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## 1. European Public Health Conferences, Glasgow 2014, Milan 2015, Vienna 2016

### **Glasgow 2014: accreditation points**

We are pleased to inform you that the 7th European Public Health Conference in Glasgow, UK, was granted **23 European CME credits** (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

### **Glasgow 2014: don't miss the early registration deadline**

Already 1'000 colleagues have preceded you in registering for the 7<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference. Register before the 1<sup>st</sup> of October to benefit from the early bird fee at [Register now!](#)

### **Milan 2015: first announcement**

The first announcement for Milan is now available at: [Milan 2015](#)

### **Vienna 2016: main theme selected**

The main theme for Vienna 2016 has just been selected by the main organisers:

**'All for health – Health for All'**

Find out more by downloading the welcome card: [Vienna 2016](#)

## 2. EUPHA update

### **EUPHA shares concern on decision to decrease DG Health portfolio**

EUPHA shares the widespread concern that has been voiced by civil society organisations at the decision to transfer responsibility for drugs policy and the European Medicines Agency back to the Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry, reversing the 2009 transfer of these responsibilities to the Directorate-General for Health. We regard this as an alarming and retrograde step with potentially profound implications for public health, quality of medicines, and the security of European citizens. We have three main concerns.

<http://www.eupha.org/site/publications.p...>

### **EUPHA supports WHO evidence-based publication on electronic cigarettes**

The European Public Health Association (EUPHA), representing 14'000 public health professionals in 40 countries, strongly supports the evidence-based position taken by the World Health Organization (WHO) following publication of its report on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), more commonly known as electronic cigarettes. EUPHA shares the concerns expressed by the WHO about the safety of these products.

<http://www.eupha.org/repository/publicat...>

### **EUPHA welcomes new EU Commissioner for Health**

EUPHA enthusiastically welcomes the nomination of Dr Vytenis Andriukaitis as the next European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety. Dr Andriukaitis has a very distinguished career as a physician and politician and, as Lithuanian Health Minister, has been a powerful

advocate for public health. EUPHA looks forward to working with him during his tenure in the Commission.

<http://www.eupha.org/site/publications.p...>

### 3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

#### **Warwick University: Assistant Professor in Health Economics / Decision Modelling 1**

[Assistant Professor in Health Economics / Decision Modelling](#)

Warwick Medical School

Division of Health Sciences: Warwick Evidence

Salary: £38,511 to £45,954 per annum

Deadline: 3 October 2014

#### **Warwick University: Assistant Professor in Health Economics / Decision Modelling 2**

[Associate Professor in Health Economics / Decision Modelling \(75183-094\)](#)

Warwick Medical School

Division of Health Sciences: Warwick Evidence

Salary: £47,328 to £58,172

### 4. Interesting News

#### **e-Cigarettes commentaries in IJPH free online**

The use and regulation of e-cigarettes is hotly debated and the [World Health Organization](#) WHO, as the global authority for public health, has come under pressure from both pro-e-cigarette as well as contra-e-cigarette advocates. In contrast to the traditional tobacco debate with the public health research community arguing on one, and the tobacco industry and its constituencies on the other side, the current stage of the e-cigarette debate finds honest and independent public health scientists on both sides. Although it is obvious which one the tobacco and e-cigarette industries applaud, the more interesting question is why the public health community does not yet speak with “one voice”. In this issue, IJPH has invited two commentaries—both written by independent public health scientists—to express their current views. <http://link.springer.com/article/>

#### **The Nation's Health: Wearing a helmet while cycling can keep you safe**

As kids head back to school, college students traverse campuses and the weather starts cooling off, fall is a great time for a bicycle ride. After all, biking is a great way to stay active and healthy. [Research shows](#) that it can be good for the environment, too. Whatever reason you decide to ride a bike, there's one important accessory to include: a helmet. Cyclists who [ride without helmets are at an increased risk](#) for head injury, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. How many cyclists ride without wearing a helmet? [Almost half, CDC says.](#)

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

#### **Study: Healthy lifestyle behaviors may prevent 80 percent of heart attacks**

Five recommended health behaviors may prevent four out of five heart attacks in men, a new study suggests. Middle-aged and older men were much less likely to have heart attacks over an average of 11 years if they drank moderately, didn't smoke and did everything right on the diet, exercise and weight fronts, the study found.

Only about 1 percent of men involved in the study fit into this ultra-healthy-living category. But they were 86 percent less likely to have heart attacks than those who ate poorly, were overweight, exercised too little, smoked and drank too much alcohol, the researchers said.

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

### **Smoke-free building policies cut indoor exposure: study**

Apartment dwellers who don't smoke still can't escape second-hand smoke completely, but in smoke-free buildings exposure to the tiny particles in cigarette smoke may be cut by half or more, according to a new study.

Researchers in Boston monitored indoor air at public housing projects transitioning to a smoke-free policy and tracked tobacco smoke as it traveled to adjacent apartments and down common hallways. <http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/>

### **E-cigs don't help cancer patients quit smoking**

New research raises doubts about the possible benefits of e-cigarettes for people with cancer. Smokers with cancer who used e-cigarettes along with traditional cigarettes were more dependent on nicotine than those who didn't use the devices, a Memorial Sloan-Kettering study found. These patients were also just as likely — or less likely — to have quit smoking than patients who didn't use e-cigarettes.

The study, published online Sept. 22 in *Cancer*, involved almost 1,100 cancer patients who smoked. Between 2012 and 2013, the patients were enrolled in a tobacco treatment program at a comprehensive cancer center. <http://www.webmd.com/cancer/news/>

### **Do you want to learn (more) about public health epidemiology?**

Elevate Health offers the online course Public Health Epidemiology: highly suited to epidemiologists or public health workers in universities, hospitals, municipal health services and other governmental health organizations, and to PhD candidates working on epidemiological or public health research.

In only 3 weeks you'll learn about the basic principles, important measures of population health, their interpretation and use in public health policy. Recent cases such as the Ebola outbreak will be discussed. In addition, the effects of an exposure on life expectancy, prevention strategies and the societal, economic and health dilemmas involved in introducing population measures are covered. In this interactive online course, you'll study by means of web lectures and group assignments.

*Starts 13 October \* 3 weeks, ca. 14h p/w \* 1.5 EC \* € 785*

Are you ready to enroll? <http://elevatehealth.eu/PHE>

## **5. EUPHA members update**

### **European Association of Dental Public Health has adopted a Resolution on e-cigarettes**

<http://www.eadph.org>

### **Netherlands Public Health Federation - newsletter**

This bi-monthly newsletter is available free of charge. Only available in Dutch.

<http://www.nphf.nl/actueel/nieuwsbrief/>

## **6. Upcoming courses and conferences**

**Title:** [Global Public Health Doctoral Programme](#)

**Date / location:** 1 Oct 2014 - 15 Jul 2015 / Porto, Portugal

**Organiser:** Joint organisation with Portuguese schools of public health

**Title:** [Health settings and developing wellbeing in the community](#)

**Date / location:** 1 Oct 2014 / London, United Kingdom

**Organiser:** Royal Society for Public Health

- Title:** [The Second International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health](#)  
Date / location: 5 Oct 2014 - 8 Oct 2014 / Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Title:** [Seventh interdisciplinary symposium of Public Health, Social Work, Nursing and Laboratory investigating methods - Healthy ageing](#)  
Date / location: 7 Oct 2014 - 8 Oct 2014 / Trnava, Slovakia  
Organiser: Trnava University
- Title:** [Medizinische Statistik für Nicht - StatistikerInnen \(Grundkurs\)](#)  
Date / location: 8 Oct 2014 - 9 Oct 2014 / Krems, Austria  
Organiser: Danube University Krems
- Title:** [5th Annual Hospital Management Conference](#)  
Date / location: 9 Oct 2014 - 10 Oct 2014 / Vienna, Austria  
Organiser: Uniglobal
- Title:** [World Conference on Medical Research and Environmental Health](#)  
Date / location: 13 Oct 2014 - 17 Oct 2014 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: WCMREH
- Title:** [Masterclass: Lifestyle Counselling in Primary Care and Public Health: Nutrition and physical activity guidance by primary care and public health professionals](#)  
Date / location: 13 Oct 2014 - 15 Oct 2014 / Wageningen, The Netherlands  
Organiser: VLAG / NuGO Association
- Title:** [WPA Section on epidemiology and public health - 2014 meeting](#)  
Date / location: 16 Oct 2014 - 18 Oct 2014 / Nara, Japan  
Organiser: WPA
- Title:** [5th International Conference: Is an ounce of prevention still worth a pound of cure? The economics and value of prevention](#)  
Date / location: 16 Oct 2014 - 18 Oct 2014 / Palma de Mallorca, Spain  
Organiser: European Society for Prevention Research and European Institute of Studies on Prevention
- Title:** [Qualitätssicherung in der Gesundheitsförderung](#)  
Date / location: 22 Oct 2014 - 23 Oct 2014 / Krems, Austria  
Organiser: Danube University Krems
- Title:** [Universitaetslehrgaenge Clinical Research und Advanced Clinical Research](#)  
Date / location: 24 Oct 2014 - 11 Jun 2016 / Zwettl/Rodl, Austria  
Organiser: Johannes Kepler University
- Title:** [AICR Research Conference on Food, nutrition, physical activity and cancer](#)  
Date / location: 29 Oct 2014 - 31 Oct 2014 / Washington, DC, US  
Organiser: IARC
- Title:** [2014 AICR Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer](#)  
Date / location: 29 Oct 2014 - 31 Oct 2014 / Washington, DC, United States  
Organiser: AICR

- Title:** [ESCAIDE 2014](#)  
Date / location: 5 Nov 2014 - 7 Nov 2014 / Stockholm, Sweden  
Organiser: ECDC
- Title:** [ENCR Scientific Meeting and General Assembly: Towards a harmonised cancer information system in Europe](#)  
Date / location: 12 Nov 2014 - 14 Nov 2014 / Ispra, Italy  
Organiser: ENCR
- Title:** [International Conference on Combating Emerging Infectious Diseases \(ICCEID\)](#)  
Date / location: 24 Nov 2014 - 2 Dec 2014 / Barcelona, Spain
- Title:** [EHTEL 2014 Symposium: Innovating for Better Outcomes in Health and Social Care](#)  
Date / location: 25 Nov 2014 - 26 Nov 2014 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: EHTEL
- Title:** [Global Crisis of Depression event](#)  
Date / location: 25 Nov 2014 / London< UK  
Organiser: The Economist
- Title:** [European Obesity Forum](#)  
Date / location: 26 Nov 2014 - 28 Nov 2014 / Lisbon, Portugal  
Organiser: EPODE International Network
- Title:** [Concepts of Epidemiology \(5-Day Course\)](#)  
Date / location: 8 Dec 2014 - 12 Dec 2014 / Edinburgh, UK  
Organiser: University of Edinburgh
- Title:** [Medizinische Statistik für Nicht-StatistikerInnen in der Anwendung \(Aufbaukurs\)](#)  
Date / location: 9 Dec 2014 - 10 Dec 2014 / Krems, Austria  
Organiser: Danube University Krems
- Title:** [Health Technology Assessments](#)  
Date / location: 16 Dec 2014 - 18 Dec 2014 / Krems, Austria  
Organiser: Danube University Krems

## 7. European Journal of Public Health

**Undiagnosed HIV infection in a population of MSM from six European cities: results from the Sialon project**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**What is the effect of unemployment on all-cause mortality? A cohort study using propensity score matching**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**'By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail': lessons from the 2009 H1N1 'swine flu' pandemic**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Thinness in the era of obesity: trends in children and adolescents in The Netherlands since 1980**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Mental health and alcohol use: a cross-sectional study of the Finnish general population**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Which socio-economic measures are associated with psychological distress for men and women? A cohort analysis**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Beyond public health genomics: proposals from an international working group**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Caesarean section by immigrants' length of residence in Norway: a population-based study**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Multiple chronic health conditions and their link with wealth assets**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**An exploration of beliefs and attitudes regarding healthy lifestyle behaviour in an urban population in the Netherlands: Results from a focus group study in a community-based prevention project**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**The problem of non-response in population surveys on the topic of HIV and sexuality: a comparative study**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**The effect of local policy actions on mortality among homeless people: a before-after study**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**The development of a mental health screening tool and referral pathway for police custody**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Monitoring systems and national surveys on prison health in France and abroad**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Ambient particulate matter and lung cancer incidence and mortality: a meta-analysis of prospective studies**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Remigration of migrants with severe disease: myth or reality?--a register-based cohort study**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Information preferences of the general population when faced with life-limiting illness**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Nothing like Christmas--suicides during Christmas and other holidays in Austria**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Immigrants' health and health inequality by type of integration policies in European countries**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Unemployment, public-sector health-care spending and breast cancer mortality in the European Union: 1990-2009**

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

**Prevalence of metabolic syndrome among Roma: a comparative health examination survey in Hungary**  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content...>

## **8. Interesting publications**

**Alcohol interventions, alcohol policy and intimate partner violence: a systematic review**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Views and experiences of behaviour change techniques to encourage walking to work: a qualitative study**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**The effects of a web-based decision aid on the intention to diagnostic self-testing for cholesterol and diabetes: a randomized controlled trial**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Climate change and the emergence of vector-borne diseases in Europe: case study of dengue fever**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Promoting prudent use of antibiotics: the experience from a multifaceted regional campaign in Greece**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Alcohol abstinence, non-hazardous use and hazardous use a decade after alcohol-related hospitalization: registry data linked to population-based representative postal surveys**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**The impact of the natural environment on the promotion of active living: An integrative systematic review**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Alcohol segment-specific associations between the quality of the parent-child relationship and adolescent alcohol use**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**The effect of out-of-pocket costs and financial rewards in a discrete choice experiment: an application to lifestyle programs**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**HPV catch-up vaccination of young women: a systematic review and meta-analysis**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Attitudes towards sickness absence and sickness presenteeism in health and care sectors in Norway and Denmark: a qualitative study**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Socioeconomic inequalities in smoking habits are still increasing in Italy**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Nudging children towards whole wheat bread: a field experiment on the influence of fun bread roll shape on breakfast consumption**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Perceptions of HIV/STI prevention among young adults in Sweden who travel abroad: a qualitative study with focus group and individual interviews**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>



**Determinants of health check attendance in adults: findings from the cross-sectional German Health Update (GEDA) study**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Nutrition interventions at point-of-sale to encourage healthier food purchasing: a systematic review**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Agreement between parent and child report on parental practices regarding dietary, physical activity and sedentary behaviours: the ENERGY cross-sectional survey**  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/1...>

**Universal Health Protection: Progress to date and the way forward**  
International Labour Office. Social Protection Department.  
(Social Protection Policy Papers; 10). 2014  
Further information (*información adicional*) : [click here](#)

**Impatience of health professions students for health equity - Can a new definition help?**  
Joško Miše  
Journal of Public Health Policy (2014) 35, 411–413. doi:10.1057/jphp.2014.25  
Further information (*información adicional*) : [click here](#)

**New Eurohealth - Special Gastein Issue on Electing health: the Europe we want**  
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/part...>

**Economic crisis, health systems and health in Europe: impact and implications for policy**  
European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies  
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/part...>

**The German health system: challenges for new government**  
European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies  
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/part...>

**Facets of public health in Europe**  
European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies  
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/part...>

## 9. European Commission news

**What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (23-09-2014)**

**Major and chronic diseases**

[First meeting of the Commission Expert Group on Cancer Control: 23-24 September 2014](#)

**Nutrition**

["My healthy family": Project to promote the consumption of fruit and vegetables launches in 4 EU regions](#)

**What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (22-09-2014)**

**Health indicators**

[Indicators on Life expectancy at birth and at age 65 by sex \(ECHI 10\)](#) Indicator updated  
[Indicators on Healthy Life Years \(HLY\) at birth and at age 65 by sex \(ECHI 40\)](#) Indicator updated

**What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (18-09-2014)**

**Alcohol**

[14th Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action \(17-18 June 2014\)](#) Summary report

### **Health-EU Newsletter**

[Health-EU Newsletter - "Solidarity and equality: European-level cooperation on Health Technology Assessment to help pave the way for equal access to health care"](#) Editorial by By François Houyez, EURORDIS Treatment Information and Access Director and Health Policy Advisor and Co-chair of the EUnetHTA Stakeholder Forum

### **What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (17-09-2014)**

#### **Nutrition and physical activity**

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

["We Love Eating": Project to promote healthy lifestyles launches in 7 EU cities](#)

### **What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (16-09-2014)**

#### **Alcohol**

[Action Plan on Youth Drinking and on Heavy Episodic Drinking \(Binge Drinking\) \(2014-2016\)](#)

#### **Ebola**

[A European-wide response to the Ebola epidemic](#)

[The EU's response to help fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa](#)

### **What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (11-09-2014)**

#### **Rare diseases**

[Minutes - Commission Expert Group on Rare Diseases \(Luxembourg, 03-04 July 2014\)](#)

### **What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (05-09-2014)**

#### **Rare diseases**

[Implementation report on the Commission Communication on Rare Diseases](#) Europe's action in the field of rare diseases (2009/C 151/02)

#### **Preparedness and response**

[Press release: The EU's response to help fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa](#)

### **What's new on DG Health & Consumers website (04-09-2014)**

#### **Social determinants and health inequalities**

[Roma Health Report - Health status of the Roma population](#) Data collection in the Member States of the European Union

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

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 34, 28 August 2014**

In this issue: Study presenting a comprehensive picture of the epidemiological situation of *E. multilocularis* in northern Slovakia

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

#### **SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**

Gonococcal infections and emergence of gonococcal decreased susceptibility to cephalosporins in France, 2001 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20885>

Alveolar echinococcosis in a highly endemic area of northern Slovakia between 2000 and 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20882>

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Incidence and hospitalisation rates of Lyme borreliosis, France, 2004 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20883>

Effectiveness of seasonal trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine in preventing influenza hospitalisations and primary care visits in Auckland, New Zealand, in 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20884>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 35, 04 September 2014**

In this issue: Study from Italy confirms that belief vaccinations are effective and safe is positively associated with willingness to vaccinate children

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

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

High incidence of Plasmodium vivax malaria in newly arrived Eritrean refugees in Sweden since May 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20890>

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Association between temperature, humidity and ebolavirus disease outbreaks in Africa, 1976 to 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20892>

Measles virus spread initiated at international mass gatherings in Europe, 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20891>

Is it reasonable to abandon obligatory vaccinations in Italy? A 2013 survey

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20889>

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20888>

ECDC'S latest publications

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20886>

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(34)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20887>

## **Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 36, 11 September 2014**

In this issue: Modelling paper suggests that the reproduction number of Ebola is between 1.5–2 in some of the affected countries in West Africa

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

#### **EDITORIALS**

Containing Ebola virus infection in West Africa

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20899>

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Early transmission dynamics of Ebola virus disease (EVD), West Africa, March to August 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20894>

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

Does the length of specimen storage affect influenza testing results by real-time reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction? An analysis of influenza surveillance specimens, 2008 to 2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20893>

#### **SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**

Did narcolepsy occur following administration of AS03-adjuvanted A(H1N1) pandemic vaccine in Ontario, Canada? A review of post-marketing safety surveillance data

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20900>

#### **NEWS**

ESCAIDE 'late-breaker' abstract call open

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20895>

Hepatitis A outbreak: Report on results from food trace-back investigation

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20896>

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(35)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20897>

Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(35)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20898>

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 19, Issue 37, 18 September 2014**

In this issue: Case-control study from Italy point to berries as responsible for an outbreak of hepatitis A in 2013

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

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

Postsurgical wound infections due to rapidly growing mycobacteria in Swiss medical tourists following cosmetic surgery in Latin America between 2012 and 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20905>

#### **SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**

Burden of influenza B virus infections in Scotland in 2012/13 and epidemiological investigations between 2000 and 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20903>

Hepatitis A outbreak in Italy, 2013: a matched case-control study

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20906>

#### **LETTERS**

Letter to the editor: Preventing nosocomial MRSA infections by screening

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20901>

Authors' reply: Systematic literature analysis and review of targeted preventive measures to limit healthcare-associated infections by methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20902>

Letter to the editor: Early transmission dynamics of Ebola virus disease (EVD), West Africa, March to August 2014 - Eurosurveillance 17 September 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20907>

Authors' reply: Feedback from modelling to surveillance of Ebola virus disease

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20908>

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Authors' correction for Euro Surveill. 2014;19(35)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20904>

## **11. WHO news**

Monitoring health inequality: An essential step for achieving health equity

World Health Organization (WHO) September, 2014

Download the booklet [here!](#)

### **NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO - AUGUST 2014**

#### **[From Malaria Control to Malaria Elimination](#)**

The main purpose of this manual is to raise awareness of the sorts of technical, operational, and financial resources that would be required to reduce and eventually eliminate malaria, the timelines over which such reductions are likely to be achieved, and how they can be sustained.

#### **[Birth Defects Surveillance](#)**

This manual is intended to serve as a tool for the development, implementation and ongoing improvement of a congenital anomalies surveillance programme, particularly for countries with limited resources. The focus of the manual is on population-based and hospital-based surveillance programmes.

#### **[Birth Defects Surveillance: Atlas of Selected Congenital Anomalies](#)**

This atlas of selected congenital anomalies is a companion tool to Birth defects surveillance: a manual for programme managers, and is intended to help in the development, implementation

and ongoing improvement of a surveillance programme for congenital anomalies, particularly in countries with limited human and financial resources.

#### [Road Map for Surveillance and Monitoring of HIV Drug Resistance in the Western Pacific Region \(2014-2018\)](#)

This Road Map 2014-2018 provides a plan for specific and coordinated action to address the potential threat of HIV drug resistance emergence in countries in the Region.

#### [Action Plan for Healthy Newborn Infants in the Western Pacific Region \(2014-2020\)](#)

This Regional Action Plan identifies bold steps that can be taken to provide all newborn infants with a set of appropriate health-care interventions.

#### [Towards Universal Eye Health](#)

While the main objectives of this publication are aligned with the global action plan for the prevention of avoidable visual impairment, this Regional Action Plan provides a regional context for WHO support to help address specific needs in Asia and the Pacific.

#### [Nurses and Midwives in Action during Emergencies and Disasters](#)

This publication presents fifteen selected case studies which highlights the multitude of roles and contributions of nurses in different settings, in times of emergencies and disasters, and the analysis of community, health system and nursing and midwifery needs during times of ongoing health threats and disasters.

#### [Health in all Policies: Report on Perspectives and Intersectoral Actions in the Western Pacific](#)

The 2010 Adelaide Statement operationalized intersectoral action ISA in the form of the Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach to address the social determinants of health, outlining new governance arrangements to facilitate ISA (WHO and Government of South Australia, 2010). This report considers how the globalized concepts of ISA, and current understandings of the relatively new concept of HiAP, correspond to the diverse local contexts of the Western Pacific Region.

#### [Addressing Diseases of Poverty](#)

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) elimination and control efforts are recognized as one of the most cost-effective interventions in global health today. As a joint production by the World Health Organization Regional Offices for South-East Asia and the Western Pacific, the Asian Development Bank and the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases at the Sabin Vaccine Institute, this publication highlights the need for greater crosssectoral partnership and additional investments.

#### [Health Financing Country Profiles in the Western Pacific Region \(1995-2011\)](#)

This publication provides concise overviews of the health financing systems of Member States of the Western Pacific Region.

#### [The Health of Older People in Selected Countries of the Western Pacific Region](#)

This report provides an overview of population ageing and the health of people aged 60 years and above in the Western Pacific Region.

#### [Regional Framework for Action on Ageing and Health in the Western Pacific \(2014-2019\)](#)

All countries are exploring ways to help older people retain their health, functional capacity, social participation and security. Population ageing brings new challenges to health policy and health systems, but also new opportunities and areas for action. This Regional Framework for Action on Ageing and Health in the Western Pacific explores these challenges and areas of action.

#### [Practical Approaches to Risk Minimisation for Medicinal Products](#)

Until this current CIOMS IX document, limited guidance has been available on how to determine which risks need "additional risk minimisation," select the appropriate tools, apply and implement such tools globally and locally, and measure if they are effective and valuable. Included in the report is a CIOMS framework for the evaluation of effectiveness of risk minimisation, a discussion of future trends and developments, an annex specifically addressing vaccines, and examples from real life.

[Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Vol. 92, No. 8, 2014](#)

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.

[WHO Drug Information, Vol. 28, No. 2, 2014](#)

WHO Drug Information communicates pharmaceutical information that is either developed and issued by WHO or transmitted to WHO by research and regulatory agencies throughout the World. The journal also includes regular presentations of newly proposed and recommended International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for Pharmaceuticals Substances.

**BOOKS IN GERMAN**

[European Health Report 2012 \(The\) \(GERMAN\)](#)

This report presents the health status of Europe, providing policy-makers and public health professionals with the epidemiological evidence base that underpins Health 2020, the new European policy framework.