



BBMRI-ERIC

Biobanking and
BioMolecular resources
Research Infrastructure

BBMRI-ERIC in a Global Setting: MoU with China

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BBMRI-ERIC Statutes Art. 3

3. To fulfil its tasks, BBMRI-ERIC shall in particular:
- (a) grant effective access to its resources and services in accordance with the rules defined in these Statutes to the European research community, composed of researchers from Members;
 - (b) improve the interoperability between Biobanks and Biological Resource Centres of Members;
 - (c) implement quality management including standardised procedures, best practices and appropriate tools to increase the quality of the resources collected and their associated data;
 - (d) promote continuous enrichment of resources in Biobanks and associated data in order to maintain an adequate supply of specimens to keep up with the demands of the scientific community as well as to ensure continuous enrichment of the information associated with and generated by the analysis of biobanked samples. It shall contribute to increased use and dissemination of knowledge as well as optimisation of the results of biobank-based research activities throughout Europe;

Art. 3 cont'

- (e) establish and operate Common Services for the European biobanking community;
- (f) perform research services for public and private institutions;
- (g) establish and implement technological developments related to the resources and services;
- (h) provide training and facilitate mobility of researchers to support the establishment of new Biobanks and Biomolecular Resource Centres to strengthen and structure the European Research Area;
- (i) establish international relationships and launch joint activities with other European and non-European organisations concerned with its activities and in related fields, and when appropriate become a member of such organisations;
- (j) undertake any other activity necessary to fulfil its tasks.

Work Programme 2015

Table 1: Working Groups

Working Group 1: H2020 / Chair: Prof. Maria Luisa Lavitrano, BBMRI.it

Working Group 2: *Partner Charter / Chair: Prof. Anu Jalanko, BBMRI.fi - completed*

Working Group 3: Euro-Mediterranean Engagement / Chair: Prof. Alex Felice, BBMRI.mt

Working Group 4: Clinical Biobanks / Chair: Prof. Michael Hummel, BBMRI.de

Working Group 5: China Engagement / Chair: Dr. Georges Dagher, BBMRI.fr

Working Group 6: Sub-Saharan Africa Engagement / Chair: Prof. Kurt Zatloukal, BBMRI.at

Working Group 7: BBMRI-ERIC Catalogue/ Chair: Prof. Jan-Eric Litton, BBMRI-ERIC.eu

Working Group 8: Financial Workflow / Chair: MSc Markus Pasterk, BBMRI-ERIC.eu

Working Group 9: Rare Diseases / Chair: Dr. Luca Sangiorgi, Italian Delegate AoM

Working Group 10: Journal Proposal / Chair: Dr. Georges Dagher, BBMRI.fr

Working Group 11: Archived Tissue / Chair: Prof. Kurt Zatloukal, BBMRI.at; Prof. Giorgio Stanta, BBMRI.it

Working Group 12: Infectious Diseases / Chair: Dr. Sissy Kolyva, BBMRI.gr

BBMRI-ERIC - China priorities

- invitation of an official Chinese delegation to our Governance Meetings (both to the Assembly of Members Sessions as well as the Management Committee) for stronger governmental exchange;
- development of a joint staff exchange programme for biobank manager and administrator for improved operational exchange
- development of a joint fellowship programme for junior biobank scientists and operator for technology transfer
- involvement of Chinese cohorts in our grant applications to intensify the joint use of resources and foster collaborative research
- development of a EU-China Workshop series for specific aspects of biobanking, e.g. Ethical and legal aspects, IT solutions for biobanking connections, Lexicon development and translation, implementation of ISO and CEN quality norms, outreach activities into other Asian countries,
- potential formal involvement of China in BBMRI-ERIC in the future.

EU-China meeting 17/10/2014

会议日程 / Meeting Agenda

日期/Date	10月17号, 周五 / Friday, 17 th Oct, 2014
时间/Time	下午3点到5点 / 03:00 pm - 05:00 pm
地点/Location	贵宾厅, 北京前门建国饭店, 永安路175号 / #175, Yong'an Road
会议内容 Meeting Menu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 中欧如何开展生物样本库国际合作的讨论 EU-China biobanking Cooperation programme discussion➤ 欧洲创新科技论坛_2015: 中欧科研合作论坛的可能性 EU Science: Global Challenges, Global Collaboration_2015
参会/Attendee	胡忆虹; 王彭; 甘荣兴; 张勇; 范锦立; 宋宇彤 Birgit Murr; Markus Pasterk; Georges Dagher; Jim Vaught

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Summary Minutes of the BBMRI-ERIC - China meeting Beijing, October 17, 2014

Delegates from both BBMRI-ERIC and Chinese Biobanking area have agreed to meet along the along the 3rd International Conference on the Standard Construction of Beijing Biobank of Clinical Resources to discuss further collaboration. The Agenda of the meeting is attached.

Prof. Gan pointed out that within China the discipline of Biobanking has given a high priority in several regions, most prominently in Beijing (Beijing Biobank of Clinical Resources) and Shanghai (Shanghai Clinical Research Center) through the local Municipality S&T authorities and in Chenzhen (BGI-China National GeneBank) via National Funding. There is agreement within China to coordinate activities and improve and speed up cooperation and collaborative efforts especially with Europe via BBMRI-ERIC. There is currently a new law under preparation dealing with "Human genetic resource management" which likely will put the office China Human Genetic Resource Management (China National Center for Biotechnology Development) of the Ministry of Science and Technology into a coordinating role.

The group identified a series of short, mid and long term objectives:

Short term: project-based collaboration; implementation of ISO standards; Harmonization of Datasets; series of joint symposia on specific topics

Mid term: approach funding agencies for processing international collaborative research; develop an International Conference Series

Long term: organizational cooperation and evaluation of membership within BBMRI-ERIC

The group felt that a Steering Group should be set up to organize (and meet regularly) and follow up on the discussed issues and report back to the National authorities. Candidates would be Profs. Wang, Gan and Zhang from the Chinese side and Dr. Dagher and Mr. Pasterk from the BBMRI-ERIC side.

Thank you!

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