**P2-163 MORTALITY AFTER PRENATAL EXPOSURE TO THE DUTCH FAMINE OF 1944–1945**

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**Introduction** Some studies have examined long term health effects of famine exposure during pregnancy but little is known about possible effects on adult survival.

**Methods** We selected men with prenatal exposure to the Dutch famine of 1944–1945 from military examinations records (n=408 015) for births 1944–1946 in the Netherlands. We included men exposed in the immediate post-natal period (n=8225) and in the third (n=6809), and the first trimester of pregnancy (n=4666). We also selected men exposed around conception (n=7727). Unexposed men born before or after the famine or outside the famine area were selected as controls.

**Results** We first linked 82% of the selected sample population (n=45 000) to national population records from the Netherlands Statistical Office for 2004–2009. These provide current vital status and cause of death where applicable. Successful linking was unrelated to famine exposure status or to indicators of social class. The remainder of the sample is now being traced at the Netherlands Central Bureau of Genealogy for deaths that took place prior to 2004. To date, 89% of the study population has been traced in either of these registries, covering deaths from 1967 to 2009. Among those traced, mortality until 2009 was 9%. In 24%, cardiovascular disease was the primary cause of death, in 50% cancers, and in 26% other causes.

**Conclusions** Our findings show that long term tracing of vital status and cause of death is possible in this environment.

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**P2-164 HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS, OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AND RISK OF CERVICAL CANCER. A NORDIC JOINT STUDY**

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**Introduction** Human papillomavirus (HPV) is considered necessary cause of invasive cervical cancer (ICC), but relations between different HPV types and other sexually transmitted infections in cervical carcinogenesis are unresolved. The CCRPB-EU Network conducted a large study, aiming to assess how major high- and low-risk HPV types, 16, 18 and 6, and possible cofactors, Chlamydia trachomatis and herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV-2), interact in the aetiology of cervical cancer.

**Methods** A case-control study was nested in four Nordic serum banks containing serum samples from approximately 10 000 women. Linkage to cancer registries resulted to 604 ICC cases diagnosed after serum sampling. Five controls were matched to bank, age at sampling and storage time. IgG antibodies specific for HPV types, C trachomatis and HSV-2 were determined, and tobacco smoke exposure measured by serum cotinine, and HPV DNA in cancer tissue PCR-tested. ORs were estimated by conditional logistic regression, and adjusted for cotinine and for HPV16, HPV18 and C trachomatis, when applicable.

**Results** Seropositivity for HPV16 did not confer any increased risk for HPV18 DNA positive cancer and HPV18 seropositivity had no association with HPV16 DNA positive cancer. HPV6 had no effect on its own but an antagonistic joint effect with HPV16. HSV-2 had little or no association. C trachomatis had a strongly increased risk for cervical cancer, which remained also among HPV18 seropositives.

**Conclusions** Type-specific HPV DNA persistence is important in cervical carcinogenesis. HSV-2 is possibly not a cofactor, but C trachomatis is probably a strong cofactor for ICC.