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## **Annual report 2006-2007 of the WHO-FIC Collaborating Centre in The Netherlands (DCC)**

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### **Abstract**

*This annual report contains a summary of the activities carried out by the WHO-FIC Collaborating Centre in The Netherlands (DCC) since October 2006. The report follows the tasks mentioned in the DCC Workplan for the period 2004 – 2008, which has been accepted by WHO as a base for the redesignation of the DCC.*

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## 1 Promotion of WHO-FIC

### *Objective*

To promote the development, implementation, use and improvement of the WHO Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) in Dutch including the ICD, the ICF and other derived and related classifications, such as classifications of medical procedures, ICPC-2, ICECI and ISO9999.

### *Actions 2006 – 2007*

#### *Dutch translations, advices and training*

- ICF. The Dutch version (reprint) of the ICF is available through the publisher. Several presentations in the country and abroad have been given to interested professional groups (nursing, rehabilitation, ministries, special education). An ICF implementation plan for nursing in The Netherlands is in preparation including a train-the-trainers course. In several new laws or revised laws the ICF is used as a base for language, definitions and eligibility of services.
- ICF-CY. The Dutch translation is in preparation for publishing early 2008. The interest for the ICF-CY is growing. Children rehabilitation doctors and teachers in special education organized a workshop around the ICF-CY. Core sets for children are mentioned as a possible tool and adaptation of existing assessment tools as well.
- ICD-10. The ministry is planning the implementation of the ICD-10 in Dutch hospitals. There are several requests for a ICD-10 training course for coders. A new training course will be developed, in-line with the already existing Networks courses.

#### *WHO-FIC in Europe*

WHO-EURO is not interested because of lack of time and capacity to cooperate in actions focusing at the development of a structure to support eastern European countries in the improvement of the consistent use of WHO-FIC. Most collaborating centres in Europe are involved already in supporting some other countries and do not have the possibility or capacity to expand their support for other countries.

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Discussions about how to proceed are needed during our annual meeting in Trieste.

*Dutch and international exchange of information:*

After the Tunis meeting a newsletter has been issued early 2007 and a second newsletter has been issued this summer. After the Trieste meeting the next newsletter will be prepared for publishing early 2008. The Centres website is now updated on a regular basis.

For the exchange of information on the use of ICF in terms of Implementation, Education and Electronic Tools, the Dutch Centre revised the template for collection on activities and materials around the world. Next steps such as updating the database has to be discussed during the annual meeting in Trieste (IC session). The dataset (not updated) is available on the Dutch Centres server for the Network members on: [classbeta.who-fic.nl](http://classbeta.who-fic.nl).

For the exchange of information in the Dutch language a separate database will be developed and maintained related to the international; database in English language.

The Centre continued its documentation activities on ICF literature. New references are mentioned in the newsletter. All newsletters and the full reference list are available through the website of the centre.

The consultation activities on the ICF, ICF-CY, ICD-10, ICPC-2 and classifications of medical procedures, ICECI and ISO9999-ICF were again continued at user's requests. As previous years, several presentations on these classifications were given and in several meetings papers have been presented by the Centre.

## **2 Study of classification aspects**

*Objective*

To study aspects related to the structure, interpretation and application of members of the WHO-FIC including those concerning taxonomy, linguistics, terminology and nomenclature. The Centre is especially active in the maintenance of the WHO-FIC and the development of derived classifications by electronic tools and reference terminologies.

*Actions 2006 – 2007*

*Dutch clinical terminology:*

The Centres Health Terminology Team is participating in the discussion on the usefulness of reference terminologies such as SNOMED and Galen. Several meetings on terminological developments have been attended by the team members and several presentations and workshops have been given. There is an increase in

interest in the Galen approach, on which the team members have expertise. This increase of interest in Galen is also coming from the side of SNOMED experts, which would like to combine forces.

*Dutch ICD-10 and ICF maintenance with the help of a classification manager (ClAM):* All versions of Dutch WHO-FIC classifications, including ICF, ICPC-2 and the Dutch version of ICPM, have been made available in a webbrowser with a direct link to the separate classifications e.g. <http://class.who-fic.nl/browser.aspx?scheme=ICD10-nl.cla>

The browser is frequented by a high number of visitors. The webbrowser offers an online comment function and also links external references to classifications.

A PDA version of ICF is available now.

*Dutch study of implementations with help of a classification manager (ClAM):* no actions were taken on this topic.

*Development of a Dutch procedure classification:*

Although the centre has been involved in the discussion on and planning of a new Dutch procedure classification, no new actions have been undertaken so far by the Dutch government to proceed as planned. Contact with parties involved are still ongoing. Several parties have shown their interest in a common classification on healthcare interventions.

### **3 Measurement methodologies**

#### *Objective*

a To contribute to the development of methodologies for the use of the WHO-FIC facilitating the measurement of health states, interventions and outcomes on a sufficiently consistent and reliable basis

b To enable comparisons within countries over time and within and between countries at the same point in time.

The task is linked to the available methodological expertise in the Department of Public Health States and Forecasts (VTV of RIVM) and its network as well as to activities initiated by other national or international organizations regarding the use of data as well as the generation of data by surveys.

#### *Actions 2006 – 2007*

*UN Washington Group:* Marijke de Kleijn participated in the annual meeting last September.

*EUROSTAT*: the DCC head is included as expert in a new proposal for the development of a functioning and disability questions module in terms of Participation and External Factors. The ICF is the base for the development. Cognitive testing of the draft questionnaire has been carried out and translation into other languages for pilot testing is in preparation.

*National health indicators*: early 2008 there will be a study on how to adapt the health forecasting reports to the terminology of the ICF and even the structure according to the ICF.

*Hospital discharge data*: a discussion at national level is going on concerning the use of ICD-10 in hospital registrations connected with the existing DBC system. The centre is involved in drafting a plan of operation.

*Existing measurement tools*: because of lack of financial support no progress has been made so far.

## **4 WHO-FIC Network**

### *Objective*

To support the work of the various committees and work groups established to assist WHO in the development, testing, implementation, use, improvement, updating and revision of members of the WHO-FIC.

### *Actions 2006 – 2007*

*WHO-FIC network*: the centre head continued her participation in the PC. Several representatives of the DCC are going to participate in the annual network meeting and the meetings of the reference groups prior to the annual meeting 2007. Dutch experiences are being communicated through the newsletter and presentations during the annual meeting (ICECI user survey, ISO9999/ICF mapping, structured collection and sharing ICF information, ICF-CY).

### *DCC participation in WHO-FIC committees:*

- *WHO-FIC Implementation Committee*: Marijke de Kleijn is acting as co-chair of the committee.
- *Family Development Committee*: Marijke de Kleijn is a member of the committee.
- *Education Committee*: Marijke de Kleijn participates in the committee.
- *Update and Revision Committee*: no representative of the DCC yet.

- *Electronic Tools Committee*: Huib ten Napel is a member of the committee.
- *Planning Committee*: as a co-chair of the IC Marijke de Kleijn is a member of the EC.
- *FDRG*: Marijke de Kleijn and Huib ten Napel are members of the FDRG.
- *Mortality Reference Group*: no representative of the DCC yet.
- *Morbidity Reference Group*: the representative of the DCC has been withdrawn.
- *Terminology Reference Group*: Huib Ten Napel en Pieter Zanstra are members of the group.

*DCC participation in WHO and other international activities:*

- *ISO 9999 (international classification of assistive products for persons with disability)*. As the chair of the responsible ISO committee Marijke de Kleijn was also responsible for the revision of ISO 9999. At the centre's website more information concerning the new version is available including sales addresses. The new version of the classification contains cross references to ICF codes and classes. A document that refers every part of ISO9999 to ICF has been prepared; after the Tunis meeting a Request for Comments (RFC) has been held. The results of the RFC have been sent to the ISO workgroup. No reaction on the results has been received sofar. Marijke de Kleijn left her position as the chair of the ISO committee, Yvonne Heerkens is her successor. As such Yvonne is active in proposing to prepare a more close relationship between ISO9999 and the External factors classification of the ICF; for this reason she is involved in project 7 of the FRDG.
- *ICECI: International Classification of External Causes of Injuries (ICECI)* is accepted as a related member of the WHO-FIC. The Coordination and Management Group meets annually. ICECI version 1.2 is available through the centres' website [www.rivm.nl/who-fic](http://www.rivm.nl/who-fic). Implementation issues are under discussion.
- *Children's Workgroup on ICF-CY*: The Dutch Centre's Deputy. Head has been participating in the Children's Workgroup for the development of the ICF for Children & Youth, funded by CDC in Washington. After the acceptance and release of the ICF-CY at the Network meeting in Tunis (Oktober 2006), the Dutch Centre has prepared the final version of ICF-CY in collaboration with the Workgroup and WHO.