

## Data provision and co-authorship policy

Petr Voříšek



Discussed and approved at PECBMS workshop in 2009

*'Data Provision and Co-authorship Policies are valid during the years 2009-2011. New agreement policy will be decided after these years.'*

### Principles

- National data providers = owners
- PECBMS is allowed:
  - to use and communicate on aggregated data
  - To conduct explorative analysis for scientific purposes
- Proper acknowledgements of data providers

### Principles

#### Co-authorship

- data providers to be informed in advance and offered co-authorship
- Active involvement in the process of writing the scientific paper is needed to justify co-authorship
- National data only: If the leading author sends an almost ready manuscript (that is usually difficult to contribute), all data providers willing to contribute shall be co-authors

### Policy in practice

- Standard deliveries of aggregated results for policy and promotional purposes
- All request from researchers discussed within Steering Group and EBCC Board
- One paper using supranational data (published)
- Three projects using national data (not published yet)
- No request from commercial sector

### Observations

- Takes time to get answers from data providers
- Data providers sometimes forget what they approved
- Researchers might not always like many co-authors
- Increasing interest in PECBMS data → more demanding for PECBMS (incl. Statistics Netherlands)

The policy works well

### To be considered

- Possibility to ask for data manipulation fee?  
*Rules (price), share of income, administration, ...*
- More data available at the web site for free?  
*Potential for misuse, less control, ...*
- Possibility of 'collective' co-authorship?  
*Data providers often depend on publication records, more complicated process, ...*

- Comments, questions, suggestions?
- The policy to be approved as it is or modified