From this issue of *Eurosurveillance*, the two previous electronic releases (weekly and monthly) of the journal have been merged into one. The new *Eurosurveillance* is published every Thursday, with rapid communications on major public health events and news items alongside longer scientific articles and reviews. At the same time we are updating our editorial policy (http://www.eurosurveillance.org/editorial_policy/index.asp) and reviewing the types of articles (http://www.eurosurveillance.org/authors/index.asp) to better reflect our commitment to covering all aspects of epidemiology, prevention and control of communicable diseases from a European perspective.

This is a logical step in the process that started three years ago in January 2005, when the two journals *Eurosurveillance Monthly* and *Eurosurveillance Weekly* were merged into one single publication having a weekly electronic release with short articles, a monthly electronic release with longer articles, and a quarterly print compilation comprising articles from both.

The merging of the two journals in 2005 was part of the strategic vision to make the journal stronger and more sustainable for the future, gaining on the respective strengths of the two journals: the timeliness of *Eurosurveillance Weekly* and the scientific reputation of *Eurosurveillance Monthly*. This decision also made it possible to have the weekly articles indexed by PubMed/Medline – a milestone for the journal. However, *Eurosurveillance* was still being published from two editorial offices in Paris and London and the change from two journals to one was not always obvious to the authors and readers – and quite often a source of confusion.

For almost a year now, *Eurosurveillance* has been published by a single editorial team based at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). The practical reasons for the distinction between the weekly and monthly releases have therefore disappeared. With only one electronic release, we will now be able to post the longer articles as soon as they are ready, thus reducing the time from final acceptance of an article to publication.

Alongside this change we are also making some improvements to the different article formats, enabling more extensive review articles, but also generally allowing for higher “word count” and a larger number of references in the articles, with a clearer grouping of the shorter articles – everything to make *Eurosurveillance* even more useful to its growing number of readers. The editorial team will continue its tradition of providing high quality and relevant information on infectious diseases in a very timely manner, and offering public health experts and scientists in the field a platform for exchange of data and good practice.

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