CHANCES 1st Online Newsletter

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What is the CHANCES about?

From now on our annual newsletter of good cheer, comes to you from the coordinating center of the CHANCES program in Athens. The coordinator of the project Dr. Paolo Boffetta and his team in Athens are happy to communicate with you on the matters of the project and keep you updated on the progress we make.

So what is the CHANCES really about?

Detailed information on the health status of ageing populations is essential for health, social and economic research and management.
Furthermore, repeated measurements over time are essential, to identify and quantify changes in health-related parameters, their determinants and confounders.
No single database in Europe fulfils all these characteristics and establishing such a cohort would represent a very expensive endeavour.
An alternative, more efficient approach was chosen by the CHANCES team: different existing cohorts from Europe and North America formed a consortium to provide new evidence on the health of ageing populations.

What do we hope to achieve?

The CHANCES project aims at combining and integrating on-going studies in order to produce evidence on ageing-related health characteristics and determinants in Europe.
Four major groups of chronic conditions and disabilities will be studied: cancer; diabetes and cardiovascular diseases; fractures and osteoporosis; cognitive function and Alzheimer disease.
In addition to reaching its specific goals, the study will generate a unique resource for additional studies on health and its determinants in the elderly.

Where do we stand now?

The CHANCES Project officially started from February 1st of 2010, at the kick of meeting in Athens.
The CHANCES poster and informative brochu-res can be downloaded from the CHANCES project official website:
www.chancesfp7.eu

Significant Events

Kick off meeting in Athens (February 8-10. 2010)
Work Package Leaders meeting in London (June 1-2 , 2010)

Upcoming Events

Plenary meeting in Heidelberg, Germany (February 6-9, 2011)
Agenda and other details can be found at:
www.chancesfp7.eu

CHANCES Meet the team

Coordinating Center

Hellenic Health Foundation

The aims of HHF are to conduct, support and advance scientific research in order to promote health and prevent disease in European population.

HHF collaborates with a large number of international institutions, organizations and individuals, with a view to generate and disseminate sound health-related knowledge.

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