



Developing a Child Cohort Research Strategy for Europe

CHICOS Kick-off meeting
Barcelona 26-27 April 2010
Xipre meeting room, 1st floor, CREAL

Meeting Programme

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 of Catalunya)
 - o Examples of recent policy initiatives in child health and use of research results in these.
- **International view** (*Dr Marco Martuzzi – WHO-Europe*)
 - o European Child Health Action Plans, Parma Ministerial Conference, other examples of how international policy may use cohort research.
- **CHICOS context** (*Dr Patricia Lucas – Bristol University*)
 - o Examples of areas where child cohort research has influenced policy
- Panel discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee

11:30-12:15 WP1 – Cohort inventory (*Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen*)

- Objectives
- Overview of existing inventories
- Definition of cohorts for inclusion in CHICOS
- Inclusion of Registries
- Work plan for CHICOS
- Discussion

12.15-13.00 WP2 – Research Priorities for Childhood Diseases

General overview (*Camilla Stoltenberg*)

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
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- 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*)

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- Ideas for focus of CHICOS reviews
- 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
- Involvement of cohorts
- Identify general steps/tasks to be followed for each WG
- Methods: data sources to be used as basis for review, etc
- Inclusion of case studies
- Interaction with other international projects

20.30 Conference Dinner at Restaurant Posit

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*)

- 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

10:30-11:00 *Coffee*

11:00-13:00 General discussion of work plans for WP 1-4

(moderator: *Martine Vrijheid*)

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

- Links between WP4 and WP2/3
- Workplans and timing
- Workshops and meetings

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

CHAIR: Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen

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

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

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

- Project planning, including plan of upcoming meetings
- Responsibilities

16.00 *End meeting - Coffee*

