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The World Health Organisation (WHO) Depository Library in Latvia is one of the departments of Rīga Stradiņš University Library. The Depository Library contains materials on WHO worldwide health activities, WHO bulletins, laws and regulations, statistical data, reports and publications on AIDS and its control, alcoholism and smoking, cardiovascular diseases, environmental and societal issues, maternal and child health, oncological and infectious diseases, mental health, nutrition and food safety, water supply and sewage and other health, environmental and social issues.









ABOUT WHO

- The main **functions** are to develop standarts in the field of public health and to define and promote evidence-based health policies.
- WHO cooperates with other countries providing technical support and assess global public health trends.
- The aim, in line with its constitution, is to achieve as much health as possible for every citizen of the world.
- The WHO constitution defines health as a physical, spiritual and social well-being, not just as a disease, physical or mental weakness.
- Since 1st of July 2017, the Director-General of the WHO has been Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
- The Director-General shall be approved by the World Health Assembly.





ABOUT WHO

- Every country that is a member of the United Nations may become a member of the WHO.
- The WHO has 194 Member States, while there are 53 Member States in the European region.
 150 countries have WHO missions and there are 6 regional offices with over 8,000 employees.
 Its headquarters is in Geneva.
- There is a European regional office in Copenhagen with around 670 employees.
- Since 2020, the WHO's European regional director has been Dr Hans Klūge.
- Latvia has been a Member State since 1991. The head of the Latvian mission is Dr Michel Tirene.



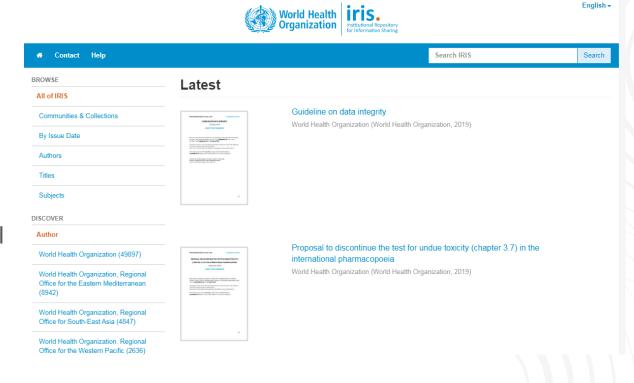


Institutional Repository for Information Sharing (IRIS)



The digital library of materials and technical information published by the WHO, contains full-text materials since 1948.

The IRIS content is available in six official languages (Arabic, English, French, Russian, Chinese, Spanish).









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