



On behalf of the EUPHA Executive Council, we wish you a good Christmas break and a good start to 2008

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1. EUPHA news

The 2008 EUPHA conference: I-health: innovation and health in Europe

The 2008 conference will be organized in Lisbon, Portugal from 6-8 November and the main theme is I-health: innovation and health in Europe. Abstracts can be submitted from 1 February to 1 May.

We are very pleased to combine our annual meeting with the annual meeting of our partner association – ASPHER (Association for Schools of Public Health in the European Region). More information on the abstract submission will follow in the next newsletter.

EUPHA's 10 statements published in Spanish:

We are very pleased to announce that the EUPHA 10 Statements on the future of public health in Europe have been translated in Spanish and published in the Gaceta Sanitaria, Vol. 21-4: 349-354

ASPHER has a new office:

In order to meet the growing demands of the ASPHER's strategic development, and to improve the services provided to our Members, we are pleased to announce that we have moved into new office premises in Brussels. The new premises are located in the center of Brussels:

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Fax: 00 32 2 229 5383
E-mail: office@aspher.org

Mr. Robert Otok, MPH, is the newly appointed Manager of the Brussels Office, and will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Association and the coordination of ASPHER's activities. His email address is robert.otok@aspher.org.

EUROSAFE Policy Briefings now available:

Injuries are a neglected epidemic in the 53 countries of the WHO European Region accounting for 790,000 deaths each year which, to put this figure into perspective, is more than half the population of Estonia. One in eleven of all deaths are due to injuries. The health care costs of treating injuries and the corresponding economic losses to society are enormous.

EuroSafe in partnership with the Regional office of the World Health Organisation is pleased to provide you with the first three of nine policy briefings which will be released over the next year. The policy briefings will help you position injury prevention in your own country and help raise awareness of and commitment to the issue. The first three policy briefings cover the following aspects of injury prevention:

- 1: The role of public health in injury prevention
2. Developing national policy for injury prevention
3. Inequality in injury risks

The policy briefings are available at:

<http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/csi/eurosafe2006.nsf/wwwVwContent/l4policybriefings.htm>

Child safety Europe publishes Report cards on the level of safety provided to children and adolescents

A major step towards national action plans to enhance child and adolescent safety in Europe has been completed. Joanne Vincenten and Morag Mackay, European Child Safety Alliance, EuroSafe, describe here the report cards that make clear to European governments what action they should take if they are serious about preventing avoidable deaths among their children and young people.

On November 20, 2007 results rating performance on child and adolescent safety for 18 countries in Europe were released by the European Child Safety Alliance, EuroSafe. The 18 Child Safety Report Cards along with complimentary Child Safety Profiles and an 18 country summary report card are part of a EU-funded project led by the Alliance. The Report Card results show how well governments are doing on addressing accidental injury in children and adolescents. The grades are based on the extent to which countries had implemented and enforced evidenced based national policies that have been shown to prevent and reduce injuries to July 2006.

The Report Cards form part of the assessment phase of a wider project aimed at establishing national Child Safety Action Plans which is a large-scale initiative whose purpose is to use standardised tools and processes to facilitate development of national action plans to enhance child and adolescent safety in Europe. The main purpose of the policy review was the opportunity it provided to assess where a country is at in terms of adoption, implementation and enforcement of policy that supports child safety as a baseline for national action planning. This allowed gaps to be identified in current policy that could then be addressed by participating countries as part of action planning. While countries were interested to see how they scored in relation to one another, the international comparison was not the aim of the review.

The Child Safety Action Plan initiative is led by the European Child Safety Alliance of EuroSafe, with co-funding and partnership from the European Commission, the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, the Universities of Keele and the West of England, WHO-Europe and partners in 18 countries.

Complete results for Country Report Cards, Profiles and the 18 Country Report Card and the Summary Report for the Child Safety Action Plan initiative can be accessed at www.childsafetyeurope.org

2. Upcoming Courses and conferences

- Title** **Implementing the new EU Health Strategy - EuroHealthNet Seminar**
Date 13 March 2008
Place Brussels, Belgium
Organiser EuroHealthNet
Deadline abstracts
More information www.eurohealthnet.eu
- Title** **3e Colloque international des programmes locaux & régionaux de santé- DES TERRITOIRES EN ACTION POUR LA SANTE DE TOUS**
Date 1-4 April 2008
Place Mons, Belgium
Organiser
Deadline abstracts
More information <http://www.mons2008.info/>
- Title** **2nd Conference of Migrant Health in Europe**
Date 22-24 May, 2008
Place Malmö, Sweden
Organiser Lund University together with the EUPHA section on migrant health
Deadline abstracts 15 January 2008
More information <http://www.migranthealth.se>
- Title** **WPA Thematic Conference on Depression and Other Common Mental Disorders in Primary Care**
Date 19-21 June 2008
Place Granada, Spain
Organiser
Deadline abstracts
More information <http://www.wpa2008granada.org/>
- Title** **EHMA Annual Conference 2008: The Politics of Health: Policy, organisation, community – changing contexts, managing relationships**
Date 25-27 June 2008
Place Athens, Greece
Organiser EHMA
Deadline abstracts 4 January 2008
More information www.EHMA.org
- Title** **17th ETC Summer Course 2008 in collaboration with EUMAHP - »Health in All Policies«**
Date 14-25 July 2008
Place Bergen, Norway
Organiser
Deadline applications April 15, 2008.
More information www.etc-summer-school.eu .
- Title** **3rd Annual Conference of the German Epidemiological Society (DGEpi)**
Date 24-27 September 2008
Place Bielefeld, Germany
Organiser
Deadline abstracts 1 March 2008
More information <http://www.dgepi.de/jahrestagung.htm>
- Title** **2nd European Conference on Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion**
Date 9-10 October, 2008
Place Paris, France
Organiser Eurosafe
Deadline abstracts
More information <http://www.eurosafe.eu.com/paris2008>
- Title** **25th International Conference of ISQua**
Date 19-22 October 2008

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| Place | Copenhagen, Denmark |
| Organiser | ISQua |
| Deadline abstracts | 1 March 2008 |
| More information | www.isqua.org |

3. Interesting publications

Improved Health System Performance through Better Care Coordination

Maria M. Hofmarcher, Howard Oxley, and Elena Rusticelli

Health Working Papers, No. 30 – December 2007

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - OECD

Available online as PDF file [85p.] at:

[http://www.olis.oecd.org/olis/2007doc.nsf/ENGDATCORPLOOK/NT00005926/\\$FILE/JT03237930.PDF](http://www.olis.oecd.org/olis/2007doc.nsf/ENGDATCORPLOOK/NT00005926/$FILE/JT03237930.PDF)

Present status and future strategy for medical research in Europe

White Paper from the European Medical Research Councils - 2007

Available online as PDF file [52p.] at:

[http://www.esf.org/index.php?elD=tx_ccdamdl_file&p\[file\]=14135&p\[dl\]=1&p\[pid\]=3728&p\[site\]=European%20Science%20Foundation&p\[t\]=1198504987&hash=f76a743db47bed2271d01efea73edae&l=en](http://www.esf.org/index.php?elD=tx_ccdamdl_file&p[file]=14135&p[dl]=1&p[pid]=3728&p[site]=European%20Science%20Foundation&p[t]=1198504987&hash=f76a743db47bed2271d01efea73edae&l=en)

Website: <http://www.esf.org/publications.html>

Health Impact Assessment: A practical guide

Harris, P., Harris-Roxas, B., Harris, E., & Kemp, L.

Sydney: Centre for Health Equity Training, Research and Evaluation (CHETRE)

Part of the UNSW Research Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity

The University of New South Wales, Australia UNSW -2007

Available online as Pdf file [43p.] at:

http://www.hia2007.com/Health_Impact_Assessment_A_Practical_Guide.pdf

Measuring ancient inequality

Branko Milanovic, Peter H. Lindert, Jeffrey G. Williamson

Policy Research Working Paper 4412 - Development Research Department Department of Economics

Poverty Team - World Bank – November 2007

Website: <http://go.worldbank.org/EE59YVJCM0>

Available online as PDF file [88p.] at:

[http://www-](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/IW3P/IB/2007/11/28/000158349_20071128113445/Rendered/PDF/wps4412.pdf)

[wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/IW3P/IB/2007/11/28/000158349_20071128113445/Rendered/PDF/wps4412.pdf](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/IW3P/IB/2007/11/28/000158349_20071128113445/Rendered/PDF/wps4412.pdf)

Road traffic injury prevention - training manual

Dinesh Mohan, Geetam Tiwari, Meleckidzedek Khayesi and Fredrick Muyia Nafukho, INDIAN

INSTITUTE, World Health Organization

Available online PDF [126p.] at: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2006/9241546751_eng.pdf

Economic Benefit of Tuberculosis Control

Policy Research Working Paper 4295 - This study was commissioned by the World Bank on behalf of the Stop TB Partnership and financed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 2007

Available online PDF [59p.] at:

[http://www-](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/IW3P/IB/2007/08/01/000158349_20070801103922/Rendered/PDF/wps4295.pdf)

[wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/IW3P/IB/2007/08/01/000158349_20070801103922/Rendered/PDF/wps4295.pdf](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/IW3P/IB/2007/08/01/000158349_20070801103922/Rendered/PDF/wps4295.pdf)

World Disasters Report 2007 - - Focus on Discrimination

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, 2007

Available online as PDF file [244p.] at: <http://www.ifrc.org/Docs/pubs/disasters/wdr2007/WDR2007-English.pdf>

Summaries by chapter: <http://www.ifrc.org/publicat/wdr2007/summaries.asp>

The "Tobacco Wars"—Global Litigation Strategies

JAMA, December 5, 2007; 298: 2537 – 2539

Lawrence O. Gostin *Associate Dean (Research and Academic Programs)* Linda D. and Timothy J. O'Neill *Professor of Global Health Law Faculty Director, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law - Georgetown University Law Center*

The Global Gender Gap Report 2007

Published by the World Economic Forum in collaboration with faculty at Harvard University and University of California, Berkeley

Ricardo Hausmann, Harvard University

Laura D. Tyson, University of California, Berkeley

Saadia Zahidi, World Economic Forum

Available online as PDF file [173p.] at: <http://www.weforum.org/pdf/gendergap/report2007.pdf>

ENGAGING WITH CARE - A VISION FOR THE HEALTH AND CARE WORKFORCE OF ENGLAND

Sandra Dawson, Zoë Slote Morris, Will Erickson, Graham Lister, Beth Altringer, Pam Garside, Marian Craig, The Nuffield Trust, UK 2007

Available online as PDF file [90p] at:

http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/ecomms/files/Engaging_with_Care.pdf

Summary PDF [6p.] at: <http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/uploadedFiles/EWC-Summary.pdf>

Governing Global Health

Models of public health education: choices for the future?

Elizabeth Fee, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD, United States of America. Liping Bu Alma College, Alma, MI, United States of America

Bulletin of the World Health Organization - Volume 85, Number 12, December 2007

Available online at: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/12/07-044883.pdf>

Global health diplomacy: training across disciplines

Ilona Kickbusch, Thomas E Novotny, Nico Drager, Gaudenz Silberschmidt, Santiago Alcazar

Bulletin of the World Health Organization - Volume 85, Number 12, December 2007, 901-980

Available online at: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/12/07-045856/en/index.html>

Psychosocial resources and social health inequalities in France: Exploratory findings from a general population survey

Florence Jusot (IRDES), Michel Grignon (Departments of Economics and Health, Aging and Society, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario ; Center for Health Economics and Policy Analysis (CHEPA), McMaster University Associate Researcher (IRDES), Paul Dourgnon (IRDES)

Institut de recherche et documentation en économie de la santé – France - Septembre 2007

Available online as PDF file [28p.] at :

<http://www.irdes.fr/EspaceAnglais/Publications/WorkingPapers/DT6PsychosocialSocialHealthFrance.pdf>

Public Policy and Franchising Reproductive Health: Current Evidence and Future Directions

WHO's Reproductive Health and Research Department recently released two joint reports that address contemporary policy and programmatic issues related to working with the private sector to provide sexual and reproductive health services.

Available online as PDF file [32p.] at:

http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/publicpolicy_franchising/publicpolicy_franchising.pdf

Uses of epidemiology, ways of living and dying

Shah Ebrahim

International Journal of Epidemiology - Volume 36, Number 6 December 2007

[Int. J. Epidemiol. 2007 36: 1159-1160; doi:10.1093/ije/dym241 \[Extract\] \[Full Text\] \[PDF\]](http://www.ijerph.com/2007/36/6/1159-1160)

Who Needs Cause-of-Death Data

Peter Byass is at the Umeå International School of Public Health, Umeå, Sweden and Immpact (The Initiative for Maternal Mortality Programme Assessment), University of Aberdeen, Scotland

PLoS Med 4(11): e333 doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.0040333

Available online at:

<http://medicine.plosjournals.org/perlserv/?request=get-document&doi=10.1371/journal.pmed.0040333>

Improving social and health care services

Rebecca Fauth and Michelle Mahdon
People Management Knowledge Review 16
The Social Care Institute for Excellence - The Work Foundation 2007 – London UK
Available online PDF [254p.] at: <http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/knowledgereviews/kr16.pdf>

Beyond the Numbers: Understanding the Institutions for Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / The World Bank
Available online PDF [260p.] at:
<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTPAME/Resources/383220-1153403450741/0821364847.pdf>
URL: <http://go.worldbank.org/PPTOO2V1P0>

Human Development Report - Fighting climate change: Human solidarity in a divided world

United Nations Development Programme, UNDP 2007
Available online as PDF file [399p.] at: http://hdr.undp.org/en/media/hdr_20072008_en_complete.pdf

Public Health Capacity in Latin America and the Caribbean: Assessment and Strengthening

Pan American Health Organization - PAHO/WHO
Area of Health Systems Strengthening - Health Policies and Systems Unit - 2007
Available online PDF [80p.] at:
http://www.lachealthsys.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=372

Social protection in health schemes for mother, newborn and child population: lessons learned from the Latin American Region

Pan American Health Organization - PAHO/WHO
Area of Health Systems Strengthening - Health Policies and Systems Unit - 2007
Available online PDF [177p.] at:
http://www.lachealthsys.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=386

Analyzing Health Equity Using Household Survey Data Analyzing: A Guide to Techniques and Their Implementation

Owen O'Donnell, Eddy van Doorslaer, Adam Wagstaff, and Magnus Lindelow
WBI Learning Resources Series - Published by the World Bank - 2007
Available online PDF [234p.] at:
<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTPAH/Resources/Publications/459843-1195594469249/HealthEquityFINAL.pdf>

Impact Monitoring and Evaluation Framework: Background and Assessment Approaches

Australian Government's Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Association, 2007
Available online PDF [56p.] at:
http://www.crca.asn.au/resource_materials/CRCA_Economic_Impact_Guide.pdf

Assessing Alternative Financing Methods for the Canadian Health Care System in View of Population Aging

Doug Andrews
SEDAP Research Paper No. 224, November 2007
The Program for Research on Social and Economic Dimensions of an Aging Population (SEDAP) is an interdisciplinary research program centred at McMaster University
Available online PDF [50p.] at: <http://socserv.socsci.mcmaster.ca/sedap/p/sedap224.pdf>

Income redistribution is not enough: income inequality, social welfare programs, and achieving equity in health

Barbara Starfield, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
Anne-Emanuelle Birn, Department of Public Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health - December 2007;61:1038-1041;
Abstract: <http://jech.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/61/12/1038>

Shaping the world to illustrate inequalities in health

Danny Dorling, Anna Barford

Social and Spatial Inequalities Group, Department of Geography, University of Sheffield, England
Bulletin of the World Health Organization -Volume 85, Number 11, November 2007, 821-900

Available online at: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/11/07-044131/en/index.html>

Global Infectious Disease Surveillance and Detection: Assessing the Challenges – Finding Solutions, Workshop Summary

Forum on Microbial Threats, Stanley M. Lemon, Margaret A. Hamburg, P. Frederick Sparling, Eileen R. Choffnes, and Alison Mack, Rapporteurs

Forum on Microbial Threats - Board on Global Health, 2007- US National Academy of Sciences

Available full text online at: http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11996

Our cities, our health, our future: Acting on social determinants for health equity in urban settings

Chair and Lead Writer: Tord Kjellstrom

Report of the Knowledge Network on Urban Settings, WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health. Prepared by the WHO Centre for Health Development, Kobe, Japan - 2007

Available online as PDF file [70p.] at:

http://www.who.int/social_determinants/resources/knus_report_16jul07.pdf

Employment Conditions and Health Inequalities

Employment Conditions Knowledge Network (EMCONET) Final Report, 20 September 2007

World Health Organization - Commission on the Social Determinants of Health, 2007

Joan Benach, Carles Muntaner, Vilma Santana (Chairs), Health Inequalities Research Group, Occupational Health Research Unit, Dept. Experimental Sciences and Health Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain, Social Equity and Health Section, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Institute of Collective Health, Federal University of Bahia, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

Available online as PDF file [172p.] at:

http://www.who.int/social_determinants/resources/articles/emconet_who_report.pdf

The social determinants of health: Developing an evidence base for political action

Final Report from Measurement and Evidence Knowledge Network

Michael P. Kelly (Co-chair) - Josiane Bonnefoy (Co-chair)

World Health Organization - Commission on the Social Determinants of Health, 2007

Available online as PDF file [165p.] at:

http://www.who.int/social_determinants/resources/mekn_report_10oct07.pdf

Launch Issue of PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases: A New Voice for the Poor

The Public Library of Science (PLoS) launched PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases, November 2007

Website: <http://www.plosntds.org>

Inequalities in health in Scotland: what are they and what can we do about them

Sally Macintyre, Occasional Paper Number 17- October 2007

MRC Social and Public Health Sciences Unit

Available online PDF [19p.] at: <http://www.sphsu.mrc.ac.uk/files/File/reports/OP017.pdf>

Sustainability of Healthcare Financing in the Western Balkans: An Overview of Progress and Challenges

Caryn Bredenkamp, Michele Gragnolati

The World Bank Europe and Central Asia Region - Human Development Department, October 2007

Available online as PDF [36p.] at: [http://www-](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/servlet/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2007/10/09/000158349_20071009154058/Rendered/PDF/wps4374.pdf)

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Toward Higher-Performance Health Systems: Adults' Health Care Experiences In Seven Countries, 2007

Cathy Schoen, Robin Osborn, Michelle M. Doty, Meghan Bishop, Jordon Peugh and Nandita Murukutla

Health Affairs, 26, no. 6 – November 2007: w717-w734

Available online Full Text at: <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/26/6/w717>

Homelessness - multiple faces, multiple responsibilities

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden, 1 November 2007

Available online as PDF file [16p.] at: <http://www.sweden.gov.se/content/1/c6/09/14/05/83ea8069.pdf>

Conditional Cash Transfers for Improving Uptake of Health Interventions in Low- and Middle-Income Countries A Systematic Review

Mylene Lagarde, Andy Haines, Natasha Palmer, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London, England, JAMA Vol. 298 No. 16, October 24/31, 2007

Available online at: <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/298/16/1900>

Is Our Pharmacy Meeting Patients' Needs?

Pharmacy Health Literacy Assessment Tool User's Guide

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Website: <http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2007/pharmtoolpr.htm>

Sound Choices: Enhancing Capacity for Evidence-Informed Health Policy

The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, Biennial Review - WHO – 2007

Available online as PDF file [172p.] at: http://www.who.int/alliance-hpsr/resources/Alliance_BR.pdf

Developing a Tool to Measure Knowledge Exchange Outcomes

Kelly Skinner, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

The Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation Vol. 22 No. 1 – 2007-10-29

Available online as PDF file [25p.] at:

<http://www.phr.uwaterloo.ca/pubs/169-public-2007-10-03-329391.pdf>

Do I See a Demand?... from “Medicare” to Health for All

Hon. Monique Bégin, PC, FRSC, OC

Vol. 37, Issue 3, Oct 2007, Page 15 2007 Optimum Online

Available online at: <http://www.optimumonline.ca/article.phtml?id=284>

Free subscription required

World Development Report 2008: Agriculture for Development

The World Bank, October 2007

Available online at: <http://go.worldbank.org/LBJZD6HWZ0>

Press Release: <http://go.worldbank.org/IUIGDTF9M0>

4. European Commission: update



- **Health information**
Analysing and reporting on health What's new section updated
- **Health information: Analysing and reporting on health**
Other EU Health-related reports (environment, sustainable development, drugs, food safety) Sustainable development part updated
- **Health determinants: Socio-economic determinants of health - health inequalities**
Meeting of the Expert Group on Social Determinants and Health Inequalities, Luxembourg, 26-27 november 2007 Contributions

- **Health determinants: Alcohol**
European Alcohol and Health Forum Submission form for commitments updated
- **HIV/AIDS**
World AIDS day 2007: 1 December 2007 International Health in All Policies Seminar Page updated
- **Tobacco control**
Second Report on the application of the Tobacco Products Directive
- **Health Determinants - Nutrition - Speeches**
Interview by Rober Madelin, Director General for Health and Consumer Protection Seminar on "Communication and Health" organised by IREP (Institut d'Etude de de Recherche sur la Publicité)
- **Health determinants: Alcohol**
Call for Expressions of Interest: Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum Deadline for applications: 31 January 2008
- **Health determinants: Tobacco**
Second Report on the application of the Tobacco Products Directive
- **Health determinants: Tobacco**
Report summarizing main finding of the Green Paper consultation
- **Health determinants: Drugs and substances**
Annual report 2007: the state of the drugs problem in Europe
- **Overview of health strategy**
Health strategy White Paper now available in 22 languages
- **Overview of health strategy**
Summary of Health Strategy Impact Assessment now available in 22 languages
- **Programme 2003-2008: Key document**
Commission Decision amending Decision 2007/102/EC adopting the work plan for 2007 for implementation of Programme of Community action in the field of public health (2003 to 2008), including the annual work programme for grants Date of adoption: 8 November 2007
- **Health determinants: Socio-economic determinants of health - health inequalities**
Key documents Europe section updated
- **Health Programme**
Decision No 1350/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 establishing a second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-13) Available in 22 languages
- **Threats to health: Rare diseases**
Public Consultation regarding a European Action in the Field of Rare Diseases New deadline for responses: 14 February 2008
- **Overview of health strategy: Pharmaceutical forum**
Summary Report of the Public Consultation on the Quality Principles and the Diabetes Model Information Package
- **Bluetongue**
The list of restriction zones per bluetongue serotype that have been demarcated by the EU Member States Table Updated 15-11-2007
- **Health information: Funded project 2003**
EUREGIO - Evaluation der Grenzregionen in der Europäischen Union Final report
- **Risk assessment: Legal documents**
2007/708/EC: Commission Decision of 31 October 2007 amending the list of experts appointed as members of the Scientific Committees in the field of consumer safety, public health and the environment and the prolongation of their term of office Available in 22 languages

- **Health information: Funded project 2004**
EMFNear - Exposure at UMTS electromagnetic fields: study on potential adverse effects on hearing Final report and annexes
- **Health determinants: Alcohol**
European Alcohol and Health Forum Page updated
- **Health information: Diseases and conditions information sheets**
Cancer What's new section updated
- **Health determinants: Nutrition**
Tackling Childhood Obesity: European Day of Healthy Food and Cooking Press release
- **Health determinants: Injury prevention**
Child Safety Report Cards for 18 Countries to be launched November 20th in the European Parliament
- **Newsletter: Health & Consumer Voice Newsletter on Food Safety, Health and Consumer Policy from Health and Consumer Protection DG**
Edition: October 2007
- **Overview of health strategy**
Funding Health in Your Region - Factsheet Publication available in en, de, es, fr, it, pl
- **Health information: Funded projects 2004**
RDTF - Scientific secretariat of the Rare Disease Task Force 2nd interim report
- **Health Systems**
New Health Systems Impact Assessment tool launched in Lisbon at the Portuguese Presidency meeting on Health and Health Systems Impact Assessment
- **Threats to health: HIV/AIDS**
HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum (CSF) Reports of the meetings
- **Health determinants: Alcohol**
European Alcohol and Health Forum Submission form for commitment
- **Health information: Analysing and reporting on health**
Health reporting systems at national level What's new section updated
- **Health information: Dissemination of health information and data**
Causes of death information What's new section updated
- **Overview of health strategy**
Health Strategy White Paper languages versions added (bg, da, et, hu, mt, ro, sl)
- **Threats to health**
IVth Joint EC/ECDC/WHO Workshop on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, Luxembourg, 25-27 September 2007
Page updated
- **Overview of health strategy**
Health Strategy Page now available in es, de
- **RAPEX - Operational guidelines (Member State level)**
National Contact Points Updated 25-10-2007
- **Latest safety news**
Toy safety - Mattel recall on lead paint toys (October 2007)
- **Health information: Analysing and reporting on health**
Health reporting systems at national level Portal section updated
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**
Members (CVs and Declarations) CV of Dorothea STAHL updated

- **Overview of health strategy**
Commission adopts new health strategy 'Together For Health: A Strategic Approach for the EU 2008-2013
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) since 2003 Data as of 13 December 2007
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtype Data as of 13 December 2007
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza since 1997 sorted by subtypes Data as of 13 December 2007 (flash map)
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
Distribution H5N1 cases by age group up to date Data as of 13 December 2007
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) by date of onset and country from January 2006 up to date Data as of 13 December 2007
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**
Call for information on Potential health risks of exposure to noise from personal music players and mobile phones including a music playing function Deadline for submission of information: 10 January 2008
- **Public Consultation**
Public consultation regarding European Action in the Field of Rare Diseases FI, IT, DA, EL, BG, LT, RO & ET available
- **Health determinants: Mental health**
High level conference on mental health, Brussels, 13 June 2008
- **Health determinants: Tobacco**
Contributions of the consultation on smoke-free environments Page updated
- **Bluetongue conference on vaccination, Brussels - 16 January 2008**
The Commission is convening a "Conference on vaccination strategy against bluetongue" that will take place in Brussels in the Charlemagne building on 16 January 2008.
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**
Minutes of the 20th Plenary Meeting Brussels, 27 September 2007
- **Health information: Extreme weather conditions**
"The Consequences of Climate Change on Human and Animal Health" Stakeholder Workshop, Luxembourg, 24 October 2007 Minutes, Contributions
- **Threats to health: Rare diseases**
Events Page updated
- **Health determinants: Socio-economic determinants of health - health inequalities**
Key Documents Belgium section updated

7. European Centre for Diseases Control: Eurosurveillance

Thursday 1 November 2007

- Eurosurveillance weekly release has just been updated. This week's contents:
- STEC O157 outbreak in the Netherlands, September-October 2007
- STEC O157 outbreak in Iceland, September-October 2007
- Universal varicella vaccination in the Veneto Region, Italy: launch of a programme targeting all children aged 14 months and susceptible adolescents
- Public Health Measures in an Influenza Pandemic – the importance of surveillance

- Authors' correction for: Euro Surveill 2007;12(10):E071018.3

Read these reports at : <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ew/2007/071101.asp>

Thursday 8 November 2007

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

- Outbreak of tularaemia in Castilla y León, Spain
- First isolation of Clostridium difficile PCR ribotype 027 in Finland
- Severe case of invasive community-acquired methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infection in Norway
- Authors' correction for Euro Surveill 2007;12(10)

Read these reports at : www.eurosurveillance.org/ew/2007/071108.asp

Thursday 15 November 2007

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

- A case of Clostridium difficile-associated disease due to the highly virulent clone of Clostridium difficile PCR ribotype 027, March 2007 in Germany
- Confirmed cases and report of clusters of severe infections due to Clostridium difficile PCR ribotype 027 in Germany
- Clusters of measles cases in Jewish orthodox communities in Antwerp, epidemiologically linked to the United Kingdom: a preliminary report
- Human papillomavirus vaccination: the United Kingdoms recommendation and update on European licensure and efficacy data
- Variation in incidence of pneumococcal and meningococcal disease across Europe
- Vector monitoring of Aedes aegypti in the Autonomous Region of Madeira, Portugal

Read these reports at : www.eurosurveillance.org/ew/2007/071115.asp

Thursday 22 November 2007

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

- HIV/AIDS in Europe: epidemiological situation in 2006 and a new framework for surveillance
- Chikungunya in north-eastern Italy: a summing up of the outbreak
- An overview of Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus control in the British Overseas Territory of the Cayman Islands
- 'The Disease Detectives': a comic perspective on outbreak investigations
- Outbreak of norovirus gastroenteritis among staff at a hospital in Barcelona, Spain, September 2007
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction annual report 2007: positive assessment of HIV in IDUs though hepatitis C still very high

Read these reports at : <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ew/2007/071122.asp>

Thursday 29 November 2007

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

- A cluster of measles cases in northern Italy: a preliminary report
- Contact tracing following exposure to measles at a wedding party in the United Kingdom, October 2007
- A Dutch case of atypical pneumonia after culling of H5N1-positive ducks in Bavaria was found infected with Chlamydia psittaci
- Outbreak of Salmonella Weltevreden infections in Norway, Denmark and Finland associated with alfalfa sprouts, July-October 2007
- HealthMap: the development of automated real-time internet surveillance for epidemic intelligence

- Norovirus outbreak associated with canteen salad in Suffolk, United Kingdom

Read these reports at : <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ew/2007/071129.asp>

Thursday 6 December 2007

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

- H5N1 in wild and domestic birds in Europe – remaining vigilant in response to an ongoing public health threat
- Contact tracing of passengers exposed to an extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis case during an air flight from Beirut to Paris, October 2006
- Guidelines for laboratory diagnosis of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* infections in Eastern European countries – results of an international collaboration
- ECDC recruiting Scientific Officer in the field of influenza

Read these reports at : www.eurosurveillance.org/ew/2007/071206.asp

Thursday 13 December 2007

- Eurosurveillance weekly release has just been updated. This week's contents:
- Local cluster of psittacosis after bird show in the Netherlands, November 2007
- AURES - the first Austrian report on antimicrobial resistance - perspective of the human sector

Read these reports at : www.eurosurveillance.org/ew/2007/071213.asp

December 2007



Eurosurveillance monthly release has just been updated. This month's contents:

- **Why a burden of disease study?**
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/em/v12n12/1212-221.asp>
- **The burden of infectious diseases in Europe: a pilot study**
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/em/v12n12/1212-222.asp>
- **Exploration of cost effectiveness of active vaccination in the control of a school outbreak of hepatitis A in a deprived community in the United Kingdom**
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/em/v12n12/1212-223.asp>
- **Legionnaires' disease in Europe: 2005-2006**
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/em/v12n12/1212-224.asp>
- **DIPNET – establishment of a dedicated surveillance network for diphtheria in Europe**
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/em/v12n12/1212-225.asp>
- **Pilot scheme for monitoring sickness absence in schools during the 2006/07 winter in England: can these data be used as a proxy for influenza activity?**
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/em/v12n12/1212-226.asp>
- **Risk groups and uptake of influenza and pneumococcal vaccine in Ireland**
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/em/v12n12/1212-227.asp>
- **Meeting report from the Third European Congress of Virology, 1-5 September 2007 in Nuremberg, Germany**
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/em/v12n12/1212-228.asp>
- **In the national bulletins: a selection from current issues**
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/em/v12n12/1212-200.asp>