

## WG3 Testing how well screening instruments work in prospectively identifying cases

MC meeting Tours, France (29<sup>th</sup> , 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012)

### Minutes of the meeting

2.00pm to 4.00pm; 8.30am to 10.30am

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#### Welcome and Introduction

The chair of the meeting was taken by Emma van Daalen. Rafal Kawa agreed to take minutes.

Present members of WG3:

- a. Emma van Daalen, Netherlands, Lead
- b. Ricardo Canal Bedia, Spain, Co-lead
- c. Irma Moilanen - Finland
- d. Sigridur Jonsdottir - Iceland
- e. Rafal Kawa - Poland
- f. Sanne Lemcke - Denmark
- g. Nada Pop- Jordanova - Macedonia
- h. Patricia Garcia-Primo - Spain

Members of WG3 not present:

- a. Filippo Muratori Italy
- b. Evald Greining, Iceland
- c. Bernadette Roge, France
- d. Michelle Noterdaeme, Germany
- e. Mieke Dereu, Belgium

#### Objectives and activities of WG 3:

1. **Updating COST website.**

Mapping project has been conducted –aim on updating the exercise. The group should focus on publications and on contracting other specialist from European countries. Sigridur suggested AUTISM EUROPE to take part in the exercise. E-mails has been send but not everyone has answered them.

**Responsible:** *Emma van Daalen, Patricia Garcia-Primo, Annika Hellendoorn*

**Deadline:** *summer 2012*

2. **Research issues extracted from screening pooling data.**

The goal of the study was to provide an up-to-date overview of different population-based ASD screening procedures across Europe and to compare different screening methods. An analysis of Medline and PsycINFO databases was conducted.

**Responsible:** *Patricia Garcia-Primo, Annika Hellendoorn, Ricardo Canal Bedia, Emma van Daalen.*

**Deadline:** *submitting of paper, summer 2012*

The paper concerning **challenges concerning screening studies**. Tasks: preparing interviews, conducting interviews and doing a qualitative analysis. Output will be the submission of a paper about challenges in conducting screening studies.

**Responsible:** *Synnve Scholberg, Evald Greining, Ricardo Canal Bedia, Sanne Lemcke, Rafal Kawa.*

**Deadline:** *plan summer 2012.*

3. Establishing a workgroup on **Organization of early developmental surveillance across European countries**. Primary goal is to compare the current situation of early developmental surveillance across different European countries. The group will develop a survey and prepare database with contacts from European countries. A summary of government, organizations guidelines for screening studies will be prepared. If this information is available each country could have country specific guidelines for screening studies. The database will include contacts with specialists in each country (from various institutions, universities and organizations) and will allow to gather information about country specific conditions crucial for screening studies. Patricia Garcia-Primo proposed that WG3 could cooperate with other workgroups on this task. Emma van Daalen proposed that we could merge PP presentations about high-risk groups and send it out to our WG members. WG3 will discuss the survey and the checklist on the next meeting. Irma Moilanen proposed that we focus on small children with autism and other developmental disorders. Sanne Lemcke proposed to include information not only from healthcare and education. Looking for access to other European countries not involved in the COST action. Irma Moilanen will take part in this task through her contacts with other European Psychiatrists. **Responsible:** *Ricardo Canal Bedia, Sigridur Jonsdottir, Nada Pop-Jordanova, Rafal Kawa* **Deadline:** the draft of the survey and a checklist for creating the database should be prepared before **September 2012**.

4. **Ethical Issues** Emma van Daalen proposed that the WG#3 should cooperate with WG#4 and the other working groups working on a questionnaire about ethical standards.

**Responsible:** *Irma Moilanen, Ricardo Canal Bedia, Rafal Kawa and Emma van Daalen*

**Deadline:** *Emma will talk to Helen McConagie*

## **STSMs**

Senne Lemcke and Ricardo Canal Bedia proposed that they could host Ph.D. students for STSMs. Hosts should prepare goals and plans for STSM candidates. Emma van Daalen encouraged WG members to spread the information about STSMs in WG counties.

## **Training school**

Ricardo Canal Bedia could invite people out of Europe for a training school but there is lack of time. Emma van Daalen agreed that the WG needs more time and that the WG should focus on the primary goals. Irma Moilanen suggested that we could prepare programs for training school later this year.

## **Plan of pulling data from European sites on ADI-R**

Iris Osterling wants to start a project replicating original US ADI-R studies on children aged 12 – 47 months. The aim of this project is to compare data from different databases across Europe. All agree that we should participate

## **Contact:**

The group has decided that we conduct conferences via Skype in the future, some groups have difficulties with access to the phone system through Tony Charman's office.

## **Next meeting:**

Combined meeting of WG3 and WG4 in Ghent, Belgium at the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2012.