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3. Participation in EUROCHIP Meeting

NAME	PLACE	DATE	PARTICIPANTS
Multinational Info Meeting	Milan (Italy)	19/09/2005	Andri Aristotelou
Panel of Experts	Maiori (Italy)	15-16/06/2006	Yianna Demetriou
Pilot Studies Meeting	Milan (Italy)	01/09/2006	Yianna Demetriou

4. Area of the action

Information: EUROCHIP pilot Studies

5. Aim and description of the work (for details see Annex 03)

Data Collection for the EUROCHIP Pilot Studies for breast and colorectal cancers.

In most of the cases the sample frame used was the Cancer Register of Cyprus. The Cancer Register provides full geographic coverage but incomplete incidence coverage. As a result incidences were mainly found through the various blood and histopathology examinations since doctors were not obligated to state their cancer patients in the Cancer Register.

6. Results of the work (for details see Annex 03)

- There were problems in data collection from private sector due to the absence of a regulation forcing data provision from private doctors
- There was a large proportion of missing and inaccurate data due to the fact that until 2006 there wasn't any electronic hospital information system for data entry. Data collection was conducted mainly through each patient's medical record
- Additionally some medical reports were incomplete or even worst didn't exist at all
- Dates on pre-diagnostic events (first visit to general practitioner, first request of clinical appointment and first hospital appointment) are not available and collectable

7. Added Value of the work (for details see Annex 03)

Current Cyprus Health Care System restrains data collection as each patient has more than one personal doctor and consequently more than one medical record. There is no organised Primary Care in Cyprus yet. This was one of the major reasons that made it impossible to collect pre-diagnostic dates.