

Bulletin

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ASPHER Deans' and Directors' Retreat, Rennes 2010

ASPHER Members Only

[Professor Antoine Flahault](#), ASPHER President, is delighted to invite all deans and directors of the association's member institutions to participate in this year's ASPHER Deans' and Directors' Retreat scheduled for May 26-30. The meeting will be held at the [EHESP School of Public Health](#) in Rennes (France).

Two key lectures have been planned for this year's retreat, one by Andy Haines ([London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine](#), UK) on global change and its impact on health and another by John Kimberly ([Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania](#), USA) on comparisons between health care systems. Presentations on each of ASPHER's working groups will also be conducted.

Moreover, a delegation from the [American Association of Schools of Public Health \(ASPH\)](#) will attend the Rennes retreat to discuss and explore the potential for collaboration between ASPHER and ASPH.

Click [here](#) for the **preliminary agenda** of the retreat.

If you wish to register for the retreat, please email: office@aspher.org

Call for Nominations | ASPHER President Elect

Later this year in Amsterdam, during the General Assembly meeting held in Amsterdam on November 11, ASPHER members will elect the future President of the Association (2012-2013). In order to facilitate the process, all ASPHER Deans and Directors are kindly requested to nominate their candidates by Monday, May 24. The list of the nominated candidates will be announced during the ASPHER Deans' and Directors' Retreat in Rennes, 26-30 May.

The filled in nominations forms should be sent to office@aspher.org.

*Organised each year in a different location, the **Deans' and Directors' Retreat** is one of the most important ASPHER events of the calendar year. This high level meeting of the heads of the association's member institutions plays a significant role in evaluating the current activities, whilst also planning and organising the future direction of ASPHER.*

Deadline for nominations:
Monday, May 24

Click [here](#) to download the nomination form.

Call for Nominations | ASPHER Andrija Stampar Medal

Each year, during the annual conference, ASPHER awards the prestigious Andrija Stampar Medal to a distinguished person for excellence in the field of Public Health. The deadline for this year's nominations is Monday, September 13. Please send the name of the person you would like to nominate together with a supporting letter, and a brief biographical sketch note of the nominee to: office@aspher.org. The Andrija Stampar Award Ceremony 2010 will take place during the Amsterdam Conference, on Friday, November 12.

Click [here](#) to read more about the Andrija Stampar Medal. ■

Deadline for nominations:

Monday, September 13

European Public Health Conference, Amsterdam 2010

[The Netherlands Public Health Federation](#), [EUPHA](#) and [ASPHER](#) are pleased to invite you to the 3rd joint European Public Health Conference combining the 18th annual EUPHA meeting and the 32nd annual meeting of ASPHER. The conference will take place in Amsterdam, from the 10th to the 13th of November. The central theme of the conference is: **Integrated Public Health**.

Integration – making a whole out of parts – is a key issue in European public health. Integration is believed to be an important prerequisite for addressing the major challenges of today's public health systems across Europe such as the growing epidemic of chronic diseases, the potential threat of new infectious diseases, the clustering of social, physical, environmental and behavioural determinants of health, the economic crisis, and the workforce crisis.

Integration also applies to the bringing together of people, disciplines, organisations, sectors, communities, and societies. As such, integration is fundamental to public health given its definition: 'Public health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organised efforts and informed choices of society, public and private organisations, communities and individuals'.

In the light of this theme, the conference will aim to provide a platform for active participation, exchange of expertise and lateral thinking. **All scientists, policy makers, practitioners and educators who are interested in integrated public health are welcome to participate and contribute to the conference.**

Click [here](#) to download the 2nd conference announcement.

Click [here](#) to download conference welcome film with Niek Klazinga.

Plenary session programme:

(see the conference announcement for schedule and information on speakers)

Plenary 1 (Thursday, November 11): Integrating research, policy, education and practice (evidence-based public health and health care policy).

Plenary 2 (Thursday, November 11): Debate on integrating public health information systems for informing European policy makers and practitioners.

Plenary 3 (Friday, November 12): Integrating new knowledge, skills and competencies for public health professionals (workforce crisis and professionalism).

Plenary 4 (Friday, November 12): Plenary debate on achieving public health goals via public-private partnerships.

Plenary 5 (Saturday, November 13): Integrating prevention and health promotion in (primary) health care systems.



*Since 2008, ASPHER organises its annual conference together with the European Public Health Association (EUPHA). This joint endeavour has been named the joint **European Public Health Conference** and combines the respective annual meetings of both associations.*

Click [here](#) for more information about the conference

Click [here](#) to download the 2nd conference announcement.

Call for Abstracts

The 3rd European Public Health Conference cordially invites international scientific groups, policy-makers, practitioners and educators to organise **workshops**. Given the main conference theme of *Integrated Public Health*, the organisers welcome collaborative workshops that integrate, cross boundaries and are multidisciplinary in nature. All those who are interested in presenting **oral or poster presentations** are invited to submit their abstracts also.

Please follow the guidelines for workshops and abstracts submission available at http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference_abstract_submission.php.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is Saturday, May 1.

Scored abstracts and workshops are evaluated by the International Scientific Committee. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be posted mid-June.

ASPHER Young Researchers' Forum

Following the success of the [1st Young Researchers' Forum](#) organised last year in Lodz, ASPHER will organise the forum prior to the start of the regular programme of this year's conference. You can find more information [here](#).

Abstracts submission is now available via the [following website](#).

Deadline for submission of abstracts is Saturday, May 1.

Like last year, an award funded by ASPHER members will be presented to the researcher(s) who present the best oral and poster presentation(s).

European Meeting of EHESP School of Public Health

European developments in public health: Disabilities, Health, Society.

This one day meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 10, as a pre-conference to the Amsterdam event. It will open the discussion between representatives of civil society organisations, health professionals and decision-makers, on life expectancy in the absence of disability; how to measure, assess and compare health status among populations; how to estimate training and research needs in the given domains; and actions European countries could take to help the most vulnerable of their citizens and to reduce the number of people who become disabled. ■

Deadline for abstracts submission:
Saturday, May 1

The Young Researchers' Forum is organised by ASPHER as a unique opportunity for MPH, PhD and postdoc researchers to present their work to a select audience of peers and key representatives of the European public health community.

Deadline for abstracts submission:
Saturday, May 1



The new Public Health Reviews Journal

The Public Health Reviews journal, which had been published for many years in Israel, was dormant for some time after the owner/publisher retired. In 2008, a proposal to bring it back to life was made, the PHR rights were purchased by [EHESP School of Public Health](#), and a distinguished international Editorial Board was established with institutional support from [ASPHER](#), [Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health](#), and the [Braun School of Public Health, Jerusalem](#), among others.

PHR seeks to provide systematic reviews of important topics in public health in order to assist in translation of science into practice, in Europe and globally. The journal will place emphasis on the integration of current state of the art knowledge translational issues, and interdisciplinary approaches, describing evidence-based policy and best practices, for the benefit of a wide audience, including SPH faculty and students, public health professionals, scientists, policy makers, and practitioners. PHR will strive to be agenda setting, offering recommendations for the advancement of the field of public health in Europe and around the world.



The Association of Schools of Public Health
in the European Region

One issue is expected in 2010, two issues in 2011 and continual publication on a quarterly basis thereafter. Each issue will focus on one selected theme, while being open to non-thematic reviews. In order to reach a wider audience, PHR will be available freely online, with printed copies provided for a fee.

The first issue, due to come out in June, comprised of articles from invited authors, is entitled *The New Public Health* in recognition of the rapid evolution of public health over the past thirty years, and the need to broaden the base of professional studies in public health within the scope of civil society as much as within health care and medicine. This issue will include topics such as health care reform in Europe, health care innovations in the US, achievements in the sphere of infectious disease, public health workforce shortages in the developing world and micronutrient deficiency, among others. The second issue will be on the topic of Ageing, followed by an issue on Cardiovascular Disease.

Public Health Reviews hopes to reach a large audience, spreading the basic concepts of public health in Europe and around the world! ■

Overview of ASPHER Working Groups

The [ASPHER 2015 strategic planning initiative](#) identified a strategic direction for the association, manifested in the work plans of the seven workforces which were set up based on top priorities emerging from the consultation process. The general objectives of each taskforce are outlined below.

For more information about individual groups, including information on membership email: robert.otok@aspher.org.

Global Health

Chair: Andy Haines (London) | Co-chair: Antoine Flahault (Rennes)

To create a single forum for interested academic institutions with involvement in Global Health to exchange views and ideas, so as to develop a European voice on Global Health issues and influence relevant policies.

Doctoral Programmes and Research Capacities

Chair: Fred Paccaud (Zürich) | Co-chair: Ursula Schlipköter (Munich)

To define the models and formulate recommendations re: European standards for PhD in Public Health, leading to organisation of a common European PhD training programme in Public Health.

Innovation and Good Practice in Public Health Education

Chair: Vesna Bjegovic (Belgrade) | Co-chair: Helmut Brand (Maastricht)

To propose public health performance standards (related to European public health competencies) and to translate them into teaching/training modules for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate education in Public Health.

Public Health Core Competencies

Chair: Christopher Birt (Liverpool) | Co-chair: Anders Foldspang (Stockholm)

To develop and to refine a European system of competencies to support both public health education and public health practice, appropriate to the population health challenges and public health systems across Europe.

Accreditation for Public Health Education

Chair: Jacek Sitko (Krakow) | Co-chair: Marie-Odile Ottenwaelter (Rennes)

To develop the standardisation and quality criteria with respect to public health education leading to the establishment of a European Accreditation Agency for Public Health Education.

Public Health Advocacy and Communication

Chair: Paulo Moreira / Co-chair: Robert Otok

To motivate schools of public health to promote academic and advanced training programmes based on evidence and research related to public health advocacy and communication topics including health literacy and interventions to change behaviours.

Ethics and Values in Public Health

Chair: Theodore Tulchinsky / Co-chair: Els Maeckelbergh

To devise an ethical framework for public health teaching/practice, and promote its adoption. ■

Updates from ASPHER Members and Partners

Maastricht University (UM) Brussels Campus Kicks-off

[Department of International Health, Maastricht University](#)

Back in December 2009, the lease for Avenue de l'Armée 10 was signed in the presence of Jo Ritzen (President of UM), as well as Fernand Jadoul and Tieerd Wichers (members of UM Brussels Advisory Board), making the UM Campus Brussels a reality. In the political heart of Europe, Maastricht University will offer a wide range of academic programmes on a wide variety of EU related topics, including **European Public Health**. The UM Campus Brussels is only a ten minute walk from the European Commission. The campus will also serve as a working and meeting place for UM alumni and staff.



EuroPubHealth: a new type of grant available

[EuroPubHealth Programme](#)

As of 2010, a new type of grant is available for students enrolled in the Euro-PubHealth master: the Erasmus Mundus programme will award seven 2-year scholarships (10,000 €/year) to European students.

Application deadline: April 15, 2010

The following schools are members of the EuroPubHealth network: Copenhagen, Granada, Krakow, Rennes, and Sheffield

For more information email: europubhealth@ehesp.fr or call: +33 2 99 02 26 70.



Summer School in Public Health Policy, Economics and Management

[Swiss School of Public Health+ \(SSPH+\)](#)

Lugano (Ticino, Switzerland), from 9th to 20th of August 2010

The Summer School in Public Health Policy, Economics and Management is organised by the [Swiss School of Public Health+ \(SSPH+\)](#), the [Institute of Microeconomics and Public Economics, University of Lugano](#) and the [Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute \(Swiss TPH\)](#). Courses are intended for professionals, managers, and administrations of health agencies, hospitals and other services and facilities within the health sector, policy-makers and any students registered in one of the continuous education programmes coordinated and supported by the SSPH+. The Summer School is an opportunity to meet new colleagues, exchange knowledge, build networks, and share insights. The emphasis will be on participative approaches complemented by formal teaching.

More information can be found at <http://www.sspplus.ch/summerschool>.



Questionnaire: Training in Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion [EUPHA Section on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion](#)

Together with EUPHA Section on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, ASPHER launched a questionnaire that aims to determine what role injury prevention and safety promotion currently has in the training provided by ASPHER member schools, and what interest exists in collaborating together.

Click [here](#) to access the questionnaire.

Questionnaire: Training in Environmental Health

To gain insight into the current situation of training in the field of Environmental Health, PH Services Gelderland Midden developed a short questionnaire to explore the variety of existing training systems across Europe. If you are involved in training in Environmental Health, if you have completed training yourself or if you are aware of the situation in your country/region, you are kindly requested to answer a few questions by following the [link](#).

Observatory Venice Summer School [European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies](#)

The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies is happy to announce the Observatory Venice Summer School 2010. This event which is jointly organised with the Veneto Region, one of the Observatory's partners, will take place from the 25th to 31st of July on the island of San Servolo in Venice.

The theme for this year's Summer School will be '*EU integration and health systems: challenges and opportunities for patients, professionals, and policy-makers*'. It will explore different EU policy fields to identify links with health and assess their impact on health systems.

The Summer School is targeted at senior to mid-level policy-makers, planners, and health professionals as well as a limited number of junior professionals in policy and management. The Summer School aims to use a participative approach involving the sharing of insights and experiences, together with formal sessions to review the evidence.

Click [here](#) to download the application form.

For more information email: summerschool2010@obs.euro.who.int.

Course Catalogue 2010 | Medicine & Health [Going International](#)

The 2010 course catalogue is published in English and German, and is targeted at experts and decision-makers in the health sector. It offers a comprehensive selection of innovative training and further education events in the field of curative medicine and public health during the period of October 2009 to July 2011. About 2,500 masters programmes, courses, workshops and conferences offered by more than 700 renowned universities, providers and organisations worldwide are clearly and concisely presented in this almost 300 page long catalogue. Information about venues, dates, duration, fees, topics covered and terms of participation are offered for each event covered. The organisers' contact details are also provided so that you can easily contact them.

Click [here](#) to order your personal copy of the catalogue.

Links to newsletters of ASPHER partner organisations

Click [here](#) to open EUPHA newsletter.

Click [here](#) to open EPHA newsletter.

