CALL FOR PAPERS

FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH:

ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO HIV/AIDS PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CARE IN EUROPE

Jeffrey Lazarus, Rifat Atun, Martin Donoghoe and Srdan Matic will be editing a special issue of the *Central European Journal of Public Health* for publication in the autumn of 2008.

The Central European Journal of Public Health blends such specialities as epidemiology, social medicine, microbiology and Immunology.

The special Issue will focus on policy related to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care in the 53 countries of the WHO European Region with a focus on central and eastern Europe. The issue aims to provide new knowledge about all aspects of these issues, with a special interest in research papers, reviews and debates that:

- report on excellence and innovation in practice or the provision of services developed through unusual policy routes;
- review mainstreaming and the embedding of successful approaches;
- review access barriers such as criminalisation of infection transmission policies including travel restrictions for people living with HIV;
- analyse focused policies and interventions targeting particular groups, e.g. injecting drug users, men who have sex with men and sex workers;
- address aspects of prevention such as harm reduction, including opioid substitution therapy, and condom provision and promotion, which have faced institutional resistance in some countries;

- address the scaling up of antiretroviral treatment;
- study HIV and opportunistic infections, in particular TB, or co-infections such as hepatitis B and C;
- report on surveillance, estimations or epidemiological aspects of HIV/AIDS.

We are interested in expressions of interest from professionals around the world: researchers, practitioners and those working on any aspect of HIV/AIDS. However, please note that all papers will undergo a peer review process and there is no guarantee that commissioned papers will be published.

Articles should be under 5,000 words and will need to be submitted to the editors by **15 December 2007**. Comments on papers will be returned with authors' comments from referees, to you, by **March 2008**. Final articles will need to be submitted by the end of **May 2008**. Authors should follow the journal's submission guidelines at: http://www.szu.cz/svi/cejph/index_en.php. Note that references must follow the Vancouver system.

If you would like to submit a paper, or if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do contact any of us on jla@euro.who.int or r.atun@imperial.ac.uk or mdo@euro.who.int or sma@euro.who.int.

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