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1. EUPHA update

EUPHA joins statement 'I Pledge for a future EU Roma Framework which delivers'

EUPHA has joined the statement by the European Public Health Alliance - EPHA: 'I Pledge for a future EU Roma Framework which delivers' to the European Commission on the public consultation on the evaluation of the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020. You can find the full statement here: <https://epha.org/joint-statement-pledge-for-a-future-eu-roma-framework-which-delivers/>

EUPHA at very successful Stockholm 2017

The European public health conference in Stockholm, 1-4 November, can be described as very successful. With a new record of delegates (over 2'000) and a fully packed programme, this conference has provided an overview of all issues in public health in Europe at this moment. EUPHA - through its sections, pillars and EUPHANxt - has been very involved in setting the programme. Two plenary sessions, 10 pre conferences and 38 workshops were (co-) organised by EUPHA. During the conference, EUPHA also celebrated its 25th anniversary.

New EUPHA section on Health workforce research

The EUPHA Governing Board - during its annual meeting on 1 November 2017 in Stockholm - established a new EUPHA section on Health workforce research. This section started as a working group within the EUPHA section on Health services research, but the topic has become so important that a separate section is now put in place. Dr Ellen Kuhlmann, initiator of this section, has been elected the president of EUPHA - HWR.

<https://eupha.org/health-workforce-resea...>

to-reach

transferring innovation in health systems

To-reach at the European Public Health Conference held 1-4 November 2017 in Stockholm

To-reach had a pre-conference, plenary and skills building seminar at the European Public Health Conference held in Stockholm on 1-4 November 2017:

- Pre-conference: Fostering Health Services and Systems Research in future research programmes
- Plenary: Successful health innovation: from the 'what' to the 'how', co-organised by WHO EURO, Observatory and TO-REACH consortium
- Skills building seminar: Future research priorities for more innovative and accessible health services and systems

The full conference programme is available [here](#) and can search for 'to-reach'. www.to-reach.eu
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EUPHA section on Sexual and Gender Minority Health (SGMH)

In November 2016, a new section on Sexual and Gender Minority Health (SGMH) was created within EUPHA to meet the needs of this important and growing research field. We have seen a substantial increase in subscribers to the section during the year. However, not all EUPHA members may have updated their profiles over the past months. Therefore, we would like to draw your attention to the possibility join the section (via the EUPHA website) and stay up to date with our activities.

Richard Brånström and Arjan van der Star - the EUPHA section on SGMH

EUPHA publishes the E-collection on Alcohol Consumption and Harmful Use of Alcohol

"Alcohol consumption, and with it the burden of alcohol-related disease, is higher in Europe than anywhere in the world" write the authors of the latest e-collection from *European Journal of Public Health*.

This fascinating e-collection includes a special introduction and was created as EUPHA's support to its Estonian member, the Estonian Health Promotion Union. During the second half of 2017, Estonia holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Alcohol is a topic high on the agenda of the presidency and this e-collection serves as a robust evidence-base and valuable resource for public health researchers, advocates, and policy makers across Europe.

https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/pages/harmful_use_of_alcohol



The MERH 2018 Congress is hosted by an independent, non-profit making company working under the auspices of The University of Edinburgh, the European Public Health Association and NHS Health Scotland. We intend to deliver you a memorable, affordable, academic and social programme in one of the most spectacular cities in the world.

Congress aims :

- To improve research, population health and health care for migrants and other discriminated-against populations
- To bring together policy, social science, clinical, social service and public health perspectives and share and transfer learning within and across countries.
- To examine contemporary problems across the globe and debate suggested solutions
- To Consider health effects of social, environmental and demographic change associated with population migration, and the effects on diseases and their causes
- To find ways to overcome differences in concepts and terminology so the field can be understood internationally in acceptable language.
- To provide opportunities for people to showcase their work and to meet to share experience and motivations
- To build networks that will last beyond the Congress itself

I look forward to welcoming you personally at the Congress.

Raj Bhopal, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Congress

2. European Public Health Conference



11th European Public Health Conference: 'Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe', Cankarjev Dom, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 28 November 1 December 2018

The 10th European Public Health Conference in Stockholm was a great success. The conference, held from 1-4 November, was attended by a record number of 2,000 delegates from over 75 countries. They gathered to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, policy, education and practices. The conference included 7 plenary sessions, 20 pre-conferences, over 75 workshops, 45 oral sessions, 40 pitch sessions and 20 poster walks.

In 2018 the 11th EPH Conference will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, from 28 November to 1 December. Theme of the conference is: Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe. Plenary sessions address:

- Local community's responses to global health
- How can we address Sustainable Development Goals through public health action?
- Public health resources
- Public's awareness of public health challenges
- Health systems under pressure

Participate at Ljubljana 2018 by sharing your work with colleagues and learn from each other. Abstracts are invited for workshops and single presentations on all areas of public health research, practice, policy and education. Abstract submission is open from 1 February until 1 May 2018.

3. 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 2017, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.431. The 5-year impact factor is 2.664.

The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

The European Journal of Public Health 6th issue for 2017 is now available at:
<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/27/6>

Editorial

The digital technology revolution and its impact on the public's health

James Chauvin; Marta Lomazzi

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Health Services Research

Trajectories of long-term care in 28 EU countries: evidence from a time series analysis

Maria Michela Gianino; Jacopo Lenzi; Maria Martorana; Marco Bonaudo; Maria Pia Fantini ...

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The effect of a hepatitis pay-for-performance program on outcomes of patients undergoing antiviral therapy

Tsung-Tai Chen; Ya-Seng (Arthur) Hsueh; Chun-Hsiung Ko; Ling-Na Shih; Sien-Sing Yang

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Impact of resident and fellow changeovers on patient outcomes: a nationwide cross-sectional study

Jean-David Zeitoun; Jeanne Reboul-Marty; Jérémie H. Lefèvre

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Does obesity along with major depression or anxiety lead to higher use of health care and costs? A 6-year follow-up study

Yeshambel T. Nigatu; Ute Bültmann; Robert A. Schoevers; Brenda W.J.H. Penninx; Sijmen A.

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Does public reporting influence quality, patient and provider's perspective, market share and disparities? A review

Vladimir Vukovic; Paolo Parente; Paolo Campanella; Adela Sulejmani; Walter Ricciardi ...

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Validation of a short-form questionnaire to check patients' adherence to antibiotic treatments in an outpatient setting

Carole Treibich; Bruno Ventelou

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Child and Adolescent Health

Road injuries, health burden, but not fatalities make 12- to 17-year olds a high risk group in the Netherlands

Divera A.M. Twisk; Niels M. Bos; Wendy A.M. Weijermars

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Associations between self-rated health, mental health problems and physical inactivity among urban adolescents

Marketa Lachytova; Zuzana Katreniakova; Pavol Mikula; Marian Jendrichovsky; Iveta Nagyova
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A systematic literature review on the use and outcomes of maternal and child healthcare services by undocumented migrants in Europe

Lea de Jong; Milena Pavlova; Marjolein Winters; Bernd Rechel
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Aging and Health

Activation of older patients through PRACTA intervention for primary healthcare doctors: does the method matter?

Marta Rzadkiewicz; Joanna Chylinska; Mariusz Jaworski; Magdalena Lazarewicz; Mirosława Adamus
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Explaining the impact of poverty on old-age frailty in Europe: material, psychosocial and behavioural factors

Erwin Stolz; Hannes Mayerl; Anja Waxenegger; Wolfgang Freidl

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Do work and family care histories predict health in older women?

Rebecca Benson; Karen Glaser; Laurie M. Corna; Loretta G. Platts; Giorgio Di Gessa ...

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Influenza and pneumococcal vaccination in older adults living in nursing home: a survival analysis on the shelter study

Andrea Poscia; Agnese Collamati; Angelo Carfi; Eva Topinkova; Tomas Richter ...

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Mental Health

The long-term impact of a change in Effort–Reward imbalance on mental health—results from the prospective MAN-GO study

Amira Barrech; Natalie Riedel; Jian Li; Raphael M. Herr; Kathrin Mörtl ...

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Sex-specific associations of different anthropometric indices with acute and chronic insomnia

Valentina A. Andreeva; Marion J. Torres; Nathalie Druesne-Pecollo; Damien Léger; Paloma Gonzalez

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Regional contextual determinants of internet addiction among college students: a representative nationwide study of China

Tingzhong Yang; Lingwei Yu; John L. Oliffe; Shuhan Jiang; Qi Si

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Short-run and long-run effects of unemployment on suicides: does welfare regime matter?

Paweł Gajewski; Kateryna Zhukovska

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Secondary stressors are associated with probable psychological morbidity after flooding: a cross-sectional analysis

Elizabeth L. Tempest; English National Study on Flooding and Health Study Group; Ben Carter; Charles R. Beck; G. James Rubin

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Socioeconomic determinants

Editor's Choice

Interventions to improve social determinants of health among elderly ethnic minority groups: a review

Michelle S. Pool; Charles O. Agyemang; Martin Smalbrugge
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Socioeconomic differences in the pathways to diagnosis of coronary heart disease: a qualitative study
Sara Lena Schröder; Astrid Fink; Laura Hoffmann; Nadine Schumann; Olaf Martin ...
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Working conditions in the explanation of occupational inequalities in sickness absence in the French SUMER study
Isabelle Niedhammer; Thomas Lesuffleur; Sarah Memmi; Jean-François Chastang
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Socioeconomic position and mortality risk of smoking: evidence from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)
Dan Lewer; Martin McKee; Antonio Gasparini; Aaron Reeves; Cesar de Oliveira
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Understanding the relation between socioeconomic position and inflammation in post-menopausal women: education, income and occupational prestige
Jolene Masters Pedersen; Esben Budtz-Jørgensen; Anneclaire De Roos; Lorena Garcia; Rikke Lund ...
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Screening

The importance of people's values and preferences for colorectal cancer screening participation
Kaisa Fritzell; Kerstin Stake Nilsson; Anna Jervaeus; Rolf Hultcrantz; Yvonne Wengström
[\[Article\]](#)

Perception and use of Pap smear screening among rural and urban women in Romania
Mihaela Grigore; Razvan Popovici; Anda Pristavu; Ana Maria Grigore; Mioara Matei ...
[\[Article\]](#)

Advancing the evaluation of cervical cancer screening: development and application of a longitudinal adherence metric
Kine Pedersen; Emily A. Burger; Suzanne Campbell; Mari Nygård; Eline Aas ...
European Journal of Public Health, Volume 27, Issue 6, 1 December 2017, Pages 1089–1094,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckx073>
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Monthly variation in mammographic screening attendance in Norway
Kaitlyn M. Tsuruda; Sameer Bhargava; Gunhild Mangerud; Silje Sagstad; Solveig S. H. Hofvind
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Miscellaneous

Cocaine contamination of banknotes: a review
Gianmarco Troiano; Isabella Mercurio; Marco Golferà; Nicola Nante; Paola Melai ...
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Maternal serum bisphenol A levels and risk of pre-eclampsia: a nested case–control study
Yunzhen Ye; Qiongjie Zhou; Liping Feng; Jiangnan Wu; Yu Xiong ...
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Haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome in Montenegro, 2004–14
Zoran Vratnica; Luca Busani; Željka Zeković; Božidarka Rakočević; Sanja Medenica ...
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Epidemiology of chronic respiratory diseases and associated factors in the adult Italian population
Gianluigi Ferrante; Sandro Baldissera; Stefano Campostrini
European Journal of Public Health, Volume 27, Issue 6, 1 December 2017, Pages 1118,
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4. Call for proposals, job opportunities

University of Glasgow: Two Fellowships available

There are two fellowships available. Depending on the postholder's research focus, (s)he will be a member of either the Institute of Health and Wellbeing and/or the School of Social and Political Sciences. He/she will be expected to further develop existing quantitative social science skills while applying them to health research within the MRC remit. Specifically, the fellowships require expert knowledge in the area of quantitative or computational social science. The post-holder will be required to develop a personal programme of interdisciplinary health-related research relevant to research strengths in the School of Social and Political Sciences (SSPS) and/or the Institute of Health and Wellbeing (IHW). To develop, conduct and publish research in the chosen field; to take the lead or work in collaboration with colleagues, including management of the research programme; to develop and submit research funding applications; and to conduct and publish research in high impact peer-reviewed international journals or other high-quality venues. For further details and to submit an application see vacancy number 019687 at <https://udcf.gla.ac.uk/it/iframe/jobs/>. Closing date: 17 December 2017.

University of Warwick: research fellow

Warwick Evidence is seeking to appoint a Research Fellow in Health Technology Assessment to contribute to the expanding programme of Health Technology Assessment in Warwick Medical School (WMS). Warwick Evidence, one of nine health technology assessment and evidence synthesis teams in the UK. The main focus of your work will be in providing systematic review expertise in clinical effectiveness and epidemiology to health technology assessments for the National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment (NIHR HTA) programme, for the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and for other policy makers. You will support teams reporting for single and multiple technology appraisals (STAs and MTAs), diagnostic assessments (DARs) and other review processes. You will undertake other systematic reviews and evidence syntheses, and progress the development of the field through evidence synthesis and methodology research.

You will work with a multidisciplinary team of information specialists, health economists, statisticians, modellers and clinical effectiveness systematic reviewers in appraising evidence on the clinical and cost effectiveness of health technologies, including drugs, devices and diagnostics. Work undertaken will directly inform health policy at a national level.

You will have extensive experience of systematic reviewing techniques, knowledge of HTA and a PhD in a relevant field. We welcome experience of undertaking HTA in a specialist area of interest (e.g. survival analysis, diagnostics, pharmacology, network meta-analysis). You will enjoy working as part of a team and meeting tight deadlines. You will be a good communicator, be highly organised and accurate in your approach to work, and have excellent writing skills.

Informal enquiries are welcome and should be directed to:

Prof Aileen Clarke Email: Aileen.Clarke@warwick.ac.uk.

University of Warwick: senior research fellow

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/BFN744/research...>

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University of Alberta is looking for a Dean of the school of public health

Closing Date: Will remain open until filled

Location: 3-300 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy, 11405 87 Ave, Edmonton, AB T6G 1C9

The University of Alberta invites applications, nominations and expressions of interest for the position of Dean, School of Public Health. The appointment, for an initial five-year term, begins July 1, 2018.

This is an exceptional opportunity to build upon a strong foundation and to provide leadership to a rapidly growing School positioned to meet demand for relevant research and highly trained leaders in public health.

Located in Edmonton, the University of Alberta is one of Canada's top teaching and research universities, with an international reputation for excellence. Home to more than 39,000 students from 147 countries and 15,000 faculty and staff, the University attracts nearly \$480 million in sponsored research funding.

The School of Public Health is committed to advancing health through interdisciplinary inquiry and by working with partners in promoting health and wellness, protecting health, preventing disease and injury, and reducing health inequalities locally, nationally and globally. In 2006, the University of Alberta was the first Canadian institution to establish an accredited, free-standing school of public health. In the short time since its inception, the School has achieved accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health, the first school in Canada to have done so.

Home to 250 graduate students, 36 tenured and tenure-track faculty, and 114 administrative and research staff, the School is comprised of several research centres and offers three graduate-level degree programs, including master of public health (MPH), master of science (MSc) and doctor of philosophy (PhD). In addition, the School offers professional development in the form of a Fellowship in Health System Improvement and a Professional Certificate in Public Health.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), the Dean is responsible for leading all aspects of the School's operations, including budget and fund development, fostering an environment in which world-leading research and excellence in teaching and engaged scholarship flourish.

The successful candidate will possess an earned doctorate, will be appointed to a continuing position at the rank of full Professor, and have a distinguished record of scholarly achievement as well as progressive and relevant experience providing outstanding senior academic and administrative leadership. As the leader of a diverse, growing School, the Dean must demonstrate a collaborative, strategic, consensus oriented approach and have exceptional people leadership and administrative management skills.

This is an exciting and challenging opportunity to serve in an important leadership role at one of Canada's top universities. To learn more, please contact Danielle Conn or Cameron Geldart at 604.926.0005. To apply, please forward a letter of introduction, an up-to-date CV as well as a list of three references, in confidence, to danielle@thegeldartgroup.com.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is now accepting applications for its Leadership Pool Initiative

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is now accepting applications for its Leadership Pool Initiative, which is an exclusive roster of pre-assessed candidates used as a source for filling future international rotation posts within UNFPA.

You are invited to apply to one or more of the following job types in the UNFPA Leadership Pool:

- [Representative, D-1](#)
- [Representative, P-5](#)
- [Deputy Representative, P-5](#)
- [Deputy Representative, P-4](#)
- [International Operations Manager, P-4](#)
- [International Operations Manager, P-3](#)

After successful inclusion into the Leadership Pool, Pool members will benefit from individualised career advice and provision of tailored development opportunities to enhance their readiness to assume leadership posts.

When rotational post vacancies arise in a particular job type, suitable Pool members will be contacted and invited to indicate their interest and availability in being selected for the vacancies.

[More information](#)

Application deadline: 8 December 2017

Faculty of Health Sciences at UiT The Arctic University of Norway is looking for a Research fellow

The Faculty of Health Sciences at UiT The Arctic University of Norway represents a newly created entity gathering almost all possible health study programs. This facilitates an unique interdisciplinarity and innovation in health education and research. We work closely with the services in the North to solve tomorrow's challenges.

Read more about us at uit.no/helsefak

Research Fellow affiliated with the project Heart to Heart: A comparison study of cardiovascular health in Russia and Norway

Ref.nr 2017/5751

UiT The Arctic of University of Norway (UiT), Faculty Health Sciences, has an exciting and challenging PhD position vacant for applicants who wish to obtain the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) in the field of epidemiology. The position will be within the research group on Epidemiology of Chronic Diseases located in the Department of Community Medicine.

The appointment is for a fixed period of four years, with the objective of completion of research training to the level of a doctoral degree. Admission to the PhD programme is a prerequisite for employment, and the programme period starts on commencement of the position. The PhD research fellow is expected to participate in the faculty's organized research training, and complete the PhD project during the period of employment. Information about the application process for admission to the PhD programme, application form and regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) are available at [PhD programme - Faculty of Health Sciences UiT](#). The position is available for commencement from March 1st 2018 and for a period of four years.

Further information about the position including the project description is available by contacting Professor David Leon, e-mail: david.leon@ishtm.ac.uk or Dr Laila Hopstock, tel: +4777620718, e-mail: laila.hopstock@uit.no

Application and submitted documents (see below) must be sent electronically via the application form available on www.jobbnorge.no.

The position's affiliation

Faculty of Health Sciences, UiT has approximately 800 staff members, 300 PhD-students and 2500 students. The Faculty of Health Sciences is divided into eight departments. The Department of Community Medicine employs approximately 200 persons and is currently divided into six research groups. In addition, there are four associated research centres that are part of the Department. Additionally, the Department of Community Medicine operates the education of future researchers through the research school EPINOR (National research school in population based epidemiology). More information can be found: <https://www.jobbnorge.no/en/available-jobs/job/144795/research-fellow-affiliated-with-the-project-heart-to-heart-a-comparison-study-of-cardiovascular-health-in-russia-and-norway>

5. Interesting news

State of Health in the EU: Country Health Profiles

Today the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis, launched a new series of Country Health Profiles that summarize the performance of health systems in the 28 European Union (EU) Member States.

These concise and policy-relevant profiles, developed jointly by the European Observatory and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), are part of the European Commission's State of Health in the EU cycle.

This two-year process is designed to improve country-specific and EU-wide knowledge in the field of health. It will inform various ongoing EU processes and support countries' evidence-based policy-

making and health reform. Each Country Health Profile provides a brief overview of the main strengths and challenges in a country's health system based on available quantitative and qualitative data and information. It reports on the population health status, the underlying health determinants as well as the health system and its performance in terms of effectiveness, accessibility and resilience.
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/part...>

European Awareness Week on Alcohol Related Harm (AWARH)

Now in its 5th year, the European Awareness Week on Alcohol Related Harm (AWARH) takes place from 20th – 24th November 2017, with various activities being carried out under the theme of “Alcohol and Cancer”. Research in Europe has shown that 1 in 10 Europeans do not know about the connection between alcohol and cancer, and that 1 in 5 do not believe that there is a link between cancer and the drinks that millions of us enjoy every week. The AWARH partners are undertaking a number of activities this week which will highlight the importance of understanding the risks associated with harmful alcohol consumption.

“Alarmingly, the burden on society of alcohol related harm continues to grow. In the WHO European region approximately 70% of adults drink alcohol” says **Dr Biljana Borzan MEP** who will host an AWARH event at European Parliament, in Brussels, on 23rd November. Dr Borzan notes that *“there is clear evidence linking alcohol to more than 60 diseases, including cancer, cardiovascular diseases such as stroke and hypertension, liver and digestive diseases, and brain diseases. The cost of inaction, estimated at 700 billion Euros in healthcare costs alone will only continue to rise, and Europe cannot afford to continue to let that happen”*. <https://www.eureporter.co/health/2017/11/20/european-awareness-week-on-alcohol-related-harm-awarh17/>

At the AWARH event to be held in the European Parliament on 23rd November the AWARH partners will be issuing a Statement highlighting the link between alcohol and cancer, and asking for concrete steps to be taken to support (1) the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol, and (2) the wider dissemination of the European Code Against Cancer.
<http://www.awarh.eu/>

Health service complaints system putting patients at risk, harming doctors' mental health

Current process for complaints against doctors reduces their wellbeing and causes fear-driven working practices that could compromise patient care, suggests a new English study.
United Kingdom
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

Teen e-cig use may lead to regular smoking

High school students who use electronic cigarettes are more likely to start smoking regular cigarettes, a new Canadian study finds. “Youth may be trying e-cigarettes before smoking because they are easier to access: until recently, youth could legally purchase e-cigarettes without nicotine, whereas regular cigarettes cannot be sold to young people under 18 years of age,” said study author David Hammond.
<https://consumer.healthday.com/kids-heal...>

Web-based social media intervention can positively influence parental vaccine behaviors

Pregnant women who received vaccine information through an interactive website monitored by a clinical expert were more likely to vaccinate their children than those who did not use the web resource, according to a Kaiser Permanente study published in the journal *Pediatrics*.
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

In pursuit of a universal flu vaccine

Developing a universal flu vaccine that would protect against all seasonal and pandemic strains of the virus is no easy task, and new research suggests that one of the most promising strategies -- creating a vaccine that targets the 'stalk' of a protein that covers the flu virus -- is a strong one, but isn't completely bulletproof. Researchers found that the stalk of the hemagglutinin protein can vary in response to pressure from the immune system.
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

Four in ten healthcare professionals work while sick

A new study suggests that healthcare professionals (HCPs) should heed to their own advice: stay home when sick. Some four in 10 HCPs work while experiencing influenza-like illness.

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

Using social media big data to combat prescription drug crisis

Researchers conducted a critical review of existing literature to determine whether social media big data can be used to understand communication and behavioral patterns related to prescription drug abuse. Their study found that with proper research methods and attention to privacy and ethical issues, social media big data can reveal important information concerning drug abuse, such as user-reported side effects, drug cravings, emotional states, and risky behaviors.

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

Minimum alcohol pricing goes ahead in Scotland after drinks industry loses legal battle

Scotland will become the first country in the world to set a minimum price for alcohol, after the final rejection of legal attempts by the drinks industry to block the move.

<http://www.bmj.com/content/359/bmj.j5302>

Serious health risks associated with energy drinks

A review of the advertised benefits, nutritional content and public health effects of energy drinks finds their advertised short-term benefits can be outweighed by serious health risks. The study also highlights the worrying trend of mixing energy drinks with alcohol. To curb this growing public health issue, policy makers should regulate sales and marketing towards children and adolescents and set upper limits on caffeine.

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

Health, social care spending cuts linked to 120,000 excess deaths in England

The squeeze on public finances since 2010 is linked to nearly 120,000 excess deaths in England, with the over-60s and care home residents bearing the brunt, reveals a first study of its kind.

United Kingdom

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

Meningococcal vaccine could protect against 91 percent of targeted bacterial strains

Up to 91 percent of bacterial strains causing a common type of invasive serogroup B meningococcal disease in children and young adults are likely to be covered by a four-component vaccine called MenB-4C (Bexsero), according to laboratory studies.

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

New findings to help HIV scientists establish 'template' for potent antibodies

New data further illuminate how some human beings generate powerful, HIV-blocking antibodies. These results offer important insight into a potential AIDS vaccine design.

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

6. 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: **Shape the future of Diabetes: IDF congress 2017**

Date / location: 4 Dec 2017 - 8 Dec 2017 / Abu Dhabi

Organiser: International Diabetes Federation

Title: **Pregnancy and programming and later risk of obesity**

Date / location: 22 Jan 2018 / Frederiksberg, Denmark

Organiser: Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences

Title: **RCPE Symposium: Global Health**
Date / location: 21 Feb 2018 / Edinburgh, United Kingdom
Organiser: Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

Title: **Third Training school: Extended Working Lives: Issues and Methods for Policy Evaluation**
Date / location: 18 Mar 2018 - 21 Mar 2018 / Brno, Czech Republic
Organiser: COST ACTION IS1409

Title: **Health Economics for Public Health Practice and Research**
Date / location: 19 Mar 2018 - 21 Mar 2018 / Bangor, United Kingdom
Organiser: Bangor University

Title: **Health Economics for Public Health Practice and Research**
Date / location: 19 Mar 2018 - 21 Mar 2018 / Bangor, United Kingdom
Organiser: Bangor University

Title: **19th Congress of the Section of Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry of the European Psychiatric Association (EPA)**
Date / location: 4 Apr 2018 - 7 Apr 2018 / Vienna, Austria
Organiser: EPA

Title: **International Symposium on Global Health**
Date / location: 7 May 2018 - 8 May 2018 / Athens, Greece
Organiser: ATINER

Title: **Healthy aging at the crossroads: challenges and need for further action**
Date / location: 10 May 2018 - 12 May 2018 / Istanbul, Turkey
Organiser: Healthy Community Association

Title: **1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health - Diversity and health**
Date / location: 17 May 2018 - 19 May 2018 / Edinburgh, Scotland

Title: **International global health and antimicrobial resistance workshop 2018**
Date / location: 23 May 2018 / Geneva, Switzerland
Organiser: WFPHA

Title: **26th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services**
Date / location: 6 Jun 2018 - 8 Jun 2018 / Bologna, Italy
Organiser: Italian regional HPH network Emilia-Romagna together with WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care at Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (Austrian Public Health Institute)

Title: **Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations (APHES)**
Date / location: 2 Jul 2018 - 13 Jul 2018 / Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED)

Title: **27 Summer course European Training Consortium Public health and health promotion**
Date / location: 15 Jul 2018 - 27 Jul 2018 / Perugia, Italy

Organiser: Experimental Center for Health Promotion and Education (CeSPES)

Title: [Law Enforcement and Public Health Conference 2018](#)

Date / location: 21 Oct 2018 - 24 Oct 2018 / Toronto, Canada

Organiser: GLEPHA

7. Interesting publications

Boosting implementation of Health 2020 and the 2030 Agenda: the WHO Small Countries Initiative

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/netw...>

Associations between the structural and functional aspects of social relations and poor mental

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...>

The long-term financial consequences of breast cancer: a Danish registry-based cohort study

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...>

Public Health Practice and Policy to Improve Child and Adolescent Health in Europe

<https://authors.elsevier.com/a/1VxrU55CrofS2>

Quantifying the need for enhanced case management for TB patients as part of TB cohort audit in the North West of England: a descriptive study

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...>

Worklife expectancy in a cohort of Danish employees aged 55-65 years - comparing a multi-state Cox proportional hazard approach with conventional multi-state life tables

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.co...>

Perspectives - The need to monitor actions on the social determinants of health

Frank Pega, Nicole B Valentine, Kumanan Rasanathan, Ahmad Reza Hosseinpour, Tone P Torgersen, Veerabhadran Ramanathan, Tipicha Posayanonda, Nathalie Röbbel, Yassine Kalboussi, David H Rehkopf, Carlos Dora, Eugenio R Villar Montesinos and Maria P Neira

Bull World Health Organ 2017;95:784–787

doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.16.184622>

Published online: September 2017

8. European Commission news

Commission recommendations on improvement to package leaflets: EMA publishes action plan

The Commission [recommendations](#) on improving the information contained on product leaflets for EU medicines are the basis of the European Medicines Agency's (EMA) newly published [action plan](#) on improving production information for EU medicine.

Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance - Series of workshops on the prevention and control of AMR launched

The European Commission will organise the first of a series of 15 workshops on the prevention and control of AMR in the context of an overall One Health approach. The workshops will be organised between now and March 2019 in a number of European capitals, namely Madrid, Copenhagen, Prague, Zagreb, Stockholm and Sofia. The next workshop takes place in Prague between 11 and 14 December 2017.

[More info...](#)

The results are in: EU's third Health Programme is on track and having impact

The EU Health Programme is evaluated midway through and at the end of its six-year term to make sure that public spending is justified and produces real benefits, explains Deputy Director-General for Health and Food Safety Martin Seychell. [More info...](#)

Good Manufacturing Practices for Advanced Therapies: Commission adopts new Guidelines

The new guidelines, developed after extensive consultation with stakeholders, the European Medicines Agency and competent national authorities, adapt the Good Manufacturing Practices requirements to the specific characteristics of Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) and address novel scenarios such as decentralised manufacturing, automated production, and reconstitution of ATMPs.

[More info...](#)

Commission diagnoses the state of health in the EU

Only by rethinking our health systems can we ensure that they remain fit-for-purpose and provide patient-centred care. This is what the 28 Country Health Profiles published today by the Commission, along with the Companion Report suggest. The reports provide an in-depth analysis of EU Member States' health systems.

More info available [here](#).

Vaccination in the spotlight: Health Commissioner awards 3 NGOs for outstanding initiatives

At the EU Health Policy Platform annual meeting held 27 November 2017 in Brussels, Vytenis Andriukaitis, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, awarded the **EU Health Award for Health Award for NGOs promoting vaccination** – a prize which aims to reward outstanding initiatives by NGOs which have helped achieve higher levels of public health for Europeans through vaccination.

More information and the winners [here](#).

9. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

Eurosurveillance - Volume 22, Issue 44, 02 November 2017

Rapid communication

[Transmission dynamics of the ongoing chikungunya outbreak in Central Italy: from coastal areas to the metropolitan city of Rome, summer 2017](#)

Research article

[End-of-season influenza vaccine effectiveness in adults and children, United Kingdom, 2016/17](#)
[The proportion of asymptomatic infections and spectrum of disease among pregnant women infected by Zika virus: systematic monitoring in French Guiana, 2016](#)

Surveillance and outbreak report

[Livestock-associated methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus \(MRSA\) among human MRSA isolates, European Union/European Economic Area countries, 2013](#)

Eurosurveillance - Volume 22, Issue 45, 09 November 2017

Research article

[Epidemiological information is key when interpreting whole genome sequence data – lessons learned from a large Legionella pneumophila outbreak in Warstein, Germany, 2013](#)

Surveillance and outbreak report

[Surveillance and laboratory detection for non-polio enteroviruses in the European Union/European Economic Area, 2016](#)

[Gastroenteritis outbreaks on cruise ships: contributing factors and thresholds for early outbreak detection](#)

Eurosurveillance - Volume 22, Issue 46, 16 November 2017

Miscellaneous

[Note from the editors: 10th European Antibiotic Awareness Day \(EAAD\) – raising awareness about prudent use of antimicrobials to help curb antimicrobial resistance](#)

Rapid communication

[Dynamics of the pneumonic plague epidemic in Madagascar, August to October 2017](#)

Surveillance and outbreak report

[An outbreak of chickenpox in an asylum seeker centre in Italy: outbreak investigation and validity of reported chickenpox history, December 2015–May 2016](#)

Perspective

[National laboratory-based surveillance system for antimicrobial resistance: a successful tool to support the control of antimicrobial resistance in the Netherlands](#)

[Comparing antibiotic consumption between two European countries: are packages an adequate surrogate for prescriptions?](#)

Letter

[Letter to the editor: Livestock-associated meticillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*\(LA-MRSA\), Austria, 2013](#)

10. WHO news

WHO guidelines on ethical issues in public health surveillance

World Health Organization, 2017

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The WHO Guidelines on Ethical Issues in Public Health Surveillance is the first international framework of its kind, it fills an important gap. The goal of the guideline development project was to help policymakers and practitioners navigate the ethical issues presented by public health surveillance. This document outlines 17 ethical guidelines that can assist everyone involved in public health surveillance, including officials in government agencies, health workers, NGOs and the private sector. I gratefully acknowledge the many experts and WHO colleagues who have made important contributions to this publication.

WHO has rightly asserted that public health surveillance, conducted in a manner that anticipates ethical challenges and proactively seeks to reduce unnecessary risks, provides the architecture for social well-being. It is now up to the global community and countries to take up this challenge and implement the guidelines in their surveillance systems.