SPH in the News

Should I eat Greek yogurt? - *Time*; quotes Mario Kratz (Epi)

At height of AIDS crisis, nurse ran secret leftover drug pipeline - *Seattle Times*; quotes Jorge Sanchez (GH)

Fred Hutch, China partner to collect samples of all types of cancer - *Hutch News*; quotes Terrance Kavanagh and Edmund Seto (both DEOHS)

Heroin fatalities and rise of 'bupe' - *Seattle Times*; quotes Caleb Banta-Green (HServ)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??

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Making a Difference

An interactive “Polio Eradication Game” may increase interest in global health, especially among youth, a new study by the School has found. Researchers led by Tolu Okitika (MPH, DEOHS '13), a former intern for the Department of Global Health, set up the game at a free global health fair in Seattle. It’s played on a carpeted grid like a life-size chess board. Four players – representing a researcher, transportation expert, local community coordinator and health care worker – must work together to solve outbreaks using limited resources. Surveys showed 77 percent of participants were more interested in global health after playing or watching the game. Judy Wasserheit (GH, Epi) was senior author. Her son, Ash Harris, a student at Digipen Institute of Technology in Redmond, came up with the idea for the game, and helped develop and implement it. Other co-authors included Ruanne Barnabas (GH) and Tessa Rue (Biostat).

Around the Water Cooler

Professor Emerita Ann Marie Kimball (Epi) has recently begun advising the Rockefeller Foundation on its global health portfolio, particularly in the areas of Ebola and international health regulations.

Congrats!

PhD student David Kim (HServ) was awarded a Korean American Health Professional Association scholarship. It’s given to students with outstanding potential for careers in health care.

Affiliate Professor Alan Lopez (GH) won the Peter Willis Medal (part of the Research Australia Awards) for his efforts to measure disease patterns worldwide. He co-founded the Global Burden of Disease Study with Christopher Murray (GH, HServ).

Agnes Ho, a student in the Health Informatics and Health Information Management Program (HHIM), was awarded the Linda Kloss Honorary Endowed Scholarship from the American Health Information Management Association.

TIME magazine has named Ebola fighters its "Person of the Year." One of those fighters is Jeri Sumitani (GH) of I-TECH in South Africa. She is in Sierra Leone for six weeks and writing a blog about her experiences for WebMD Health News.

Fred Rivara (Epi) was appointed to the NIH National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council for a four-year term.

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Got News?
E-mail sphnews@uw.edu to submit your news!
Migrant Housing
We’ve posted photos of migrant farmworker housing that tie in with the themes of social justice, race and equity brought up in this year’s Health Sciences common book, Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States.

Opportunities
Check out the SPH job listings page for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.
Missed an issue of NewsCatcher? Find it in the Archive. (UW netID required).

Try to stay fit and trim over the holidays? Judy Simon (Nutritional Sciences) has shared some tips for eating healthy.

Patrick Lennon (DEOHS) will perform a reading of Truman Capote’s A Christmas Memory at 7:30pm today (Dec. 18) at Seattle Public Theater at the Bathhouse. On New Year’s Eve at the same location, he’ll be in The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shkspr (abridged), “a hilarious roller coaster ride through all 37 of Shakespeare’s plays in just 97 minutes.”

’Twas the NewsCatcher before holidays, and quite a few creatures were stirring at our annual SPH Holiday Party. Photos are posted on our Facebook page.