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From the Scientific Coordinator

A warm welcome to all of you, hoping that you had a lovely summer.

During the past months, all partners involved in the analysis of pilot work results have been working very hard on the finalisation of their respective deliverables and I would like to thank and congratulate them all for their efforts. Work has also started on the last scientific workpackage of the project, i.e. WP13: Adaptation of European policy recommendations on nutrition and physical activity to take into account socio-economic inequalities.

This Autumn will be very important as we will be having in our last Plenary and Scientific meetings. This will also be the opportunity to obtain feedback from the five members of our Advisory Board. The meeting will take place in Rome on 19-20 November and we hope that you will all be able to join us.

Best wishes,

Joceline Pomerleau



14 partners from 10 countries

Project coordination: London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Project partners: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Italy, Latvia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom

Duration: 04/2007–03/2010

UPDATE ON PROGRESS

Update on WP6 & WP8–11 (*Sub-regional piloting of the policy analysis tool – led by MU, PHA, HUBDB, IPH, and INSERM*): Deliverables D6, D9, D10 and D11 have now been submitted to the European Commission and D8 is being finalised. These deliverables provide details of the results of each pilot test.

Update on WP12 (*Comparative analysis from regional consultations – led by SUHRS*): Deliverable D12 is currently being finalised. It will provide a comparative analysis of the results of the five pilot tests and outputs from the 2nd Plenary Meeting which took place in Istanbul last May.

Update on WP13 (*Adaptation of European policy recommendations on nutrition and physical activity to take into account socio-economic inequalities*): WP13 is currently underway and will be discussed at the Plenary Meeting in Rome in November.



PREPARATION OF THE FINAL EURO-PREVOB MEETING

The final EURO-PREVOB meeting will be hosted by National Research Institute on Food and Nutrition (INRAN) in Rome on 19-20 November 2009. It will consist of the joint 3rd Plenary Meeting, 3rd Advisory Board Meeting, and 6th Scientific Committee Meeting. It will be the opportunity for us to meet one last time with our Advisory Board as well as experts and stakeholders, some of them having followed the project since its inception.

Practical information, including hotel arrangements and preliminary programme, has already been sent to meeting participants. Background documents will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meeting. If you require any further assistance, please contact Marina Adrianopoli (adrianopoli@inran.it) or Pamela Harling (Pamela.Harling@lshtm.ac.uk).

If you plan on doing some sightseeing while you are in Rome, you can find abundant information on the internet, for example on the following websites: <http://www.italiantourism.com/discov25.html>; <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome>; <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/italy/rome>

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marc Suhrcke has now joined the University of East Anglia (UEA), Norwich, UK, as **Professor in Public Health Economics**. UEA has therefore become a new Consortium member (subject to EC approval) and is leading Workpackage 13.

Giovanna Ceroni (Administrative Coordinator) has left the project to work for the Cochrane Collaboration. We would like to thank her sincerely for her fantastic contribution to the project and wish her the best of luck in her new position!

We have great pleasure in welcoming our new Administrative Coordinator, Pamela Harling, a science graduate with a wide range of experience in managing European Commission funded science projects.

PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE

Visit the **HOPE website** to get details of the obesity related news and publications. www.hopeproject.eu/index.php?page=news&news_id=50. If you have any news you would like to add or share, please contact: HOPENet@iaso.org

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DISSEMINATION AT CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

WHO Network for prevention of pressure in marketing food and beverages to children, June 2009: Mojca Gabrijelcic (IVZ, Slovenia) gave a presentation of the EURO-PREVOB project to this meeting.

American Academy of Health meeting, Chicago, USA, 28–30 June 2009: A poster was presented by Cécile Knai (LSHTM, UK). Its title was: "*Development of internationally compatible instruments to assess the obesogenicity of urban environments*". (This trip was funded by the European Commission's DG-Research.) At the same meeting, Martin McKee (LSHTM, UK) chaired a session on cross-European research projects.

Forthcoming:

European Health Forum, Gastein, Austria, 30 September-3 October 2009: Cécile Knai (LSHTM) will give a presentation about the EURO-PREVOB project and its achievements.

19th International Congress of Nutrition, Bangkok, 4–9 October 2009: Nicole Darmon (INSERM) will present two posters: (1) "*Development of a tool to survey obesity prevention policies and to assess the obesogenicity of urban environments in different countries: The EURO-PREVOB project*" and (2) "*Pilot testing of a new tool to survey obesity prevention policies and to assess the obesogenicity within different socioeconomic contexts: results in France*".

6th Public Health Days of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, 8-10 October 2009: Aida Filipovic Hadziomeragic (IPH-FBiH) will be reporting on the progress made by the EURO-PREVOB project at this meeting organised by the Association of Public Health Doctors and Health Associates of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Second joint European Conference on Public Health (EUPHA/ASPHER), Lodz, Poland, 26–28 November 2009: An oral presentation will be delivered by Cécile Knai (LSHTM): "*The applicability of a new internationally compatible instrument to assess environmental indicators relevant to obesity in Europe*".

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES 2009

Please find below a few meetings and conferences of interest that will take place in the next months:

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| European Health Forum Gastein 2009 http://www.ehfg.org/368.html | 30 Sept–3 Oct 2009, Gastein, Austria |
| 2 nd Central European Congress on Obesity http://www.asszisztencia.hu/cecon/ | 1-3 Oct 2009, Budapest, Hungary |
| 19th International Congress of Nutrition www.icn2009.com/ | 4–9 Oct 2009 Bangkok, Thailand |
| National Congress for the Polish Association for the Study of Obesity http://www.termidia.pl/ | 15-17 Oct 2009, Szczecin, Poland |
| 32nd Simposio Internacional de Ciencias do Esporte (Agita Mundo Network) www.simposiocelafiscs.org.br/ | 15–17 Oct 2009 Sao Paulo, Brazil |
| The US Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting http://www.obesity.org/obesity2009/ | 24-28 Oct 2009 Washington, DC, USA |
| German Obesity Society and German Diabetes Association joint meeting http://www.adipositas-gesellschaft.de/ | 5-7 Nov, 2009 Berlin, Germany |
| Annual Meeting of HEPA Europe www.saluter.it/wcm/hepa2009/ | 11–12 Nov 2009 Bologna, Italy |
| EURO-PREVOB 3 rd Plenary Meeting http://www.europrevob.eu | 19-20 Nov 2009 Rome Italy |
| Annual Meeting of the Swiss Association for the Study of Metabolism and Obesity http://www.asemo.ch/ | 19 Nov 2009 Bern, Switzerland |
| Second joint European Conference on Public Health (EUPHA / ASPHER) www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php | 26–28 Nov 2009 Lodz, Poland |

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