

## **Minutes WG 1 Meeting**

**24. November 2014**

**Liège**

**GIGA (B34 fifth floor)**

Avenue de l'hôpital 1

BE-4000 Liège (Sart-Tilman)

**Participants: Paulina Gomez Rubio, Giedrius Barauskas, Sonja Steigen, Eric Duell, Malte Buchholz**

- 1.) Welcome by Malte Buchholz**
- 2.) Report on short term scientific missions**

Paulina Gomez Rubio: Paulina is working with Nuria at CNIO; went to the lab of Carlo La Vecchia in Milan for 1,5 weeks. Aim: harmonization of questionnaires for epidemiological studies in pancreas research. 2 standardized questionnaires are planned to be made available through the COST website: a core questionnaire with the minimum information that should be enquired, and a collection of optional questions for additional areas of interest.

Drafts of both questionnaires will be circulated to COST members in the near future for commenting.

WG1 members commented that it needs to be determined if the questionnaires are targeted to be self-administered or to be interviewer-administered; in the latter case potential users should also be made aware of the need of proper training for interviewers.

Valentina Rosato: Valentina works with Carlo La Vecchia; has previously done a STSM in the lab of Eric Duell and is currently there for a second time. Aim: identify risk factors for development of pancreatic cancer in never-smokers.

**3.) Report on WG1 activities:**

Pancreas pathology: consensus paper will appear in *Pancreatology* (Sonja Steigen would appreciate a chance to look over and comment on the draft)

Teaching course in Madrid 4th to 6th December

Harmonization of sample collection/biobanking procedures: Large networks of biobanking initiatives exist; consensus/minimal requirements definitions are available (e.g MIABIS: Minimum Information About Biobank data Sharing; see BBMRI web site). Malte will explore the possibility to organize a COST-sponsored satellite session at the upcoming EPC meeting in Toledo (or an alternative pancreas-centered meeting) with a speaker from the biobanking community.

**4.) COST EU pancreas web site / WG1 contents**

Contents for WG1 "results" section: Teaching courses, consensus papers etc.; short descriptions (titles only) of short term scientific missions

"Networking" section: Eric is chair of the pancreas cancer working group within the EPIC consortium

Contact uploading information is Filipe Silva (fsilva@ipatumup.pt)

**5.) Any other business**

Nothing brought up

**6.) Date and place of next WG1 meeting**

Present WG1 members favor the option of attaching the next WG meeting to a larger meeting, i.e. the upcoming European Pancreatic Club meeting in Toledo. WG leaders (Malte/Irene) will clarify with COST office/Nuria if the EPC date (end of June) is suitable, since it is formally too late (COST year ends 31st May).