

CEMBO Meeting Minutes

30.9.2022, 13:00 p.m., on-line *via* MS Teams

Attendees:

Bujdáková H. (HB), Bujdák J. (JB), Zaat B. (BZ), Riool M. (MR), Kikhney J. (JK), Radochová B. (BR), vd Ploeg K. (KV), Vargová J. (JV), Voronkina I. (IV), Bugyna L. (LB)

Program

- Mid-term report has been successfully completed in SyGMA system
- Introduction of new CU team members; dr. Voronkina and dr. Bugyna -
The researchers from Ukraine were trained by the CEMBO team for laboratory, research, and administrative work.
- Discussion about ongoing deliverables & milestones with new date set for their postponements.

Deliverable 2.1: Expert visit report (Short term exchange between partners with visit reports incl. in annual reports M24)

Relevant Milestone M4 Annual report on annual visits of experts

Responsible institution: AMC

Deadline for deliverable: 30th November 2021

- JK & MR prepared the report from their visit of CU, Slovakia in March 2022.
The short report may be added to already completed M4, the annual report on expert visit (month M12). The last short report (M36) may be also added to the M4, and all annual reports will be part of the Final report M3 (M36), as well.
- There was a suggestion to combine the International conference (IC) in December 2022 in Slovakia with expert visits from AMC and from CHAR.

Deliverable 2.3. Staff Exchange program report

Relevant Milestone M6 Final Staff exchange report incl. courses & seminars

Responsible institution: CU

Deadline for M6: 30th November 2022 (incorrectly scheduled in SyGMA system, discussed with PO, it will be changed to 2023 shortly.)

Suggestions for near future: AMC, CHAR, CU

- PhD. students (Bear and Laura Kursawe) from CHAR can prolong their stay in December 2022 after IC at CU (experimental work) or before the IC.
- A small group of 4-5 PhD. students from AMC can visit CU for a short stay of 1 week in spring April/May 2023 (mixed biofilm/in vivo models).
- After T3 in May 2023 a short visit of PhD. students from CU to AMC is suggested (in vivo models).
- Discussion with PO on the ethics requirements towards in vivo experiments has been initiated.
- Another short visit of 1 AMC student to Berlin, incl. a student from CU Team if so + BR is always welcome for a short visit in Berlin.

Deliverable 2.4: International conference at CU “Hot topics in Microbiology” (IC)

Responsible institution: CU

Deadline for deliverable: 30th of November 2022 (will be postponed till 15th December 2022)

- IC is scheduled for the 7 – 10th of December 2022 in Bratislava, Hotel Sorea Regia in the old town. The proposed start is late afternoon on the 7th (Wednesday) and finish on the 9th (Friday) evening. On 10th (Saturday) round table will be planned for members of CEMBO team only.
- Text in logo of the conference has been modified “Hot Topics in Microbiology, Keywords: Resistance, Biofilm, Antimicrobial materials”.
- 6 invited senior speakers from CEMBO team or externally, at least 2 of them will be proposed by each institution (CU, AMC, and CHAR). Each group ensures contacting them and speakers confirm their participation, names, and titles for our tentative IC agenda. The proposed presentations of the senior speakers will be for max. 20 minutes, followed by 5-10-minute discussion.
- Target group of the IC will be young scientists, PhD. students and their supervisors, maximum 50-60 participants.
- Firstly, CU, AMC and CHAR will propose number of their participants and the rest will be offered members of STIMULUS, SURFSAFE. The IC will be organized in cooperation of the Czechoslovak Society for Microbiology.
- Participants will have oral presentations (15 min) or poster presentations (5 min) with a data projector. As the target group are young scientists, the priority is to practice oral presentation. Place and form of presenting posters is still in discussion (digitally/printed form/after each session during coffee break/special interactive session with smaller groups).
- The number of students will be also confirmed: 5 PhD students from Amsterdam confirmed to join the conference, so that is Deeksha Rajkumar, Laure van Hofwegen, Nikitha Vavilthota, Gizem Babuccu and Clara Guarch-Pérez. CHAR has confirmed at least 2 of them for now.
- Registration & abstract submission has been planned until the 31st of October 2022, sent to CEMBO email, posted on CEMBO page.
- The registration fee must be paid by the 15th of November 2022 (covers the accommodation 3 nights, full board, a special event, conference materials).
- The flyer dissemination will be spread through social media, CEMBO homepage, National Office for Horizon in Slovakia.
- The abstract book will be available only for IC participants through QR code.

Deliverable 3.5: Organization of Training School ‘FISHing for biofilms’ (T2)

Relevant milestone M9 Output from training, organization of T2 by the 31st of May 2023

Responsible institution: CHAR

Deadline for M9: 31st of May 2023

- T2 was split into 3 parts: visit of JK of CU BA Team in March, followed by additional very late summer school “Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)” that will be completed by the end of November.
- 4 students from CU have been registered, AMC to be confirmed.
- The report should be provided from JK after the 3rd. part of T2 for the 2nd and 3rd element, so the paperwork can be documented for the final CEMBO report and amended in M9.

Deliverable 3.6. Organization of T3

Responsible institution: AMC

Deadline for deliverable: 28th of February 2023

- T3 is scheduled for the 24-26th of May 2023. KV will communicate postponement with PO until the mid-June by 15th June 2023.
- MR will provide an explanation report with the focus on why the fusion with DARTBAC is relevant for CEMBO. Perhaps the justification of a delay needs to be provided for the final CEMBO report in Section 5 of Deviations (in discussion with PO).

Deliverable 3.7 Organization of T4

Responsible institution: CU

Deadline for deliverable: 31st of May 2023

- KV will communicate postponement with PO: the proposed organization will take a part in September; therefore, the new due date is suggested by 30th September 2023.
- The short explanation with how to follow the sequentiality of the training schools for CEMBO project is followed and discussed furthermore with PO.

Deliverable D4.3. Progress in publishing papers

Responsible institution: AMC

Deadline for deliverable: 30th of September 2023

- Mutual ideas for joint publications of all partners: CHAR has got 1 publication under review.

Milestone M12 Appointment of external advisors

Responsible institution: CU

Deadline for M12: 31st of August 2023

- The process has been initiated as per suggestions of CU Team: 1 researcher of medical faculty, 1 teacher of Highschool and 1 member of a private company. These people will be informed about goals and objectives of the CEMBO project during the meeting with CU team. The output will be discussed with partners.

Tasks resulting from the meeting

- Milestones will be posted on CEMBO website and amended in SyGMA system. JK will go through them if the content can be public.
- Once all speakers of the IC agree with the participation, CU team will create the program.
- The information about IC will be disseminated as per discussed above.
- Suggestion of a journal for publishing of the IC abstracts will be followed.

- The communication with PO regarding the new due dates of agreed deliverables & milestones will be managed (KV).
- The first contact meeting of CEMBO external advisors will take a part.
- Other issues to be discussed with PO: an update on the ethic committee in the case of working with animal models; re-opening of the deliverables or amending of relevant milestones in case of annual reports.