GEUVADIS CONFERENCE CALL

21.07.2011

15h-16hCEST

**Minutes**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Anne-Christine-Syvänen Syvanen; Mathias Brännvall; Peter Hoen, Anne Cambon-Thomsen; Thomas Meitinger; Tim Strom; Xavier Estivill; Gabrielle Bertier.

1. **Training recap**
	* Anne Cambon Thomsen: European Summer school recap

Diverse audience (several jurists). Abstracts will be published on the project intranet.

Session on ethical issues related to sequencing. Discussion on "Am I fine with having my genome sequenced and put in a database". Preliminary results of lab discussions presented, and further results will be published in a poster during the International Congress of Human Genetics in Montreal in October. Presentation from Xosé Fernandez, EBI - Databases available in Hinxton. Will be published on the intranet.

* + ENGAGE RNA-seq Course

**Date:**12th - 13th September 2011; **Venue:** EMBL-EBI, Hinxton
**Organisers:**Alvis Brazma and Gabriella Rustici
A reminder about the course will be sent to GEUVADIS members.

1. **Annual Meeting: programme accepted by TC participants**

Monday 28th November 2011

09:00 - 09:30 WP1, coordination and management update (X Estivill, G. Bertier)

09:30 - 13:00 WP2-7 update (WPL, 20 min. each)

14:30 - 18:00 Update on specific projects, general discussion and feedback from SAB

Tuesday 29th November 2011

09:00 - 13:00 Workshop: Medical NGS (Chair: Thomas Meitinger)

Presentation of news, cutting edge technologies and their use in the medical context. (ideas: recessive mutation screening; prenatal medical sequencing...)

* Suggestions of External Speakers can be made until the end of August. (Finalised during The Leena Peltonen School of Human Genomics 21-25 August 2011)
* Final workshop plan to be defined before the end of September.

14:30 - 18:00 Workshop: ELSI and NGS (Chair: Anne Cambon-Thomsen)

Meeting with external experts. Thorough analysis of the survey, positions analysed in the countries. General presentations of ethical aspects of sequencing. Literature review.

1. **WP5 update**

Link with the ESGI important to make, and might imply to reshape initial WP5 objectives. Plan for selection of 100-500 exomes to be sequenced in 3 or 4 centers (Idea: Parkinson's disease).

Mental retardation sub-group is moving on although the field is very competitive (Joris Veltman is working on it). Additional funding has to be explored. Collaborations with ERAnet for neurodegenerative disorders could be explored. Ideally, several disorders, rare and common, could be targeted for WP5. Systemic Lupus Erythematous (SLE) was suggested by Ann-Christine Syvanen). Plan has to be shaped before the annual meeting and finalised in Toulouse.

1. Role of **Illumina and AB** in the project has to be further defined so that their contribution is of greatest benefit to Consortium members.
2. **News:**
* Jane Miller will be recruited by Anne Cambon-Thomsen to work on Geuvadis.
* Mention of the EU call on multifactorial disorders by Xavier Estivill.

***Action points:***

- Annual Meeting: 29.11.2011 Workshop on Medical NGS. -Thomas Meitinger- Suggestions of External Speakers can be made until the **end of August**. (Leena Peltonen School 21-25 August 2011)

- WP5: Plan –Parkinson’s disease and mental retardation- has to be shaped **before the annual meeting** and finalised in Toulouse.