



3rd NEWSLETTER

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CHANCES 3rd year progress update (Feb 2012- Jan 2013)

During the first three years of the project, CHANCES (Consortium on Health and Ageing network of Cohorts in Europe and United States) consortium has successfully fulfilled the challenging task of documenting, evaluating and harmonizing existing data across the participating cohorts. Harmonization of core, important health determinants and study outcomes relevant to elderly population has been completed using structured procedures, whereas, creation of more harmonized variables is viewed as on-going, dynamic procedure as new research hypothesis will evolve.

A total of 43 research proposals, in line with the project's objectives, have been developed bringing together experts from different partner institutions, research areas and scientific disciplines. Final results for each scientific hypothesis will be produced through meta-analysis of cohort-specific results, whereas, preliminary analyses have already been conducted for some of the proposals.

A network of statisticians support CHANCES analyses and has already initiated discussions for relevant statistical issues such as: missing values, modeling repeated measurements and advanced meta-analysis.

Program's coordination was successfully undertaken via the continuous and effective communication across the Consortium. The project's 3rd plenary meeting was planned and realized at the beginning of the 3rd year of the project. A wide range of dissemination activities, as well as, a number of publications related to CHANCES objectives were realized (www.chancesfp7.eu)

CHANCES aims and objectives

Detailed information on health outcomes and their determinants in ageing populations is essential for health, social and economic research and management. The CHANCES project aims at combining and integrating 15 on-going cohorts from Europe and United States in order to produce evidence on ageing-related health characteristics and determinants. The project focuses on four groups of chronic diseases: (i) cancer, (ii) cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, (iii) osteoporosis and fractures, and (iv) cognitive function and dementia disorders. The contribution of these conditions is integrated in terms of mortality and disability, while, their social and economic impact will be assessed.

CHANCES 2012 dissemination activities

CHANCES has a comprehensive dissemination strategy aiming at supporting the effective and responsible use and dissemination of information generated within the project. Dissemination activities during 2012, among others, include the following:

- Poster presentation by HHF at 8th International Conference on Diet and Activity Methods, Rome, Italy, 14-17 May 2012
- Poster presentation by RIVM at World Congress of the Oxygen club of California, Alba, Italy, 20-23 June 2012
- Poster presentation by HHF at the 3rd Pan-Hellenic Congress of Public Health and Social Medicine Forum, Athens, Greece, 30 November- 2 December 2012
- Oral presentation by QUB in the first International Summer School on Ageing (ISSA), Ancona Italy, 10-14 September 2012
- Oral presentation by DKFZ at the 7th Annual meeting of the German Society for Epidemiology, Regensburg, Germany, 26-29 September 2012
- Poster presentation by QUB at the Centre of Excellence Away Day, Newcastle, Northern Ireland, 30 November 2012
- Oral presentation by DKFZ at the European Workshop on Health and Disability Surveillance in Ageing Populations, Berlin, Germany, 22-23 November 2012
- Oral presentation by HHF at the "Conference: Learning by doing. Making interdisciplinary work" Lessons learnt from FP7 projects, Brussels, Belgium, 15 January 2013
- Abstract submission by UCL at the Meeting of COURAGE project, Milano, Italy, 27-29 November 2012

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Project's physical meetings

- 3rd Plenary meeting, hosted by UCL, in London, UK
(February 6-8, 2012).
- 3rd Work Package Leaders meeting, hosted by DKFZ, in Frankfurt, Germany,
September 25, 2012

Significant events

- CHANCES 4th Plenary meeting
February 11-12, 2013,
in Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- CHANCES 4th WPLs meeting,
September 16, 2013,
Granada, Spain
- Parallel session on CHANCES, IUNS
20th International Congress of Nutrition,
September 17, 2013,
Granada, Spain



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