

CEMBO Meeting Minutes

14.12.2021, 2:00 p.m., on-line *via* MS Teams

Attendees:

Bujdaková H. (HB), Kikhney J. (JK), Zaat S.A.J. (SZ), Riool M. (MR), vd Ploeg K. (KP), Vargová J. (JV), Radochová B. (BR)

Program

- Summarizing tasks of the last meeting (8.10.2021)
- Deliverables planned for the next 3 months

Summarizing tasks of the last meeting (8.10.2021)

Biosparq company will be removed from the project using simplified approval procedure. The official justification will be included in the periodical report in February/March 2022.

Staff exchange, deliverable D2.3 was completed for this year by the visit of BR and PhD. student, Nitin Chandra Teja Dadi to Biofilmcenter at the German Heart Institute Berlin/MoKi Analytics, Germany. The aim was to study antibiofilm properties of materials developed at CU and quorum sensing molecule farnesole on single and mixed biofilms formed by *Candida albicans* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. Report from the visit will be a part of annual/periodical report in February/March 2022.

Expert visit report, deliverable D2.1 was completed. MR visited the research group of Prof. Bujdakova at the Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia from 29th of November to 2nd of December 2021. The aim of visit was advice and guidance on management of the administrative procedures, providing a scientific talk, discussion about joined research, completing program for the workshop scheduled for the 15th December, discussion on timing and content of the training school scheduled for spring 2022.

Deliverable D3.1 Definition of intellectual property and research vision has been prepared with the help of all participants and has been submitted.

Deliverables/tasks planned for the next 3 months:

D3.4 Workshop on possibilities / Polymicrobial infection analysis, diagnosis and prevention

Responsible institution – AMC

Date of the workshop – 15th of December 2021

Deadline for report submission - 31th of December 2021

Discussion:

- The name and the topic of workshop has been changed.
- The intention of the workshop is to train the ESRs and YCIs within the CEMBO project. Moreover, the workshop gives an overview of the current developments within the polymicrobial infection research, providing insight in novel techniques and connections to international companies and research groups.
- The workshop will be held on-line, from 12.30 to 16.20 with 3 sessions, overall, 5 presentations.

D2.2 Organization of Training school 1 - "Standardization of biofilm evaluation; current trends"

Responsible institution – AMC

Deadline – 31st October 2021 – new date 31. May 2022

Discussion:

- MR offered official justification for delay and postponing the training school for spring 2022.
- It is planned to combine the training school with another EU project, the Marie Curie ITN training network STIMULUS on reducing healthcare associated infections.
- Deliverable will be different as well as budget will be kept strictly separated
- All of requirements met with agreement. The training school will have its own deviation periodic report in section 5 explaining positive aspects of having such synergy in between two EU projects.

D3.5 Organization of Training school 2 - “FISHing for biofilms”

Responsible institution – CHAR

Deadline – 30th April 2022

Discussion:

- Possibility of moving TS to February/March
- Or combine it with another training school organized by CHAR in September 2022 will be
- Discussion with the EU officer

Preparation of meeting in May/June 2022 in Bratislava

-The first reporting period will end on 28th of February 2022. Then 60 days are available to complete and submit the periodic and financial reports.

CU will organize a review day meeting. Because of lockdown associated with Corona virus, budget at CU was not spent for previously organized workshops; CU would like to organize extra workshop in the topic of mixed biofilms?

Other tasks resulting from the meeting:

Using Zenodo platform

Responsible person: MR will have a look on how the platform works and KP will create an account. Provided data from the new article will be added to the platform.

Deadline: until the next meeting/until the end of the year 2021