

European Network on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

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Agenda

29 - 30 September 2016, Riga, Latvia

29 September 2016	Core Group meeting
	<p>Modra Murovska, Eliana Lacerda, Uldis Berķis WG 1 - Jesus Castro-Marrero (Spain) WG 2 - Carmen Scheibenbogen (Germany) WG 3 - Derek Pheby (UK) WG 4 - Elin Bolle Strand (Norway) WG 5 - Evelina Shikova-Lekova (Bulgaria), WG 6 - Lorenzo Lorusso (Italy)</p>
10.00 – 10.10	Welcome Modra Murovska, COST chair
10.10 – 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reports of the WG leaders on the present achievements, identified problems and ways to overcome; - Report of the STSM coordinator on the 1st year visit plans; - Discussion on the ways (reporting forms) of evaluation; - Other actual questions.
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch time</i>
	Work Group Meetings
	Discussion on first period work tasks
13.00 – 16.15	Chair Jesus Castro-Marrero (Spain), Vice-leader Slobodan Sekulic (Serbia) WG on epidemiology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore of ways to collect population based data on the prevalence of ME/CFS, - Explore of the potential of existing cohorts, - Review the characteristics of existing clinical databases maintained by collaborating institutions, - Survey existing epidemiological data on ME/CFS in participating countries
13.00 – 16.15	Chair Carmen Scheibenbogen (Germany), Vice-leader Enrica Capelli



	<p>(Italy)</p> <p>WG on biomarkers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish special interest groups within the network able to take fragmented research in a harmonised way, - Survey in EU countries existing data on potential immunological biomarkers of ME/CFS (cytokine profiles, lymphocyte subsets, adjuvant use epidemiology), - Survey in EU countries existing data on potential infection-associated biomarkers of ME/CFS (viral, bacterial and fungal infections), - Survey in EU countries existing data on potential genetic and epigenetic biomarkers, - Survey in EU countries existing data on neuro-imaging biomarkers.
13.00 – 16.15	<p>Chair Derek Pheby (UK), Vice-leader Julian Blanco (Spain)</p> <p>WG on socio-economics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey in EU countries existing data on economic loss due to ME/CFS, - Analyse existing clinical criterions guidelines in order to find-out optimal criteria set allowing excluding over-diagnostic and un-diagnostic, <p>Develop approaches to calculate direct economic loss due to ME/CFS.</p>
13.00 – 16.15	<p>Chair Elin Bolle Strand (Norway), Vice-leader Jerome Authier (France)</p> <p>WG on clinical research enablers and diagnostic criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey clinical criterions used in EU countries to set-up diagnosis of ME/CFS, - Analyse existing clinical criterions guidelines in order to find-out optimal criteria set allowing excluding over-diagnostic and un-diagnostic, - Survey in EU countries existing data on neurological picture of ME/CFS (including association with similar diseases and symptoms, like fibromyalgia), - Analyse the used ME/CFS treatment and its efficacy/safety in order to find-out optimal treatment approaches lowering severity of clinical course.
13.00 – 16.15	<p>Chair Evelina Shikova-Lekova (Bulgaria)</p> <p>WG on conferences, seminars, training schools</p>
13.00 – 16.15	<p>Chair Lorenzo Lorusso (Italy), Vice-leader Anne Marit Mengshoel (Norway)</p> <p>WG on dissemination and exploitation, patient involvement, digitalisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create project webpage, - Survey of existing small/medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and ICT industries in each participating country in order to develop collaborative research.



13.00 – 16.15	Chair Els Tobback (Belgium), Vice-coordinator Carmen Adella Sirbu (Romania) STSM coordination: - Analyse of target group (PhD students/candidates, ECIs, young principal investigators, researchers, clinicians, health policy makers, patients) for training events, - Explore capacity and background for training in collaborating institutions, - Develop questionnaire to select candidates for training events.
17:00 – 18:00	Guided tour around the national Library of Latvia
18.00 – 20.00	Official Dinner at the restaurant “Klīversala”
30 September 2016	Management Committee meeting
	Chair Modra Murovska , Vice-chair Eliana Lacerda , LV - Uldis Berkis BG - Evelina Shikova-Lekova DK - Henrik Nielsen FR - Jerome Authier FR – Jean-Dominique De Korwin DE - Carmen Scheibenbogen DE - Thomas Harrer IT - Lorenzo Lorusso IT - Enrica Capelli NO - Anne Marit Mengshoel NO - Elin B Strand RO - Magdalena Budisteanu RS - Slobodan Sekulic ES - Jesus Castro-Marrero ES - Julia Blanco UK - Derek Pheby UK – Luis Nacul
10.00 – 12.00	- Reports of the WG leaders on the perspective work plans for the next period and realization approaches;
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch time</i>
13.00 – 14.30	- Approval of short-term visits’ plan; - Report of Dr. Eliana Lacerda and Dr. Luis Nacul on the 3project draft for the Horizon 2020;
14.30 – 15.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.00 – 17.00	- Discussion and other actual questions; - MC decisions Concluding remarks (Modra Murovska, Eliana Lacerda, Uldis Berkis).





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