



## EUPHA Newsletter January 2007

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### 1. EUPHA conference Helsinki: January update

The 2007 EUPHA conference is organised by the Society for Social Medicine in the Finlandia Hall, Helsinki, Finland. The main theme is "Future of Public Health in the Unified Europe". The dates are 11 to 13 October 2007. More information on the conference can be found on the regularly updated EUPHA website: [www.eupha.org](http://www.eupha.org).

Important dates and deadlines:

<u>May 1 2007</u>	Deadline for the submission of abstracts
Mid-June 2007	Notification of acceptance
<u>May 1 2007</u>	Beginning of the conference registration
30 August 2007	Deadline for early registration (reduced registration fees)

### 2. News from our members

The French Society of Public Health publishes an excellent electronic newsletter called Flash-Email. Please check their website for more information: <http://www.sfsp.info>

The European Health Management Association (EHMA) has appointed a new executive director: Mrs Jeni Bremner. She will start her activities in early February. Her email address will be: [jeni.bremner@ehma.org](mailto:jeni.bremner@ehma.org).

The office of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) has been moved to:

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F-92156 Suresnes  
France  
Tel.: +33 1 46 14 87 08

E-mail and web site addresses remain unchanged for the time being.

The Maastricht University has published the abstracts and reports of the 2006 ASPHER annual conference on the website: <http://www.unimaas.nl/asper2006/downloads.htm>.

### 3. Update on the SPHERE project

The SPHERE (Strengthening Public Health Research in Europe) project aims to describe public health research at European level, including support by national governments, and advise how it can be strengthened and most effectively integrated with European health policy.

At the EUPHA conference in Montreux in 2006, the project organised a partner meeting as well as two workshops:

- Workshop on Literature Review, chaired by Dr Olivier Grimaud, France.
- Workshop on the future of European public health research – challenges and opportunities, chaired by Prof. Walter Ricciardi.

2007 Planning:

19<sup>th</sup> - 20 April 2007

- EPHA Conference in Bratislava with NGO's and emphasis on Eastern European Countries

15 - 16 May 2007

- EUPHA 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop to be held in Düsseldorf, Germany which will bring together researchers and policy makers in an active discussion.

24 - 26 September 2007

- Patient Safety Research Conference, Portugal

11 - 13 October 2007

- EUPHA Annual Public Health Conference, Helsinki

### 4. Upcoming conferences/seminars

Title	<b>BioVision 2007: A new architecture for a new dynamic : from Vision to Action “The Contribution of Life Sciences to the Millennium Development Goals”</b>
Date	11-14 March 2007
Place	Lyon, France
Deadline abstracts	-
More information	<a href="http://www.biovision.org">www.biovision.org</a>
Title	<b>15<sup>th</sup> International congress on Health Promoting Hospitals</b>
Date	11-13 April 2007
Place	Vienna, Austria
Deadline abstracts	-
More information	<a href="http://www.univie.ac.at/hph/vienna2007">http://www.univie.ac.at/hph/vienna2007</a>
Title	<b>6th International conference on Health Economics, Management and Policy</b>
Date	4-6 June 2007
Place	Athens, Greece
Deadline abstracts	-
More information	<a href="http://www.atiner.gr/docs/Health.htm">www.atiner.gr/docs/Health.htm</a>
Title	<b>Health promotion comes of age: Research, Policy &amp; Practice for the 21<sup>st</sup> century</b>
Date	11-15 June 2007
Place	Vancouver, Canada
Deadline abstracts	-
More information	<a href="http://www.iuhpeconference.org">www.iuhpeconference.org</a>
Title	<b>2007 EHMA conference – Managing Health Care Values</b>
Date	27-29 June 2007
Place	Lyon, France
Deadline abstracts	15 January 2007
More information	Abstract submission: <a href="http://ehma.conference-services.net/directory.asp">http://ehma.conference-services.net/directory.asp</a> General information: <a href="http://www.ehma.org">www.ehma.org</a>

Title	<b>Patient Safety Research: shaping the European agenda</b>
Date	24-26 September 2007
Place	Porto, Portugal
Deadline abstracts	9 February 2007
Title	<b>ISQUA 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference: Transforming healthcare in the electronic age</b>
Date	30 September to 3 October 2007
Place	Boston, United States
Deadline abstracts	1 March 2007
More information	<a href="http://www.isqua.org">www.isqua.org</a>
Title	<b>ASPHER annual conference</b>
Date	26-28 October 2007 (to be confirmed)
Place	Valencia, Spain
Deadline abstracts	-
More information	<a href="http://www.aspher.org">www.aspher.org</a>
Title	<b>Décision en santé publique: obligation, négociation, participation?</b>
Date	22-24 November 2007
Place	Montpellier, France
Deadline abstracts	15 March to 18 May 2007
More information	The conference is organised in French. More information: Isabelle Génovèse, Secrétariat SFSP ☎ 03.83.44.94.11 <a href="mailto:ig@sfsp.info">ig@sfsp.info</a>
Title	<b>Global Forum for Health Research: Forum 11: Equitable access: research challenges for health in developing countries</b>
Date	29 October- 2 November 2007
Place	Beijing, China
Deadline abstracts	31 January 2007
More information	<a href="http://www.globalforumhealth.org">www.globalforumhealth.org</a>

## 5. Interesting publications

This section from the EUPHA newsletter is part of an effort to disseminate public health related information to experts in Europe and beyond. Materials provided in the list below are provided "as is". The findings and interpretations in the materials are those of the authors and not necessarily of EUPHA or its members.

### **Global patterns of income and health: facts, interpretations, and policies**

Angus Deaton

Research Program in Development Studies

Center for Health and Wellbeing - Princeton University, October 2006

Available online as PDF file [40p.] at:

[http://www.princeton.edu/~rpds/downloads/deaton\\_WIDER\\_FINAL\\_annual\\_lecture\\_ALL.pdf](http://www.princeton.edu/~rpds/downloads/deaton_WIDER_FINAL_annual_lecture_ALL.pdf)

### **Health System Innovations in Central America: Lessons and Impact of New Approaches**

Edited by Gerard M. La Forgia

World Bank - Health, Nutrition and Population (HNP) Discussion Paper, October 2006

Available online as PDF file [228p.] at: <http://tinyurl.com/ymaga5>

### **Measuring the Performance of Primary Health Care: Existing capacity and future information needs**

University of British Columbia. Centre for Health Services and Policy Research

October 2006

Available online as PDF file [37p.] at: [http://www.chspr.ubc.ca/files/publications/2006/chspr\\_06-21R.pdf](http://www.chspr.ubc.ca/files/publications/2006/chspr_06-21R.pdf)

### **Workers Who Care: A Graphical Profile of the Frontline**

Health and Health Care Workforce

November 2006 - HEALTH WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS LLC

Available online [249p.] at: [http://www.rwjf.org/files/publications/other/workers\\_who\\_care.pdf?c=EMC-ADV](http://www.rwjf.org/files/publications/other/workers_who_care.pdf?c=EMC-ADV)

### **Scientific advice, risk and evidence based policy making: Seventh report of session 2005-06: volume 1.**

HC 900-I Published on 8 November 2006 by authority of the House of Commons

London: The Stationery Office Limited

Available online as PDF file [118p.] at:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmselect/cmsctech/900/900-i.pdf>

### **Regulating private health insurance in the European Union: the implications of single market legislation and competition policy**

Sarah Thomson and Elias Mossialos

Working Paper No. 4/2006. The London School of Economics and Political Science

November 2006

Available online as PDF [30p.] file at:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEHealthAndSocialCare/pdf/LSEHealthworkingpaperseries/LSEHW P4.pdf>

### **Getting Real on Health Financing**

George Schieber, Health Policy Advisor, Lisa Fleisher, Public Health Specialist, Pablo Gottret, Lead Economist in the World Bank's Human Development Network.

*Finance & Development* December 2006, Volume 43, Number 4

A quarterly magazine of the IMF

*Will all the hype and money lead to results?*

Available online at: <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/fandd/2006/12/schieber.htm>

### **Improving the use of research evidence in guideline development**

Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services, Oslo, Norway

INFORMA, S.C. Epidemiologia, Istituto Regina Elena, Rome, Italy

WHO Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR)

*Health Research Policy and Systems 2006*

### **Global health diagnostics**

December 2006 special supplement to the journal *Nature*.

The supplement is freely accessible online via the Nature website at

<http://www.nature.com/diagnostics>

Or: <http://www.nature.com/nature/supplements/collections/npgpublications/diagnostics/index.html>

### **Health in an unequal world – social circumstances, biology and disease**

*HARVEIAN ORATION - Professor Sir Michael Marmot*

Wednesday 18 October 2006 Royal College of Physicians London

Video: <http://rcplondon.emea.acrobat.com/p40258774>

Website: <http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/event/details.aspx?e=312>

### **Going international: Course catalogue: medicine and health 2007**

Provides an overview for advanced postgraduate training in health care with 2500 leading-edge courses and programmes (both national and international).

264 pages, language: German and English. Price around 40 Euro.

For more information: [www.goinginternational.org](http://www.goinginternational.org)

### **Health in the world of work: Workplace health promotion as a tool for improving and extending work life**

Published by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Helsinki, Finland, 2006

Editors: Matti Ylikoski, Matti Lamberg, Erkki Yurjänheikki, Juhani Ilmarinen, Ritva Partinen, Hannu Jokiluoma, Harri Vainio. University Printing House, Helsinki 2006.

This publication is available free of charge: [www.stm.fi/english>publications](http://www.stm.fi/english>publications)  
Printed publications can be bought at: [books@yliopistopaino.fi](mailto:books@yliopistopaino.fi)

## **Eurosurveillance Jul-Sept 2006: European Communicable Disease Journal**

Published by the ECDC, Eurosurveillance print edition is a compilation of weekly and monthly electronic releases published on the Eurosurveillance website: [www.eurosurveillance.org](http://www.eurosurveillance.org)

### **6. European Commission: update**



- **Health determinants: Mental health**  
[Eurobarometer on Mental well-being](#) Available in en, de, fr
- **Health determinants: Mental Health**  
[Mental health: Commission releases report about Green paper consultation and publishes Eurobarometer survey](#) Press release
- **Health determinants: Nutrition**  
[Fifth Meeting of Nutrition and Physical Activity \(NPA\) Network, Luxembourg, 25 September 2006](#) Minutes
- **Threats to health: Blood**  
[Summary report of the meeting of Competent Authorities On Blood and blood components, 26 september 2005](#) Key document
- **Threats to health: Blood**  
[Summary report of the meeting of the Competent Authorities on blood and blood components, 13 september 2006](#) Key document
- **Threats to health: Blood**  
[Table of responses from Member State's Competent Authorities on blood and blood components to a questionnaire on the transposition of the Blood Directive](#) Key document
- **health determinants: Tobacco**  
[HELP News - Newsletter of the "HELP - For a life without tobacco" campaign](#)  
Edition: January 2007
- **Health determinants: HELP - For a life without Tobacco campaign**  
[See, in preview, the new "help" TV spot that will be broadcast, on more than 80 European TV channels, including Romanian and Bulgarian, from 15 January 2007](#)
- **Health information: European Community Health Indicators (ECHI)**  
[Demographic and socio-economic factors](#) Updated
- **Health Information: European Community Health Indicators (ECHI)**  
[Health status](#) Updated
- **Health information: European Community Health Indicators (ECHI)**

Health interventions: health services Updated

- **Threats to health: Rare diseases**  
EU Projects creating networks of action for rare diseases Page updated
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**  
Documented Avian Influenza Infection in Human data as of 27 December 2006
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**  
Current Situation of Avian Influenza and human cases related to the H5 virus subtype data as of 27 December 2006
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**  
Documented avian influenza infections in humans (1997-2006) data as of 27 December 2006
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**  
Distribution H5N1 cases by age group data as of 27 December 2006
- **Influenza: Influenza fact sheet**  
Human cases of A/H5N1 by date of onset and country data as of 27 December 2006
- **Risk Assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks**  
Opinion on Revised assessment of the risks to health and the environment associated with the use of the four organotin compounds TBT, DBT, DOT and TPT Adopted by the SCHER during the 14th plenary of 30 November 2006
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks**  
Request for a scientific opinion on Risk Assessment Reports on Zinc (environmental part) under Reg.793/93
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks**  
Request for a scientific opinion on Risk Assessment Reports on Methenamine under Reg.793/93
- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks**  
Request for a scientific opinion on (A) "Model implementation and Quantification of the Eutrophication Risk associated to the use of phosphates in detergents" and (B) "Non surfactant Organic Ingredients and Zeolite-based Detergents"
- **Health determinants: Socio-economic determinants of health - health inequalities**  
Key documents Page updated
- **Health determinants: Socio-economic determinants of health - health inequalities**  
Meeting of the Expert Group on Social Determinants and Health Inequalities, Luxembourg, 07–08 November 2006 Report of the meeting
- **Tobacco: HELP - For a life without tobacco**  
Santa passes carbon monoxide test !
- **Health Information: funded projects 2004**  
ENERCA - European Network For Rare And Congenital Anaemias Interim report

and annexes

- **Risk assessment: Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks**  
Opinion on Targeted Risk Assessment Report on sodium hydroxide (NAOH) Human health part Adopted by the SCHER during the 14th plenary of 30 November 2006
- **Health information: funded projects 2003**  
MINDFUL - Mental Health Information and Determinants for the European Level Final report and annexes
- **Threats to health: Organs**  
Open Consultation on Organ donation and transplantation. Policy options at EU level List of the contributions
- **Threats to health: Organs**  
Report on the open consultation: Policy options for organ donation and transplantation at EU level Key document
- **Health determinants: Nutrition**  
EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health member organisations Updated
- **Newsletter: Health & Consumer Voice Newsletter on Food Safety, Health and Consumer Policy from Health and Consumer Protection DG**  
Edition: November 2006
- **Overview of health policy: Health strategy**  
Discussion document on operational aspects of the Health Strategy is available for comment until 12 February 2007
- **Overview of health policy**  
Health Strategy Page updated
- **Tobacco: Press release**  
European Court of Justice dismisses German action against the Tobacco Advertising Directive Midday express
- **Health information: Working Parties**  
Sixth Health Systems Working Party, Luxembourg, 21-22 June 2006 Minutes, list of participants and contributions

Commission acts to reduce alcohol-related harm

On 24 October, the European Commission adopted a Communication setting out an EU strategy to support Member States in reducing alcohol-related harm.

Eurobarometer on health, food and nutrition

"Most Europeans consider themselves to be in good health, but 38% feel they are overweight". These are two of the main results of the latest Eurobarometer on Health, Food and Nutrition presented by the European Commission on 9 November.

- **Health Information: Health system information sheets**  
Describing national health systems Available in en, de, es, fr