EUROCISS II Meeting
MINUTES

Place: Maiori
Hotel Sole Splendid
Date: 11-13 October 2006

Participants in the meeting:
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Jiri HOLUB (JH)
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Excused:
Guy de Backer
Vilmundur Gudnason
Veikko Salomaa

AGENDA

11th OCTOBER 2006
- Welcome and general information on the meeting and local organization

- Writing group of the Manual of Operations of Stroke register: S. Giampaoli (coordinator), R. Adany, N. Hammar, C. De Peretti

12th October 2006
- Continuation of Writing groups sessions
- Plenary session:
  - presentation of results by the Rapporteur of each Writing Group
  - joint discussion on the three Manuals of Operations in order to agree on a final version

13th October 2006
- Appendix I of each Manual: check completeness and correctness of information
- Overview of EUROCISS Project financing
- Dissemination of results, publications, participation at international meetings, website

12th October
SG welcomed participants and asked them to introduce themselves.

The agenda was formally approved.

The following key points to be addressed during the meeting were soon highlighted:

- finalization of the Manuals of Operations of AMI and Stroke Registers and of CVD Surveys;
- discussion of the pending issues and collection of comments within each Writing Group;
- formal request to the European Commission of a sixth-month extension of the contract period in order to have time enough to finish the work.

Writing Groups’ Separate Sessions: discussion on final structure of the Manual and election of a Rapporteur to present results in the plenary session.

13th October
DV chaired the plenary session and conducted the general discussion.

Main outcomes:
- harmonization between the three manuals (classification of existing registers, tools for monitoring, methodology for collecting, analyzing and interpreting data)
- mention of both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes in the three Manuals
- Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) replaced by Ischemic Heart Disease (IHD) in the three Manuals
- minimum data set for all countries to implement population-based registers includes: underlying cause of death for mortality and primary and secondary discharge diagnoses for morbidity. Considering only the underlying cause of death may lead to a number of false negatives
- statistical procedure to define the population size for AMI and Stroke registers to be provided in Appendix. Luigi will prepare the chapter on population size and will submit it to Niklas, Mette and Susana for comments.
To calculate the population size, the following points have to be considered:
- to estimate attack rate in the population
- to estimate time trend in the population
- comparison of attack rate between countries
- comparison of time trends between countries

- tables 1, 2 and 3 of AMI and Stroke Manuals and tables 2 and 3 of CVD Survey Manuals to be revised. Participants unable to update information from their country during the plenary session are requested to do that as soon as possible and send data by e-mail to PC. As for CVD Surveys Manual, missing information can be retrieved visiting the HIS/HES web site https://www.iph.be/hishes/

In particular, the main agreed changes in the table are as follows:
- in tables 1 and 2 of both AMI and Stroke Manuals, the column ‘Year’ must be replaced by two columns: ‘Starting year’ and ‘Ongoing register’
- title of table 3 has been changed into ‘Examples of Institutional-based registers implemented in EUROCISS countries missing population-based registers’
- in tables 2 and 3 of the CVD Surveys Manual the column ‘Years of data collection’ should be replaced by ‘Time period covered by surveys’ and the column ‘Population x 1000’ should be replaced by ‘Population interviewed x 1000’
- the date of last revision should be reported at the bottom of each aforementioned table

- table 4 in AMI and Stroke Manuals (corresponding to Table 1 in CVD Surveys Manual) was revised by each Writing Group in a different way. Andrzej (AMI Writing Group) and Niklas (Stroke Writing Group) are requested to send the updated version of the table by e-mail to PC. After that, the two tables can be compared. As for CVD Surveys Manual, only minor amendments were made and have been already reported.

The three manuals have to be finalized within December in order to submit them to external referees for revision.

All participants in turn checked the information reported into tables and in the Appendix I of each Manual. The information still missing will be received by e-mail.

An overview of the financial situation was provided by PC:
- overview of the Project funds and costs
- agreement situation
- summary of the past meetings

LP presented the Project website advancements. A direct link to the EUROCISS page is not feasible. The Project website can only be accessed through the Italian CUORE Project website. We will try to meet any possible request of information/data from European countries. If this request implies the involvement of a specific project partner, his name will be mentioned to the inquirer.

It was requested to provide the number of visitors of the EUROCISS website.

It was unanimously decided to include the step-wise procedure in the actual manuscript. It was also suggested to start working on another similar article focused on stroke population-based registers.
KS informed partners of his intention to present the Project at a national meeting in June.
AP informed partners of his presentation on the Project at the Polish Congress of Cardiology.

SG illustrated some outcomes of the last meeting of the Task Force on MCD held in Luxembourg in June 2006. Further and more precise information on the Working Plan 2007-2013 will be provided after the TF meeting in December.

The meeting rose at 12.00a.m.