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Editorial Board

Dear friends,

Summer has come to an end, leaves have started to fall (in the northern hemisphere at least) and we are making up for the colder days ahead of us. Thankfully there is always the EPIET family to keep you warm when skies are grey.

First of all, we welcome the new cohort 2017!

Many of you met up on the 30th September 2017 to celebrate #8000DaysOfEPIET and many of you shared some beautiful pictures. We announce the winner of this event in this newsletter, under the inspiring words of some EPIET Alumni from the first cohorts.

We have many great stories to share with you. We have interviewed Loredana Ingrosso who is one of the current EUPHEM coordinators. Also, there is a great Story from the Field from Katerina Chaintarli who went on a mission to Haiti.

For the upcoming ESCAIDE we have a lot of information to share with you. We would like to invite you to participate in the Photo contest and want to raise a glass with you at our usual pre-ESCAIDE get-together at Vapiano. Stay tuned and see you in Stockholm!

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Welcome to Cohort 2017

Welcome to the fellowship, dear fellows from Cohort 2017!

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- Klára Labská, Státní zdravotní ústav (National Institute for Public Health), Prague
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Interview Loredana Ingrosso - EUPHEM Scientific Coordinator

EAN: Hello! Can you describe your background and how you ended up in field epidemiology?

Loredana: Hi everyone! I hope you will be able to know me a little more through this interview, I certainly hope to meet and know you all in due time and in person! I thought about myself as a scientist, a researcher, for most of my working life. After graduation in Biology and during specialisation in Clinical Pathology I've been working on experimental infection and experimental therapy of scrapie disease in hamsters and mice (the animal model for CJD). deadly Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease; Α neurodegenerative disease that has multiple causes, some still to be fully understood. Then, I had moved toward the human form of the disease working with humanised transgenic mice and primates. I ended up working on human CJD surveillance and had my first exposure to epidemiology when Europe was drawn into the nightmare of mad cow disease and variant CJD. Finally, I moved to my current department (Infectious Disease) and was requested by my new director (an epidemiologist himself) to start pursuing epidemiology both through formal lectures and field activity. I started with attending some courses in an epi-master and was literally thrilled by the experience.

When did you first hear about the EPIET/EUPHEM programme?

Actually, my new director informed me that the ECDC official web site was the best place to start collecting epi- and micro info; there I learnt about the EUPHEM programme and I advertised it to my colleagues, each of whom ended up with one of their students becoming one of the very few EUPHEM fellows at that time. Later on, a senior microbiologist from my department triggered ISS appraisal as a EUPHEM training site (EPIET training was already in place) and took me on board to start the adventure: so far, we have had 2 EUPHEM-MS track graduated (cohort 2013, cohort 2015), and 1 EUPHEM and 1 EPIET EU-track cohort 2017 allocated to us.

Why did you apply for the function of coordinator?

Being co-supervisor and participating to modules, forums, ICs, ToTs, senior continuous development project (I was one of the two first enrolled in the program), I had developed a keen interest for the programme. I applied. And got the position!

What do you like about your role as coordinator?

I love interacting with fellows, they are young (at least younger than me!) and vibrant, highly motivated, with a lot of pre-existing expertise. When working with them you are confronted with so many different backgrounds, personal stories, diverse cultural approach, plus they are often under strain because of their many assignments. All of this requires your full attention, a lot of dedication, effort and flexibility to adapt to the different attitudes and requests; actually, thinking of it, it is scary! But I have already mentioned how much I love the challenge.

Another 'plus' is that with this work you are not boxed into a given field, you learn about so many pathogens, diseases, threats to public health. You are in a privileged position to have an overview on public health at a global level and to see how many different models for PH institutes have been established in Europe and how the same PH issues are managed differently. It opens your mind and amplifies your perception of public health.

What kind of activities does your function involve? Can you describe 'a typical day' of a coordinator's life?

Every day is different, my mailbox is like a box of chocolates and depending on what you find there you may start revising IPRs, Project proposal forms (which may plunge you in a field completely new that you have to dive in and study), replying to coordinators' mails about modules. You may have to rush not to miss travel

request forms deadlines. Or write a site visit report, or a site appraisal report or exit interview report and when deadlines for ESCAIDE approach you are submerged by abstracts: first revision, second revision, approval.

And, of course you have the fixed appointments: weekly coordinator's meeting TCs, traveling, administrative issues (these are the only thing I really hate). As I already said, you can find something new every day, and I simply love it.



How do you see the EPIET/EUPHEM programme developing in the future?

I think the programme will contribute to public health with a new generation of professionals with strong qualifying attributes in field epidemiology and public health microbiology. Fellows have in common a broad comprehension of what public health is, and are aware of threats and preventive measures, are familiar with new diagnostic tools and new epidemiological tools. They can be fully exploited for the common benefit of European and global population. Professionals that are bound by trust and friendship to other colleagues all over Europe and might be able to fight together against continually evolving infectious disease threats.

Based on your own experience, what would you consider worthwhile transferring over to the programme?

I believe that the best legacy I have from my previous work as a researcher is rigour, transparency and consistency and I do my best to see them applied in every activity of the programme.

Any tips for the new fellows?

Don't be scared or annoyed by difficulties, remember that you will never experience again such an opportunity to have so many people paying attention and putting an enormous effort into your professional development! Every single aspect of the fellowship is meant for you to learn, to grow as a professional and as a person, to make you part of a bigger world, to let you be the one who can make the difference. So, love it, enjoy it and have fun.

Is there something typical about you (work or private) that people don't know and that you want to share with the network?

Most of the people I know in person are aware of my major issue, so I will share it with you, all with the hope you will understand what is going on if you happen to meet me for a second or even a third time. I am completely unable to recognise faces even after I met such person many times, consequently (being an outgoing person) I keep smiling and speaking to people I don't have any clue about. Now you know, sometimes it is embarrassing.

Is there something you would like to say to the EAN?

Thank you for keeping the network, for chasing me and giving me the opportunity to introduce myself to you all.

Thanks Loredana!

Story from the field - Katerina Chaintarli

EAN: Hi Katerina, where are you from, where are you based and what did you do before EPIET/EUPHEM?

Katerina: I was born and grew up in Greece. I studied veterinary medicine and, after finishing my degree, I did a Master's in veterinary epidemiology organised by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Royal Veterinary College in London. Then, I did a traineeship at the European Medicines Agency and worked for Public Health England as an epidemiologist and public health analyst. Now, I just finished my EPIET fellowship at the Health Protection Surveillance Centre in Dublin (Ireland) where I was based as an EU-track fellow (Cohort 2015).

What was the mission about? Where did you go and what were the main objectives of the mission?

My mission was with Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, where I went for 7 weeks and I was involved in two different projects. The first was a point prevalence survey that aimed to determine the prevalence of colonisation with resistant bacteria in mothers and neonates in the obstetrics MSF hospital (CRUO). The second was to work with the surveillance team at the Emergency and Cholera Response Unit where I was asked to review the existing surveillance databases, identify gaps and improve them. In addition, I was asked to prepare some training sessions for the staff working on the surveillance part of the project.



Emergency and Cholera Response Unit – Tents to accommodate cholera patients, © Katerina Chaintarli - MSF

What were your roles and responsibilities during the mission?

At the point prevalence survey, I did the data collection with the nurse and another member of the national staff and then I led the data entry and statistical analysis. At the cholera project, I mainly worked in an office where I reviewed and improved the surveillance databases used for cholera, measles, malnutrition, vaccine coverage, IDPs and wounded. Finally, I prepared and delivered some training sessions on outbreak investigation, principles of surveillance, epidemiological indicators and mapping tools to the staff working on the Emergency and Cholera Response Unit.

What did you achieve during your mission?

I had about 3 weeks for each project, so there was limited time to finalise everything while being in Haiti. For the point prevalence survey, the data collection/entry/validation/cleaning and some statistical analysis was done before the end of the mission. The analysis and the writing of the report and the manuscript were finalised after I went back to Dublin. At the cholera project, all the objectives, including the creation of the new surveillance databases and the training of the staff, were completed before the end of my mission.

Who did you work for and who did you work with?

In the field, I was reporting to the Medical and Assistant Medical Coordinator as well as the Project Coordinators. For the point prevalence survey, I was also liaising with the epidemiologist at the hospital who was responsible for sending the samples to laboratory

and receiving the results, the nurses who were collecting the swabs and the data collector who assisted me in completing the data forms. At the cholera project, apart from the Project Coordinator, I was also working with the two surveillance analysts who were responsible for collecting and validating surveillance data. I have to admit that I haven't met such enthusiastic and devoted staff as the two surveillance analysts; they were very willing to learn and broaden their knowledge in every chance they had.

On top of that, I was supervised by Annick Lenglet (EPIET-alumna, Cohort 10/2004) from the Operational Centre in Amsterdam who has been an amazing and extremely supportive supervisor and from whom I learnt (and continue learning) so many things.



Emergency and Cholera Response Unit – Office of surveillance team, © Katerina Chaintarli – MSF

Can you describe a typical day during the mission?

I feel that my mission did not include the typical "field work" we are familiar with as I was mainly working in an office at one of the hospitals. I was waking up around 6:00am and I was at the hospital around 7:00am. When I was doing the point prevalence survey, we were starting with the data collection at the hospital wards which we did until midday and, after lunch, I continued with the data entry/management until the end of the day which was around 5:30pm. At the cholera project, I was starting/finishing work around the same time and I was mainly working in an "open air" office looking at the surveillance databases. My only interaction with other people was when I had meetings or training sessions with the national staff.



Obstetrics MSF hospital (CRUO) - Statue of a pregnant woman located in the hospital, © Katerina Chaintarli – MSF

What did you learn?

It was an excellent opportunity to see how research and surveillance work is done in resource limited settings. It was very important for me to work with both national and international staff and see the dynamics in such settings.

I learnt how to be flexible and make "last minute" changes to my initial plans in order to be able to deliver the work that was initially planned despite any unpredicted circumstances. I realised that, sometimes, people expect you to be able to take responsibility of things that are outside your expertise but when you manage it on

your own, that is a great feeling. Also, it was very important to learn how to communicate science in a way that is understandable to all stakeholders irrespective of their background and public health expertise.

Did you like it and would you go again?

I think it was one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. I know everyone says that, but I gained so much both at a professional and a personal level. You might encounter some challenges during the mission but, in the end, you only stick to the good memories (and I have lots of these!). The most important thing is that I lived in a very beautiful country and I met amazing people. I would definitely do it again!



MSF international staff from Operational Centre Amsterdam in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, © Katerina Chaintarli – MSF

#8000DaysOfEPIET

On Saturday 30th September 2017, fellows and alumni from all over the world met up to celebrate a very special event: 8000 Days of EPIET. About 8000 days ago, in October 1995, the very first EPIET introductory course was organised in Veyrier-du-Lac. Since then, the programme has grown and currently we have over 500 members in the EPIET (and EUPHEM/EAP) Alumni Network.

The first two cohorts started in 1995 and 1996 and were trained in a relatively low-tech era. Field epidemiology anno 2017 involves whole-genome sequencing, mobile applications, open source statistical packages such as R, high tech tools and gadgets that can be used in low-resource field settings.

The EAN board talked to some of the alumni from the beginning and asked the question: what do you think about these developments? What have we gained?

Natasha Crowcroft (Ontario, Canada) commented that "I am not sure it has changed so much. Epi-info for DOS could work very well in low resource settings and was also freeware. We did very complex analysis using SAS and large datasets. Have things really changed that much? The biggest challenges remain the same". Cristina Furtado (Lisbon, Portugal) shared that "the new tech tools are excellent instruments to help and support (but never replace) the epidemiological evidence. In fact, using tech tools thus provides additional information that can improve epidemiological investigations. There is no risk to lose, because the usefulness of WGS analysis and tech instruments will be important, although they always need to be linked to epidemiological background". According to Jet de Valk (Paris, France) "all the low tech methods are still relevant! It still all comes down to case definitions, confirming the diagnosis, getting the right four-by-four tables. All

the new tools are great and they add a lot. But we still have to get the basics right before we can use these tools so that they make sense".

Well, we could not agree more with that. Their **message for the new cohort** is unanimous: Congratulations, enjoy the amazing journey! An old saying says: if it is not fun it is not field epidemiology!

We want to share with you a selection of photos that were shared with us via social media (incl the name of the one who posted the photo). Contributions came from all over the world.

One photo best expressed what it is all about: field epidemiology! Besides networking of course (the topic of the majority of photos).

So, the winner is: Thomas Waite with "I'm sure I'm not the only one spending #8000DaysOfEPIET preparing for the next mission... greetings to all from sunny London!".

Thom will be invited for a meet & greet with the board (let's see where fortune lets us meet) as well as eternal fame, with an interview in the next EAN Newsletter.

The **Runners Up** were chosen because of the frequent travelling that comes with being a field epidemiologist (Ricardo Mexia), the true EPIET couple (Ioannis & Alicia) and well, a newborn field epidemiologist? (Michael Edelstein).

Congratulations to all of you!



Emily MacDonald. #8000DaysOfEPIET Cohorts 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2016! Oslo, Norway.



Javiera Rebolledo. Salut, Dag, hello, hallo and hola from Brussels! (Part of the EPIET/EUPHEM crowd in Brussels)



Ricardo Mexia. Remembering #8000DaysOfEPIET overlooking a place where we spend a lot of time: The airport!



Alicia Barrasa. #8000daysofepiet



loannis Karagiannis. #trueepietlove #8000daysofepiet



Michael Edelstein. This is what happened to me on #8000DaysOfEPIET



Patricia Rose. Te echo de menos mi guapa #8000DaysOfEPIET



Maria Jose Sagrado. besos desde Barcelona



Kraš Uljak. #8000daysofEPIET Oktoberfest 2017 with Aloisius



Naomi Boxall. Happiest of days, finding out I got in. Thanks for the memories, opportunities and family



Thomas Waite. I'm sure I'm not the only one spending #8000DaysOfEPIET preparing for the next mission... greetings to all from sunny London!



Annick Lenglet. Dutchies represent! #8000DaysOfEPIET —



Lieke van Alphen. Unfortunately not able to attend meetup in Amsterdam. Celebrating with Jo(h)n Snow instead..



Sabine Dittrich. Greetings from Geneva.



Sandra Dudareva. #8000DaysOfEPIET in Berlin in a bar with 40 different beers 40 alumni were invited. here the representative sample of those



Lola Fernandez. Celebrating #8000DaysOfEPIET starting a new EPIET&EUPHEM adventure in Spain



Anika Schielke. A memory from 2016 I like to share exclusively on this special day! #PAE2013 #cohort2013



Marta Valenciano.



Nadine Zeitlmann. 8 pm local time! Arrived, but not at the hotel yet! On the roads of Manila! #8000DaysOfEPIET



Marion Muehlen. #8000DaysOfEPIET Stockholm, Sweden



Stockholm #8000DaysOfEPIET
Ps strangely my husband is laughing at my hair



Teija & Merja @ Finland Chris Williams. Spetses, C2017



Aileen Kitching. Very happy to have been part of the first 8000 days of the great European project that is EPIET! Many wonderful memories



Heidi Jung. Celebrating #8000DaysOfEPIET and being #14610DaysJung. #OffToMeetTheNewCohort!



Georgia Ladbury. Big love to all, sending greetings from the UK from this proud *British* European!!!!



Aoife Doyle. Brigthon



Marc Rondy. On the plane celebrating #8000DaysOfEPIET with my #EPIET "souvenir" from the Netherlands



Carlos Carvalho. Hugs and kisses from Douro valley! (where Port wine comes from)#C2011rules - at Quinta do Vesúvio



Antons Mozalevskis. Cheers from Latvia.



Laure Fonteneau. In Conakry with my amazing PREPARE colleagues.



Viktor Zöldi.
Celebrating #8000DaysOfEPIET in Helsinki



Arnold Bosman May 2017, counting down

ESCAIDE Photo contest

As usual, EAN is organising, in collaboration with ECDC, the sixth edition of the photo contest, open to all conference attendees.

Therefore, if during your adventurous life as an epidemiologist/microbiologist/public health expert:

- you came across a situation, a landscape, a character, an unusual and memorable "something" related to public health,
- and you took a picture that can represent and depict one of the many facets of life in "the field",
- and you want to share your memories and emotions with those who can grasp their meaning,

please participate in our photo contest!

We want to emphasise that every public health setting is eligible for participation, including e.g. high-tech settings in Europe.

The link to upload your photos will be available soon and will be shared in one of the following jobs emails and published on social media. The deadline for submission is end of October 2017.

There you will also find the rules and guidelines of the contest. All photos will be displayed during the conference and attendees will be asked to vote for their preferred picture.

Voting will close after the lunch break of the third day (8th November 2017) of the conference.

If you face any issue while uploading your picture, please let us know and alternatively you can send it by email with the title, time and place where it was taken, and a description.



winner of the 2016 EAN best photo contest "Le suivi est fini - The Bridge of Freedom" by Laura Reques, Tamaransy, Boké, Guinea.



The winner of the 2015 EAN best photo contest is: 'Hand in Hand' by Alain Rakotoarisoa, Ministère de la Santé Publique, Madagascar.



The winner of the 2014 EAN best photo contest is the 'P(PE)raying Circle' by Nadine Zeitlmann.

ESCAIDE – EAN Travel Grant

This year, the EAN has awarded two travel grants to two ESCAIDE attendants who would otherwise not be able to attend the conference, due to lack of sponsorship or support. The 2017 awardees are: Dr. Izuchukwu Frank Obi from Nigeria, who got an oral presentation accepted (and also a poster) as well as Dr. Prasoon Sheoran from India, who got a poster presentation accepted. In the EAN Winter Newsletter we will publish an interview and a photo of each of the winners of the EAN Travel Grant.

Congratulations, Dr. Izuchukwu Frank Obi and Dr. Prasoon Sheoran! We are looking forward to meeting you in Stockholm.

More information about the EAN Travel Grant: http://escaide.eu/en/presenters/funding-opportunities/ean-travel-grants

ESCAIDE - please join us at the General Assembly

On Tuesday 7th November 2017 there will be an EAN General Assembly, organised during lunchtime at ESCAIDE. You will soon receive a separate mailing with the agenda for the General Assembly. This is an opportunity to hear about our achievements in the last year, our plans for next year and for you to share your ideas with the board.

Please visit us at our EAN Stand at the ESCAIDE conference venue. You are always welcome to have a chat, ask a question or just hang around with us. See you there!

We need you - new EAN Board members

In November three board members will leave the EAN board and this means we will be looking for fresh blood! We will recruit a new **President**, a **Treasurer** and a **Secretary**. These are all very interesting functions. Being a board member gives you the opportunity to get more involved in the ever expanding network and to connect with field epidemiologists from Europe and elsewhere. And most of all: it is a lot of fun!

If you are interested and want to know more, please contact us via eanboard@gmail.com. We will soon send out a separate mail with more information on the responsibilities that come with these three roles and the strategic and visionary ideas that we want to work on in the coming year.



ESCAIDE Drinks and Dinner



ESCAIDE: Bar Camp

If you are coming to this year's ESCAIDE, please make sure to visit the <u>BarCamp</u> on day two. It is a dynamic forum for discussion of raw ideas, methodological hiccups, data challenges and more. BarCamp@ESCAIDE offers you a professional exchange of ideas with your peers in a relaxed environment.

We also have a wiki (inside FEMwiki) for BarCamp. You can use it to suggest topics beforehand (even if you cannot attend) or exchange ideas and continue the discussion after the event. Please have a look at these two links: https://wiki.ecdc.europa.eu/cops/barcamp-escaide/w/wiki/3940.topics



See you in Stockholm, Florian Burckhardt (c12, 2006)

ESCAIDE: We need you - judges for EAN Presentation Prize 2017

We need judges for the **EAN Best Oral and Poster presentation Prize 2017** at ESCAIDE. We are looking for people from the EPIET Alumni Network who will attend ESCAIDE 2017 and can help us by scoring the presentations of the parallel sessions. We need EAN judges for the parallel (oral) sessions only.

Please take a look at the <u>parallel session programme</u> to identify which sessions you are going to attend, and send us an email stating your name and the session(s) you would like to judge. <u>eanboard@gmail.com</u> (Please put "Judge EAN Prize" in the heading of the email).

PS: judges will receive a small incentive – so please come forward and judge!!



ESCAIDE: Career compass

On Wednesday 8th November 2017 during lunch time, a brand new event will be held at ESCAIDE: the Career compass. It is organised by fellows from C2015 and C2016, with support from the EAN Board. The event is aimed at young professionals (early career) and it meant to inspire them in how to approach the next step in their career. Five established public health professionals will be there to share their career path and to answer questions from the audience.

Check out http://escaide.eu/en/programme/events-escaide/career-compass for more information.

Membership

The annual fees for the EAN membership have stayed the same over many years.

As discussed during the General Assembly in November 2016, in order to keep the network sustainable and to make sure we can organise and participate in events important for the network, it is necessary to increase the annual membership fee to Euro 30 (GBP 28) as of Oct 1st, 2017. The lifetime membership will be changed to a 10-year membership, which will cost Euro 250 (GBP 230). Current lifetime memberships will remain unchanged.

UPDATE: The annual membership fee is now €30 / £28.

Fellows in their first and second year of training are exempt from paying membership fees, according to the accepted Statutes change at the 2012 General Assembly.

The details for how to transfer fees by online banking are on the EAN webpage; if you require any further information on membership payment, we kindly ask you to contact the EAN board (eanboard@gmail.com), putting "membership payment" in the subject line.

Please indicate your name and membership year as reference in the bank transfer and also send an email to eanboard@gmail.com to inform us about your payment (sometimes names are not correctly transmitted with the transfer). Thank you for your support!

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