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Joint ECE-WHO Meeting on Health Statistics
(Rome, Italy, 14-16 October 1998)

INFORMATION NOTICE

I. TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING

At the invitation of the National Statistical Institute (ISTAT) and the Italian Ministry of Health, the **Joint UN/ECE-WHO Meeting on Health Statistics** in the Conference of European Statisticians 1998/1999 programme of work, will be held in Rome, Italy, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 October 1998. The meeting is scheduled to finish on Friday, 16 October before 4 p.m. The meeting will take place in:

"Aula Magna"
ISTAT
via Cesare Balbo 16
00100 Rome, Italy

II. DOCUMENTATION AND WORKING LANGUAGES

The meeting will be conducted in all three ECE working languages - English, French and Russian. The meeting organization will be in Seminar style with different organizers for each session. A small number of invited papers will be translated into all three languages. Countries are encouraged to contribute supporting papers on as many topics as they like. These papers, which must not exceed 15 pages and which should be preceded by a short summary, can be submitted in any one of the three working languages of the meeting, but only the summaries will be translated into the other languages. The papers must be sent both in electronic format and hard copy to Ms. Lene Mikkelsen (lene.mikkelsen@unece.org), preferably in MS Word, WordPerfect or ASCII format.

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Please note that to allow translation of the summaries, they must reach the ECE secretariat before 15 July, and the full version of the papers before 15 August, 1998.

Meeting documentation will **only** be forwarded to participants who have announced their participation by returning the registration form. From September onwards documents for the meeting will also be made available on the ECE WEB site at the following address:

http://www.unicc.org/unece/stats_h.htm

III. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The local organizers have furnished the following information on hotels in the general vicinity of ISTAT. To interpret the prices count about 1 dollar = 1793 Lire.

Commodore Hotel - Santa Maria Maggiore

- single room L 180.000 Buffet breakfast, service and taxes included
- double room L 250.000 Buffet breakfast, service and taxes included
- double room L 210.000 For one person, incl. buffet breakfast, service, etc.

Starhotel Metropole - via Principe Amedeo 3

- single room L 260.000 Buffet breakfast, service and taxes included
- double room L 340.000 Buffet breakfast, service and taxes included
- double room L 305.000 For one person, incl. buffet breakfast, service, etc.

Executive suites are also available for L 380.000.

Mecenate Palace Hotel - via Carlo Alberto 3

- single room L 230.000 Buffet breakfast, service and taxes included
- double room L 270.000 Buffet breakfast, service and taxes included

Since October is a busy month in Rome, participants are strongly advised to make their **hotel bookings early**. Bookings should be made through the local organizers **only** and by **30 June at the latest**.

IV. ORGANISERS OF THE MEETING

All queries to the local organisers should be addressed to:

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V. MEETING PROGRAMME

Six sessions of varying length are planned. The time allocated to each session will be determined by the number of discussion papers submitted to the secretariat before the meeting. The topics of the sessions will be as mentioned below, but the order of the sessions may change.

Session 1: Problems associated with the lack of coordination in national and international health statistics and ways to integrate different health and related types of statistics into coherent statistical systems, including the establishment of national integrated health statistical databases;

Session 2: The role of IT in collecting health information and providing ready access to statistics and indicators on health status.

Session 3: Development and use of health output indicators and measurement of health service outcomes: integration of presently used national and international indicators.

Session 4: Progress towards implementation of ICD-10 and other internationally comparable health classification systems.

On the final day, recommended future work of the Conference of European Statistician, in the field of Health Statistics will be discussed. Participants are asked to prepare proposals for work to be considered at the next meeting of the expert group.

VI. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

An official dinner and an evening sight-seeing tour will be organized for participants on 15 October. Costs for the dinner and transport will be around US\$ 50. Details of the exact venue, timing and price will be announced in due time.

Participants interested in taking part in this event should indicate so on the registration form.

VII. TRANSPORT and TRAVEL INFORMATION

Those arriving by air will find that the simplest and cheapest way to get to the hotels is to take the train which connects the airport to the central station "Stazione Termini", from there it is but a short taxi ride to the hotels. If a taxi is used to go from the airport to the hotel it will cost about 80.000 Lire (\$50).

Since the hotels are all very close to ISTAT the meeting room can be reached by foot.

Persons requiring an entry visa should obtain this from the diplomatic representation of Italy in their country of residence **as early as possible**. Visa applications should refer to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the **Joint UN/ECE-WHO Meeting on Health Statistics (Rome, 14-16 October, 1998)**.

MEETING AND HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM
for the Joint UN/ECE - WHO Meeting on Health
(Rome, Italy, 14-16 October 1998)

This form should be filled in duplicate by each participant and returned
by 30 June as follows:

One copy to:

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Kindly complete the form in typing or in block letters

1. Surname (family name) (Mr./Ms.)
2. First name
3. Nationality
4. Title/post held
5. Professional address
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Telephone
Fax
E-mail

6. Arrival in Rome (date/time/flight)
7. Departure from Rome (day/time/flight)
8. Accompanying persons (please specify number)

**I book my (single/(double/executive))room from/...../..... to
...../...../..... in
(check on line next to the hotel name)**

Commodore Hotel
Starhotel Metropole
Mecenate Palace Hotel

9. Please indicate your participation in the dinner and tour :
_____Yes _____No

Date Signature

MAP OF CENTRAL ROME

