

# CHANCES Dissemination and Networking Workshop

*Paris, France*

*Wednesday, 12 February 2014*

## Invitation Letter

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the *Hellenic Health Foundation* (HHF) and the *CHANCES Consortium* (Consortium on Health and Ageing: Network of Cohorts in Europe and the United States), we are pleased to invite you to Paris, France for the **CHANCES Dissemination and Networking Workshop** on Wednesday, 12 February 2014.

CHANCES is a collaborative large scale integrating project, consisting of 16 partners and 2 collaborators. The CHANCES research Consortium is coordinated by the Hellenic Health Foundation and the project is funded by the European Commission (EC) within the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

The ageing of the world population is one of major global challenges of this century. For many people old age is associated with illness. WHO has stressed that *healthy ageing* goes beyond avoidance of disease and disability; successful ageing is defined as ageing involving freedom from disability, along with high cognitive, physical and social functioning.

Chronic conditions such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes and osteoporosis-related fractures have become leading cause of disability and mortality. The CHANCES project focuses on four groups of chronic diseases and conditions, which are major contributors to the burden of disease in the elderly: *Cancer, Cardiovascular diseases & diabetes, Osteoporosis & fractures, Cognitive function & dementia disorders*.

The challenge posed by population ageing makes it necessary to ensure that the extra years of life are as good as possible, without limited health and social involvement opportunities. Older people's abilities to contribute to the society should never be underestimated and no artificial or preventable barriers should limit them.

The elderly have certain needs to be addressed and the governments, healthcare systems, and general public should be advised about those in details. Therefore, well defined health determinants of ageing and its functional outcomes are crucial, in order to improve overall health and quality of life of elderly. Furthermore, valid and precise data on health characteristics of ageing populations are essential to estimate their social and economic impact.

You are invited to visit the CHANCES website for more information on the CHANCES project:  
<http://www.chancesfp7.eu/>



The **CHANCES Dissemination and Networking** Workshop will be a privileged forum to share scientific developments and to analyse the challenges and effective contributions that our science offers to the society. The Workshop aims to bring together leading scientists from around the world, who are engaged in *Active and Healthy Ageing* and sets high scientific goals to provide its guests learning and afford them a unique opportunity to network and forge working relationships.

### **VENUE:**

The Workshop will be hosted in a building of the **Paul Brousse Hospital**, in *Villejuif*, a commune in the southeast suburbs of *Paris* (Line 7 of the subway).

*Paris*, undeniably one of the most fascinating and captivating cities in the world, with easy connections from everywhere, a large choice of hotel accommodation and a wide range of cultural spots, offers an ideal place to organize a scientific workshop. The beauty of *Paris*, with its architectural and artistic heritage combined with undeniable appeal and world-class facilities, will provide an unforgettable backdrop for the workshop and we encourage you to take the time to explore its sights and wonders.

We warmly invite you to plan ahead your attendance and prepare your contributions.

We look forward to meeting you in *Paris* in February 2014.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Hellenic Health Foundation

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## Agenda

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
9:00am - 9:15am	Opening speech <i>The CHANCES project</i>	<i>CHANCES Coordinator</i> <i>Hellenic Health Foundation (HHF)</i>
9:15am - 9:45am	Data harmonization and coordination of statistical analysis (WP8)	National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)
9:45am - 10:00am	Cancer (WP3)	International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)
10:00am - 10:15am	Cardiovascular diseases and diabetes (WP4)	Queen's University Belfast (QUB)
10:15am - 10:30am	Fracture and osteoporosis (WP5)	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA)
10:30am - 11:00am	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00am - 11:15am	Cognitive decline and dementia disorders (WP6)	University of Umea (UMU)
11:15am - 11:30am	Disability and mortality (WP7)	German Cancer Research Centre (DKFZ)
11:30am - 11:45am	Biomarkers (WP9)	National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)
11:45am - 12:00pm	Genetic research (WP10)	Erasmus University Medical School (Erasmus MC)
12:00pm - 12:15pm	Health module (WP11)	University College London (UCL)
12:15pm - 12:45pm	<b>Seven Country Study</b>	<i>Hanna Tolonen</i> National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)

12:45pm - 13:15pm	<b>FUTURAGE</b> project	Juliet Craig The University of Sheffield
13:15pm - 14:15pm	LUNCH BREAK	
14:15pm - 14:45pm	<b>English Longitudinal Study of Ageing</b> (ELSA)	Andrew Steptoe University College London (UCL)
14:45pm - 15:15pm	<b>INTEGRIS</b> project	Robert Bauer Austrian Road Safety Board (KfV)
15:15pm - 15:45pm	<b>Whitehall II</b> study	Archana Singh-Manoux INSERM, University College London (UCL)
15:45pm - 16:15pm	Discussion	All participants

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