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Publications and Resources

WHO updating global estimates of disease attributable to environment

WHO is currently synthesizing the impacts of all environmental and occupational risks on health, focusing on the potential for prevention. Data for more than 60 diseases and disease groups are being collated and examined. In addition, the latest assessments of health impacts of environmental risks as well as systematic reviews of the epidemiological evidence on environmental risks are under review. This meta-synthesis will result in estimates of overall impacts of the environment on health.

The evidence regarding interventions and their economic analysis will also be addressed. Results and new data are expected to be available before the end of 2015 and will be published by WHO as the second edition of *Preventing disease through healthy environments*. For more information click here.

Climate change agreement critical to public health

A new universal climate change agreement should also comprise an effective public health agreement. Health ministers and practitioners need to assert this point as countries shape the final outcome of the <u>United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21)</u> to be held in Paris in December 2015. This was the central message of a panel convened in the margins of the UN climate change negotiations held on 2nd June in Bonn, Germany. The panel <u>gave an update</u> on WHO joint efforts with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to create country profiles for health and climate change. Each country profile outlines the health risks associated with climate change and potential opportunities to address climate change. They aim to empower health actors to engage more actively in the climate negotiations.

Nature in urban environments reduces stress

Contact with nature in urban areas can have numerous health benefits, a new study finds. The researchers found people whose home had views of different kinds of vegetation had significantly

lower levels of stress hormones, indicating that green spaces play an important role in healthy cities. For more information click here.

Rooftop farming: The next steps for development

Urban agriculture is becoming increasingly popular. A recent assessment of rooftop farming in Barcelona shows differing attitudes towards the practice, and provides important recommendations for the development of agricultural policy for the 21st century, such as including food production as a potential use of rooftops in planning legislation. For more information click here.

Literature

In this section we will provide a collection of recent housing and health publications from a variety of backgrounds. Literature published in German or French, respectively, is indicated with the German flag or the French flag .

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Allergies and Respiratory Diseases

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Early-life origins of chronic respiratory diseases: understanding and promoting healthy ageing.

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Eur Respir J. 2014 Dec;44(6):1682-96.

Association of fine particles with respiratory disease mortality: a meta-analysis.

Chang X, Zhou L, Tang M, Wang B.

Arch Environ Occup Health. 2015;70(2):98-101.

A systematic review of associations between environmental exposures and development of asthma in children aged up to 9 years.

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Inner city asthma.

Gergen PJ, Togias A.

Immunol Allergy Clin North Am. 2015 Feb;35(1):101-14. Review

<u>Dusty Air Pollution is Associated with an Increased Risk of Allergic Diseases in Southwestern Part of Iran.</u>

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Effects of early-life exposure to allergens and bacteria on recurrent wheeze and atopy in urban children.

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The role of the early-life environment in the development of allergic disease.

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Environ Res. 2015 Feb;137:432-9.

Flame retardant exposures in California early childhood education environments.

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Burroughs Peña M, Romero KM, Velazquez EJ, Davila-Roman VG, Gilman RH, Wise RA, Miranda JJ, Checkley W.

Hypertension. 2015 May;65(5):1134-40.

<u>Distribution patterns of brominated, chlorinated, and phosphorus flame retardants with particle size in indoor and outdoor dust and implications for human exposure.</u>

Cao Z, Xu F, Covaci A, Wu M, Wang H, Yu G, Wang B, Deng S, Huang J, Wang X. Environ Sci Technol. 2014;48(15):8839-46.

Comparing human exposure to emerging and legacy flame retardants from the indoor environment and diet with concentrations measured in serum.

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Environ Int. 2015 Jan;74:54-9.

<u>Household cooking with solid fuels contributes to ambient PM2.5 air pollution and the burden of disease.</u>

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27th Conference of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology

"Addressing Environmental Health Inequalities"

August 30 – September 3, 2015

São Paulo, Brazil

Further Information: 27th Conference of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology

13th Word Allergy Congress 2015

October 14-17, 2015

Seoul. Korea

Further Information: World Allergy Congress

8th International Conference on Children's Environmental Health and Safety

October 15-17, 2015

Stresa, Italy

Further Information: <u>INCHES 2015</u>

9th National Housing Conference

October 28–30, 2015 Perth. Australia

Further Information: NHC - National Housing Conference

4. Schulkongress "Zukunftsraum Schule"

4th Congress on School Settings

November 17–18, 2015 Stuttgart, Germany

Further Information: Zukunftsraum Schule :: Information

2015 Greenbuild International Conference and Expo

November 18–22, 2015 Washington D.C., USA

Further Information: 2015 Greenbuild International Conference and Expo

Nanotechnology based sensors and detection methods - workshop

December 1-2, 2015

Ispra, Italy

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ence Hub - European Commission

2016

14th International Conference on Indoor Air Quality and Climate

July 3–8, 2016 Ghent, Belgium

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17th IUAPPA World Clean Air Congress - Mega-City Perspectives

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41st IAHS World Congress on Housing

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Algarve, Portugal

Further Information: IAHS2016

Message Board

In this section we will inform you about activities and projects related to housing and health that are being carried out by WHO or the WHO CC. This may relate to ongoing activities and projects, as well as invitations to participate in data collections or case study projects.

WHO work on indoor, built and urban environments

European Environment and Health Process Mid-term Review (EHP-MTR)

On 28–30 April 2015 in Haifa, Israel, countries of the WHO European Region evaluated the status of the environment and health in Europe and central Asia at the European Environment and Health Process Mid-term Review (EHP-MTR).

High-level country representatives and international, intergovernmental, and nongovernmental organizations reviewed progress and gaps on the environment and health goals set five years ago at the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health in Parma, Italy.

With the 2010 Parma Declaration, all countries committed to the first-ever time-bound goals on the environment and health. They include providing safe water and sanitation, healthy and safe settings for physical activity and environments free of tobacco smoke and toxic chemicals, and the elimination of asbestos-related diseases.

All thematic reports and publications associated with the Mid-term Review can be accessed here; the overview report "Improving environment and health in Europe: how far have we gotten?" can be downloaded here (Russian version available here).

Heatwaves and health: guidance on warning-system development

Heat or hot weather that lasts for several days, often referred to as "a heatwave" can have a significant impact on society, including a rise in mortality and morbidity. Heatwaves also place an increased strain on infrastructure (power, water and transport). This guidance has been developed jointly by the World Meteorological Organization and the World Health Organization to outline the issues surrounding the general heat—health problem and present how an understanding of the biometeorology, epidemiology, public-health and risk-communication aspects of heat as a hazard can be used to inform the development of warning systems.

The report can be accessed <u>here</u>. Further practical guidance and advice on preventing health effects of heat are available <u>here</u>.

Air quality and health resolution adopted at the sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

A landmark resolution on air quality and health has been adopted at the sixty-eighth World Health Assembly to address the health impacts of air pollution – the world's largest single environmental health risk. Every year 4.3 million deaths occur from exposure to indoor air pollution and 3.7 million deaths are attributable to outdoor air pollution. This was the first time the Health Assembly had debated the topic.

The resolution highlights the key role national health authorities need to play in raising awareness about the potential to save lives and reduce health costs, if air pollution is addressed effectively. It also stresses the need for strong cooperation between different sectors and integration of health concerns into all national, regional and local air pollution-related policies. It urges Member States to develop air quality monitoring systems and health registries to improve surveillance for all illnesses related to air pollution; promote clean cooking, heating and lighting technologies and fuels; and strengthen international transfer of expertise, technologies and scientific data in the field of air pollution.

The resolution asks the WHO Secretariat to strengthen its technical capacities to support Member States in taking action on air pollution. This includes further building capacity to: implement the "WHO

air quality guidelines" and "WHO indoor air quality guidelines; conduct cost-benefit assessment of mitigation measures; and advance research into air pollution's health effects and effectiveness. At the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, WHO will propose a road map for an enhanced global response by the health sector that reduces the adverse health effects of air pollution. See the draft resolution here.

Poor indoor environments at school

Children are exposed to poor indoor environments in schools in many countries in the WHO European Region, with issues including stuffy air, dampness and mould, uncomfortable temperatures and poorly functioning toilets. This not only causes ill health and absenteeism but also reduces children's academic performance and well-being.

A new WHO report, *School environment: policies and current status*, presents the results of a recent WHO survey on policies to improve environmental and health conditions in European schools and kindergartens. It also draws on other international and national surveys in schools. The report's findings also contributed to discussions at the mid-term review of the European Environment and Health Process in Haifa, Israel, on 28–30 April 2015.

The report is available here, a Russian version is available here.

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