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“Developing a Child Cohort Research Strategy for Europe”

KICK-OFF MEETING

Barcelona, 26 – 27 April
CREAL – Sala Xipre

Programme – draft 1

Day 1, 26 April

CHAIR – Franco Merletti

9:00-9:30 Welcome and introduction

Welcome (*Jordi Sunyer* – Co-Director CREAL)

Project aims and objectives (*Martine Vrijheid*)

9:30-11:00 Policy-research interface:

“What do policy makers need from child cohort researchers?”

- Local view (*Dr Antoni Plasència Taradach*, Public Health Director, Ministry of Health of the Generalitat de Catalunya.)
- International view (*Dr Marco Martuzzi* - WHO-Europe – “Experience from the Parma Ministerial Conference on Child Health and the Environment”)
- Policy-Research interface in the CHICOS context (*Dr Patricia Lucas*, Bristol University)
- Panel discussion

11:00-11:30 *Coffee*

11:30-12:30 WP1 – Cohort inventory (*Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen*) 1 hour

Objectives

Overview of existing inventories

Inclusion of Registries

Work plan for CHICOS

Discussion

12.30-13.00 WP2 – Research Priorities for Childhood Diseases

General overview (*Camilla Stoltenberg*)

10 min



Presentation by WG leaders, including:

- Current knowledge and role of cohort research
- Identification of broad policy areas where cohort research could make an impact
- Existing international collaborations
- Ideas for focus of CHICOS reviews

10 min each

- Perinatal outcomes (*Camilla Stoltenberg*)
- Respiratory health (*Liesbeth Duijts*)
- Obesity, and vascular and metabolic health (*Debby Lawlor*)
- Neuro-cognitive and behavioural development (*Jordi Sunyer*)
- Accidents and injuries (*Martine Vrijheid/?*)
- Infectious diseases (*Camilla Stoltenberg*)
- Childhood cancer (*Manolis Kogevinas*)

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

CHAIR : Debby Lawlor

14:00-15:00 **WP2 – Research Priorities for Childhood Diseases - continued**

15:00-16:00 **WP3 – Research Priorities for Child Health Determinants**

General overview (*Vincent Jaddoe*)

10 min

Presentation by WG leaders

10 min each

- Social and cultural conditions (*Hein Raat*)
- Nutrition and physical activity (*Leda Chatzi*)
- Life-style and substance exposures (*Per Magnus*)
- Other environmental exposures incl ETS (*Mark Nieuwenhuijsen*),
- Biological and genetic factors (*Vincent Jaddoe*)
- Multiple determinants, health impact assessment (*Martine Vrijheid/ Mark Nieuwenhuijsen*).

16:00-16:30 *Coffee*

16:30-17:00 **WP3 – Research Priorities for Child Health Determinants – continued**

17:00-18:00 **WP2 and WP3 discussion**

Plenary discussion of draft protocols (*Camilla/Vincent*)

- WG divisions/overlaps, leadership, members, experts
- Identify general steps/tasks to be followed for each WG
- Methods: data sources to be used as basis for review, level of interaction with cohorts, etc
- Inclusion of case studies
- Interaction with other international projects
- ...



Day 2, 27 April

CHAIR: Camilla Stoltenberg

9:30-10:30 WP4 – Improving the Contribution of Cohorts to Policy

Presentation of draft protocol (*Patricia Lucas and Hein Raat*) 30 min

- Cohort contribution to current policies: review and case studies
- Inventory of information needs of policy makers (European and national level) – Delphi study
- Role of policy makers in cohort design

Discussion of WP4 protocol 30 min

10:30-11:00 Coffee

11:00-13:00 General discussion of work plans for WP 1-4 (moderator: *Martine/Manolis?*)

- Links between WP 1 and WP2/3 – information needs, data collection, contacts with cohorts, etc
- Links between WP4 and WP2/3
- Workplans and timing
- ...

13:00-14:00 Lunch

CHAIR: Anne-Marie

14:00-15:00 WP5 – Dissemination (*Franco Merletti/ Lorenzo Richiardi*) 1 hour

- logo, website
- newsletters
- stakeholders forum
- publication plan
- meetings

15:00-16:00 WP6 – Management (*Martine Vrijheid, Diana van Gent*) 1 hour

- Project planning, including plan of upcoming meetings
- Responsibilities
- aob

16.00 End meeting - Coffee