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Vaccines for life

According to the World Health Organisation, vaccines, along with clean water, are the public health interventions that have had the greatest impact on the world's health.

The National Immunisation Network provides critical vaccine programme information regarding implementation, vaccine supply, training and related clinical matters. It is a mechanism for feedback on many issues and provides a regular clear channel for communication between all the screening and immunisation teams and stakeholders working across England in various health care settings.

The annual NIN conference is an important highlight in the Immunisation calendar providing an opportunity to meet each other face to face and share knowledge and experience. Read on for details of how to attend.

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National Immunisation Network conference 2017

PHE National Immunisation Network Meeting

Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 April 2017 – 09:00 to 16:00 – London

Welcome to all of our new readers and thank-you for subscribing to *Vaccine Update*. We would like to invite you to attend our immunisation conference in April.

This two day meeting combines the well-established annual “*Scientific issues in immunisation*” meeting with a second day focusing on the implementation issues relating to our national immunisation programme. This year’s *National Immunisation Network Meeting* is being held in European Immunization Week which is being celebrated between 25–30 April 2017 in conjunction with other World Health Organization (WHO) regional initiatives and World Immunization Week. Our theme this year is Vaccines for life in conjunction with the EIW annual theme ‘Vaccines for life?’. This will form the thematic spine for our two day event allowing us to explore immunisation at every stage of life and every age. As well as presentations from world class epidemiologists and experts in immunisation from the UK, Ireland and the Netherlands, we look forward to welcoming Professor Peter McIntyre, Director of the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance, Australia, as our keynote speaker.

We hope that by providing the science and rationale behind immunisation policy and decision-making, and by sharing experience and the latest and future developments, delegates will feel better equipped in their roles in this important public health work. This is a great opportunity to hear up-to-date information and network with colleagues from across the immunisation community.

The first day is open to everyone with an interest in the science behind the immunisation programme. The second day has been designed mainly for colleagues with a local leadership role in the commissioning, delivery and quality assurance of the immunisation programme.

All members of the Screening and Immunisation Teams (SITs) and Health Protection Teams (HPTs) with an interest and/or role in immunisation are encouraged to attend. We are hoping that at least one member of each SIT and HPT will be able to join us. In addition general registration is now open to all readers with an interest in immunisation. We anticipate that spaces will be taken up quickly and urge you to book a place as soon as possible as places are limited. Fees apply.



www.phe-events.org.uk/NIN2017

Book to attend			
	Registration fees for public sector (including charities)	Registration fees for private and commercial organisations	Registration fees for students
One day attendance	£95	£260	£70
Two day attendance	£170	£380	£100

Registration and coffee will be from 08:15 to 08:55 and the meeting will run from 09:00 to 16:00. The meeting will take place at The Grand Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DA. To see full details about the programme and to book your place, please visit the meeting website.

Immunisation, helping to protect everyone, at every age.

European Immunization Week



European Immunization Week (EIW) promotes the core message that immunization of every child is vital to prevent diseases and protect life. The slogan – Prevent. Protect. Immunize. – carries this message across the Region.

The next European Immunization Week will be celebrated on 24–30 April 2017, in conjunction with other WHO regional initiatives and World Immunization Week.

Region-wide initiative

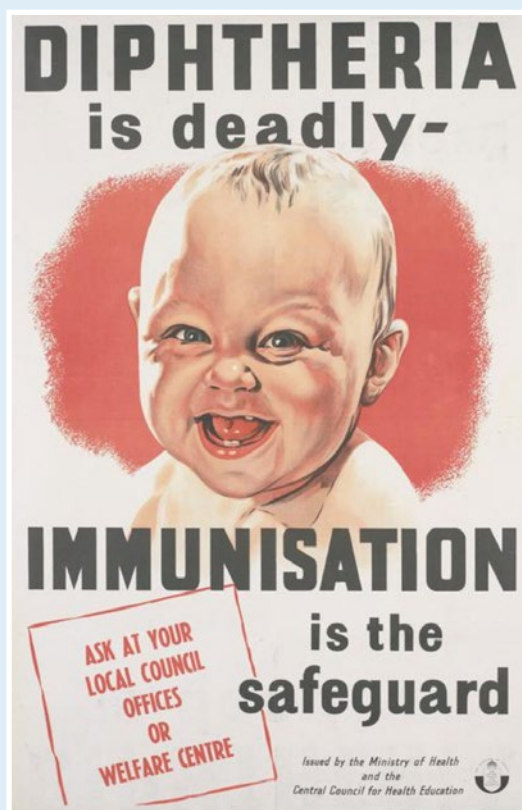
The goal of EIW is to increase vaccination coverage by raising awareness of the importance of immunization among parents and caregivers, health care professionals, policy and decision-makers, and the media.

WHO/Europe leads and coordinates EIW, and all Member States in the WHO European Region are invited to take part. Regional and national partners, including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), support implementation. EIW also benefits from high-level support at the national level, including ministers, ambassadors and other distinguished supporters. At the regional level, the initiative has the support of WHO/Europe's Patron, Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark.

EIW 2017: 24-30 April

European Immunization Week (EIW) provides an opportunity each year in April for countries and individuals to promote the importance and public health benefits of vaccines. Since its inception in 2005, EIW has grown to become a region-wide event including hundreds of initiatives that raise awareness from city parks to parliaments and online from individual social media accounts to the evening news. The initiative's aim is to help maintain public demand and political support for immunization through advocacy and targeted communication and educational activities.

Why not think what you can do to celebrate EIW in your area of practice? Tell us what you did, send in pictures and we'll feature them in subsequent issues of *Vaccine Update*.



There is still work to do

This original poster courtesy of Imperial war museum is a reminder of the work undertaken in the UK to eradicate diphtheria.

Global theme: Vaccines work

The WHO European Region continues to enjoy overall high childhood immunization coverage and is progressing towards the goals of the European Vaccine Action Plan, including elimination of measles and rubella. However, pockets of susceptibility remain, leading each year to preventable suffering and even deaths.

Many adolescents, adults and individuals at particular risk are not sufficiently aware of the diseases that threaten their health and the vaccinations they need to ensure continuing protection. Susceptibility to vaccine-preventable diseases among health care workers is of particular concern as it can lead to the spread of infection among patients.

In conjunction with other regional initiatives and World Immunization Week, the European Region will utilize EIW 2017 as an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of immunization at every stage in life. This campaign emphasizes the important role of immunization in regional and global efforts to promote health throughout the life course, as emphasized in the European Vaccine Action Plan, the European health policy Health 2020, the Global Vaccine Action Plan and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

European immunization coverage

Key facts

Immunization prevents illness, disability and death from vaccine-preventable diseases including cervical cancer, diphtheria, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), pneumonia, polio, rotavirus diarrhoea, rubella and tetanus.

Global vaccination coverage is generally holding steady.

Cases of diphtheria in Europe leading to fatalities.

Immunization currently averts an estimated 2 to 3 million deaths every year. An additional 1.5 million deaths could be avoided, however, if global vaccination coverage improves.

Uptake of new and underused vaccines is increasing.

An estimated 19.4 million infants worldwide are still missing out on basic vaccines.



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