

## Collaborative Workshop Group I

<b>Working title:</b>	Defining age categories for research purpose – is it worthwhile?
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<b>Preliminary rationale for paper</b>	This discussion paper is concerned with the aging population, often referred to as the 65 year old plus group. This paper aims to identify (via the literature) several socio-demographic characteristics that might differentiate the oldest-old from the younger old. Furthermore this paper aims to identify factors that might play an important role within sub populations. <i>(The literature shows that there are several blunt divisions of old age; what impact do these different divisions have on research findings? (I.e. definitions of age, how are they used, how well does these age divisions discriminate?)</i>
<b>Preliminary aim of paper</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Raise awareness of the heterogeneity among older people</li><li>2. Investigate other possibilities for age divisions within research</li></ol>
<b>Time line for work process</b>	September 2007 – March 2008
<b>Outcome</b>	Discussion paper for submission to IJNS
<b>Any additional information about the group</b>	Gunilla: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Older People &gt; 75 years</li><li>- Quality of life</li><li>- Community-dwelling / home care setting</li></ul> Sandra: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Older People &gt;60 years</li><li>- Pain assessment (PACSLAC)</li><li>- nursing homes</li></ul> Monique: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Older People &gt; 65 years</li><li>- Quality of life</li><li>- urinary incontinence</li><li>- Community / home care</li></ul> Natalja: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Older People &gt;80 years</li><li>- Quality of life</li><li>- Community dwelling</li></ul> Bente: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Older People &gt;65 years</li><li>- Health promotion / prevention</li><li>- Hospital settings</li></ul>