

25 October 2014

Dear colleagues,

Thanks for attending the updates meeting last Monday – enclosed are the minutes and a copy of the slides presented for your review. Also enclosed is a booklet with details of the 12 newly funded Centres of Excellence.

Firstly, for your information: As we discussed, one of the keys to success is to broker international collaborations. We already have an established collaboration with University College London (department on infection and population health). I have had some very positive preliminary discussions on collaboration with INSERM via prof Magnus Fontes that works within the same area as PERSIMUNE (<http://www.milieuinterieur.fr/en>). Yesterday, I also meet with prof Hans Stauss at the Royal Free Hospital that also has a shared interest on reactivation of CMV and other infection-related issues in transplant recipients.

There are several action points to follow up on – please review and respond as appropriate:

1. Formation of working groups (all) – please self-select for which group(s) you are interested in joining (welcome to join more than one). You can also nominate other key persons within your network/department, Send nominations to the PERSIMUNE secretariat (mail: persimune.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk) by 1st November:
 - a. Governance, decision making, collaboration with other institutions, and communication
 - b. Clinical data capture and analysis (clinical event case definition, ascertainment of events in cohort, clinical departments relationships, composition of “basic package of routine lab tests” to be done for all cohort participants, database (structure, functionality), statistical analysis)
 - c. Biobank (construction, procedures for sample collections, logistics on retrieval of biological samples for cohort participants, mapping of and explore access to existing material for potentially eligible cohorts)
 - d. Legal matters (permissions from data protection agency, ethical committees (ensure allowance to perform epigenetic analyses)
 - e. Genetics bioinformatics (host and microbial genetics)
 - f. Immunology
 - g. Imaging
2. Finalisation of three-party (RH, DG and Jens) contract for the award incl defining the extent of host institution co-financing (Jens, Jesper and Andreas)
3. Concept sheet for what PERSIMUNE will do and what is required for involved departments to directors of Rigshospitalet to ensure leadership support (Jens, Jesper and Andreas to develop draft for circulation)
4. A series of meetings will be organised for each of the working groups (PERSIMUNE secretariat to circulate doodles early November)
5. Next group status update meeting (teleconference possibility for those not physically present) with updates on progress within each working group – likely to occur in December - (PERSIMUNE secretariat to circulate doodles early November).

I plan to update the group biweekly- stay tuned.

Thanks,
Jens