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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING SHARING OF DATA AND
OTHER DATA ANALYSIS RESOURCES AMONG COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN
INTERNATIONAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT ADULT STUDY
(*hereinafter "IPEN Adult"*), WHICH COUNTRIES INCLUDE

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The IPEN Adult grant from the National Institutes of Health ends August 31, 2013. In order to facilitate continued pooled analyses of IPEN Adult data before and after the official end of the grant, the parties agree as follows:

Intent

Ownership of data. Each lead investigator owns the data for that country. Investigators have transferred data to the IPEN Adult Coordinating Center for pooled analyses, and each country contributing data will be involved in analyses and papers. Investigators in each country can use their own data for any purposes whatsoever.

Conduct and contribute to IPEN Adult pooled analyses. IPEN Adult study data from each country that have been collected and transferred to the IPEN Adult Coordinating Center in San Diego for the purposes of IPEN Adult pooled analyses will be made available to country investigators by the Coordinating Center for analysis and paper writing. Data requests should be made according to the Publication Committee guidelines. The Coordinating Center will continue to respond to requests for data as long as possible after the grant ends. At some point, the full data base may be transferred to each primary investigator.

Give proper recognition to contributors. As outlined in the IPEN Publication guidelines, one author from each IPEN country shall be included on manuscripts in which that country's data are included.

Decline under exceptional circumstances. An IPEN Adult investigator may decline to supply requested data or conduct requested analyses, provided the party explains in writing why supplying the data or conducting the analyses is not feasible.

Extend scientific value of the study beyond the grant period. The goal is to produce and submit the main IPEN Adult papers in 2013 and 2014 while the Coordinating Center and Publication Committee can support investigators. Our experience is that there will be continuing interest in IPEN Adult data among IPEN investigators and others, and making data more widely available for analyses will enhance the scientific value of IPEN and lead to more papers for all involved. Making data more widely available also is consistent with NIH policies on public access to data. Thus, the Coordinating Center will make the data available to non-IPEN Adult investigators in 2015 and beyond.

The goal is to involve investigators from each country in every paper that uses data from that country. However, our experience is that over time investigators become less responsive to requests to use their data. Thus, to maximize the use of IPEN Adult pooled data, investigators agree that their data can be used for pooled analyses in 2015 and after if no investigator from that country responds to requests. If the investigator is not responsive, the investigator for the country will be acknowledged but not listed as an author.

Definitions

Definitions are provided for the following key terms:

IPEN Adult data: Data from participating IPEN Adult countries that have been transferred to the IPEN Coordinating Center.

IPEN Adult countries: The countries that have contributed data to the IPEN Adult pooled analyses. There may be countries that contribute data, in addition to those listed above.

Country Investigators: Lead researchers from each country who are named investigators in the IPEN Adult grant.

Pooled analyses: Analyses involving data from 2 or more countries.

Term and Termination

This agreement shall take effect for each party immediately upon signature by that party, and shall remain in effect for each individual party so long as that party remains committed to the IPEN data sharing initiative.

Each party shall have the right to terminate its participation in this agreement immediately upon written notice to the other parties.

This agreement may be modified or amended upon written notice of approval by members of the IPEN Steering Committee and the unanimous written consent of the parties to this agreement.

I agree to allow my country's IPEN Adult data to be used in analyses and papers, and an investigator from my country will participate in all papers that use our data.

Yes No

Signature

DATE: