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SESSION I: Problems associated with the lack of coordination in national and international health statistics

**CONDITIONS FOR THE ADEQUATE FUNCTIONING OF HEALTH STATISTICS AS A PART OF  
NATIONAL STATISTICS**

Supporting paper submitted by the Institute of Public Health of the  
Republic of Slovenia<sup>1</sup>

**Summary**

Health statistics has a long-standing tradition in Slovenia dating back as far as 1890. Today their importance is much bigger, however. In 1976, health statistics was legally grounded and their essence has not been altered until the present day. Great changes were introduced in the beginning of the 1990's which required that the whole statistical system was entirely reformed. At the beginning of 1992, new Health Care legislation and Health Care Insurance legislation was adopted.

Slovenian health statistics is almost fully centralised with the Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Slovenia being responsible for collecting, analysing and processing of all medical data. The Institute provides data (HFA; HSI etc.) for government and other institutions like WHO, UNICEF, World Bank etc.

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