



lidA is a German Cohort Study on Work, Age and Health

## International Satellite Symposium:

# EUROPEAN COHORT STUDIES ON WORK AND HEALTH IN AGEING SOCIETIES

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## EUROPEAN COHORT STUDIES ON WORK AND HEALTH IN AGEING SOCIETIES

The health of the older working population will be crucial for future economic and social development of the ageing societies. *Work and health* are closely interconnected in both directions. This, however, may be different for older compared to younger workers. Older workers can be expected to be more physically vulnerable; the natural course of health but also long-term exposure to working conditions may become visible and influence work and labour market participation. Consequently, besides the *motivation to continue working* the older workers' *work ability* becomes more and more relevant, i.e. coping with functional limitations at work.

Accordingly, it is necessary to study whether and how working life and labour markets react to the ageing of the workforce and how the older workforce copes with the working and labour market conditions.

This symposium will focus on the association between working conditions and health as well as factors related to transition into retirement. It will further discuss gender specific aspects of these relations.

The aim of this satellite symposium is to connect European cohort studies on work, age and health in order to highlight important research questions arising from demographic transition. Furthermore, it aims at inducing discussions between study groups and scientists. Thus, the symposium addresses scientists with sociological, psychological and epidemiological or public health background.

## lidA COHORT STUDY

The future working life will be characterised by further developments in the work environment, such as changes in demands, i.e. flexibility and mobility as well as a changing composition of the workforce with regard to demographics and qualifications of employees. The lidA cohort study is a German longitudinal study with the aim of investigating occupational, individual and socioeconomic factors for the health of ageing employees and labour market transitions.

The lidA investigators combine several research traditions to allow interdisciplinary analyses for the research questions: the effects of work on health, work ability and motivation for labour force participation. A sequential cohort design with two age cohorts, born in 1959 and 1965 respectively, followed over at least six years with intervals of 3 years will allow the identification of age, time and generation effects. A random sample of 6.600 employees in 222 regional sample points allows representativity in these age groups for the working population.

A special feature of the lidA study is the combination of several data sources: Interview data (computer-assisted personal interview), e.g. on work characteristics and individual factors will be combined with Register data (claims data of statutory health insurance funds and administrative data of the German Federal Employment Agency - BA) to provide an integrated set of individual data as well as an aggregated data set for a work-health matrix.

## SCHEDULE

**Introduction** 09:00 h – 09:45 h

### **Work, Age and Health**

Keynote-Lecture: Prof. Dr. Hans Martin Hasselhorn (Federal Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, BAuA, Berlin)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session** 09:45 h – 11:15 h

### **Work and health of the baby-boomer-generation**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Frank van Dijk, PhD (Coronel Institute for Occupational Health, Amsterdam)

Keynote-Lecture: Prof. Annet de Lange, PhD (Radboud University, Nijmegen)

Oral presentations by participants

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session** 11:30 h – 13:00 h

### **Gender, health and work**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Töres Theorell (Stress Research Institute, University of Stockholm)

Keynote-Lecture: Prof. Dr. Nico Dragano (University of Essen-Duisburg)

Oral presentations by participants

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session** 14:00 h – 15:30 h

### **Transition to retirement**

Chair: Dr. Tage S. Kristensen (Task-Consult, Gilleleje, DK)

Keynote-Lecture: Prof. Hugo Westerlund, PhD (University of Stockholm, SLOSH-Study)

Oral presentations by participants

**Panel Discussion** 15:45 h – 16:45 h

### **Cohort studies investigating work, age and health – are we on the right track?**

Chair: Prof. Richard Peter, PhD (Institute of Epidemiology and Medical Biometry, Ulm University)

## ABSTRACTS

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Registration : from 01/03/2012  
Registration fee: 60,- EUR  
It includes coffee breaks and lunch. Please register under [www.eshms-dgms-2012.de](http://www.eshms-dgms-2012.de) (button for the satellite symposium).

## VENUE

Medizinische Hochschule Hannover (MHH)  
(Hannover Medical School)  
Carl-Neuberg-Straße 1  
D-30625 Hannover

## ARRIVAL & HOTELS

Hannover is easily reached by train. Airports within easy reach: Hannover, Hamburg, Bremen and Berlin.

For travel details and for accommodation please see the official website of the 'Joint Congress of the German Society of Medical Sociology (DGMS) and the European Society of Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS)' [www.eshms-dgms-2012.de](http://www.eshms-dgms-2012.de)

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