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SVEPM PROPOSAL FORM FOR ORGANIZING A WORKSHOP

Please complete the expandable table below and return by email to the Honorary Secretary, Koen Mintiens at kmintiens@avia-gis.be.

<i>Title of the Workshop</i>	Basic Epidemiological Concepts
<i>Workshop facilitators</i> Please provide name, affiliation and email address Underline the name of the contact person One facilitator will receive free-registration to the SVEPM annual meeting	<u>Peter Cripps</u> University of Liverpool, pcripps@liv.ac.uk . Possibly additional facilitators (probably postgraduates) from my organisation but these are not essential
<i>Objectives and expected outcomes</i>	This workshop is aimed primarily but not exclusively at postgraduates early in their epidemiological career. At the end of the workshop participants will: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Have an improved understanding of a number of basic epidemiological concepts.Have experienced a style of group-based learning facilitation that is effective, friendly and non-threatening and they may find useful themselves when teaching the subject in the future.Understand that many other junior epidemiologists have difficulties with basic epidemiology and it's 'OK' to admit that you may not know/understand everything and ask for clarifications & explanations.Have met and started to 'network' with number of fellow postgraduate epidemiologists.
<i>Content and structure</i>	Before the workshop potential participants will be asked to provide suggested topics and these responses will be used to help inform the actual subjects covered. I do not intend to deal with many statistical concepts but if there are some



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	<p>that we could usefully cover then I will consider them.</p> <p>The workshop will be based upon a model that our group has used successfully for short courses in postgraduate & undergraduate epidemiology and will be based on people working in small groups and solving problems that have been chosen to illustrate particular concepts in epidemiology but which also allow consideration of wider epidemiological principles. Our experience has shown that these can work very well and that the discussions between participants can result in an impressive level of understanding.</p> <p>There will be a minimal element of 'didactic' lecturing although there will be plenary sessions when groups report and discuss their findings.</p>
<i>Materials provided by the facilitators</i>	<p>Printed sheets with some of the problems and also some basic definitions.</p> <p>Possibly a glossary of terms that may be useful later in the conference.</p> <p>Hand calculators or laptops may be helpful for doing very basic arithmetic but I suspect that the participants will already have there will be plenty of these.</p>
<i>Maximum number of participants</i>	<p>20 ideal maximum but (could be increased by increasing number of facilitators)</p>
<i>Assumed knowledge of participants</i>	<p>Level expected by postgraduates starting their first year of study with no specialist previous epidemiological training.</p> <p>Participant attitude – and in particular a willingness to learn and to work effectively in a group – is more important than previous</p>



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<i>Required meeting room set-up and equipment</i>	knowledge. Tables/desks suitable for groups of 4-6 individuals to work and discuss together. Laptop and facilities to display computer presentations. Whiteboard. Flipchart and suitable pens for them. Paper
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