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1. EUPHA update

Following the reorganisation of EUPHA office, becoming independent from NIVEL, please note a change in email addresses as of 6 February:

d.zeegers@nivel.nl becomes d.zeegers@euphaoffice.org
f.barnhoorn@nivel.nl becomes f.barnhoorn@euphaoffice.org
j.velthuis@nivel.nl becomes j.velthuis@euphaoffice.org

Of course our general contact email: office@eupha.org continues to be valid.

EUPHA and ECDC sign long-term collaboration agreement

On the 18th of January, the EUPHA delegation, consisting of Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA president, Prof. Martin McKee, EUPHA past president, Dr Aura Timen, president of the EUPHA section on Infectious Diseases Control and Dr Dineke Zeegers Paget, EUPHA executive director visited the ECDC in Stockholm. Here, a long-term collaboration agreement was signed between EUPHA and ECDC.

Dr Andrea Ammon, acting director of ECDC, and Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA president signing the agreement.

During the day, several activities to collaborate were discussed and we look forward to our continued collaboration with ECDC.

EUPHA partner in technical report on sodium intake

EUPHA is very pleased to be a partner in joint working group together with the World Heart Federation and the European Society of Hypertension. This working group recently published technical report on sodium intake and cardiovascular disease in low- and middle-income countries.
https://academic.oup.com/eurheartj/article...

EUPHA supports EuroHealthNet on Health Inequalities

EuroHealthNet led on the development of a Joint Statement in collaboration with the European Union Health Policy Platform. The Statement, which has been endorsed by EUPHA and 20 other organisations active on health at EU level, is addressed to European Institutions and EU Member State governments and sets out why we must strive for greater health equity and what needs to be done. The Joint Statement is accompanied by a background paper that elaborates on the points included.
http://www.health-inequalities.eu/health...

EUPHA active at the One Health event on 16 January 2017

EUPHA's president, Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, was one of the speakers at this event organised by the Network for Evaluation of One Health together with the European Cooperation of Science and Technology. Her presentation was entitled: One Health - An approach to addressing European public health priorities?
EUPHA's input in the Social Pillar of the EU
EUPHA provided input following the call by the European Commission on the online public consultation on the "European Pillar of Social Rights".

2. European Public Health Conference

Stockholm 2017: ‘Everybody will be there’

Abstract Submission opens 1 February
Abstract submission does not have to be confined to the conference theme ‘Sustaining resilient and healthy communities’. Abstracts are invited for workshops, oral presentations, pitch presentations and posters. Prizes will be awarded for the best oral, poster and early career professional’s presentation. Do not miss the opportunity to be recognised for your hard work. Abstracts and workshop proposals can be submitted here.

Abstract Mentor Programme
For the first time, EPH Conference and EUPHA introduce an Abstract Mentor Programme offering an opportunity for young and/or less experienced abstract submitters to receive feedback from experienced reviewers on their abstracts. See EPH Conference website for more information.

3. EUPHA members update

NOPHA meeting during Vienna 2016
The Norwegian Public Health Association used the opportunity of the Vienna 2016 conference to meet fellow Norwegians. Johan Lund, secretary general of NOPHA reported: "We had a very good meeting with the Norwegian delegation: We were about 25 persons, half of the number of Norwegians on the delegate list. We had a presentation round to tell each other who we were and from where in Norway we came. We found this meeting (like in previous years) very fruitful."

4. European Journal of Public Health

The European Journal of Public Health is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public health. The EJPH is published bimonthly. The journal provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region. In 2016, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.751. The 5-year impact factor is 2.512. The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

EJPH launches a new website
The website of the European Journal of Public Health has been renewed. The new website has an updated homepage with easier access to Editor’s choice (free access), advanced access and most cited articles. https://academic.oup.com/eurpub

Eur J Public Health Advance Access for January 20, 2017
Quit attempts and smoking cessation in Italian adults (25–64 years): factors associated with attempts and successes
Alessandro Coppo, Sandro Baldissera, Alessandro Migliardi, Valentina Minardi, Elisa Quarchioni, Gianluigi Ferrante, Alberto Dal Molin, Fabrizio Faggiano, and for the PASSI Working Group
[Abstract]
Social class variation, the effect of the economic recession and childhood obesity at 3 years of age in Ireland
Samira Barbara Jabakhanji, Milena Pavlova, Wim Groot, Fiona Boland, and Regien Biesma
[Abstract]
The differentiated effects of health on political participation
Jérôme Couture and Sandra Breux
[Abstract]
Parental perceptions of barriers to active commuting to school in Spanish children and adolescents
Francisco Javier Huertas-Delgado, Manuel Herrador-Colmenero, Emilio Villa-González, María Jesús Aranda-Balboa, María Victoria Cáceres, Sandra Mandic, and Palma Chillón
[Abstract]
Association between the Healthy Eating Index-2010 and nutrient and energy densities of German households’ food purchases
Jonas Peltner and Silke Thiele
[Abstract]

Eur J Public Health Advance Access for January 7, 2017
Associations between racial discrimination, smoking during pregnancy and low birthweight among Roma
Teresa Janevic, Theresa Osypuk, Kristefer Stojanovski, Janko Jankovic, Daniel Gundersen, and Maggie Rogers
Eur J Public Health published 7 January 2017, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw214
[Abstract]
Nutrition modification aimed at enhancing dietary iron and folic acid intake: an application of health belief model in practice
Marzieh Araban, Khadije Baharzadeh, and Mahmood Karimy
[Abstract]

5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

The European Public Health Association – EUPHA – is recruiting for:
Junior Scientific Officer (m/f) (24 hours per week)
The scientific officer will work at the EUPHA office in Utrecht, Netherlands, to support the organisation in enhancing its research and scientific profile and its presence in the European Institutions in Brussels. The Scientific officer will specifically participate in the TO-REACH project.

Main responsibilities:
a) acquires research:
   • assists in writing project and research proposals;
   • identifies opportunities for cooperation in research and projects in the area of further developments of the new public health professional.
b) performs research:
   • performs, whether or not under guidance, research (or parts thereof);
   • writes reports on all areas of public health.
c) publishes research:
• writes reports and articles and publishes both internally and in external channels relevant for EUPHA.

d) is co-responsible for maintaining external relations:
• builds and maintains a network of relationships in the scientific field of public health;
• identifies scientific developments and provides their integration into EUPHA working plans;
• informs EUPHA on policy and strategic developments of the European Commission.

e) is responsible for the strategy and activities of EUPHAnxt:
• coordinates activities of the EUPHAnxt network in cooperation with the EUPHAnxt coordinators;
• builds and maintains a network of relationships with other student-based organizations in and outside Europe;
• ensures that EUPHAnxt activities and strategies are accurately presented on the EUPHA website;
• coordinates the organization of workshops and seminars, especially during the EPH conferences.

f) represents EUPHA and EUPHAnxt:
• represents EUPHA according to the instructions of the Executive director;
• represents EUPHAnxt at international conferences and meetings, independently or together with a EUPHAnxt Coordinator.

g) Takes care of promotion of EUPHA and EUPHAnxt and for member recruitment among students affiliated with public health as well as the younger public health professionals:
• sets up a PR & Marketing plan;
• involves the EUPHA-members in the recruitment activities;
• takes care of promotion via all available channels and partners.

h) contributes to the operation of the EUPHA office and all the activities of EUPHA and EPH conference:
• performs tasks within the EUPHA office, as delegated by the Executive director;
• assists the Executive director and Conference coordinator in the planning and organizing of the content of the EPH conferences.

Job requirements:
• MSc working and thinking level;
• 1-3 years research experience in public health or related disciplines;
• good communication skills in English;
• insight in the working fields of public health and relevant performers therein;
• willingness to spend 4-5 days per month in Brussels.

Time plan:
• Applications can be sent to office@eupha.org until 15 February 2017. Please include your CV, motivational letter and two references when applying.
• Interviews will be organised in the week of 20 February.
• Preferred commencement: 15 March 2017.

6. Interesting news

Fewer kids visited ERs for asthma after indoor smoking bans
Emergency rooms in communities with indoor smoking bans reported a 17 percent decrease in the number of children needing care for asthma attacks, according to new research.
https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...

EuroHealthNet calls for new EC occupational health and safety plans to include mental wellbeing improvements
The European Commission has announced proposals for an action plan to improve EU rules concerning health and safety for people at work. It aims to better protect workers against work-related cancer, to help businesses to comply with the existing legislative framework, and to put a bigger focus on results and less on paperwork.
At EuroHealthNet, we also see this initiative as an opportunity to highlight how modern occupational health and safety measures should include both the physical and mental wellbeing of workers.
The EC states that 'since 2008, the number of workers who died in an accident at work dropped by almost one fourth, and the percentage of EU workers reporting at least one health problem caused or made worse by work decreased by nearly 10%. However, challenges remain: it is estimated that about 160,000 Europeans die from illnesses related to their work every year.' These work related illnesses, injuries or other long-term health impairments do not stem from physical conditions alone. They are also caused by occupational impacts on mental health and wellbeing. Further, actual figures may be higher if the full impacts of stress and mental harm are taken into account.

Jobs defined by stressful working conditions such as high demand and low control, job strain or noise, and an imbalance between efforts and rewards have an increased risk of ill health, such as ischemic heart disease, a form of cardiovascular disease. The 6th European Working Conditions Survey demonstrates that both good physical and social environments are associated with less general absence from work. Moreover, less presentism (working when sick) is associated with better job quality.

Promoting mental health among employees, identifying and providing help to those affected, and supporting those who need time off before returning to work have been proved to be cost-effective and beneficial for business. The cost of neglecting mental distress at work is too high to be ignored. Health promotion at work, and in particular protecting mental health, has become a key issue in the labour market today. The challenge remains for the European Commission to address these factors, to consider how the changing nature of work is influencing health and well-being, and what impact this has on productivity and economic growth.

**Weekend exercise alone 'has significant health benefits'**

Cramming all your recommended weekly exercise into one or two weekend sessions is enough to produce important health benefits, a study suggests. And being active without managing 150 minutes of moderate activity a week was still enough to reduce the risk of an early death by a third.


**Current controls on alcohol marketing are not protecting youth, warn public health experts**

Youth around the world are exposed to extensive alcohol marketing, experts warn, adding that current controls on that marketing appear ineffective in blocking the association between youth exposure and subsequent drinking.

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

**Sharing of data to combat infectious disease outbreaks**

To protect people against potentially deadly infectious disease outbreaks, it is critical that scientists and governments rapidly share information about the pathogens that cause them. A new shows how it is possible to encourage the greater international sharing of such data, despite numerous challenges that exist.

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

### 7. Upcoming courses and conferences

**Title:** Health in All Policies: Making it Work in Practice - Durham University Winter School  
**Date / location:** 30 Jan 2017 - 1 Feb 2017 / Durham, United Kingdom  
**Organiser:** Centre for Public Policy and Health (CPPH), Durham University

**Title:** Trajectoires Migratoires et santé Autour de la Naissance - Regards croisés sur les pratiques et la recherche  
**Date / location:** 2 Feb 2017 - 3 Feb 2017 / Brussels, Belgium  
**Organiser:** University of Montreal, University of Geneva and the Free University of Brussels
Title: Dietary reference values: a tool for public health
Date / location: 10 Feb 2017 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: Belgian Nutrition Society

Title: Kritische Bewertung medizinischer Studien” (critical appraisal of medical studies)
Date / location: 13 Feb 2017 - 14 Feb 2017 / Krems, Austria
Organiser: Danube University Krems and Cochrane Austria

Title: JA-CHRODIS final conference
Date / location: 27 Feb 2017 - 28 Feb 2017 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: JA-CHRODIS

Title: 31st International Papillomavirus Conference and Clinical and Public Health Workshops (HPV 2017)
Date / location: 28 Feb 2017 - 4 Mar 2017 / Cape Town, South Africa
Organiser: International Papillomavirus Society

Title: Hospital-based interventions to contain antibiotic resistance in low-resource settings
Date / location: 6 Mar 2017 - 24 Mar 2017 / Antwerp, Belgium
Organiser: Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp

Title: Medizinische Statistik für Nicht-StatistikerInnen” (medical statistics for non-statisticians)
Date / location: 14 Mar 2017 - 15 Mar 2017 / Krems, Austria
Organiser: Danube University Krems and Cochrane Austria

Title: PREPAREing for (Re-)Emerging Arbovirus Infections in Europe
Date / location: 29 Mar 2017 - 31 Mar 2017 / Zagreb, Croatia
Organiser: •ESCMID Study Group for Infections in Travellers and Migrants - ESGITM

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

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

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

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

Title: Dementia: Implementing Better Care
Date / location: 20 Apr 2017 / Manchester, United Kingdom
Organiser: Open Forum Events
Title: eHealthWeek 2017  
Date / location: 10 May 2017 - 12 May 2017 / Malta  
Organiser: Maltese Ministry for Health, EC, HIMSS Europe

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

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

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

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

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

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

Title: Introduction to Mathematical Models of the Epidemiology and Control of Infectious Diseases: An interactive short course for professionals  
Date / location: 4 Sep 2017 - 15 Sep 2017 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Imperial College London

Title: The Sixth ESWI Influenza Conference  
Date / location: 10 Sep 2017 - 13 Sep 2017 / Riga, Latvia  
Organiser: ESWI

Title: Healthy aging at the crossroads: challenges and need for further action  
Date / location: 21 Sep 2017 - 23 Sep 2017 / Istanbul, Turkey  
Organiser: The Healthy Community Association

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

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

8. Interesting publications

Utilization of health care services by migrants in Europe-a systematic literature review  
Closing the gender leadership gap: a multi-centre cross-country comparison of women in management and leadership in academic health centres in the European Union'

9. European Commission news

Alcohol
Minutes and presentations - 19th meeting of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action (27-28 September 2016). Go to related site

Health systems performance assessment
Minutes - 8th meeting of the Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment (HSPA) (14 December 2017)
Get this document

Social determinants and health inequalities
Danish model of self-catering in correctional facilities potentially improves inmates’ diet whilst being cost effective – Case study of 'VulnerABLE' pilot project
Go to related site

Communicable diseases
DG SANTE has launched a new call for applications for the EU HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum (CSF), which is to be expanded to incorporate Hepatitis and Tuberculosis
Go to related site

eHealth
Agenda, list of participants, minutes and meeting documents - 10th meeting of the eHealth Network (21 November 2016)
Go to related site

Blood, tissues and organs
Evaluation of EU blood, tissues and cells legislation: Commission publishes Roadmap
Go to related site

Health indicators
Indicators on Hospital in-patient discharges for 25 diagnoses updated with 2014 data (ECHI 67)
Go to related site

Nutrition and physical activity
‘Together’ pilot project shares lessons learnt with all who wish to carry out similar initiatives – Guide to the dos and don'ts.
Go to related site

10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 03, 19 January 2017
In this issue:
Report on measles epidemic with 2,700 reported cases, including severe cases and one death, in the Netherlands in 2013–2014

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS
Ongoing outbreak of invasive and non-invasive disease due to group A Streptococcus (GAS) type emm66 among homeless and people who inject drugs in England and Wales, January to December 2016
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22693
Infectious Zika virus in vaginal secretions from an HIV-infected woman, France, August 2016
SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT
Large measles epidemic in the Netherlands, May 2013 to March 2014: changing epidemiology
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22690

RESEARCH ARTICLE
Development of oseltamivir and zanamivir resistance in influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 virus, Denmark, 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22692

Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 2, 12 January 2017
In this issue:
Study from Poland shows decrease in anti-hepatitis C virus seroprevalence in (sub)urban working age population from 2004 to 2014

EDITORIAL
Note from the editors: The year 2016 gone, 2017 just started
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22689

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS
Experimental transmission of Zika virus by mosquitoes from central Europe
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22684

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS
National molecular surveillance of recently acquired HIV infections in Germany, 2013 to 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22683
A joint cross-border investigation of a cluster of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in Austria, Romania and Germany in 2014 using classic, genotyping and whole genome sequencing methods: lessons learnt
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22686

RESEARCH ARTICLE
Anti-hepatitis C virus seroprevalence in the working age population in Poland, 2004 to 2014
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22688

LETTER
Letter to the editor: Need for a European network for enterovirus D68 surveillance after detections of EV-D68 of the new B3 lineage in Sweden and Italy, 2016
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22687

MISCELLANEOUS
Erratum for Euro Surveill. 2017;22(1)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22685

Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 01, 5 January 2017
In this issue:
In this issue we would like to thank the ca 500 experts who supported us with peer review in 2016 and we publish a list with their names.

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS
Genetic characterisation of novel, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N6 viruses isolated in birds, South Korea, November 2016
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22682

RESEARCH ARTICLES
Novel real-time PCR-based patho- and phylotyping of potentially zoonotic avian influenza A subtype H5 viruses at risk of incursion into Europe in 2017
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22681
Trends in antimicrobial susceptibility for azithromycin and ceftriaxone in *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* isolates in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, between 2012 and 2015
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22677

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT
Sentinel surveillance of imported dengue via travellers to Europe 2012 to 2014: TropNet data from the DengueTools Research Initiative
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22679

MISCELLANEOUS
*Eurosurveillance* reviewers in 2016
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22678
Erratum for *Euro Surveill.* 2016;21(50)
http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22676

11. WHO news

State of inequality: Childhood immunization
The report addresses two overarching questions: What inequalities in childhood immunization coverage exist in low- and middle-income countries? And how have childhood immunization inequalities changed over the last 10 years? In answering these questions, this report draws on data about five childhood immunization indicators, disaggregated by four dimensions of inequality, and covering 69 countries. The findings of this report indicate that there is less inequality now than 10 years ago. Global improvements have been realized with variable patterns of change across countries and by indicator and dimension of inequality. The current situation in many countries shows that further improvement is needed to lessen inequalities; in particular, inequalities related to household economic status and mother’s education were the most prominent. This report is accompanied by electronic interactive visuals, which facilitates thorough and customizable exploration of the data.
http://bit.ly/2j7uTUs

December publications

Health system efficiency: how to make measurement matter for policy and management
Jonathan Cylus, Irene Papanicolas, Peter C Smith
Year 2016, Order Number 13400181ISBN-13 9789289050418
Efficiency is one of the central preoccupations of health policy-makers and managers, and justifiably so. Inefficient care can lead to unnecessarily poor outcomes for patients, either in terms of their health, or in their experience of the health system. .../...

Evaluation of Certain Food Additives
Year 2016, Order Number 11001000ISBN-13 9789241210003
This report represents the conclusions of a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee convened to evaluate the safety of various food additives, including flavouring agents, with a view to concluding as to safety concerns and to preparing specifications for identity and purity. .../...

Nepal earthquake 2015
Year 2016, Order Number 15400043ISBN-13 9789290225188
On 25 April 2015 at 11:56 NST, with a mighty shudder, the earth released the pent-up seismic energy trapped within in the form of an earthquake that lasted 55 seconds. .../...

Year 2016, Order Number 00209412
The Bulletin of the World Health Organization is an international journal of public health with a special focus on developing countries. Since it was first published in 1948, the Bulletin has become one of the world’s leading public health journals. .../...
Guidelines on Core Components of Infection Prevention and Control Programmes at the National and Acute Health Care Facility Level
Year 2016, Order Number 11500923ISBN-13 9789241549929
These new guidelines form a key part of WHO strategies to prevent current and future threats, strengthen health service resilience and help combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR). .../...

Comprehensive Cervical Cancer Control. Second edition
Year 2016, Order Number 11502675ISBN-13 9789241548953
This publication gives a broad vision of what a comprehensive approach to cervical cancer prevention and control means. .../...