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

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The meeting will start at 9:30 on Wednesday 14 October 1998 in Aula Magna in the ISTAT building, via Cesare Balbo 16, Rome. Participants are kindly requested to register before the meeting. Registration will open at 8:30.

SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Designation of officers and Adoption of the agenda
3. **SESSION I: Problems associated with the lack of coordination in national and international health statistics**
4. **SESSION II: The role of IT in collecting health information and providing ready access to statistics and indicators on health status**
5. **SESSION III: Development and use of health output indicators**
6. **SESSION IV: Progress towards implementation of ICD-10 and other internationally comparable health classification systems**
7. General discussion of conclusions from Session I-IV
8. Future work of the Conference of European Statisticians
9. Other business

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10. Adoption of the report and meeting recommendations

TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE

Time	Item	Topic	Documentation¹ CES/AC/36/1998/... (EUR/ICP/INFO 020603/...)
WEDNESDAY 14 October 1998			
8:30-9:30		Registration of participants	Provisional list of participants
9:30-10:00	1.	Opening of the meeting by the President of ISTAT, Prof. Zuliani; Head of International Relations at MoH, Prof.Silano and the WHO Regional Director for Europe, Dr. J.E. Asvall	
10:00-10:10	2.	Designation of officers: proposed chairperson Paolo Garonna, Director General of ISTAT Adoption of the agenda	2/Add.1
10:10-10:40	3.	SESSION I: Problems associated with the lack of coordination in national and international health statistics Presentation of invited papers	4,7 (WHO)
10:40-11:00		Coffee break	
11:00-12:00	3.	SESSION I (cont.): Presentation of invited papers	6,5 (WHO), 43 (Italy)
12:00-12:30	3.	SESSION I (cont.): General discussion of invited papers(Supporting papers will be discussed on Friday morning)	
12:30-14:30		Lunch break	
14:30-14:45	4.	SESSION II: The role of IT in collecting health information and providing ready access to statistics and indicators on health status Introduction by Session Organiser	
14:45-16:00	4.	SESSION II (cont.): Presentation of invited papers	14 (Germany); 15 (Finland); 12 (Denmark)
16:00-16:20		Tea break	
16:20-16:50	4.	SESSION II (cont.): Presentation by EU and WHO	26 (WHO)
16:50-17:50	4.	SESSION II (cont.): Presentation of supporting papers	25; 32; 33; 39
17:50-18:20	4.	SESSION II (cont.): General discussion	
THURSDAY 15 October 1998			
9:00-11:00	5.	SESSION III: Development and use of health output indicators	8 (Finland); 9 (Netherlands);

¹ Only the last identification number of the code is used in the time schedule

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		Presentation of invited papers	10 (Norway); 29 (Canada)
11:00-11:20	Coffee break		
11:20-12:10	5.	SESSION III (cont.): General discussion of invited papers (Supporting papers will be discussed on Friday morning)	
12:10-12:30	5.	SESSION III (cont.): Presentation by WHO	16 (WHO)
12:30-14:30	Lunch break		
14:30-15:00	6.	SESSION IV: Progress towards implementation of ICD-10 and other internationally comparable health classification systems Introduction by Session Organiser	
15:00-16:00	6.	SESSION IV (cont.): Presentation of invited papers	17 (United Kingdom); 11 (United Kingdom); 13 (Sweden)
16:00-16:20	Tea break		
16:20-16:50	6.	SESSION IV (cont.): Presentation of supporting papers by the Discussant	34; 35; 36; 44
16:50-18:00	6.	SESSION IV (cont.): General discussion	
18:30	Departure for Excursion and Subscription Dinner		
FRIDAY 16 October 1998			
9:00-10:30	7.	Panel discussion (conclusions from Session I-IV and discussion of supporting papers from sessions 1 and 3 by discussants)	18; 20-24; 27; 28; 30; 31; 37; 38; 40- 42; 45.
10:30-10:50	Coffee break		
10:50-12:00	7.	General discussion (cont.)	
12:00-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-14:30	8.	Future work of the Conference of European Statisticians ²	
14:30-15:30	9.	Other business	

² Meetings held within the framework of the Conference of European Statisticians are supposed to advise the Conference of the substantive topics they would like to be discussed at a future meeting. Participants may therefore hand in written proposals to the secretariat before noon Thursday, 15 October. Based on these, an advisory group will prepare a list of 4 topics for the approval of the meeting.

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15:30-16:00	10.	Adoption of the report and closing of meeting	CRP.1

NOTES ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS OF THE AGENDA

Session I: Problems associated with the lack of co-ordination in national and international health statistics

Wednesday 14 October 1998, 10:10-12:30

Organiser: Arun Nanda (WHO-Regional Office for Europe)

Discussant: Hubert Isnard (Ministry of Health, France)

Rapporteur: J. R. Halsall (NHS, UK)

Invited papers:

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Information for health for Europe. An overview , WHO Regional Office for Europe

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Collaboration and coordination in health information and health statistics in the WHO European Region , WHO Regional Office for Europe

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"Health for all" indicators for WHO European Region and the HFA database , WHO Regional Office for Europe

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Strengthening national health information systems. The concept of national integrated statistical health database , WHO Regional Office for Europe

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Harmonised system of indicators for international reporting , Viviana Egidi, National Statistical Institute of Italy

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

Wednesday 14 October 1998, 14:30-18:20

Organiser: Poul Erik Hansen (Ministry of Health, Denmark)

Discussant: Günther Brückner (Federal Statistical Office of Germany)

Rapporteur: Martin Lund (Ministry of Health, Denmark)

Invited papers:

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The German health information system , Gunther Brückner, Federal Statistical Office of Germany

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Health statistics in Finland - Dissemination with information Technology, Mikko Nenonen and Olli Nylander, National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health, Finland

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The role of IT in providing ready access to statistics on health care in Denmark, Pernille Christensen and Henrik Dahl, Ministry of Health, Denmark

Session III: Development and use of health output indicators

Thursday 14 October 1998, 9:00-12:30

Organiser: Erik Nord (National Institute of Public Health, Norway)

Discussant: Alan Lopez (WHO-headquarters)

Rapporteur: Ann Lisbeth Brathaug (Statistics Norway)

Invited papers:

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The use of health indexes in calculating health gains (QALYs) and health adjusted life expectancy (HALE), Harri Sintonen, University of Kuopio, Kuopio, Finland

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Dalys in Europe, Marie-Louise Essink-Bot, Department of Public Health, Erasmus University, Netherlands

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The validity of summary health indexes (HALE, QALYs and DALYs), Erik Nord, National Institute of Public Health, Oslo, Norway

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Measuring health -- Visions and practicalities, Michael C. Wolfson, Statistics Canada

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Outcome indicators and quality of care; the WHO approach, Kirsten Staehr Johansen, WHO Regional Office for Europe

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

Thursday 15 October 1998, 14:30 - 18:00

Organiser: Ms. Karen Dunnell (Office of National Statistics, UK)

Discussant: Ms. Karen Dunnell, (Office of National Statistics, UK)

Rapporteur: Mr. Howard Meltzer (Office of National Statistics, UK)

Invited papers:

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Long-term strategy for ICD-10, deliberations from meetings of WHO and Heads of Collaborating Centres, Ann Harding, National Health Service Centre for Coding and Classification, United Kingdom

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The ICDH-2 - using the classification for statistics and research ,
Howard Meltzer, Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom

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International harmonisation - issues to be addressed for mortality and
morbidity statistics , Dag Swenson, Bjorn Smedby, Kerstin Carsjo and
Lars-Age Johansson, Swedish National Board of Health, Sweden
