In this month’s Bulletin

This month’s issue is dedicated to the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, to accompany the Prince Mahidol Award Conference on the same theme, as introduced by Viroj Tangcharoensathien (74) in the editorial section.

Nicholas Banatvala et al. (75) list actions needed to prevent noncommunicable diseases and improve mental health. Manjulaa Narasimhan & Mukesh Kapila (76) discuss the implications of self-care for health service provision.

Sophie Cousins (79–80) reports on the introduction of a ban on coal-burning in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Kalpana Balakrishnan explains to Gary Humphreys (81–82) how her training in neurotoxicology has informed her public health work at the Center for Advanced Research on Air Quality, Climate and Health in India.

Fruit and vegetables, tobacco and alcohol
Krycia Cowling et al. (83–96) track changes in domestic commodities after countries join the World Trade Organization.

Air pollution, climate change and human health
Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum & Annette Prüss-Ustün (160–161) discuss the interactions between climate change, air pollution and noncommunicable diseases.

Law, medicine, public health and economics
Roger S Magnusson et al. (108–117) discuss the legal capacities needed to work on current population health issues.

People in motion
Harry Rutter et al. (162–165) map the factors influencing physical activity.

Fruit and vegetables, tobacco and alcohol
Krycia Cowling et al. (83–96) track changes in domestic commodities after countries join the World Trade Organization.

Law, medicine, public health and economics
Roger S Magnusson et al. (108–117) discuss the legal capacities needed to work on current population health issues.

People in motion
Harry Rutter et al. (162–165) map the factors influencing physical activity.

A range of health impacts
Sowmya Kadandale et al. (118–128) call for closer examination of the links between the palm oil industry and noncommunicable diseases.

Understanding risks
Meri Tuulikki Koivusalo (166–168) reviews the risks in some finance, data and technology initiatives for disease control.

Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam
Tobacco, alcohol, salt, activity, health systems
Titiporn Tuangratananon et al. (129–141) analyze implementation of national action plans.

Botswana
Towards consistent clinical care
Neo M Tapela et al. (142–153) describe primary care guideline implementation.

Philippines
Obesity prevention by taxation
Frances Claire C Onagan et al. (154–159) describe the development of a tax on sweetened beverages.

Is the tax cost-effective?
Akshar Saxena et al. (97–107) model the impact of a tax on sweetened beverages.