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# 1. EUPHA update

## European Health Information Initiative expands by 7 members at 4th Steering Group Meeting

Georgia, Lithuania, Malta and Portugal are the latest Member States to be welcomed to the European Health Information Initiative (EHII) alongside new institutional members Public Health England (PHE), the **European Public Health Association (EUPHA)** and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. EHII now has 21 members who attended the meeting on 22 and 23 March 2016 at UN City in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The meeting was characterized by an emphasis on action with progress made on many fronts including the establishment of formal links with the European Union funded BRIDGE Consortium (Bridging Information and Data Generation for Evidence-based Health policy) and updates on joint data collection with Eurostat and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. <http://www.euro.who.int/en/data-and-evid...>

EUPHA is pleased to be an active supporter of the following conferences:

### 3rd International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEPH2016)

Learn more about LEPH2016 and register at [www.leph2016.com](http://www.leph2016.com). The conference will be held at the Meervaart Centre, Amsterdam from 2 - 5 October 2016. More information about the invited speakers go to [www.leph2016.com/program/invited-speakers/](http://www.leph2016.com/program/invited-speakers/).

### 6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, EUPHA MEMH 2016



Oslo, 23-25 June 2016

Theme of the 6<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health is '**Equity – the Policy Practice Gap**'. Plenary sessions and presentations will focus on socio-demographic and political determinants for health and the policy environment with relevance for migrants, ethnic minorities, asylum seekers, refugees, undocumented migrants. Other topics include: access and quality of health care services; disparities and inequities, social exclusion and marginalization, health system responsiveness to diversity empowerment and levers for change, etc.

**More information:** [EUPHA MEMH 2016](http://www.eupha.org/eupha-memh-2016).

### 12th World Conference on Injury prevention and safety promotion (from research to implementation)

Organised by the National Institute for Health and Welfare from 18 Sep 2016 - 21 Sep 2016 / Tampere, Finland

**More information:** <http://www.safecommunities.org.nz/events/12th-world-conference-injury-prevention-and-safety-promotion-safety-2016>

## 2. European Public Health Conference



**9th European Public Health Conference: All for Health, Health for All  
Austria Centre Vienna, 9 - 12 November 2016**

### **4th EPH Pre-conference on the Patient perspective in Health Care 'Patient participation in health care research and innovation'**

Wednesday 9 November 2016, Austria Center Vienna

In the past decades the active contribution of patients and clients to health care research and innovation has become an important theme. Their input is relevant because, if health care is to become more patient-centered, it is essential to work together with patients and clients as partners from early on. Involving patients in research and innovation projects is likely to increase validity, feasibility and future acceptability.

However, there are several levels and strategies regarding patient participation. They vary from including individual patients as partners in the research or innovation team to organizing representative panels (e.g. NICE Citizens Council). This leads to another kind of input and different impact on projects. Some strategies are also more successful than others.

Furthermore, not every person is motivated or has the skills to participate actively. This leads to inequalities in patient participation and involvement.

In this Pre-conference, we want to share research and experiences regarding patient or client participation in health care research and innovation projects (e.g. designing and implementation of interventions, organizational innovations). Key-note speakers from the Netherlands and the UK will also address these topics.

Abstracts can be [submitted](#) before May 1, 2016 through the EPH website.

The Pre-conference is organised by NIVEL (Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research) and the National Health Care Institute (Zorginstituut Nederland).

### **Workshop submission**

Are you planning to submit a workshop to Vienna 2016? If you are, please note that you can now also select whether you are planning a regular workshop or a panel discussion. Please also note that for panel discussions, we need the contact details of each panelist. With this extra information, you will help us in setting the programme and avoiding overlap of speakers and panelists.

Workshop [submission](#) is still possible until 1 May 2016

## 3. EUPHA members update

### **French Society of Public Health: report on ageing**

The SFSP has just published a report on ageing.

<http://www.sfsp.fr/dossiers/dossiers.php...>

### **News from SESPAS, the Spanish Society of Public Health and Health Administration**

In the last two months, SESPAS has been involved in several issues. Early March the Spanish society mediated in the matter of the chickenpox vaccine, both in the [newspapers](#) as well as in a [letter to the Government](#), and published a statement regarding the possible introduction of [pre-exposure prophylaxis of HIV](#). Furthermore, SESPAS also contributed to a [newspaper article on infant diabetes](#) and highlighted the need for public health measures to restrict the amount of sugar in children's food. Regarding the debate and confusion surrounding the October 2015 Decree restricting Nurses' prescription, SESPAS has published a [statement](#) that proposes to derogate the Decree and organize a comprehensive working group including scientific societies to study the evidence and potential impact of the reorganizational measures proposed. In April SESPAS organized, together with the

*Organización Médica Colegial*, a [conference on iatrogenesis](#) in which the deleterious effects of medicine and the ways of preventing and analysing them were discussed ([video of the conference](#)). SESPAS also collaborates with the Ministry of Health in the development of the so called “[Strategy of the NHS for health promotion and prevention](#)” as part of its scientific committee. Together with For more information, please visit our website <http://www.sespas.es/>

## 4. European Journal of Public Health



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

### **Eur J Public Health Advance Access for April 23, 2016**

Do socioeconomic disparities in stroke and its consequences decrease in older age?

Olivier Grimaud, Pascale Roussel, Alexis Schnitzler, Ryan Demmer, and Gwenn Menvielle

Eur J Public Health published 23 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw058

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Moderators of physical activity and healthy eating in an integrated community-based intervention for older adults

Karla A. Luten, Arie Dijkstra, Sijmen A. Reijneveld, and Andrea F. de Winter

Eur J Public Health published 19 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw051

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Referral of newly diagnosed chronic hepatitis B and C patients in six EU countries: results of the HEPscreen Project

Miriam Levi, Abby Falla, Cristina Taddei, Amena Ahmad, Irene Veldhuijzen, Giuditta Niccolai, and Angela Bechini

Eur J Public Health published 19 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw054

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Promotion of safety culture in Italian schools: effectiveness of interventions on student injuries

Antonella Bena, Elena Farina, Manuela Oreggia, and Denis Quarta

Eur J Public Health published 19 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw039

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Health inequalities in the Netherlands: trends in quality-adjusted life expectancy (QALE) by educational level

Maria Gheorghe, Parida Wubulhasimu, Frederik Peters, Wilma Nusselder, and Pieter H.M. Van Baal

Eur J Public Health published 16 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw043

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Unhealthy food consumption in adolescence: role of sedentary behaviours and modifiers in 11-, 13- and 15-year-old Italians

Alberto Borraccino, Patrizia Lemma, Paola Berchiolla, Nazario Cappello, Joanna Inchley, Paola Dalmasso, Lorena Charrier, Franco Cavallo, and Italian HBSC 2010 Group

Eur J Public Health published 16 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw056

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Does unemployment cause long-term mortality? Selection and causation after the 1992–96 deep Swedish recession

Denny Vågerö and Anthony M. Garcy

Eur J Public Health published 16 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw053

[\[Abstract\]](#) **OPEN ACCESS**

Smoking may increase the risk of hospitalization due to influenza  
Pere Godoy, Jesús Castilla, José María Mayoral, Miguel Delgado-Rodríguez, Vicente Martín, Jenaro Astray, Núria Soldevila, Fernando González-Candelas, Ady Castro, Maretva Baricot, Sonia Tamames, Jordi Alonso, Juan C Galán, José María Quintana, Tomás Pumarola, Angela Domínguez, and the CIBERESP Cases and Controls in Pandemic Influenza Working Group, Spain  
Eur J Public Health published 16 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw036  
[\[Abstract\]](#)

Child welfare clients have higher risks for teenage childbirths: which are the major confounders?  
Lars Brännström, Bo Vinnerljung, and Anders Hjern  
Eur J Public Health published 16 April 2016, 10.1093/eurpub/ckw057  
[\[Abstract\]](#) **OPEN ACCESS**

## 5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

### **A research chair position in social and human sciences applied to cancer (to be based at Lille, North of France)**

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

This research chair is designed to help promote and strengthen fundamental and applied research in social and human sciences in the field of oncology by supporting the interactions with biomedical and clinical disciplines and by delivering a high-level training for students and professionals.

This chair is expected to contribute to the dissemination of knowledge and innovation in oncology for the benefit of patients and their caregivers. Interactions with the other French cancer centers research sites are expected.

The position is open to academics and researchers from France and other countries with a strong scientific background in Social and Human Sciences.

**Deadline for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

More information (in french) is available at <http://www.e-cancer.fr/Institut-national-du-cancer/Appels-a-projets/Appels-a-projets-en-cours/Chaire-de-recherche-en-SHS-2016>

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### **European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC) call for experts**

The European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC) is pleased to announce  
A CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EXTERNAL EXPERTS

to support the development of the *European Breast Guidelines* and of the future *Quality Assurance Scheme for breast cancer services*. For more information on the project please visit our [web page](#).

The profiles needed include:

- General practitioner
- Guideline developer methodologist
- Clinical pharmacist (oncology experience required)
- Nutritionist (experience on cancer required)
- IT scientist with experience in cancer information systems
- Rehabilitation professional (e.g. physiotherapist with experience in lymphedema, social worker, etc.)
- Breast cancer pathologist
- Radiographer

Please note that a single expert may cover more than one competence.

**Deadline for applications: 10 May 2016 (Midnight CET).**

Please find all relevant information to apply at: <http://ecibc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/-/call-for-expression-of-interest-for-external-experts>

### **Cooperative Research Group for Evidence-Based Public Health: research associate**

Post-Doc / Research Associate, 1 full-time position for 3 years

Expected starting date: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 (negotiable)

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until position is filled.

The University of Bremen (Institute for Public Health und Nursing Research) and the Leibniz-Institute for Prevention Research and Epidemiology - BIPS GmbH initiated jointly a Cooperative Research Group for Evidence-Based Public Health. The interdisciplinary research program intends to apply quantitative and qualitative research approaches to policy relevant research questions, in particular concerning life-style related risk factors (e.g. obesity, alcohol, smoking) for chronic diseases.

The successful applicant will have experience in—or show the capacity of—conducting policy relevant (population-level) public health research. The role of the applicant in the research group is

- participating in the general research work of the research group
- collaboration on research proposals for external grants
- pursuing own research topics which fit into the general framework of the research group

The applicant should have experience in one or more of the following research topics:

- modelling or projecting population-level health consequences of changes in risk factor exposure
- comparative cost-effectiveness analysis for population level interventions
- public health economics
- analysis of household-level data for policy analysis

The position requires a (nearly completed) PhD or equivalent publication experience in one of the following or related areas:

- Economics
- Health Economics / Public Health
- Demography / Statistics

Candidates with little or no background in public health but strong expertise in economic or quantitative modelling are encouraged to apply.

There are no teaching obligations.

We welcome applications from highly qualified and motivated early-career scientists of all nationalities.

Disabled applicants with identical technical and personal qualification will be given preference.

The applicant will be employed full time by the BIPS.

Please visit also our homepage: <http://www.ebph.uni-bremen.de/> Direct any inquiries to Prof. Dr. Stefan K. Lhachimi ([Lhachimi@BIPS.Uni-Bremen.de](mailto:Lhachimi@BIPS.Uni-Bremen.de)) are welcome.

If you are interested, please send your complete application: cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of key publications (English, peer reviewed) and details of three contactable referees as soon as possible via email, quoting the reference number **A06/16** until **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016** to

Leibniz-Institut für Präventionsforschung und Epidemiologie – BIPS GmbH

Personalverwaltung: Michaela Modde, Achterstraße 30, 28359 Bremen, [modde@bips.uni-bremen.de](mailto:modde@bips.uni-bremen.de)

## 6. Interesting news

### **Graphic images may not scare smokers off cigarettes, says study**

Images of disease and suffering should move smokers to kick the habit -- at least, that's the thinking behind graphic warning labels used on cigarette packages in much of the world.

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

### **When Air Quality Improves, So Do Kids' Asthma Symptoms**

Declining levels of air pollution in Southern California were linked to reduced rates of asthma and other respiratory conditions in children, a small longitudinal study showed.

Reductions in ambient air pollution over the course of 20 years were associated with significant reductions in bronchitic symptoms among all children. A 47% decrease in levels of particulate matter was linked to a 32% reduction in the likelihood of bronchitic symptoms in 10-year-old children with asthma (OR 0.68, P=0.002) and a 21% (OR 0.79, P<0.001) reduction among 10-year-olds without asthma, reported Kiros Berhane, PhD, of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and colleagues.

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Pediatrics/A...>

### **Zika Virus Can Cause Brain Defects In Babies, CDC Confirms**

After months of hesitation, U.S. health officials now say that the Zika virus is indeed the cause of severe brain damage in the infants of some women who were infected with the virus during pregnancy.

A CDC review published online Wednesday in the *New England Journal of Medicine* describes evidence of what U.S. health officials now call a causal relationship between the virus and a severe form of microcephaly and intracranial calcifications.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots...>

### **What you should know about handwashing**

Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. Handwashing is easy to do and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of many types of infection and illness in all settings—from your home and workplace to child care facilities and hospitals. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community.

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/handwashing/...>

### **Do awareness days make a difference? Yes, at least one**

Despite their ubiquity, it's hard to know whether awareness days actually make a difference. A new study showcases a method for teasing out the impacts of awareness days using big data and finds that at least one awareness day is having a big impact.

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

### **'Illusion of control' leads to inappropriate medical treatment use**

A new perspective paper advocates for a comprehensive approach to recognize and manage 'therapeutic illusion' to improve use of medical treatments. The therapeutic illusion -- an unjustified belief in treatment -- has been proven in previous studies in different environments. Consistently, physicians have reported overestimating the benefits of inappropriate tests and treatments.

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

### **We now live in a world in which more people are obese than underweight, major global analysis reveals**

In the past 40 years, there has been a startling increase in the number of obese people worldwide-- rising from 105 million in 1975 to 641 million in 2014, according to the most comprehensive analysis of trends in body mass index (BMI) to date, published in *The Lancet*.

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

### **Longer maternity leave linked to better infant health**

For each additional month of paid maternity leave offered in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), infant mortality is reduced by 13%, according to a new study by researchers from McGill University and UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

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

### **Effect of economic crisis on birth outcome in Spain**

The unprecedented post-war European economic crisis which began in 2007 and the resulting fiscal austerity policies are generally considered to have had a negative impact on public health. A new study investigates the impact of the economic crisis on birth outcomes in Spain; specifically detailing temporal changes (from 2003-2012) in underweight at birth, birth weight being an important indicator of health outcomes throughout the life course.

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

### **Interventions requiring less individual agency should be prioritized to fight obesity**

Public health interventions that require individuals to invest fewer individual personal and psychological resources are likely to be most effective and equitable; such "low-agency" approaches should therefore be central to public health action on diet and obesity, according to Jean Adams and colleagues from the Centre for Diet and Activity Research and MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge, UK.

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



### **Uninfected or asymptomatic? Diagnostic tests key to forecasting major epidemics**

Major epidemics such as the recent Ebola outbreak or the emerging Zika epidemic may be difficult to forecast because of our inability to determine whether individuals are uninfected or infected but not showing symptoms, according to a new study from the University of Cambridge. The finding emphasises the need to develop and deploy reliable diagnostic tests to detect infected individuals whether or not they are showing symptoms, say the researchers.

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

### **More than two-thirds of 50-70 year olds involved in a survey have never heard of overdiagnosis and less than three per cent could correctly explain what it is, according to a study in the U.K.**

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

### **Treating sugar addiction like drug abuse**

Millions of people globally are overweight or obese and sugar is considered a major factor. Now a world-first game-changing study suggests drugs used to treat tobacco addiction could work for sugar addiction too.

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

### **Number of adults with diabetes reaches 422 million worldwide, with fastest increases in low and middle income countries**

Since 1980, the number of adults with diabetes worldwide has quadrupled from 108 million to 422 million in 2014. The findings provide the most comprehensive estimates of worldwide diabetes trends to date and show that diabetes is fast becoming a major problem in low and middle income countries. From 1980 to 2014, the prevalence of diabetes more than doubles for men in India and China, a new study concludes. It also suggests that globally, more men than women now have the illness.

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

### **Warming climate puts Europe at risk for seasonal outbreaks of dengue fever**

Increasing temperatures will enlarge Europe's seasonal window for the potential spread of mosquito-borne viral disease, expanding the geographic areas at risk for a dengue epidemic to include much of Europe, say researchers.

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

### **New report identifies six practices to improve health care for disadvantaged populations**

A new report identifies six promising practices to improve health care for individuals with social risk factors for poor health care outcomes, such as people who are in a low socio-economic position, reside in disadvantaged neighborhoods, identify as a racial or ethnic minority, or possess limited health literacy.

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

### **Children of older mothers do better**

Children of older mothers are healthier, taller and obtain more education than the children of younger mothers. The reason is that in industrialized countries educational opportunities are increasing, and people are getting healthier by the year. In other words, it pays off to be born later.

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

### **Media coverage of celebrities with breast cancer influencing rise in double mastectomy**

An increase in women with breast cancer choosing double mastectomy may be influenced by media coverage of celebrities, a new study finds.

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

## **Dementia: Diagnosis, behaviour management, ethical issues**

In this scientific advisory report on public health policy, the Superior Health Council of Belgium provides recommendations on the diagnosis of dementia, behaviour management and the ethical issues raised. This report aims at providing professionals with specific recommendations on the diagnosis of dementia, behaviour management and the ethical issues raised.

[Go to the full advisory report.](#)

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



[Going International](#) is the first source for finding courses, seminars, congresses and other events in the fields of medicine & health. Going International is Europe's biggest service provider and information platform and serves as an interface between organisers and participants of events. Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: [The XIII International Congress on Obesity \(ICO\)](#)

Date / location: 1 May 2016 - 4 May 2016 / Vancouver, Canada

Organiser: ICO

Title: [Causal Inference in Observational Studies and Clinical Trials Affected by Treatment Switching](#)

Date / location: 3 May 2016 - 6 May 2016 / Tirol, Austria

Organiser: UMIT - University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology

Title: [Flagship course on health systems strengthening: focus on noncommunicable diseases](#)

Date / location: 9 May 2016 - 13 May 2016 / Barcelona, Spain

Organiser: WHO, Regional office for Europe

Title: [Tackling Childhood Obesity in Europe: Promoting Healthy and Active Lifestyles](#)

Date / location: 18 May 2016 / Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: Public Policy Exchange

Title: [mHealth: Taking your Health in Hand Conference](#)

Date / location: 19 May 2016 / Manchester, United Kingdom

Organiser: University of Salford

Title: [IUHPE's 22nd World Conference on Health Promotion](#)

Date / location: 22 May 2016 - 26 May 2016 / Curitiba, Brazil

Organiser: IUHPE

Title: [16th International Conference on Integrated Care](#)

Date / location: 23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Barcelona, Spain

Organiser: IFIC

Title: [Health policy: from local experience to global patterns and back again](#)

Date / location: 23 May 2016 - 25 May 2016 / Jerusalem, Israel

Organiser: The Israel National Institute For Health Policy Research

Title: **SQH Conference - LEAN in Healthcare**  
Date / location: 27 May 2016 - 28 May 2016 / Biograd na Moru, Croatia  
Organiser: European Society for Quality in Healthcare

Title: **Building the Future of Health**  
Date / location: 1 Jun 2016 - 4 Jun 2016 / Groningen, The Netherlands  
Organiser: Building the Future of Health and Healthy Ageing Network Northern Netherlands (HANNN)

Title: **World Congress of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Health 2016**  
Date / location: 4 Jun 2016 - 7 Jun 2016 / Mexico City, Mexico  
Organiser: World Heart Federation

Title: **The VII CONFERENCE ON CHILDHOOD STUDIES: Childhood in Everyday Life**  
Date / location: 6 Jun 2016 - 8 Jun 2016 / Turku, Finland  
Organiser: Finnish Society for Childhood Studies and the Child and Youth Research Institute CYRI

Title: **Determinants of Unusual and Differential Health Expectancy**  
Date / location: 8 Jun 2016 - 10 Jun 2016 / Vienna, Austria  
Organiser: 28th REVES Meeting

Title: **EUCONCIP Final Conference**  
Date / location: 8 Jun 2016 - 9 Jun 2016 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: EUCONCIP

Title: **Urban Development for Healthier Cities**  
Date / location: 13 Jun 2016 - 14 Jun 2016 / Barcelona, Spain  
Organiser: EIPA

Title: **EHMA 2016 Annual Conference "New Models of Care. Reinventing Healthcare: Why, What, How"**  
Date / location: 14 Jun 2016 - 16 Jun 2016 / Porto, Portugal  
Organiser: EHMA

Title: **Summer School on Science in Society related issues in Pandemics - Second edition**  
Date / location: 15 Jun 2016 - 17 Jun 2016 / Rome, Italy  
Organiser: ASSET

Title: **ARNA Final Conference 2016: Towards a more prudent use of antibiotics in the European Union**  
Date / location: 17 Jun 2016 / Utrecht, The Netherlands  
Organiser: NIVEL, University of Antwerp

Title: **15th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management and Policy**  
Date / location: 20 Jun 2016 - 23 Jun 2016 / Athens, Greece  
Organiser: The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)

Title: **8th Nordic Health Promotion Research Conference**  
Date / location: 20 Jun 2016 - 22 Jun 2016 / Jyväskylä, Finland

Title: **The Summer Course on Global Health and Health Diplomacy**

Date / location: 20 Jun 2016 - 24 Jun 2016 / Lisbon, Portugal  
Organiser: Lisbon Institute of Global Mental Health

Title: **6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health**  
Date / location: 23 Jun 2016 - 25 Jun 2016 / Oslo, Norway  
Organiser: The Norwegian Center for Minority Health Research and EUPHA section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health

Title: **Summerschool on Health Law and Ethics 2016**  
Date / location: 30 Jun 2016 - 8 Jul 2016 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
Organiser: Erasmus University Rotterdam

Title: **5th Annual International Festival of Public Health**  
Date / location: 1 Jul 2016 / Manchester, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Manchester Urban Collaboration on Health

Title: **2016 Summer Course on Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations (APHES)**  
Date / location: 4 Jul 2016 - 15 Jul 2016 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) at the Université catholique de Louvain

Title: **Economics of Health Inequality**  
Date / location: 4 Jul 2016 - 8 Jul 2016 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
Organiser: Rotterdam Summers School Platform

Title: **Observatory Venice Summer School 2016**  
Date / location: 24 Jul 2016 - 30 Jul 2016 / Island of San Servolo  
Organiser: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Title: **2nd Annual International Conference on Public Health**  
Date / location: 28 Jul 2016 - 29 Jul 2016 / Colombo, Sri Lanka  
Organiser: ICOPH

Title: **The 25th ETC-PHHP residential Summercourse: "Health and Place, Connecting People, Environment and Health"**  
Date / location: 31 Jul 2016 - 13 Aug 2016 / Wageningen, Netherlands  
Organiser: Health and Society group, Wageningen University

Title: **28th Annual International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Conference**  
Date / location: 1 Sep 2016 - 4 Sep 2016 / Rome, Italy  
Organiser: The Department of Epidemiology, Lazio Regional Health Service, Rome - ASL Roma E - and the Italian Epidemiological Association - AIE

Title: **Cross-cutting Informal Care and Professional Primary Care**  
Date / location: 5 Sep 2016 - 6 Sep 2016 / Riga, Latvia  
Organiser: European Forum for Primary Care

Title: **Introduction to Mathematical Models of the EPIDEMIOLOGY and CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES Short Course for Professionals**  
Date / location: 12 Sep 2016 - 23 Sep 2016 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Imperial College Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology

Title: **The 8th International Conference on Children's Health and the Environment**  
Date / location: 14 Sep 2016 - 16 Sep 2016 / Barcelona, Spain

Title: **12th World Conference on Injury prevention and safety promotion (from research to implementation)**

Date / location: 18 Sep 2016 - 21 Sep 2016 / Tampere, Finland  
Organiser: National Institute for Health and Welfare

Title: **Summer School: Spatial Epidemiology, Climate and Health –**

Date / location: 26 Sep 2016 - 30 Sep 2016 / Bielefeld, Germany  
Organiser: University of Bielefeld

Title: **4th International Conference on Responsible Use of Antibiotics in Animals**

Date / location: 26 Sep 2016 - 28 Sep 2016 / The Hague, The Netherlands  
Organiser: Integration of animal human and environmental health

Title: **The Third International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health**

Date / location: 2 Oct 2016 - 5 Oct 2016 / Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Organiser: Centre of Law Enforcement and Public Health

Title: **The International Nutrition and Diagnostics Conference - INDC 2016**

Date / location: 3 Oct 2016 - 6 Oct 2016 / Prague, Czech Republic  
Organiser: INDC

Title: **Healthy aging at the crossroads: challenges and need for further action**

Date / location: 30 Nov 2016 - 2 Dec 2016 / Istanbul, Turkey  
Organiser: The Healthy Community Association

Title: **One Health EcoHealth 2016**

Date / location: 4 Dec 2016 - 7 Dec 2016 / Melbourne, Australia  
Organiser: International Association for Ecology and Health

## 8. Interesting publications

**The effects of maximising the UK's tobacco control score on inequalities in smoking prevalence and premature coronary heart disease mortality: a modelling study**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Prevalence and clinical characteristics of metabolically healthy obese individuals and other obese/non-obese metabolic phenotypes in a working population: results from the Icaria study**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Understanding the impact of area-based interventions on area safety in deprived areas: realist evaluation of a neighbour nuisance intervention in Arnhem, the Netherlands**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Decline in physical activity during adolescence is not associated with changes in mental health**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**The effect of adherence to statin therapy on cardiovascular mortality: quantification of unmeasured bias using falsification end-points**

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Is there a U-shaped relationship between physical activity in leisure time and risk of chronic low back pain? A follow-up in the HUNT Study**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Health professionals' perceptions of the barriers and facilitators to providing smoking cessation advice to women in pregnancy and during the post-partum period: a systematic review of qualitative res**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Relationship between e-cigarette point of sale recall and e-cigarette use in secondary school children: a cross-sectional study**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Execution of a participatory supportive return to work program within the Dutch social security sector: a qualitative evaluation of stakeholders' perceptions**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Write, draw, show, and tell: a child-centred dual methodology to explore perceptions of out-of-school physical activity**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Factors associated with secondhand smoke exposure in different settings: Results from the German Health Update (GEDA) 2012**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Walkability around primary schools and area deprivation across Scotland**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Europeanisation of health systems: a qualitative study of domestic actors in a small state**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Cost-effectiveness of providing patients with information on managing mild low-back symptoms in an occupational health setting**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Generating and predicting high quality action plans to facilitate physical activity and fruit and vegetable consumption: results from an experimental arm of a randomised controlled trial**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Objectively measured sedentary behavior and physical activity of Finnish 7- to 14-year-old children- associations with perceived health status: a cross-sectional study**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Labour market trajectories following sickness absence due to self-reported all cause morbidity--a longitudinal study**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Objectively measured physical activity levels and sedentary time in 7-9-year-old Estonian schoolchildren: independent associations with body composition parameters**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Effort-reward imbalance and perceived quality of patient care: a cross-sectional study among physicians in Germany**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

**Do children report differently from their parents and from observed data? Cross-sectional data on fruit, water, sugar-sweetened beverages and break-time foods**  
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

## **The ethnic gap in mobility: a comparison of Russian, Somali and Kurdish origin migrants and the general Finnish population**

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com...>

## **Health workforce development in Europe: a matrix for comparing trajectories of change in the professions**

Pavolini, E., Kuhlmann, E. (2016)

*Health Policy*, online first, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.healthpol.2016.03.002>

# **9. European Commission news**

## **Disruptive Innovation. Considerations for health and health care in Europe - Final opinion**

European Commission's Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health (EXPH) published an interesting report on the implications of 'disruptive innovation' for health and health care in Europe. The Expert Panel understands "disruptive innovation" in health care as a type of innovation that creates new networks and new organisational cultures involving new players, and that has the potential to improve health outcomes and the value of health care. This innovation displaces older systems and ways of doing things. Walter Ricciardi, EUPHA Past President, acted as Rapporteur of the EXPH Working Group.

Disruptive Innovation. Considerations for health and health care in Europe - Final opinion

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/expert\\_panel/...](http://ec.europa.eu/health/expert_panel/...)

## **Antimicrobial Resistance**

[Preparation of EU guidelines on prudent use of antimicrobials in human health - meeting of Member States and Stakeholders \(25 May 2016\) Agenda](#)

## **Blood, tissues and organs**

[Mapping of More Stringent Blood Donor Testing Requirements - Mapping Exercise 2015](#)

## **European Reference Networks**

[New information on the endorsement procedure for potential ERN candidates re Malta, Spain, Germany, Finland, the Netherlands, and Norway](#)

[ERN - Frequently Asked Questions updated with information on the call for proposals](#)

[Call for European Reference Network - Info Day \(7 April 2016\) Presentations](#)

## **Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health**

[Disruptive Innovation. Considerations for health and health care in Europe - Final opinion](#)

## **Health and the Investment Plan**

[EFSI project example in health: Grifols Bioscience RandD](#)

## **Health-EU Newsletter**

["Towards better prevention and management of diabetes - The Joint Action CHRODIS"](#) Editorial by Marina Maggini (National Institute of Health, Rome, Italy) and Jelka Zaletel (National Institute of Public Health, Ljubljana, Slovenia)

## **Health indicators**

[Indicator on disease-specific mortality for 25 diseases groups by sex updated with 2013 data](#)

[Indicator on equity of access to health care services by sex, age, educational and income level](#)

[Updated with 2014 data \(ECHI 80\)](#)

[Indicator on equity of access to dental care services by sex, age, educational and income level](#)

[Updated with 2014 data](#)

[Indicator on long-term activity limitations by sex, age and educational level updated with 2014 data \(ECHI 35\)](#)

## **Health systems performance assessment**

[5th meeting of the Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment \(HSPA\) Minutes of the meeting](#)

### **Health technology assessment**

Cooperation between regulators and HTA bodies creates synergies EMA and EUnetHTA publish outcome of joint 2012-2015 work plan

### **Health workforce**

Closing event: Joint Action on Health workforce planning and forecasting (3-4 May, Mons, Belgium)  
"Optimising the Continuous Professional Development of Health Professionals" (Brussels, 11 February 2016) Workshop report

### **Major and chronic diseases**

Conference: "Towards better prevention and management of chronic diseases", 21 April, Brussels  
World Health Day: Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis highlights the Potential for the Prevention of Diabetes

### **Nutrition and physical activity**

In Spain 'We love eating' from local markets – Granollers' sent kids to  
High level group on nutrition and physical activity (6 April 2016) Presentations  
Joint meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health Presentations  
Diet, physical activity and health - a European platform for action Presentations

### **Preparedness and response**

Audio conference of the HSC on vaccine shortages and AMR (15 April 2016) Flash report  
Germany becomes the 24th EU country to sign the Joint Procurement Agreement to procure medical countermeasures  
High-Level Conference on Global Health Security (22-23 March 2016, Lyon, France) Flash report

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

Health Inequity Pilot Project will help understand health inequalities related to alcohol consumption, nutrition and physical activity better

### **Tobacco**

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/586 of 14 April 2016 on technical standards for the refill mechanism of electronic cigarettes

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

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 16, 21 April 2016**

#### **In this issue:**

Systematic review comparing influenza vaccine effectiveness mid and end season results

#### **EDITORIAL**

Importance of timely monitoring of seasonal influenza vaccine effectiveness

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22454>

#### **RAPID COMMUNICATION**

Zika virus detection in cerebrospinal fluid from two patients with encephalopathy, Martinique, February 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21452>

High specificity of a novel Zika virus ELISA in European patients after exposure to different flaviviruses

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21450>



#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

I-MOVE multicentre case–control study 2010/11 to 2014/15: Is there within-season waning of influenza type/subtype vaccine effectiveness with increasing time since vaccination?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21448>

#### SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORT

Pandemic vaccination strategies and influenza severe outcomes during the influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 pandemic and the post-pandemic influenza season: the Nordic experience

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21454>

#### SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

Concordance of interim and final estimates of influenza vaccine effectiveness: a systematic review

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21449>

#### REVIEW ARTICLE

Lessons learnt to keep Europe polio-free: a review of outbreaks in the European Union, European Economic Area, and candidate countries, 1973 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22455>

#### NEWS

European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) 2016 – registration and call for abstracts now open

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21451>

European Union SHIPSAN ACT Joint Action publishes interim guidance on maritime transport and Zika virus disease

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21453>

#### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 15, 14 April 2016**

##### **In this issue:**

Special issue on impact of anthropogenic changes to water on human pathogens

Five articles exemplifying effects of anthropogenic changes to water on epidemiology of human infectious disease

#### EDITORIAL

A note from the editors: impact of anthropogenic changes to water on human pathogens

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21447>

#### RAPID COMMUNICATION

Assessing the potential risk of Zika virus epidemics in temperate areas with established *Aedes albopictus* populations

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21446>

#### SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Outbreak of unusual *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhimurium monophasic variant 1,4 [5],12:i:-, Italy, June 2013 to September 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21439>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLES

Carbapenem-resistant isolates of *Acinetobacter baumannii* in a municipal wastewater treatment plant, Croatia, 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21440>

Testing for viral material in water of public bathing areas of the Danube during summer, Vojvodina, Serbia, 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21441>

Environmental surveillance of viruses by tangential flow filtration and metagenomic reconstruction

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21438>

## REVIEW ARTICLE

*Vibrio cholerae* non-O1 bacteraemia: description of three cases in the Netherlands and a literature review

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21442>

## LETTERS

Letter to the editor: Importance of serum bactericidal activity for estimating the breadth of protection for new meningococcal vaccines

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21444>

Authors' response: Meningococcal vaccine antigen diversity in global databases

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21445>

## MISCELLANEOUS

Job vacancies at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21443>

## Eurosurveillance, Volume 21, Issue 14, 7 April 2016

### In this issue:

Slovenian adverse events surveillance data provide reassurance for safety of school-based HPV vaccination programme

## RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Influenza vaccine effectiveness in adults 65 years and older, Denmark, 2015/16 – a rapid epidemiological and virological assessment

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21435>

## RESEARCH ARTICLES

Adverse events following school-based vaccination of girls with quadrivalent human papillomavirus vaccine in Slovenia, 2009 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21434>

Direct, indirect and total effects of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccination on invasive pneumococcal disease in children in Navarra, Spain, 2001 to 2014: cohort and case–control study

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21432>

## PERSPECTIVES

Risk communication as a core public health competence in infectious disease management:

Development of the ECDC training curriculum and programme

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21436>

## MISCELLANEOUS

In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21437>

ECDC's latest publications

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21433>

# 11. WHO news

## NEW PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY WHO – APRIL 2016

### [Global Report on Diabetes](#)

This first WHO Global report on diabetes underscores the enormous scale of the diabetes problem, and also the potential to reverse current trends. The political basis for concerted action to address diabetes is there, woven into the Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations Political Declaration on NCDs, and the WHO NCD Global Action Plan. Where built upon, these foundations will catalyse action by all.

### [Interagency List of Medical Devices for Essential Interventions for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health](#)

The objective of this project was to list the medical devices required to provide the essential

reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health interventions defined by existing WHO guidelines and publications, in order to improve access to these devices in low- and middle-income countries, support quality of care, and strengthen health-care system. The medical devices are allocated across the reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health continuum of care according to the level of health-care delivery.

#### [Malaria Microscopy Quality Assurance Manual - Version 2](#)

The Manual is designed primarily to assist managers of NMCPs and general laboratory services responsible for malaria control. The information is also applicable to nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and funding agencies involved in improving quality management systems for malaria microscopy.

#### [Operational Framework for Building Climate Resilient Health Systems](#)

The objective of this framework is to provide guidance for health systems and public health programming to increase their capacity for protecting health in an unstable and changing climate. By implementing the 10 key components laid out in this framework, health organizations, authorities and programmes will be better able to anticipate, prevent, prepare for and manage climate-related health risks. Least developed countries and countries in the process of developing the health components of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (4) may find this document particularly useful in their efforts to design a comprehensive response to the risks presented by short-term climate variability and long-term climate change.

#### [Ensuring Innovation in Diagnostics for Bacterial Infection](#)

This book explores the complexities of the diagnostics market from the perspective of both supply and demand, unearthing interesting bottlenecks, some obvious, some more subtle. It calls for a multifaceted and broad policy response, and an overhaul of current practice, so that the growth of bacterial resistance can be stemmed.

#### [Growing up unequal: gender and socioeconomic differences in young people's health and well-being. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children \(HBSC\) study](#)

This book presents findings from the 2013/2014 survey on the demographic and social influences on the health of almost 220 000 young people in 42 countries and regions in the WHO European Region and North America.

#### [Israel](#)

The Health Systems in Transition (HiT) series consists of country-based reviews that provide a detailed description of a health system and of reform and policy initiatives in progress or under development in a specific country.

#### [Vaccine Safety Communication](#)

This guide enables effective planning and implementation of proactive communication actions to promote understanding of the importance of vaccines in preventing illness and preventable deaths, and raises awareness of vaccine risks and perceptions of risk.

#### [Immunization Safety Surveillance. Third edition](#)

This document is intended to assist immunization programme managers and national regulatory authorities in establishing and/or strengthening immunization safety surveillance systems.

#### [WHO Drug Information Vol. 30, No. 1, 2016](#)

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. This volume contains the recommended INN List No.75.