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Dear all,

This is the third biweekly update on the formation of the PERSIMUNE Centre of Excellence (CoE).

1. The signing of the three party contract (DNRF, RH and me) seems reasonable to expect to occur next week or the week thereafter. There is a subsequent important process in preparation to ensure that leadership within the hospital and fully briefed on the vision and operational activities of the CoE.
2. The directors of the hospital has agreed to rent 500 m2 space for the headquarter of the CoE – negotiations with the renter is ongoing – will announce location once signature of lease is placed. There will be meeting facilities, and space for researchers to work.
3. We have progressed with organising meetings of several of the working groups (if you have not part of the working group but wants to participate, please take action) – it is critically important for you to engage in these working groups as they are formed, since important decisions will be made that have long-term consequences for the work of the CoE:
 - a. Clinical (lead: Marie Helleberg): **Wednesday 17th December from 16.30-17.30, conference room – section 8632.**
 - b. Biobank (lead Henrik Ullum): doodle to be completed by end of business 25th November: <http://doodle.com/4qknw427b33c2bq9>
4. Bioinformatics: Wednesday 4th February, 09.00-14.00 + preparatory teleconferences to be scheduled by completing this doodle by end of November: <http://doodle.com/rabqn384a8yn46wq>
5. Scheduling of the governance and immunology working groups will be announced early in coming week.

Several have asked for when the specifics of the research agenda will be discussed. I am not ready to outline this just yet – the organisation of the CoE including decision processes needs to be agreed on by the governance group before that. However, it is always good and constructive to start thinking of focused research questions (as I know several of you have done already).

I will be back in two weeks from now.

Please give feedback if you have comments or questions – a lot of activities and a lot of people involved so we need to stay fully connected (plan to launch relevant platforms on social media once contract is signed).

Thanks,

Jens