

Development of Peristat

Collaborators before Peristat

National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit 1978

France: Inserm U 149

Monique Kaminski, Beatrice Blondel and others

Scotland: Susan Cole

Belgium: Universite Libre de Bruxelles

Pierre Buekens, Sophie Alexander

Nordic countries

Per Bersjo, Leiv Bakketeig JensLanghoff Roos

Hungary: Lazlo Lampe, Istvan Berbik

US National Centers for Health Statistics

International collaborations before Peristat

1990 International Collaborating Effort (ICE) on
Perinatal and Infant Mortality Led by Sam (Frances
C) Notzon

Late 1990s MOMS A Maternal mortality led by
Marie-Helene Bouvier-Colle

Euronatal led by Johan Mackenbach, Netherlands

Establishment of Peristat

Brought together experienced researchers who had already collaborated and had good relationship.

Project leader with established post in perinatal epidemiology..

Keen to welcome new members, especially from EU accession countries.

Improvements in perinatal data collection systems in some countries.

Development of email, then video conferencing

Further collaborations since the establishment of Euro-Peristat

EUPHRATES Obstetric haemorrhage

MOMS B Maternal morbidity. Led into EUROSS

Reproductive outcome and migration (ROAM) Anita Gagnon, Quebec, Canada and Rhonda Small, Melbourne, Australia

Attempt to establish a European Perinatal Epidemiology Network

Midwifery Units Network

Further developments?

Greater involvement of midwives

Service user involvement

Improvements in routine data collection – has not kept pace with changes in technology.

Improvements in techniques

Some countries only interested in being ‘best’ or ‘worst’

Continuing collaboration and friendship.