Short summary

Informed pursuit of high response rates

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 Groves (2006: 668) gave a number of clear guidelines to survey methodologists in his paper on the relationship between Nonresponse Rates and Nonresponse Bias in Household Surveys, the first of which was: Blind pursuit of high response rates in probability samples is unwise; informed pursuit of high response rates is wise.

 At the ESRA conference in Lausanne 12 papers will presented on this topic by authors from a wide range of countries covering a wide range of studies.

 For the themed discussion a summary will be drafted of these 12 papers. This should be the base for a discussion on the feasibility of this approach, main themes, shared problems, differences between countries/modes, brilliant solutions, etc.