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### **IPAQ, EUROHIS and EUPASS Consensus Workshop in Stockholm, March 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001**

The development of the *International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ)* has progressed rapidly, and has been considered for use by the WHO (Geneva), and the WHO Euro EUROHIS (Copenhagen) and the EU Commission EUPASS projects. A large amount of reliability and validity testing has been carried out (more than 15 European centers have been involved), and many useful experiences have been made.

The outcome of the testing and the recommendations for further use are now being summarized by the IPAQ Executive Committee in a series of reports and papers. At the same time reports are being prepared for WHO Euro and the EU Commission, and most centers involved have the ambition to publish their data. There is, obviously, a need for a discussion about, and an agreement on,

- the outcome of the testing and the conclusions that can be drawn;
- the final versions of the questionnaire and the manuals of operations, and the guidelines and rules for implementation;
- the co-ordination of the reports and publications, to optimize work and to ensure relevant and comprehensive information to scientists, to national and international authorities and organizations, and to professionals, administrators and decision makers in applied public health work;
- the further development of the questionnaire and related research, the common database and the concerted action for fund raising.

We therefore would like to invite you to a consensus work-shop in Stockholm, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is relatively soon, but you may understand the need for urgent action. Representatives from all centers, authorities and organizations within the IPAQ, EUROHIS and EUPASS activities have been invited. We also welcome those who have expressed interest in the development and testing and further use of IPAQ. For obvious reasons, the meeting will consider IPAQ in an European perspective, but the underlying global aspects will also be dealt with.

The meeting will start early Friday morning, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. A get-together activity will take place Thursday evening. More information and meeting program will be given in a later message to those who have expressed interest to participate. All participants will have to pay their own travel and subsistence costs. The Karolinska Institute will take responsibility for localities and further arrangements.

Send an email to [ipaq@prevnut.ki.se](mailto:ipaq@prevnut.ki.se), at latest February 20<sup>th</sup>, about your participation.

We do really hope that you can come!

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