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# 1. EUPHA update

## EUPHA Past President Walter Ricciardi new President of ISS



Walter Ricciardi, EUPHA Past-President, has been appointed as President of the National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ISS) in Italy, of which he was Commissioner for the past twelve months. Walter Ricciardi - who acquired numerous scientific merits - is Professor of Hygiene at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome. From 2010 to 2014 he was President of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and, previously, held numerous positions in the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SIIt). Congratulations, Walter and best wishes for your work.

## EUPHA supports Joint action plan launched by 17 European health and social care organisations

### Active ageing in Europe through falls prevention:

On 1 October 2015 17 European organisations of professionals in health and social care are issuing a joint commitment to promote active ageing through falls prevention. In a joint action plan these organisations state that evidence shows that falls should no longer be considered an inevitable part of ageing.

Falls can be prevented by involving all relevant professionals and carers who can help older adults to remain active and healthy as long as possible. Although there is strong evidence for the effectiveness of fall-prevention, only a few regions in Europe have consistent and wide implementation of validated interventions.

Download here [Fact sheet](#) and [Declaration](#)

## 6<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, EUPHA MEMH 2016



Oslo, 23-25 June 2016

The theme of EUPHA MEMH 2016 will be **Equity – the Policy Practice Gap**.

The Scientific Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts for presentation at the 6<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, EUPHA MEMH Oslo 2016.

Abstracts submitted can cover any of the following groups or topics: migrants, ethnic minorities, asylum seekers, refugees, undocumented migrants

Topics: socio-Demographic determinants, Political determinants for health and the policy environment; (including entitlements, economic factors and ethical challenges), Access and quality of health care services; disparities and inequities, Social exclusion and marginalization, Health system responsiveness to diversity; Good practices, User involvement and participation; Empowerment and levers for change, Professional Training and Education, Policies and practices affecting the living and working conditions that impact health; work safety

### Important Dates

Online submission opens: 1 October 2015

Deadline for submission: 15 November 2015

Notification of acceptance: 1 March 2016

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[eupha2016@nakmi.no](mailto:eupha2016@nakmi.no). For more information: [www.eupha-migranthealthconference.com](http://www.eupha-migranthealthconference.com).

## 2. European Public Health Conference



### **Programme and speakers update**

#### **Preconference: Ensuring resilient and sustainable health systems: Challenges and opportunities from EU level cooperation**

*Wednesday 14 October, 09:00-17:00, Amber 8*

This day-long preconference looks at challenges and opportunities arising from EU level cooperation in creating resilient and sustainable health systems. With: Maria Iglesia, DG SANTE, Till Voigtländer, ERN Board of MS, Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA, Henrique Martins, eHealth Network, Nick Fahy, United Kingdom, Katarzyna Przybylska, Poland, Marina Karanikolos, Observatory, Nina Renshaw, EPHA, Helmut Brand, Health Forum Gastein. Organised by CHAFEA, EUPHA, Observatory, Health Forum Gastein. Read the programme [here](#).

#### **Workshop: Global health and capacity building**

*Thursday 15 October, 16:00-17:30, Suite 3*

The European Commission aims to strengthen the capacity of health policy institutions in developing countries through the 'Supporting Public Health Institutes Programme'. With Kevin McCarthy, European Commission, EuropeAid, Albrecht Jahn, Germany, Florence Fouque, World Health Organization, Jaap Koot, The Netherlands. Read the abstract [here](#).

#### **Round Table: Strengthening vaccination strategies: the role of Europe**

*Thursday 15 October, 13:50 – 15:20, Auditorium*

With: Hon. Beatrice Lorenzin, Minister of Health, Italy (invited), Isabel de la Mata, European Commission, Luc Debruyne, GSK Vaccines, Reda Guiha, Pfizer Vaccines, David Khougazian, Sanofi Pasteur MSD, Roberta Siliquini, Italy and Aura Timen, EUPHA Section Infectious diseases. Moderated by Carlo Signorelli and Walter Ricciardi, Italy. Organised by EUPHA and SITl, financially supported by Vaccines Europe/EFPIA.

#### **Lunch Symposium: Creating a favourable ecosystem to unlock the potential of integrated personalised diabetes management in Europe**

*Friday 16 October, 12:35 – 13:45, Amber 3*

With: Nick Guldemond, University Medical Centre Utrecht, The Netherlands, Jelka Zaletel, National Institute of Public Health, Slovenia, Graziano Onder, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy, David Smith, European Health Management Association, Bastian Hauck, Patient representative. Moderator: Lars Kalfhaus, Roche Diabetes Care. Organised by EUPHA Section Public Health Genomics, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Roche Diabetes Care. Read the programme [here](#).

#### **Lunch Symposium: Immunization as key public health intervention: challenges and opportunities in Europe**

*Friday 16 October, 12:35 – 13:45, Amber 4*

What are the objectives of the European Vaccines Action Plan for 2015-2020? With: Pietro Luigi Lopalco, University of Bari, Italy, Thomas Breuer, GSK Vaccines. Chair: Giovanni Rezza, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy. Funded by GSK.

### **Registration**

Online registration is [open](#) until the end of Sunday 4 October 00.00 CET. Onsite registration in Milan opens Wednesday 14 October. Please note that cash payment in Milan is not possible, only by PayPal online.

### 3. EUPHA members update

#### **European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR) - <http://euspr.org/euspr-2015/>**

The European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR) is holding its 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 22-24 October 2015. The conference theme: "Changing Behaviour without Talking: automatic processes and the regulation of behaviour". We will convene pre-conference workshops with our Science for Prevention Academic Network (SPAN) partners on the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### 4. European Journal of Public Health



The [European Journal of Public Health](#) is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public health. The EJPH is published bimonthly. The journal provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region. In 2014, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.591. The 5-year impact factor is 2.512.

The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

#### **Unmet care needs of people with a neurological chronic disease: a cross-sectional study in Italy on Multiple Sclerosis**

Michela Ponzio, Andrea Tacchino, Paola Zaratin, Concetta Vaccaro, Mario Alberto Battaglia  
[\[Full Article\]](#)

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

##### **Electronic cigarettes: scarce data and divergent legislations. The need for evidence-based health policies and research funding**

Lamberto Manzoli, Stefania Boccia  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

##### **Utilizing community and voluntary sector partnerships to survey and compare the health outcomes of hard-to-reach groups to the wider community—the EURO-URHIS 2 Hard-to-Reach Project**

Annie Harrison, Christine Robinson, Greg Williams, Gary Clough, Melvina Woode Owusu, Arpana Verma  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

##### **Suicide mortality at time of armed conflict in Ukraine**

Andriy Yur'yev, Lyudmyla Yur'yeva  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

##### **Physical activity and subjective well-being: the role of time**

Pamela Wicker, Dennis Coates, Christoph Breuer  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

### 5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

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

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

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

## **The Leibniz Institute for Prevention Research and Epidemiology calls for 2 Doctoral Positions Epidemiology & Public Health**

Starting at the earliest in December 2015 for three (two plus one) years.

Tasks:

- Conduct your own research project for your doctoral degree (Dr PH)
- Participate in the institute's structured doctoral programme
- Publish your research in peer-reviewed international journals

Requirements:

- Excellent Master's degree in epidemiology, public health or related disciplines
- Thematic interest in one of the core research areas of the department
- Strong research orientation
- Strong quantitative skills, interest in mixed methods research
- Excellent English language skills

Desirable:

- First experiences in writing scientific research articles and in giving presentations
- International research and/or educational experience

What we offer: Doctoral candidates are free to pursue their own research topics, but they are integrated in our research team facilitating intellectual exchange and scientific advice in a friendly and dynamic atmosphere. Access to existing data sets and to field sites will be provided as feasible. The institute's doctoral programme offers the opportunity to develop thematic research and broad scientific skills. Our national and international collaboration networks can be used for academic exchange.

How to apply: Please send us your preliminary dissertation proposal, a CV and a copy of your Master's certificate. The dissertation topic should be related to one of the three thematic fields. BIPS is an equal access and equal opportunities employer. Applicants with disabilities will be preferentially considered given comparable professional and personal qualifications.

Application deadline: 15. October 2015. Later applications will also be accepted unless the posts are filled. For more information: [www.bips-institut.de](http://www.bips-institut.de)

## **6. Interesting news**

### **World Obesity Day 11 October 2015 - Overcoming the biggest challenge**

The World Obesity Federation is pleased to announce that the first World Obesity Day will take place on 11 October 2015. The obesity epidemic is rapidly becoming the biggest public health challenge globally, ranking in the top three causes of chronic ill-health globally. There are no countries which have turned around the epidemic, and there are enormous commercial interests opposed to effective public health policies. We Must Act Now.

As part of the inaugural World Obesity Day we are calling for action and asking for everyone, especially governments, to 'Act Now' and to join us in our efforts to rise to the challenge of overcoming obesity worldwide so as to help build a healthier future for all.

For updates, resources and information about how to get involved with World Obesity Day, please visit <http://www.worldobesity.org/what-we-do/action-initiative/aiprogrammes/world-obesity-day/> #WorldObesityDay – Overcoming the biggest challenge. We Must Act Now

### **Cochrane Public Health reaches out to Europe!**

Five institutions from Germany, Austria and Switzerland join forces to establish a European satellite of Cochrane Public Health with the goal of supporting and disseminating the work of Cochrane Public Health in Europe and beyond, and to strengthen European collaboration in public health research.

For more information: [Cochrane Public Health Europe](http://www.cochrane.org/europe).

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

#### **Genetic testing all women for breast cancer might not be worth the cost**

Women who are carriers of mutated BRCA genes are known to have a significantly higher risk for developing breast and ovarian cancers than those who don't have the mutations. But a new study questions the value of screening for the genetic mutations in the general population—including those who do not have cancer or have no family history of the disease—because of the high cost.

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

### **New UK Type 2 diabetes prevention programme shows 'promising' early results**

A program aimed at preventing the development of Type 2 diabetes in people at high risk of the disease has achieved "promising" early results, a study has found.

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

### **New statement on tobacco control and smoking cessation**

The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) issued a new statement on Tobacco Control and Smoking Cessation at the 16th World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC) in Denver. The statement calls for higher taxes on tobacco products, comprehensive advertising and promotion bans of all tobacco products and product regulation including pack warnings.

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

### **Upward trend in hepatitis C infection rates among HIV-positive MSM**

A systematic review and meta-analysis of studies characterizing the incidence of the sexual transmission of HCV among HIV-positive MSM has been conducted by researchers. The high reinfection rates and the attributable risk analysis suggest the existence of a subset of HIV-positive MSM with recurring sexual exposure to HCV. Approaches to HCV control in this population will need to consider the changing epidemiology of HCV infection in MSM.

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

### **Breast cancer incidence, death rates rising in some economically transitioning countries**

A new study finds breast cancer incidence and death rates are increasing in several low and middle income countries, even as death rates have declined in most high income countries, despite increasing or stable incidence rates. The findings come from a new report examining global patterns and trends in breast cancer using the most up-to-date cancer registry-based data available.

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

### **Act now to improve the health of women, children and adolescents worldwide, say experts**

In a special supplement published by *The BMJ*, public health experts from around the globe highlight the critical actions and investments that will have the greatest impact on the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents.

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

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

Title: **18th European Health Forum Gastein**

Date / location: 30 Sep 2015 - 2 Oct 2015 / Bad Hofgastein, Austria

Organiser: European Health Forum

Title: **3rd GRF One Health Summit**

Date / location: 4 Oct 2015 - 7 Oct 2015 / Davos, Swiss

Organiser: GR forum

Title: **Health and sustainable development – the future**

Date / location: 7 Oct 2015 - 9 Oct 2015 / Durban, South Africa

Organiser: Public Health Association of South Africa

Title: **6th Annual Excellence in Hospital Management Conference**

Date / location: 8 Oct 2015 - 9 Oct 2015 / Vienna, Austria

Title: **25th Annual Congress of the European Childhood Obesity Group**

Date / location: 12 Oct 2015 - 14 Oct 2015 / Stockholm, Sweden

Organiser: European Childhood Obesity Group

Title: **Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies: Challenges beyond the Financial Crisis**  
Date / location: 12 Oct 2015 - 13 Oct 2015 / Vienna, Austria  
Organiser: WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies

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

Title: **Sixth EUSPR Conference and Members' Meeting**  
Date / location: 22 Oct 2015 - 24 Oct 2015 / Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Organiser: European Society for Prevention Research

Title: **Public Health Research in practice**  
Date / location: 26 Oct 2015 - 27 Oct 2015 / Wageningen, Netherlands  
Organiser: Wageningen University

Title: **Integrated elderly and patient care in Turkey**  
Date / location: 29 Oct 2015 - 1 Nov 2015 / Istanbul, Turkey  
Organiser: Healthy Community Association

Title: **European Risk Minimisation Conference**  
Date / location: 10 Nov 2015 - 12 Nov 2015 / Novotel, Hammersmith, London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: DSRU Education and Training

Title: **Final Conference of the EU-funded project INTEGRATE HTA**  
Date / location: 12 Nov 2015 - 13 Nov 2015 Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Organiser: INTEGRATE-HTA team

Title: **ESCAIDE 2015**  
Date / location: 11 Nov 2015 - 13 Nov 2015 / Stockholm, Sweden  
Organiser: ECDC

Title: **The 3rd European Health Literacy Conference**  
Date / location: 17 Nov 2015 - 19 Nov 2015 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: Health Literacy Europe, the IROHLA Consortium and the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG)

Title: **19th International Nursing Research Conference**  
Date / location: 17 Nov 2015 - 20 Nov 2015 / Cuenca, Espana  
Organiser: Unidad de Investigacion en Cuidados de Salud

Title: **Travellers Health**  
Date / location: 25 Jan 2016 - 29 Jan 2016 / Basel, Switzerland  
Organiser: Swiss TPH

Title: **IUHPE's 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion**  
Date / location: 22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil  
Organiser: IUHPE

Title: **The 6th International Jerusalem Conference On Health Policy**  
Date / location: 23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Jerusalem, Israel  
Organiser: The Israel National Institute For Health Policy Research

Title: [6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health](#)  
Date / location: 23 Jun 2016 - 25 Jun 2016 / Oslo, Norway  
Organiser: Eupha section migrant health / The Norwegian Center for Minority Health Research

Title: [12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Safety 2016](#)  
Date / location: 18 Sep 2016 – 21 Sep 2016 / Tampere, Finland

## 8. Interesting publications

### **Active ageing through preventing falls: “Falls prevention is everyone’s business”**

Joint Declaration issued by The Prevention of Falls Network for Dissemination (ProFouND)

For more information please visit: <http://profound.eu.com/just-released-2015-falls-prevention-action-plan/>

### **Research on health inequalities: A bibliometric analysis (1966–2014)**

Louise Bouchard, Marcelo Albertini, Ricardo Batista, Joanne de Montigny  
*Social Science & Medicine*, 141 (2015), 100-108

[Click here](#) to download the article.

### **Promoting Health, Preventing Disease: The economic case. Executive summary and sample pages**

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

[Click here](#) for a preview

## 9. European Commission news

### **Blood, tissues and organs**

[Summary of the 2013 annual reporting of serious adverse reactions and events for tissues and cells \(data collected in 2012\)](#)

### **European Reference Networks**

[2nd conference on European Reference Networks \(Lisbon, 8-9 October 2015\)](#)Agenda of the meeting updated

[Board of Member States on ERNS \(Lisbon, 7 October 2015\)](#)Draft agenda

### **Health-EU Newsletter**

[Health-EU Newsletter 158: "European Union reinforcing its struggle against cancer"](#)

### **Health indicators**

[Health care quality indicators: webpage updated](#)

[EU Youth health indicators: webpage updated](#)

### **Major and chronic diseases**

[Cérémonie "30 ans Europe contre cancer"](#)Bilan des succès obtenus et débat sur les actions futures à mener

### **Medicinal products for human use**

[European Commission, European Medicines Agency and World Health Organization step up cooperation to better protect global public health](#)

**Nutrition and physical activity**["We Love Eating" Deventer school moves to healthy snacking](#)Story of the month

[Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health \(Luxembourg, 24 September 2015\)](#)Agenda of the meeting



## Preparedness and response

France has become the 22nd EU country to sign the Joint Procurement Agreement to procure medical countermeasures

## Rare diseases

Rare Diseases Joint Action gets started

First meeting of the Joint Action on Rare Diseases Agenda of the meeting

## Scientific committees

SCCS revised opinion on peanut oil – Sensitisation only was published in the journal "Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology"

SCHER - Draft agenda of the 13th Plenary meeting, Luxembourg, 25 September 2015

SCENIHR's opinions on dental amalgam, surgical meshes and DEHP were published in the Journal of Medical Device Regulation

SCCS - Minutes of Working Group Meeting on Methodologies of 09 September 2015

SCENIHR - Draft agenda of the 12th Plenary meeting, Luxembourg, 24 September 2015

SCENIHR Opinion on potential health effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields in 'Bioelectromagnetics' of September 2015

SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Titanium Dioxide (nano) as UV-Filter in sunscreens and personal care spray products

# 10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 36, 10 September 2015

**In this issue:** Incidence of extended-spectrum beta-lactamase-producing *Enterobacteriaceae* infections in French hospitals during 2009 to 2013 varied by region but showed an upward trend overall.

This week's table of contents:

## SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT

Effectiveness of seasonal influenza vaccine in preventing laboratory-confirmed influenza in primary care in the United Kingdom: 2014/15 end of season results

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21237>

Ongoing increasing temporal and geographical trends of the incidence of extended-spectrum beta-lactamase-producing *Enterobacteriaceae* infections in France, 2009 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21238>

Denominators count: supplementing surveillance data for genital Chlamydia trachomatis infection with testing data, Norway, 2007 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21236>

## LETTERS

Detection of influenza A(H3N2) clade 3C.2a viruses in patients with suspected mumps in British Columbia, Canada, during the 2014/15 influenza season

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21239>

## NEWS

European Commission call for membership in Scientific Committees

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21241>

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 37, 17 September 2015

**In this issue:** An editorial on the occasion of the 10-year anniversary of ECDC highlights the evolution of the organisation

This week's table of contents:

## EDITORIAL

From SARS to Ebola – 10 years of disease prevention and control at ECDC

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21240>

## RESEARCH

Meticillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* CC398 is an increasing cause of disease in people with no livestock contact in Denmark, 1999 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21245>

Prevalence, genotyping and macrolide resistance of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* among isolates of patients with respiratory tract infections, Central Slovenia, 2006 to 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21242>

Surveillance of endemic foci of tick-borne encephalitis in Finland 1995–2013: evidence of emergence of new foci

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21244>

Presence of antibodies but no evidence for circulation of MERS-CoV in dromedaries on the Canary Islands, 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21243>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 20, Issue 38, 24 September 2015**

### **In this issue:**

Case report of patient with serological-confirmed West Nile neuroinvasive disease in Portugal

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

#### RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Human case of West Nile neuroinvasive disease in Portugal, summer 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21249>

Knowledge, attitudes and practices concerning Middle East respiratory syndrome among Umrah and Hajj pilgrims in Samsun, Turkey, 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21248>

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<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21248>

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Job vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21247>

## **11. WHO news**

### **News releases**

[WHO: Number of people over 60 years set to double by 2050; major societal changes required](#)  
30 September 2015

[Treat all people living with HIV, offer antiretrovirals as additional prevention choice for people at "substantial" risk](#)

30 September 2015

[New partnership to help countries close gaps in primary health care](#)

26 September 2015

[Child mortality rates plunge by more than half since 1990 but global MDG target missed by wide margin](#)

9 September 2015

## **Publications**

### **People's Republic of China health system review**

The World Health Organization

Health Systems in Transition, Vol. 5 No. 7 2015

Published online: **September 2015**

Download the report at <http://bit.ly/1F5hUcG>

### **Noncommunicable Diseases Progress Monitor 2015**

September 2015 -- Each year, 16 million people die prematurely before the age of 70 from noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). The NCD progress monitor provides a snap shot of achievements and challenges faced by developed and developing countries in fulfilling commitments made towards a world free of the avoidable burden of NCDs.

[Read the publication](#)

[WHO's work on NCDs](#)