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WHO 60th anniversary commemorative volume

This month’s cover shows a classic public health poster on immunization, a topic also covered in several items in this issue. Jane Parry (425–426) reports on the anxieties about vaccines and the baseless scares that can dent public trust in immunization campaigns. In an interview, Julian Lob-Levyt (427–428) explains how the GAVI Alliance funds vaccines for 73 poor countries.

Mandip Jheeta & James Newell (420–421) discuss the effects of parents’ attitudes on childhood vaccination in Africa and Asia. Melissa Leach & James Fairhead (418) also present some cultural and social perspectives on vaccination from west Africa. Scott Witter & Vivien Tso (488–489) argue that cervical cancer screening and vaccination against the human papillomavirus could contribute to attaining some of the Millennium Development Goals. These issues are taken up by Stephen Peckham, Alison Hann and Jacques Milliez (489–491) in a round table discussion.

Call for papers: Charles Mock et al. (419) invite contributions to the upcoming Bulletin theme issue on child injury and violence.

A case for screening

Bernadette Modell & Matthew Darlison (480–487) recommend that screening and genetic counselling for haemoglobin disorders should become an intrinsic part of care systems.

Public health classic

J Anthony G Scott (494–496) comments on a major study into childhood pneumonia 20 years after its publication.

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Davina Ghersi et al. (492–493) call for the findings of clinical trials to be made publicly available.

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