Annex 4

Preparation of European Conference

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Etude de l'impact de la canicule d'août 2003 sur la population européenne

(EU Community Action Programme for Public Health,
Grant Agreement 2005114)

(In English)
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Scope and purpose

The EU 2003 Heat Wave Project, coordinated by INSERM / CRLC, Montpellier, France, aims to determine the excess number of deaths in Europe in the summer 2003, specifying the countries and periods concerned. It aims to study the impact of heat on the mortality of the very old population and the possible impact of climate warming on mortality trajectories at highest ages. Sixteen European countries (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England and Wales, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, and Switzerland) are involved in the study.

The research objectives are to identify:
(1) how many deaths in total were associated with the 2003 heat wave(s) in Europe;
(2) where and when heat waves had the largest impact;
(3) which was the most vulnerable population;
(4) how high the mortality trajectory with age can go when shifting under heat wave conditions; and
(5) why heat waves are associated with excess mortality in Europe.

In the first phase of the study, the daily mortality counts will be examined by country, NUTS2 area, single year of age, and sex in comparison to a reference period (the previous 5-year period 1998-2002 and the latest period 2004-2005). In the second phase of the study, we will compute the mortality trajectory at old ages. Twelve months after the beginning of this project, a European conference will be held to gather national experts to discuss the impact of the heat waves. Determinants associated with the heat waves and risk factors for the elderly (e.g. loss of autonomy and social isolation) will be discussed. The conference will discuss the thresholds of the different factors that could trigger off excess mortality.

Information on 2003 Canicule project to the Europa website:
http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_information/dissemination/unexpected/unexpected_2_en.htm#2
MEETING ON IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSES TO EXTREME WEATHER

BONN, GERMANY, 22 – 24 MARCH 2007

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

In 2005, the project improving public health responses to extreme events (EuroHEAT) started as part of the implementation of the Budapest Ministerial Conference for Environment and Health, and the EC Environment and health action plan.

The project is co-funded by the Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General of the European Commission (DG SANCO) and has the general aim of improving public health responses to weather extremes and in particular to heat-waves. The project includes around a hundred participants, including representatives from 20 European countries, scientific advisors, meteorologists, environmental scientists and policy advisors. The project ends in March 2007.

The climate in Europe is changing and more frequent and intense extreme weather events are expected. We need to be prepared. The findings of this multi-country project are important to guide adaptation to climate change, but also to discuss what needs to be strengthened or improved.

The WHO, would like therefore to invite you to the meeting, with the aim to:

1. discuss the scientific and technical findings
2. discuss the usefulness and sustainability of the tools developed
3. and draw future recommendations for action.

Representatives from Ministries of Health from all EU and accession countries, from international organizations, from meteorological services and technical experts from a number of European countries will be invited to the meeting. The participants will be asked to share their knowledge and experience and to prepare short presentations and short summary background documents. We expect this meeting to be an ideal platform to exchange experiences on climate, health and policies.
Bonn, Germany, 22 – 23 March 2007

DRAFT AGENDA

A programme will be sent in few days

1. Opening of the meeting and welcome
2. Nomination of Chairperson and Rapporteur
3. Adoption of agenda and programme
4. The Heatwave health impact prevention guide
5. Scientific and technical input by invited experts
6. Group work
7. Integration of comments into the EuroHEAT final summary
8. Approval of final messages
9. Final steps
10. Closure
## List of Data Providers invited

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List of experts invited to submit a poster

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Dear….

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The EU 2003 Heat Wave Project is inviting scientific experts from a number of European countries. The meeting will be further attended by representatives of international organizations, Ministries of Health and environment agencies.

We have the pleasure to invite you to attend this meeting in the capacity of a Scientific Expert and mortality data provider. Two hotel nights with breakfast, two lunches and a conference dinner on Thursday 22nd will be directly paid for you by the EU 2003 Heat Wave Project. Your travel will be reimbursed on the basis of a reasonable air/train fare.

The Scope and Purpose of the meeting, the Provisional Agenda, as well as practical information about the meeting are attached for your information. The working language will be English only.

We would appreciate if you could confirm your attendance to the conference to Ms Christine Perrier (email: robine@valdorel.fnclcc.fr) very soon and if possible by return email.

For any further information I am available at the following telephone number: +33 (0) 0467613043 or by email.

Looking forward to meeting you in Bonn.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Marie ROBINE
INSERM Research Director
CRLC/University of Montpellier
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We have the pleasure to invite you or one of your collaborators to attend this meeting in the capacity of scientific expert and to submit a poster (owing to the format of the conference, only posters are accepted). Due to budget constraints, the EU 2003 Heat Wave Project can only pay for one participant per team submitting a poster. Two hotel nights with breakfast, two lunches and a conference dinner on Thursday 22nd will be directly paid by the EU 2003 Heat Wave Project. Travel expenses will be reimbursed on the basis of a reasonable air/train fare.

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Poster submission form

Please return to Siu Lan CHEUNG as soon as possible and not later than February 15, 2007 by email slkcheung@valdorel.fnclcc.fr or by fax:33 (0) 0467613787

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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# Registration Form

**FINAL MEETING ON IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSES TO EXTREME WEATHER**

**BONN, GERMANY, 22 – 23 MARCH 2007**

**To be returnd by 15 February at the latest to:**

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Dear Participant,

We are pleased to provide you with the following information regarding the practical arrangements for the above meeting.

1. Site of the meeting
The meeting takes place at the UN Campus, Bonn, at the following address:
Langer Eugen Building
Meeting room 1916 (19th floor)
Hermann-Ehlers-Str 10
53113 BONN
Telephone: +49 228 815 0404
Telefax: +49 228 815 0440

Please note that the security guard will ask you to leave a piece of identification (with a photography) at the entrance.

Please also note that the UN building is a smoke-free working environment and that smoking is forbidden in the UN premises.

2. Language of the meeting
The meeting will be held in English only.

3. Registration, opening session and closure
Registration of participants will take place at the meeting site between 08:30-09:00 hours on Thursday, 22 March 2007 – the meeting will start at 09:00 hours. It is expected that it will close not later than 18:00 hours on Friday 23 March 2007.

4. Working hours
The working hours will be from 09:00 to 18:00 with half-hour breaks for refreshments in the mornings and afternoons and one and a half hour lunch break.
5. **Documentation**

Documentation concerning the meeting will be distributed at the meeting.

6. **Accommodation and meals**

Rooms would be provisionally reserved from 21 to 23 March.

Coffee break and a light lunch will be offered at the meeting venue.

7. **Travel tickets and subsistence allowance (for participants attending the meeting at the expense of EU 2003 Heatwave Project)**

We kindly ask you to arrange your travel and tickets for economy round trip travel by the most direct route, by train and or air (apex). You will be reimbursed travel fare payment wired to your bank account.
Letter of Acceptance

We are delighted to inform you that your poster submission is accepted. The measurement of the boards is as below:

110 cm (width) x 140 cm (height)

Please note that the boards have a cork surface. The posters should be fixed on them with needles or pins.

Look forward to meeting you in Bonn.

Yours sincerely,

Jean-Marie Robine
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2003 Heat Wave Project Leader
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Instructions to experts invited to
The 2003 Heat Wave Project meeting

22-23 March 2007, Bonn, Germany

For each participant, the EU 2003 Heat Wave Project will reimburse:

- Two hotel nights (single room with breakfast, March 21st and 22nd)
- Travel expenses (reimbursed on the basis of a reasonable air/train fare)
- Transports (including transport between station or airport / hotel / meeting place)
- Diner for March 21st

Two lunches and a conference dinner on Thursday 22nd will be directly paid by the EU 2003 Heat Wave Project

Just after the meeting, the original documents have to be sent to Christine Perrier:

- Travel agency invoice
- Travel tickets
- Hotel invoice
- Transport receipts
- Diner receipt
- Bank Identification Form for reimbursement (or fulfil the attached form)

In order to carry out the reimbursement as quickly as possible and to avoid any error or missing information which would cause a considerable delay in the processing of payment, please send all these original documents as soon as possible to:

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