

5th
International
Conference

Behavioural Risk Factor Surveillance




Ministero della Salute



*Chronic diseases in the 21st century:
from individual choices to community policies. The specific role of surveillance.*

THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND THE ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI SANITÀ ARE GLAD TO ANNOUNCE AND TO HOST THE 5TH CONFERENCE IN ROME.

Chronic diseases remain the leading causes of morbidity and mortality throughout the world. The prevalence of newly diagnosed chronic conditions in the general population continues to increase, paradoxically as a result of improved living conditions and improvements in medical care that have reduced risk of premature death. The continuing public health efforts against chronic diseases is critical because of its economic impact on health care, and for the development of specific prevention policies by public health authorities.

Although the effects of chronic disease prevention are usually measured in the long run, the extent to which public health messages and interventions have been disseminated, understood and implemented by the public can be measured in the shorter term using standardised and reliable methods. Behavioural Risk Factor (BRF) surveillance is the prime tool to obtain information about behaviours relevant to the development of chronic diseases. Surveillance is essential in monitoring and therefore evaluating a variety of public health interventions, and in providing data to inform the PH policies. Several theoretical, methodological, and practical issues in risk factor surveillance remain to be resolved and the Conference will provide the occasion for discussion and exchanges of experiences among surveillance experts, policy makers, chronic disease specialists and other related public health professionals.



Call for papers – extended deadline –

We encourage persons interested in the study of chronic diseases risk factors and public health interventions/policies that have experience or interest in surveillance to submit an abstract by July 21st.

- Presentations will be oral and/or poster.
- Abstracts should be of 250 words or less, written in English.

First author should be the presenter. Affiliation, postal and e-mail address should be indicated for the first author. At the end of the abstract please indicate four key words and the session that you prefer for your presentation.

Abstract to be considered must be sent via e-mail to Eva Appelgren: eva.appelgren@iss.it
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TOPICS OF SESSIONS

- Surveillance, policies and data use (examples of surveillance in action)
- Surveillance, inequalities and social determinants (how SD are measured, regional variation)
- Surveillance and data analysis
- Surveillance and data collection
- Surveillance, effectiveness and evaluation
- Alcohol surveillance
- Smoking surveillance
- Obesity and physical activities surveillance
- Nutrition surveillance
- Screening surveillance
- Cholesterol / Hypertension surveillance
- Mental Health surveillance
- Youth health surveillance

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The 5th BRF Surveillance conference follows a series of international scientific conferences that, since 1999, have brought together surveillance scientists and practitioners in various countries throughout the world. Previous conferences have taken place in:

- ▶ Atlanta, USA
- ▶ Helsinki, Finland
- ▶ Brisbane, Australia
- ▶ Montevideo, Uruguay

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