EpiNorth Data updated for 2007

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The EpiNorth website (http://www.epinorth.org) has recently been updated with 2007 data on 43 communicable diseases from the three Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania), five Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), and the seven neighbouring regions of north-western Russia (Arkhangelsk, Murmansk, St. Petersburg city, Leningrad county, Kaliningrad, Karelia, and Nenets).

The information is provided by national/regional state institutes for infectious disease control and is presented in tables by diseases and by the country/region.

Comparisons should be made with caution because of the differences in case definitions and surveillance systems in the countries and regions included. Also, note that prisoners and military personnel are not included in the data for the north-western Russian regions and military personnel are not included in the data for Estonia.

Some conclusions based on earlier data (up to 2006) have been summarised in an article published in the latest issue of EpiNorth Journal: “The epidemiological situation in the area for some important infectious diseases in the Barents and Baltic Sea area” (available from: http://www.epinorth.org/dav/021F2639B2.pdf)

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