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This month’s cover of the Bulletin is of a classic public-health poster on smallpox eradication. In an interview, Dr Donald A Henderson (917–919) dispels some myths and talks frankly about his role as chief of WHO’s global smallpox eradication campaign.

Call for papers: Manjula Lusti-Narasimhan & Paul Van Look (911) call for submissions to a Bulletin theme issue on strengthening the linkages between HIV and sexual and reproductive health.

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- Urgent attention needed
  - Macarthur Charles et al. (970–977) call for strategies to target the special needs of adolescents and youth infected with HIV.

- Community-based hearing screening
  - BO Olusanya et al. (956–963) determine the feasibility of routine screening of the hearing of infants attending immunization clinics.

- Preventing ‘brain drain’
  - In an editorial, Wilson Savino et al. (910) discuss how Mozambique is learning from Brazil’s experience in educating its scientists locally.

- Contracting health services in a post-conflict setting
  - Omid Ameli & William Newbrander (920–928) research the effect of various factors on predicting the cost of providing health services.

- Great strides for village doctors
  - Cui Weiyuan (914–915) reports on how village doctors have dramatically improved access to health care in rural communities.

- Impact of a nationwide measles immunization campaign
  - Hitoshi Murakami et al. (948–955) show the effectiveness of a campaign approach for controlling measles.

- Outbreak of new virus contained
  - Claire Keeton (912–913) reports on how the South African authorities have contained the outbreak of a new type of arenavirus.

- Effects of co-trimoxazole prophylaxis
  - CJ Gill et al. (929–938) look at the microbiological consequences of co-trimoxazole prophylaxis for infants with perinatal HIV exposure.

- Medication or lifestyle factors?
  - Nayu Ikeda et al. (978–988) provide some explanations for the declining trend in mean systolic blood pressure across the adult population.

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- More training needed
  - Mathieu Forster et al. (939–947) find that insufficient training in electronic medical databases is affecting antiretroviral therapy programmes.