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PROPOSITIONS

Syndromic Surveillance – Made in Europe

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1. Syndromic surveillance can augment traditional surveillance with timely information on various kinds of health threats. It especially provides information on the health impact of unexpected and non-infectious threats for which no other surveillance system can provide information. (this dissertation)
2. For syndromic influenza surveillance, a [syndromic surveillance] system might be timelier if it is based on non-clinical data sources. Syndromic situational awareness is fostered by automated syndromic surveillance systems capable of analysing multiple syndromes. (this dissertation)
3. Instead of recommending one harmonised European syndromic surveillance system, the [SIDARTHa] concept suggests to implement a network of subnational systems. They would be embedded into the existing surveillance structure of a country, thus supporting the principle of subsidiarity. (this dissertation)
4. We think it is time [...] to consider a reinforced endorsement of syndromic surveillance for the support of countries' surveillance capacity as required by the International Health Regulations (2005). (this dissertation)
5. The new syndromic surveillance definition, system concept and success factors can support syndromic surveillance operators to set up or improve syndromic surveillance systems. (this dissertation)
6. Exploring non-traditional sources of health information should be considered to improve reporting on health and well-being across the European Region. (World Health Organization, The European Health Report 2015)
7. There is so much focus on deaths caused by armed conflicts, war, and oppression. I want to see the same focus on preventing deaths caused by tobacco, alcohol, and overtake of salt, sugar and trans fats. (Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health & Food Safety, 2015)
8. Learning about other countries is rather like breathing: only the braindead are likely to avoid the experience. (Rudolf Klein, 1997)
9. Thy magic power re-unites, All that custom has divided, All men become brothers, Under the sway of thy gentle wings. (Friedrich Schiller, Ode to Joy)
10. It is only when we are no longer fearful that we begin to create. (Joseph Mallord William Turner)
11. The most dangerous worldview is the worldview of those who have not viewed the world. (Alexander von Humboldt)