This month’s issue of the Bulletin has a special focus on the social determinants of health to coincide with the international conference on this topic in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 19–21 October. Two editorials, a perspective, an interview and four news features are devoted to this subject. The editorials reflect the views of Michael Marmot (702), who chaired the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health in 2005, and of Rüdiger Krech (703), the director of the Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights at WHO. Krech also joins his colleague Kumanan Rasanathan (775–776) in a perspective that calls for more action on social factors to combat noncommunicable diseases.

**Africa**
- **Hospital infections frequent**
  - Sepideh Bagheri Nejad et al. (757–765) call for more research on health-care associated infections.

**Brazil**
- **Health at centre of agenda**
  - In an interview, Brazilian Minister of Health, Alexandre Padilha (714–715) tells how his government is acting to reduce social inequities.

**Chile**
- **A decade towards better health**
  - Irene Helmke (710–711) reports on Chile’s initiatives to tackle social factors affecting health.

**Greenland**
- **Tuberculosis in the Arctic**
  - Bolette Søborg et al. (741–748) conclude that family members are important sources of tuberculosis infection in children.

**India**
- **Tackling social factors**
  - Patralekha Chatterjee (708–709) reports on India’s efforts to address the social factors that affect health.
- **Fatal falls**
  - Research by Jagnoor Jagnoor et al. (733–740) finds that falls are most frequent among children and old women.

**Kenya**
- **Children at risk**
  - Jennifer C. Moïsi et al. (725–732) find that children are at increased risk of dying within 12 months of a stay in hospital.

**Scotland**
- **Behind the “Glasgow effect”**
  - Michael Reid (706–707) reports on how Glasgow is tackling its stark inequities in health.

**South Korea**
- **Global trends in mesothelioma**

**Japan**
- **Japanese encephalitis**
  - Grant L. Campbell et al. (766–774) estimate the global incidence of Japanese encephalitis to guide prevention and control.

**Kenya**
- **Japanese encephalitis**
  - Grant L. Campbell et al. (766–774) estimate the global incidence of Japanese encephalitis to guide prevention and control.

**Scotland**
- **Behind the “Glasgow effect”**
  - Michael Reid (706–707) reports on how Glasgow is tackling its stark inequities in health.

**India**
- **Tackling social factors**
  - Patralekha Chatterjee (708–709) reports on India’s efforts to address the social factors that affect health.
- **Fatal falls**
  - Research by Jagnoor Jagnoor et al. (733–740) finds that falls are most frequent among children and old women.

**Kenya**
- **Children at risk**
  - Jennifer C. Moïsi et al. (725–732) find that children are at increased risk of dying within 12 months of a stay in hospital.

**Scotland**
- **Behind the “Glasgow effect”**
  - Michael Reid (706–707) reports on how Glasgow is tackling its stark inequities in health.

**Europe**
- **Health at centre of agenda**
  - In an interview, Brazilian Minister of Health, Alexandre Padilha (714–715) tells how his government is acting to reduce social inequities.

**Chile**
- **A decade towards better health**
  - Irene Helmke (710–711) reports on Chile’s initiatives to tackle social factors affecting health.

**Greenland**
- **Tuberculosis in the Arctic**
  - Bolette Søborg et al. (741–748) conclude that family members are important sources of tuberculosis infection in children.

**India**
- **Tackling social factors**
  - Patralekha Chatterjee (708–709) reports on India’s efforts to address the social factors that affect health.
- **Fatal falls**
  - Research by Jagnoor Jagnoor et al. (733–740) finds that falls are most frequent among children and old women.

**Kenya**
- **Children at risk**
  - Jennifer C. Moïsi et al. (725–732) find that children are at increased risk of dying within 12 months of a stay in hospital.

**Scotland**
- **Behind the “Glasgow effect”**
  - Michael Reid (706–707) reports on how Glasgow is tackling its stark inequities in health.

**Europe**
- **Health at centre of agenda**
  - In an interview, Brazilian Minister of Health, Alexandre Padilha (714–715) tells how his government is acting to reduce social inequities.

**Chile**
- **A decade towards better health**
  - Irene Helmke (710–711) reports on Chile’s initiatives to tackle social factors affecting health.