1/ Who is obliged to fill in the questionnaire?

ACCU delegates are not expected to answer the questions personally.

We do expect one questionnaire for each Member State. However, in case different systems of social protection coexist, several questionnaires may be filled in for a Member State.

In that respect, a national institution in charge of social security matters or the competent services within a scientific organization could fill in the questionnaire.

However, it is the ACCU delegate’s sole responsibility to ensure that the questionnaire is filled in.

2/ In which language should it be filled in?

English or French, the two official languages of CERN.

3/ Is supporting documentation necessary?

Supporting documentation is welcome, especially if it mentions legal texts or references. If possible, please provide a documentation in English, French or German. In principle, the administration filling in the questionnaire (see question 1) should provide such documentation to the ACCU delegate.

Please note that one should not feel limited by the space available on the questionnaire. Should some answers need to be detailed, it is recommended to use an additional blank paper.

4/ Is there any deadline?

Questionnaires shall be sent back to CERN by 31 August 2002. This would enable CERN to make a short status report to ACCU at its September meeting.

5/ Why is this questionnaire not sent to the CERN delegates?

ACCU is the most suitable forum for discussing the issue. Indeed, the demands regarding social protection did primarily come from the Users who, in addition, have the responsibility to “take the necessary measures to safeguard themselves and the members of their family against the economic consequences of illness, accidents and disability”, when this protection is not offered by their employer.