



Development and Implementation of a European Guideline and Training Standards for Diabetes Prevention

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Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Firstly, we would like to welcome everyone who has newly registered for information about the IMAGE project. We appreciate your interest in our IMAGE project and are delighted to keep you updated about the ongoing process.

Secondly, we would like to inform you that the IMAGE website has been re-launched. The newly designed website is now more user friendly, please take a look by visiting <http://www.image-project.eu>. Please let us know any comments or recommendations for further improvement (info@image-project.eu). Thank you.

As already announced in the first newsletter, the opening convention of the IMAGE Project took place from November 22-24th, 2007 in Munich. Almost 70 participants from the various partner organisations attended the meeting. During this first meeting, tasks within the respective work packages were distributed and, due to the complex nature of the issues to be addressed, working groups within Work Packages 4, 5 and 6 were assigned.

- WP 4 comprises four working groups covering i) Definitions of risk and prevention and target populations, ii) screening tools and diagnosis criteria, iii) intervention of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease and iv) models of care and economic aspects.
- WP 5 comprises eight working groups covering i) nutrition, ii) physical activity, iii) motivation/behavioural change, iv) scientific study results, v) intervention management, vi) evaluation, vii) children/adolescents and last but not least viii) information/teaching. WP5 is working in tight cooperation with WP7.
- WP6 comprises three working groups addressing quality management and evaluation i) on an individual level, ii) on a health management system level and iii) on a societal level.

The opening convention set the foundation for commencing the work within the work packages and prepared a structure for internal networking on the level of the partners, working groups and work packages. Furthermore, it was agreed that sophisticated networking structures to external experts should be established. In particular experts in the fields of paediatrics, educational sciences and sports sciences are underrepresented in the IMAGE consortium. If you are working in one of these fields and are interested in actively participating in IMAGE please send your contact details including a short description of your expertise to Dr. Manja Reimann (info@image-project.eu). The final decision about the admission of new IMAGE partners will be taken by the steering committee.

The next plenary meeting, the IMAGE-Follow up convention will take place in Mallorca in November 2008.

Representatives of the IMAGE-Project will be present at several congresses this year. The most important dates are

- 5th WCPD in Helsinki, Finland from June 1-4, 2008
- 68th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association in San Francisco, CA from June 6-10, 2008
- 44th EASD in Rome, Italy from September 7-11, 2008

We will be happy to answer your questions about the IMAGE Project. Please visit us at the IDF Europe stand.

If you are interested in any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Of course we would be more than happy to receive your feedback and helpful suggestions.

Kind regards,

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