

## **Newsletter - July 2000**

### **MILLION WOMEN STUDY – ONLINE!**

#### **Web site**

The Million Women Study is now online and can be found at the following web site:

<http://www.icnet.uk/research/studies/mws/>

The site begins with general information about the study, and then goes on to outline the study aims and methods. You can view the first questionnaire that was sent out, and also the second update questionnaire. There is a section on information for participants, which includes answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about the study. There is information on study progress, with some early findings, and links to papers published so far and past newsletters. The next section gives details of those involved in the Million Women Study. Finally, there are links to other relevant web sites and a contact address for the study.

Please log on to the web site and have a look!

#### **Recruitment nearly finished**

Many centres have finished sending out questionnaires and most others will finish within the next year. The study is currently on time and on target; this is thanks to the efforts of all collaborators, study staff and to women who completed a questionnaire.

#### **Update on follow-up**

The yellow follow-up questionnaire is currently being sent out from the Million Women Study co-ordinating centre in Oxford. A copy of this questionnaire was included with the last newsletter. If you would like to view this questionnaire online then please log on to the Million Women Study web site. The site also contains further information on the follow-up.

#### **Breast Cancers**

The annual Million Women Study follow-up through screening centres is now underway. Moya Simmonds, Elizabeth Hilton and Barbara Crossley have been visiting collaborating screening centres to gather information on breast cancers diagnosed in study participants. High quality data on over 2,000 breast cancers has been obtained to date, including information on tumour size, type, grade,

invasive status and lymph nodes. Results based on these 2,000 cancers will be presented at the annual collaborators' meeting in October (see below). Thanks are due to all screening centre staff for their fantastic ongoing co-operation in collecting this important data.

**October 2000: third annual meeting of the Million Women Study collaborators.**

The third annual meeting of the Million Women Study collaborators will take place on Monday the 16th of October 2000, from 11.00am to 3.30pm, at Lincoln's Inn Fields, in London. There will be talks about the progress of the study, and some preliminary results from the Million Women Study will be presented. Topics will include breast cancer, diet, fractures and recall at screening. There will also be the opportunity for collaborators to discuss the study and to provide their input.

There is an invitation and acceptance form attached to this newsletter. We very much hope that you can make it to London for the meeting.