcare sector, multiplies and furthermore consolidates dialogue arenas among policy makers, students, researchers, healthcare professionals and citizens.

The development of the Virtual Academy is a reaction to recent developments and changes in the field of innovation in European public health systems. Moreover initiatives of the European Union and the World Health Organization, have pinpointed the necessity of fostering cooperation and exchanges
across boundaries in the healthcare sector, so as to enhance the quality, access, openness and innovation of healthcare education. Information technologies have already unfolded their potential and have proven to be successful in achieving these objectives, e.g. through the spectacular development of e-health and communities of practices worldwide. However, it is fundamental to federate and further encourage these innovations by providing a virtual meeting point for the multiplication of their impact, what Virtual Academy for Health is.

Every two weeks a new online discussion with experts on the subject is launched in a form of a public forum on the Virtual Academy. For the discussion themes, please see section “Public forums”. Your active contribution to forum discussions will be highly appreciated and of great value, since it will also help defining future European strategies for the exchange of good practices and the creation of solutions for problems.

Moreover, within the project WHOLE "European Master’s degree for Intercultural and Societal Healthcare Studies" is being developed: the first Master’s degree at international level which aims to explore and provide innovative content in the field of healthcare policies and strategies. Together with the German, Greek, Slovenian, British, Italian universities and research centres (for full details about the partners please visit http://hrzserv10.zki.hs-magdeburg.de/moodle/file.php/36/project_partners.pdf), the Master’s degree will focus on themes that are the results of a consultation and research at an international level. The objective is to have a modular and flexible Master’s degree which addresses the needs of professionals of the sectors and develops solutions applicable in the work environment. Master’s level modules will be available from September 2009 onwards. The primary target groups are students and healthcare professionals. For more on modules learning and content structure please visit http://hrzserv10.zki.hs-magdeburg.de/moodle/course/view.php?id=47&topic=1.

For further information please visit www.whole-academy.eu.

4. Upcoming courses and conferences

Going International (Partner of EUPHA)
Going International (GI) promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of GI is the international course catalogue "medicine & health", a unique annual publication listing courses and congresses in the fields of biomedicine, public health and development cooperation. For further information: http://www.going-international.at/index.php?lang=EN

Title: NIHES | Erasmus Summer Programme 2009 – Time to get in shape! 4 keynote speeches and 27 courses in just 3 weeks
Date: 10-28 August 2009
Place: Rotterdam, Netherlands
Organiser: NIHES, Erasmus University
More information: www.erasmussummerprogramme.nl

Title: Leadership in Health Promotion - Complexity, innovation and closing the gap of implementation
Date: 17-21 August 2009
Place: Lugano, Switzerland
Organiser: Swiss School of Public Health+ (SSPH+)
More information: www.ssphplus.ch/IMG/pdf/ssph_broch_Summer_2009_course

Title: AHRQ's 2009 Annual Conference
Research to Reform: Achieving Health System Change
Date: 13-16 September 2009
Place: Bethesda, US
Organiser: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
More information: http://www.ahrq.gov/about/annlconf09.htm

Title: 1st European Congress on Environmental Pathologies
Date: 9-10 October 2009
Place: Zenith of Rouen, France
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<td>Second symposium of public health investigating methods with</td>
<td>14-15 October 2009</td>
<td>Trnava, Slovak Republic</td>
<td>Faculty of Health Care and Social Care, Trnava University, Slovak Republic</td>
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5. Interesting publications

Theory versus Practice: Discussing the Governance of Health Technology Assessment Systems
Paul Healy and Dr Meir P. Pugatch
Stockholm 5 Network 2009

A Quantitative Tool for Workforce Planning in Healthcare: Example Simulations
Jasmina Behan, Nora Condon, Ivica Milic’ević, Caroline Shally
Skills and Labour Market Research Unit (SLMRU) - Planning & Research Department, FÁS
Dublin Ireland – June 2009
Available online as PDF [136p.] at: http://www.skillsireland.ie/media/egfsn090617_healthcare_report.pdf

Health Systems in Transition - Israel Health system review
Bruce Rosen, Hadar Samuel
Edited by Sherry Merkur, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
World Health Organization 2009 on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Chronic disease management and the use of remote patient monitoring
LSE Health, London School of Economics and Political Science
Eurohealth Volume 15 Number 1, 2009
Available online at: http://www.euro.who.int/document/OBS/Eurohealth15_1.pdf

How can European health systems support investment in and the implementation of population health strategies?
David McDaid, Michael Drummond, Marc Suhrcke.
Policy Brief – Health Systems and Policy Analysis
World Health Organization, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
2008
Available online PDF [36p.] at: http://www.euro.who.int/document/hsm/1_hsc08_ePB_2.pdf

Public Health Law 101
US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Website: http://www2a.cdc.gov/phlp/phl101/

Comparative Effectiveness Research and Evidence-Based Health Policy: Experience from Four Countries
Kalipso Chalidou, Sean Tunis, Ruth Lopert, Lise Rochaix, Peter T. Sawicki, Mona Nasser, and Bertrand Xerri
Available online at: http://www.milbank.org/quarterly/8702feat.html

A health disparities perspective on obesity research
Paula Braveman
Available at: http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2009/jul/09_0012.htm

How are Canadians Really doing?
The first report of the Institute of Wellbeing
Available online PDF [41p.] at: http://www.ciw.ca/Libraries/Documents/FirstReportOfTheInstituteOfWellbeing.sflb.ashx

Tackling Health Inequities in Chile:
Maternal, Newborn, Infant, and Child Mortality Between 1990 and 2004
Global status report on road safety  
World Health Organization, Department of Violence & Injury Prevention & Disability (VIP)  
Geneva, Switzerland – June 2009  
Available online at:  

A Healthy, Productive Canada: a determinant of health approach  
The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology  
Available online as PDF file [59p.] at:  
http://www.parl.gc.ca/40/2/parlbus/commbus/senate/com-e/popu-e/rep-e/rephealth1jun09-e.pdf

Hygeia’s Constellation: Navigating Health Futures in a Dynamic and Democratic World  
Bobby Milstein  
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Syndemics Prevention Network - April 15, 2008  
Available online PDF [124p.] at:  

The Australian Health Care System: the potential for efficiency gains: a review of the literature  
Emily Hurley, Ian McRae, Ian Bigg, Liz Stackhouse, Anne-Marie Boxall and Peter Broadhead  
Background paper prepared for the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission  
Australia, June 2009  

The Goals of Public Health: An Integrated, Multidimensional Model  
Christian Munthe.  
Website: http://phe.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/1/1/39

Building A High-Value Nurse Workforce  
Recession Is Easing Nurse Shortage, But Longer-Term Shortage Still Looms  
Health Affairs - A grant from the Center to Champion Nursing in America, a joint initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, June 12, 2009  
You can read all of the studies at http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/hlthaff.28.4.w620/DC2

Healthy States/Healthy Nation: Essays for a New Administration and a New Congress  
by Members of the Reforming States Group co-published by the Reforming States Group and the Milbank Memorial Fund - May 2009  
Available online PDF [64p.] at:  

Nutritional Research Series:  
Advancing the Role of Evidence-based Reviews in Nutrition Research and Applications  
Volume 1: Application of Systematic Review Methodology to the Field of Nutrition  
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - AHRQ Publication No. 09-0025 January 2009  
Available online as PDF file [36p.] at:  

Methods for the development of NICE public health guidance  
National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, London  
(second edition) April 2009  
Measuring disparities in health status and in access and use of health care in OECD countries
Michael de Looper and Gaetan Lafortune
OECD Health Working Papers No. 43
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2009
Available online as PDF file [55p.] at:

The obesity epidemic: analysis of past and projected future trend in selected OECD countries
Franco Sassi, Marion Devaux, Michele Cecchini and Elena Rusticelli
OECD Health Working Papers No. 45
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2009
Available online as PDF file [81p.] at:
http://www.olis.oecd.org/olis/2009doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT00000EFE/$FILE/JT03261624.PDF

Financial incentives for return of service in underserved areas: a systematic review
Till Barnighausen, David E Bloom
Available online as PDF file [52p.] at: http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1472-6963-9-86.pdf

Does ratification of human-rights treaties have effects on population health?
Available online at: http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60231-2/fulltext

Towards a common definition of global health
Jeff rey P Koplan, T Christopher Bond, Michael H Merson, K Srinath Reddy, Mario Henry Rodriguez, Nelson K Sewankambo, Judith N Wasserheit,
The Lancet, Volume 373, Issue 9679, 6 June 2009
Available online at: http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current

Knowledge to policy: Making the Most of Development Research
Fred Carden.
International Development Research Centre (IDRC), 2009
Available online at IDRC website: http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-135779-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

Infodemiology and Infoveillance: Framework for an Emerging Set of Public Health Informatics
Methods to Analyze Search, Communication and Publication Behavior on the Internet
Gunther Eysenbach
Journal of Medical Internet Research, 2009
Available online at: http://www.jmir.org/2009/1/e11/HTML

Setting priorities for global mental health research
Mark Tomlinson , Igor Rudan , Shekhar Saxena , Leslie Swartz , Alexander C Tsai & Vikram Patel e
Bulletin of the World Health Organization - Volume 87, Number 6, June 2009, 405-484
Available online at: http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/87/6/08-054353/en/index.html

Fair tests of health-care policies and treatments: a request for help from readers
Andrew D Oxman  & Iain Chalmers
Available online at: http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/87/6/09-066787/en/index.html

The U.S. Commitment to Global Health: Recommendations for the Public and Private Sectors
Committee on the U.S. Commitment to Global Health; Institute of Medicine – May 20, 2009
Available online at: http://www.nap.edu/catalog/12642.html

Introduction to Evidence-Informed Public Health
and a Compendium of Critical Appraisal Tools for Public Health Practice
London’s Poverty Profile
Tom MacInnes and Peter Kenway
UK City Parochial Foundation (CPF), New Policy Institute - 2009
Full report available online PDF [100p.] at:
Website: http://www.londonspovertyprofile.org.uk/

State Policy Guide: Using Research in Public Health Policymaking
The US Council of State Governments, 2008

Toward international primary care reform
Barbara Starfield.
Available online at: http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/180/11/1091?etoc

Financing health care in the European Union: challenges and policy responses
Sarah Thomson, Thomas Foubister and Elias Mossialos
World Health Organization 2009, on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Reducing health inequities through action on the social determinants of health
Sixty Second World Health Assembly - WHA62.14 - Agenda item 12.5
22 May 2009

Primary health care, including health system strengthening
Sixty Second World Health Assembly - WHA62.12 - Agenda item 12.4
22 May 2009

Modelling health care expenditures
Overview of the literature and evidence from a panel time series model
Roel van Elk, Esther Mot, Philip Hans Franses
CPB Discussion Paper - No 121 - February 2009
CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis - The Hague, the Netherlands
Available online as PDF file [37p.] at: http://www.cpb.nl/eng/pub/cpbreeksen/discussie/121/disc121.pdf

6. European Commission: update

- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks
  Scientific Hearing on Nanotechnology - Public Consultation Deadline for submission of comments extended until 30 June 2009

- Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety
  Request for a scientific opinion on Titanium Dioxide UV Filters section

- Threats to health: HIV/AIDS
  Call for the expression of interest to become a member of the EU HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum
• **Overview of health strategy: Health Policy Forum**
  New document: The EU Health Policy Forum Strategic Priorities Including Specific Priorities for 2009-2010

• **Health determinants: Mental health and Well-being**
  Statements of support for the Pact are now available

• **Health determinants: Mental health and well-being**

• **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks**
  Request for a scientific opinion on the environmental and health risks posed by depleted uranium Risk Assessment section

• **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety**
  New requests for scientific opinions under the UV Filters section

• **Health determinants: Mental health and Well-being**

• **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety**
  New requests for scientific opinions under the UV Filters section

• **Health determinants: Nutrition and physical activity**
  Salt reduction campaign National salt initiatives published

• **Threats to health: Communicable diseases**
  Influenza A(H1N1) Updated

• **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety**
  Request for a scientific opinion on Hair dye 2-Hydroxyethylamino-5-nitroanisole (CAS 66095-81-6; EC 266-138-0; ) Submission III (B52) Hair Dyes section

• **Threats to health: Organs**
  Summary report of the Experts Meeting on Organ Donation and Transplantation Action Plan, Brussels, 11-12 March 2009

• **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign**
  The new Help 2.0 campaign invites young people to share their tips See the videos

• **Health information: Speeches**
  Androulla Vassiliou at the Working Seminar on the promotion of the health and wellbeing of children and young people

• **Health systems: Patient safety**
  Council Recommendation on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections Available in 22 languages

• **Threats to health: Rare diseases**
  The Council has adopted a Council Recommendation on an action in the field of rare diseases

• **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**
  Request for a scientific opinion on Addictiveness and Attractiveness of Tobacco Additives Public health section

• **Health determinants: Mental health**
  Round Table "Reducing the Psychosocial Impact of the Financial and Economic Crisis", Brussels, 27 April 2009 Contributions updated

• **Health information: 2005 funded projects**
  EURONEOSTAT - European Information System to Monitor Short and Long-Term Morbidity to Improve Quality of Care and Patient-Safety for Very-Low-Birth-Weight Infants 2nd interim report

• **Health determinants: 2004 funded projects**
  RECREATION PREV - Recreational culture as a tool to Prevent risk behaviours Final reports

• **Health programme: Executive Agency**
  National Focal Points of the Member States and participating countries List updated

• **Threats to health: Communicable diseases**
  Influenza A (H1N1) Media section updated

• **Health information: Developing European Union health indicators**
  European Community Health Indicators (ECHI) Indicator Age dependency ratio (number 2) updated
• **Newsletter: Health & Consumer Voice Newsletter on Food Safety, Health and Consumer Policy from Health and Consumers DG**
  Edition: June 2009

• **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign**
  2009 television and online media plans

• **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign**
  HELP newsletter Edition: May 2009

• **Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets**
  Cancer Page updated

• **Risk assessment: Popularizing risk assessment results**
  Energy-Saving Lamps & Health Available in en, de, es, fr

• **Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets**
  Autistic Spectrum Disorders Section "The European Autism Information System (EAIS) " updated

• **Health determinants: Tobacco**
  World No Tobacco Day: Commission launches new anti-smoking TV campaign, HELP 2.0

• **Executive Agency for Health and Consumers**
  Call for tenders 2009

• **Risk assessment**: Public consultation 1 on the Risk Assessment Advanced Training Programme (RAAP) Guidelines Deadline for the submission of comments: 24 June 2009

• **Health determinants: Mental health and Well-being**
  Meeting: ‘Destigmatisation and Improving the Quality of Care in Psychiatry’ in Prague, 28-29 May 2009 - Agenda

• **Risk assessment: Key document**
  Rules of procedure of the Scientific Committees

• **Overview of health strategy: Health Policy Forum**
  Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 14 May 2009 Contributions available

• **Health systems: Health Technology Assessment**
  2nd Meeting of the national HTA appointed bodies, Brussels, 15 April 2009 Minutes and presentation available

• **Health determinants: 2003 funded projects**
  OSIAP – Ordonnances Suspectes Indicateur d’Abus et de Pharmacodépendance Final report and annexes

• **Overview of health strategy: Health Policy Forum**
  Health Policy Forum meeting, Brussels, 21 January 2009 Minutes

• **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety**
  Call for the submission of data or other information on potential health risks posed by food-imitating and child-appealing chemical consumer products Deadline for submission of information: 3 July 2009

• **Health determinants: Alcohol**
  2nd Open Forum on Alcohol and Health, Brussels, 30 April 2009 Summary report, presentations

• **Threats to health: Communicable diseases**
  European award on NGO combat against tuberculosis The deadline for the nomination procedure will be the 5th of June

• **Health determinants: European Alcohol and Health Forum**
  Fourth plenary meeting, Brussels, 11 March 2009 Summary report, presentations

• **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without tobacco campaign**
  The Help 2.0 campaign (2009-2010)
7. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 21, 28 May 2009

Eurosurveillance has just been updated. This week's contents:

EDITORIALS

To baptise a virus and its disease
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19225

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Cluster of new influenza A(H1N1) cases in travellers returning from Scotland to Greece - community transmission within the European Union?
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Global Status Report on Road Safety
This report is the first broad assessment of the road safety situation in 178 countries, using data drawn from a standardized survey.

Guidelines for trauma quality improvement programmes
The goal of this publication is to give guidance on ways in which health care institutions globally can implement quality improvement programmes oriented to strengthening care of the injured.

WHO Child Growth Standards. Growth velocity based on weight, length and head circumference
Provides a new set of tools for monitoring the rapid and changing rate of growth in early childhood.

Guidelines for the Psychosocially Assisted Pharmacological Treatment of Opioid Dependence
These guidelines contain specific recommendations on the range of issues faced in organizing treatment systems, managing treatment programmes and in treating people dependent on opioids.

The Third Ten Years of the World Health Organization 1968-1977
This volume offers insights into the activities of WHO during this period. It reflects the first five of the "Mahler years", which saw growing support for the primary health care movement.

Viruses in Food: Scientific Advice to Support Risk Management Activities
This report draws attention to the threat of viruses as a risk to public health when they are present in food.

Microbiological Hazards in Fresh Leafy Vegetables and Herbs
This meeting report addresses the pathways for contamination, survival and persistence of microbiological hazards associated with leafy vegetables and herbs, and the potential management options from primary production through to the consumer.

Enterobacter Sakazakii (Cronobacter spp.) in Powdered Follow-up Formula
This report provides a review of documented E. sakazakii (Cronobacter spp.) infections worldwide in infants and young children as well as the existing surveillance systems and their capacity to capture cases of E. sakazakii (Cronobacter spp.) infection.

WHO Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations
In this 43rd report, 25 new monographs for inclusion in The International Pharmacopoeia together with 5 new International Chemical Reference Substances (ICRS) were adopted.

Financing Health Care in the European Union
This book analyses the organization of health care financing in the Member States of the European Union, discusses the principal financing reform trends of recent years, and assesses their capacity to help ensure fiscal sustainability.

Measuring Transparency to Improve Good Governance in the Public Pharmaceutical Sector: Jordan
The goal of the WHO Good Governance for Medicines programme is to improve the situation of medicines regulation and supply.

Tuberculosis: Voices of the Unheard
This book is a pictorial based on a photo shoot conducted by Italian photographer Ricardo Venturi and sponsored by WHO and the Stop TB Partnership in Afghanistan in 2007.

Revised Framework to Address TB-HIV Co-infection in the Western Pacific Region (A)
This revised framework provides guidance to countries in the Western Pacific Region to step up implementation of TB-HIV collaborative activities.

HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment for People Who Inject Drugs in Asia and the Pacific
Provides a simplified user-friendly reference guide for the national adaptation on management of HIV infection and antiretroviral therapy for IDUs.
As the flagship periodical of WHO, the Bulletin is a leading international voice on public health issues. This peer-reviewed monthly draws on the expertise within WHO to provide a vital resource for those interested in research, policy issues and debate on international public health, particularly the problems confronting developing countries.

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The second edition of this statistical atlas presents key health figures for the WHO European Region.