
NEOH UPDATES, AUGUST 2016

- **NEOH CONSORTIUM:**
 - Currently 186 NEOH members and associates; the consortium list can be found on Alfresco: <https://team.swisstph.ch/page/site/neh/documentlibrary#filter=path%7C%2FConsortium%2520list%7C&page=1>
 - MC observer: A new MC observer has been accepted, namely Dr Cecile Aenishaenslin, University of Montreal

- **NEOH WG UPDATES:**
 - **WG1: HANDBOOK DEVELOPMENT**
 - MILESTONE! The draft handbook is complete and has been shared with WG2 for application.
 - Training on the use of the handbook was provided at a training school in Novi Sad (see next item).
 - **WG2: SELECTION OF CASE STUDIES; SURVEY ON ONE HEALTH STATUS IN PARTNER COUNTRIES:**
 - In June, a successful and inspiring WG2 meeting and training school on “Evaluation: How to apply the evaluation framework, protocol and index” has taken place in Novi Sad, Serbia, see the report here <http://neh.onehealthglobal.net/training-schools/>
 - Various One Health evaluation case studies are under way with the aim for completion at the end of the year and presentation at the Malta meeting
 - WG2 has circulated a questionnaire for a survey that enquires about the One Health status in NEOH countries; NEOH members have been asked to circulate the survey in their countries. **If you have not done that yet, please make an effort to send it to relevant people in your country following the instructions** given by Sara Savic, Daniele de Meneghi and Francesco Castelli are leading this and are happy to provide further information to interested people.
 - **WG3: LITERATURE REVIEW**
 - WG3 members are planning a literature review on evaluation of One Health initiatives to include them in a meta-analysis. If you are aware of evaluations of One Health, please get in touch with Vladimir Grosbois and Sandra Buttigieg.
 - A dedicated WG3 meeting will take place over three days in September or October 2017 in Macedonia.
 - **WG4: STAKEHOLDER MEETING AND LEAFLET:**
 - Following the Brussels workshop, WG4 members are working on stakeholder engagement to elaborate a plan for dissemination and uptake of the NEOH handbook and its outcomes
 - WG4 members are preparing a NEOH leaflet for distribution in different countries.

- **NEXT NEOH MEETINGS:**
 - The next NEOH meeting will be the European **workshop on One Health/Ecohealth** at BESPO in Brussels on the 6th and 7th of October <http://neh.onehealthglobal.net/events/workshops/>



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NEOH is a co-organiser of this event and the MC has agreed to sponsor the attendance of 15 NEOH members who have been selected upon application and been officially invited.

- The next full meeting (MC meeting and WG meetings) will take place on the 16th and 17th of January 2017 in Malta. The draft programme will be shared soon.

• DISSEMINATION: CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS

- Daniele de Meneghi, Katinka de Balogh and Manuela Vilhena published the **article “Experiences of international networks for collaborative education and research using the One Health approach”** in the Italian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Global Health discussing NEOH and other One Health networks. The paper is available for download at <http://www.simetweb.eu/document/3847>
- **Marilena Filippitzi** gave an **oral presentation** on NEOH at the Science Week of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. <http://neoh.onehealthglobal.net/front-page-news/neoh-presentation-at-science-week/> This attendance was sponsored by NEOH as a dissemination activity.
- **Barbara Haesler** gave an **oral presentation** on NEOH at the **ESOF 2016** conference (<http://www.esof.eu/>) in Manchester in July 2016. <http://neoh.onehealthglobal.net/front-page-news/neoh-talk-at-euroscience-open-forum/> This opportunity was kindly created by various COST staff members. Barbara also gave an interview on NEOH for the printed magazine of Pan European Networks. The interview will be published in the September edition.
- **John Rossen, Luca Guardabassi** and colleagues presented a **NEOH poster in the ESCMID networking corner** at the 26th ECCMD conference, 9-12 April 2016: https://www.escmid.org/escmid_publications/escmid_elibrary/?q=networking%20corner%20016
- **Jože Starič** et al had a poster presentation at the **16th International Conference on Production Diseases in Farm Animals** in Wageningen, the Netherlands <http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Expertise-Services/Research-Institutes/livestock-research/show/16th-International-Conference-on-Production-Diseases-in-Farm-Animals-.htm>
- **Richard Kock** promoted NEOH at **One Health workshop** organised by the British Veterinary Association.
- There will be various **oral and poster presentations** by NEOH members at the upcoming **Ecohealth/One Health workshop** that will be held on the 6th and 7th of October in Brussels.
- **Eva Haxton, Spela Sinigoj, and Ana Riviere Cinnamond** have an accepted **poster presentation** at the **4th International One Health Congress & 6th Biennial Congress of the International Association for Ecology & Health** to be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne Australia from 3 - 7 December 2016.
- **Manuscripts:**
 - Simon Ruegg et al (26 authors) submitted a manuscript on “One Health - a necessity for a sustainable 21st century – under review
 - Richard Kock, Julie Garnier and Kevin Queenan with co-authors have an advanced draft of a “Roadmap to a One Health Agenda 2030”.
 - David Adamson (U o Queensland, Australia) is working on a manuscript on “Decision Making and One-Health: What can we learn from IPM?” (Abstract: A key realisation in the development of an economist is that the tools and techniques learnt can generally be applied to all problems. By extrapolating from that step this paper debates that the



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economic foundations of one-health are identical to the economics of integrated pest management (IPM). If this argument holds true, then the rules applicable to IPM are equally applicable to One-Health. This linkage of concepts then provides practitioners of One-Health with access to a new source of detailed historical literature identifying both the positives and negatives associated with the adoption, adaptation and evolution of IPM. These findings then may provide One-Health decision makers from stumbling into the same errors as the development of IPM policy).

- Roberto Esposito (Italian Institute of Health) is leading work on a publication on One Health governance
- We do have an unused Early Career Investigator Conference grant, see website <http://neoh.onehealthglobal.net/early-career-investigator-conference-grant/> – please do apply and/or ask your junior colleagues to apply!
- Please remember the **COST Guidelines** for the dissemination of COST Action results and outcomes, available at <http://www.cost.eu/media/dissemination-corporate-identity>. COST must **orally be acknowledged during all news media interviews, conferences and events where COST Action representatives give a public presentation or participate to a session or panel. Please make sure that you acknowledge COST when you represent NEOH at conferences!** Concerning scientific publications, the guidelines stress the importance of including the following **standard acknowledgement**: “This article is based upon work from COST Action (name and/or initials), supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)”. **Please make sure to add this to your NEOH publications!**
- **NEOH STSMS:**
 - The 6th call for STMS has been published <http://neoh.onehealthglobal.net/short-term-scientific-missions/>
 - STSMS have been completed successfully by
 - Sandra Buttigieg (Malta) at the University of Zurich
 - Julie Garner (France) at the Royal Veterinary College
 - Ilias Chantizaras (Belgium) at the University of Copenhagen
 - Further STSMS have been approved for Gabrielle Laing (UK), Mijalce Santa (Macedonia), and Roberto Esposito (Italy).
 - All completed and signed off reports are made available on our NEOH website: <http://neoh.onehealthglobal.net/short-term-scientific-missions/>
- **NEWS FROM COST:**
 - Mafalda has shared statistics on the performance of NEOH in terms of gender, inclusiveness country balance, etc (attached below). While we are doing very well on some indicators (gender, ECI), the budget allocated to inclusiveness countries is way below the 50% target established by COST and this issue has been flagged by Mafalda with a request to improve this. Hence, I would like to ask you all, but in particular the inclusiveness country members, to **suggest strategies to promote the involvement of participants from inclusiveness countries.** Please add your thoughts and suggestions to the discussion thread on Alfresco: https://team.swisstph.ch/page/site/neoh/discussions-topicview?topicId=post-1466701283110_527&listViewLinkBack=true . We have had very limited interest for STSMS



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from inclusiveness countries and it would be nice if you could also think about this when putting together your suggestions in Alfresco.

- One specific activity discussed with Mafalda refers to **attracting more inclusiveness countries** to participate in NEOH – if we can engage four more countries, we will get a respective budget increase, which would help us to organise a workshop specifically targeting evaluation capacity building in these countries/regions. Please **add your suggestions and thoughts** on this to Alfresco: https://team.swisstph.ch/page/site/neoh/discussions-topicview?topicId=post-1466700954958_6096&listViewLinkBack=true
 - The NEOH mid-term report is due in November
 - COST has a new director since June 2016, namely Dr Ronald de Bruin <http://www.cost.eu/media/newsroom/New-COSTAssociation-Director>
- **NEOH WEBSITE:** Provides all relevant information on NEOH activities, news, events, etc.; professionally and efficiently maintained by Iona (iona.edmonstone@gmail.com).
 - **Please don't forget to send your One Health and/or evaluation news to Iona and subscribe to our news section if you haven't done so yet (at the bottom of each NEOH webpage)**

Thank you for reading!