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SPH in the News

[GMOs: tolerable or pressing health risk?](#) - *The Olympian*; quotes **Michael Rosenfeld** (DEOHS)

[Pfizer's Premarin linked to higher blood clot risk](#) - *Bloomberg News*; research by **Nicholas Smith** (Epi)

[Diesel dust contamination the worst in Georgetown, South Park](#) - *KING 5 News*; interviews **Julie Fox** (DEOHS)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

Who Knew??



Peggy Hannon (HServ) has been singing with Seattle-area

community choirs since 2001. Currently, she sings with the [Seattle Peace Chorus](#), which recently performed "Canto General," a piece by Mikis Theodorakis setting Pablo Neruda's poetry to music.

ShakeOut Drill

Get ready to jump under your desks shortly after 10 am Oct. 17, when SPH and UW will take part in a nationwide [Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill](#).

On the Calendar

Oct. 8, 3-4pm
[All-Hands State of the School Meeting](#)

Oct. 14, 3-4:30pm
[Slim by Design: Scientific Approaches to Eating](#)

Oct. 15, 6:30pm
[Mental Health in the People's Republic of China: An Epidemiological Journey](#)

We'll keep you busy: take a look at the [SPH Events Calendar](#).

Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job listings page](#) for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

Congrats!



From refugee to White House honoree: **Mohamed Ali** (MPH, GH, '08), co-chair of the King County Somali Health Board, received a national [Champion of Change award](#) for his public health efforts during a recent winter storm. See the [KING-5 TV video](#).



King Holmes (GH, Epi) will receive the inaugural "Award for Impact" from the Washington Global Health Alliance.



Four rising stars from Chinese universities are here to study global health under a new partnership with the UW. [See story](#) and photos.

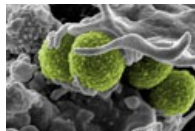


Megan Shepherd-Banigan (PhD student, HServ) and **Avanthi Jayasuriya** (MCH student) won APHA MCH Section Fellowships to take part in meetings, serve on committees and work on policy statements. Megan also was named an APHA MCH Section Outstanding Student Author for her paper on maternity leave benefits in the US.



Students and staff won Grand Prize in the 2013 Dawg Daze Decoration competition for festooning the new SPH undergraduate student lounge. Check out [photos on our Facebook](#) page.

Making a Difference



Researchers led by **Jerry Cangelosi** (DEOHS, Epi, GH) are developing a product that can detect whether the bacteria present is capable of turning into a serious infection -- key to knowing how to treat hospital-acquired infections. These are infections that patients acquire during the course of receiving treatment for other conditions. The current test used takes one to four days to yield results. The new one will take a mere four to six hours. Approximately 1 out of every 20 hospitalized patients will contract an HAI, which can sometimes be fatal. The infections contribute to 99,000 deaths annually. [Read full story](#).

Around the Water Cooler



The Public Health Major welcomes **Ardithe Feroglia**, who advises students and provides program support. She comes to us from Clark College in Vancouver, WA.



PhD student **David Prince** (Biostat) is in Porto Alegre, Brazil, this quarter, working on a study investigating the incidence and risk factors for chronic disease among adults working at six educational institutions.



Tania Busch-Isaksen (PhD candidate, DEOHS) was elected co-chair of undergraduate programs for the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council.

How much fun is a hike up Little Si mountain?

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Check out [this short video](#) of a Husky Adventure led by **Deb Hinchey** (HServ) and **Tory Brundage** (OD).



Walking the talk: Two of our faculty, **Melissa Austin** (Epi) and **James Gale** (GH) were featured working out in the latest postcard sent by the Intramural Activities (IMA) Building.



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