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CHANCES 2012 progress update

Since the official start of the CHANCES Project almost two years ago, significant progress has been made in a number of areas. There has been rapid progress on the harmonization of data across cohorts on a range of health determinants and study outcomes.

This work has been organized and performed by different Work Package teams using a designated Wiki website hosted and maintained by one of the partners.

A number of research proposals have already been generated and undergone critical review and approval by a multi-partner Publication Committee operating within CHANCES.

Most research proposals cut across different Work Packages and bring together experts from different research areas and scientific disciplines. Agreements regarding transfer of individual data for statistical analysis have already been signed by some centres whereas other data will be analyzed locally.

There is general agreement within CHANCES to adopt a flexible approach to the analysis of data since this approach is likely to result in the best use of available data and ensure continued progress over the next years.

So what is CHANCES really about?

Detailed information on health outcomes and their determinants in ageing populations is essential for health, social and economic research and management. Such data should be based on unbiased measurements, repeated over time in large population samples. No single database in Europe currently fulfills all these characteristics and establishing such a study would represent a very expensive endeavour. An alternative, more efficient approach was chosen by the CHANCES team: to bring together 15 partners and 13 cohorts from Europe and North America in a consortium whose efforts will be channeled through 11 specific Work Packages with the ultimate goal of providing new evidence on the health of ageing populations.

CHANCES 2011 dissemination activities

CHANCES has a comprehensive dissemination strategy which aims to support the effective and responsible use and dissemination of information generated within the project. Information on CHANCES was recently presented at the following conferences:

-IAGG conference in Bologna, 14-17 April 2011.

-FENS conference in Madrid, 26-29 October 2011

-CARDI conference in Dublin, 2-3 November 2011



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Significant events

- **2nd Plenary meeting in Heidelberg, Germany (February 6-9 2011)**
- **2nd Work Package Leaders meeting in Athens, Greece (September 21 2011)**



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New members of CHANCES

Two new partner institutions recently joined the CHANCES consortium: the University of Wuppertal and the Max Planck Institute, both in Germany.

Two new members have joined the CHANCES Ethics Advisory Board (EAB): Prof. Miguel A. Martínez-González, University of Navarra, Spain and Dr. Tzioufas National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece.

Upcoming Events

3rd Plenary meeting in London, UK (February 6-8, 2012).

This 3-day meeting will include Work Package specific sessions, a Plenary meeting and a CHANCES Project Board meeting. The External Scientific Advisory Board (ESAB) will also convene.