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TEAM OF EXPERTS

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Frode Forland is the Director of Infectious Disease Prevention and Control at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, with a responsibility for five departments. He is a medical doctor by training and a specialist in Public Health and General Practice. He initiated and led the 'Global Health Preparedness Program' under the 'Global Health Security Agenda', supporting Malawi, Palestine, Moldova and Ghana in building capacity for health security and implementing the International Health Regulations.

He has worked at the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam to establish the 'Collaboration for Evidence Based Healthcare in Africa' and at the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control in Stockholm with Development of methods for Evidence Based Public Health in Europe. Previously he was the Director of the Division for Primary Health Care at the Norwegian Directorate of Health and the Department for Guidelines, Prioritization and Quality improvement.

He has worked several years in Africa and was a Board Member of Guidelines International Network for four years. He is the Vice Chair of the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research. Frode has a keen interest in Global Health, Public Health and Evidence Based Healthcare.

ADRIENNE RASHFORD, Team Co-Lead
WHO Regional Office for Europe

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Adrienne Rashford left academia to join WHO in 2002 to contribute to the revision of the IHR (2005), specifically the development of Annex 2. Since then she has worked in three Regions of the Organization, as well as at Headquarters in Geneva.

Adrienne has a background in medical microbiology and infectious diseases, starting her career in medical microbiology laboratories, and running a hospital laboratory in the outback of Australia. Following a year supporting the humanitarian crisis in Sudan, Adrienne remained in the country to head an NGO working on vector-borne disease programmes, working alongside the Ministry of Health in implementing their malaria control strategic plan.

On her return to WHO, Adrienne collated lessons learned from the 2009 pandemic to develop the pandemic influenza risk management guidance, then worked on an Organization-wide preparedness strategy, then put theory into practice by working on specific preparedness programmes for Ebola in high-risk non-affected countries.

She currently leads the preparedness, readiness and capacity building team in the European Regional Office, working towards the strengthening of health emergency management capabilities of countries within the Region.

Adrienne has interests in creative arts, preferably fibres and textiles, and has travelled the world to participate in creative arts workshops.

ANA GUERRA NEIRA,
Ministry of Health, Spain

Technical Lead for:
*Immunization
Points of Entry*



Dr Ana Guerra Neira is a specialist in Microbiology and Parasitology from La Paz Hospital, Madrid, she received her PhD "Cum Laude" in Microbiology and Parasitology from Universidad Autónoma Madrid in 2007 and has a master in International Cooperation from Universitat Oberta de Catalunya.

Since 2005 Dr Neira worked under the Spanish Ministry of Health as Head of the International Vaccine Centre and Hygienic-Sanitary Control Unit of ports and airports in Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Her work includes managing advice to pre-trip travelers (including vaccine administration), hygienic-sanitary controls of Port and airports, sanitary inspection of ships according to RSI, action against infectious outbreaks of ships and / or aircraft such as legionella, salmonella, norovirus, etc., and management of Public Health Emergencies of International Concern (ESPII) at the borders (Ebola, flu, SARS). She has carried out periodically simulations exercises for public health emergencies response, with other authorities and port and airport operators.

Dr Neira has furthermore been part of the medical teams moved to the refugee camp in Ritzona, Greece, and Kigoma, Tanzania to act on Humanitarian Aid Projects in the camps.

BOGUSLAW SUSKI
European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC)

Technical Lead for:
*Linking Public Health and Security Authorities
Medical Countermeasures and Personnel Deployment*



Dr Boguslaw Suski has worked in the area of international health since 1998. Before that he was practicing medicine in Poland for 17 years. Being a specialist in general surgery he was working at a Tuberculosis Sanatorium and then at a county hospital, simultaneously serving his professional and local society. Boguslaw's colleagues delegated him to present their voice at the regional and national assembly of the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists, where he was working for the Legislative Commission for 8 years. Boguslaw was also appointed to the Council for health and social policy of Sztum County. As a health manager he completed postgraduate studies in health care management at the University of Gdansk, hospital management course in Technion University of Haifa and one year programme in health systems management at Tulane University of New Orleans, USA. Because of his interest in quality management he completed this programme with a professional affiliation.

JAMES BANASKI

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

*Technical Lead for:
Emergency Response Operations
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Mr. Jim Banaski is currently serving as the Deputy Branch Chief for the Workforce & Institute Development Branch in the CDC's Division of Global Health Protection, with over 27 years of US federal service. Mr. Banaski has been involved in emergency response operations since 1992, and has served as a responder or as a staff member in an Incident Management System for natural disasters, manmade disasters, as well as infectious disease outbreaks. Mr. Banaski also served as an Emergency Coordinator at the US CDC, serving as the focal point for Chemical, Radiological, and Nuclear response efforts and served as a key US CDC Incident Management System staff member during the Fukushima nuclear disaster in 2011.

Mr. Banaski served 11 years in the US Army as a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical warfare specialist, having served in US, Europe, and the Middle East. Mr. Banaski has a dual Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science and Biology, and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Management. Mr. Banaski currently holds the Certified Emergency Management certification from the International Association of Emergency Managers and the Master Exercise Practitioner designation from the US Department of Homeland Security.

JULIO PINTO

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

*Technical Lead for:
Surveillance
Reporting*



Julio Pinto (DVM, PhD) joined the Animal Health Service in FAO in May 2006. Having graduated in Veterinary Science in the University of Chile in 1994, he completed his PhD studies in Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics at the University of Reading, United Kingdom, in 2000. Dr Pinto joined in 2003 the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in Paris where he worked until 2006.

Dr Pinto joined FAO in 2006 as an Animal Health Officer responsible for Global Early Warning and Surveillance of Animal Diseases including zoonosis, he is an active member of the joint FAO/OIE/WHO Global Early Warning System (GLEWS+). He has been technical responsible of FAO projects on field epidemiology training programs for veterinarians, animal disease surveillance, risk assessment and development of FAO's animal health information systems.

He has been providing technical assistance to countries through: the design and implementation of disease control strategies including prevention and control of animal diseases and participating in field disease outbreak investigations. He is currently based in FAO Office in Geneva to support One Health collaboration with WHO, other UN Organizations and on issues related to Livestock Sustainable Development and Trade with WTO.

NIKŠA BARIŠIĆ,
World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

Technical Lead for:
Zoonotic Disease
Food Safety



Nikša Barišić was born in Sinj, Croatia, in 1968. He graduated veterinary medicine from the Veterinary Faculty, University of Zagreb. He's been working for the Croatian Veterinary Authority since 1997 in various positions related to the organization of veterinary field network for the implementation of animal health and veterinary public health official tasks.

During the process of Croatia accession to the EU (2007-2012) he was involved in aligning national legislation with the EU Acquis in the area of veterinary and food safety; establishment of new official controls system to ensure the verification of compliance with food law and animal health rules; establishment of animal identification and registration and traceability system; and development of veterinary information system.

Since 2017, he is responsible within the Croatian Veterinary Authority for bilateral negotiations with third countries on sanitary requirements for the international trade of live animals and products of animal origin.

In 2006, he became a licensed OIE PVS (Performance of Veterinary Services) expert (PVS Evaluation and PVS Gap analysis) and since then he participated as a team leader or technical expert in PVS missions in various countries in Europe, Asia and South America. He was a member of the team that conducted OIE PVS Evaluation in Georgia in 2009.

OLOV ASPEVALL
Public Health Agency of Sweden

Technical Lead for:
Antimicrobial Resistance



Dr Olov Aspevall has worked as a clinical bacteriologist, mainly at university hospitals in Sweden, for 20 years, and as IPC doctor for four years.

Currently, Dr Aspevall works at the Public Health Agency of Sweden with national surveillance of Antimicrobial resistance (AMR), antibiotic use, and healthcare-associated infections (HAI), this includes preparation of national guidance documents within these areas.

ROLAND GRUNOW,
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*Technical Lead for:
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Roland Grunow is educated as a Medical Doctor, PhD, Specialist MD for Immunology, Specialist in Quality Management, and is holding a Professorship at “Freie Universität” Berlin. Since 2006, he has been the head of division “Highly Pathogenic Microorganisms” at the “Centre for Biological Threats and Special Pathogens”, Robert Koch Institute Berlin. His main scientific interests are directed to research and diagnostics of highly pathogenic bacteria, especially under suspicion of bioterrorism. The division was appointed as consultant laboratories for anthrax and tularemia in Germany, and is running a BSL3 laboratory. Before, he could collect his experience in immunology and microbiology by working at other institutions in Germany, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Roland Grunow is the coordinator of the EU-Joint Action EMERGE (<https://www.emerge.rki.eu/>) and other previous EU-projects focusing on outbreak responsiveness and quality assurance of the diagnostics of highly pathogenic bacteria and viruses.

Roland Grunow is author or co-author of more than 160 per-reviewed publications.

TOM GAULTON,
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Chemical Events*



Tom Gaulton has worked in Public Health England for 11 years, formerly as a microbiology laboratory scientist in the National Infection Service and currently at the Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards, where he works in the Chemical and Poisons group. Tom’s current work includes undertaking activities that support the detection, surveillance (development and maintenance of the Event-Based Surveillance (EBS) system for chemical events), risk assessment and response to chemical events in the UK.

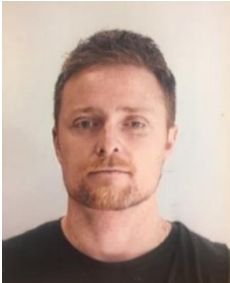
Tom also works on EU and international projects to support IHR capacity building and Decision 1082/2013/EU on serious cross-border health threats. He is a member of the EU Scientific Committee for Health, Environment and Emerging Risks (SCHEER) Rapid Risk Assessment (RRA) Working Group for chemical events, where he trains new members and participates in the training exercises and response to real events, actively participating in the RRA of potential cross-border chemical health threats.

REPORT WRITER

MARK NUNN

Writer, editor

Report Writer



Mark Nunn has a first class degree in English language and Literature from Oxford University, UK; and a Masters Degree (MSc) in Health Policy, Planning and Finance from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He has been working as a technical writer and editor and rapporteur since 1999.

Mark's editing has included support for the STEM Year One phase of the UNESCO Myanmar Development of Teacher Education Curriculum; the WHO Simulation Exercise Manual and Strategic framework for emergency preparedness (WHO 2017); Framework for a Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (2015); and the principal health legacy output of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, a book entitled Learning from London 2012: a practical guide to public health and mass gatherings. He was also Associate Editor of the 19th Edition of the Control of Communicable Diseases Manual published by the American Public Health Association (2008).

Other clients for writing and editing work include Marie Stopes International (development of a programme guide/toolkit for community-based distribution of family planning programmes; co-writing and editing of a policy paper on delivery of contracted-out reproductive health and family planning services); the African Child Policy Forum (over 30 publications since 2008); The International HIV/AIDS Alliance; Comic Relief; The Chatham House Centre on Global Health and Security; Women and Health Alliance International; Global Witness; the British Medical Journal; and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

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ULRIKE GROTE

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Ulrike Grote is a teacher and public health specialist. Since 2016 she has been working as a scientist and trainer in the Unit for Surveillance, Department for Infectious Disease Epidemiology at the Robert Koch Institute in Germany.

She has experience in crisis management, simulation exercises, after action reviews, preparedness and response, infectious disease epidemiology, infectious disease surveillance, risk communication and development of trainings. Currently she is helping to prepare a joint external evaluation which is planned for the end of 2019 in Germany.

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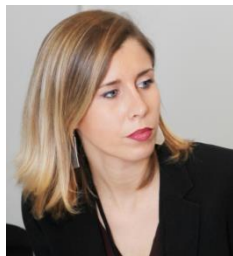
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