Workshop: The Role of Biomarkers in Population-Based Social Surveys on Aging

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The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) is a multidisciplinary and cross-national panel database of micro data on health, socio-economic status and social and family networks of more than 55,000 individuals from 20 European countries aged 50 or over. To obtain better information on health and pathways of diseases and chronic conditions SHARE is currently planning the inclusion of biological markers in future data collection efforts.

In order to inform the collection and use of biomarkers in SHARE, the Swiss country team of SHARE at IEMS and FORS is organizing a 1 day workshop on “The Role of Biomarkers in Population-Based Studies on Aging.” During this workshop, leading international researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds will share their experiences with biomarkers from international multidisciplinary surveys of aging. Workshop topics range from the scientific significance of specific biomarkers for social science research to practical issues in the collection of biomaterial within the framework of general-purpose surveys.

Confirmed speakers include:

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