
NEOH UPDATES, MARCH 2016

- **NEOH CONSORTIUM:**
 - Currently 177 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 members: New MC member for Germany is Dr Martin Hamer
 - Lead roles: New WG3 co-leader is Prof. Sandra Buttigieg; new editorial board leader is Dr Helen O’Shea
- **NEOH WG UPDATES:**
 - **WG1: HANDBOOK DEVELOPMENT**
 - A first handbook draft (<https://team.swisstph.ch/page/site/neh/document-details?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/76b2853e-a5ee-4116-ae6b-e11ab392526f>) was presented and discussed at the MC and working groups meeting in Lisbon and next steps and contributions were agreed. The minutes from the MC meeting were circulated and can be found on Alfresco.
 - A workshop on “Evaluation of data and information sharing in One Health initiatives” will take place at the University of Copenhagen on the 20-21 of April 2016. This meeting will provide further input for the handbook.
 - **WG2: SELECTION OF CASE STUDIES; SURVEY ON ONE HEALTH STATUS IN PARTNER COUNTRIES:**
 - WG2 has compiled a list of potential case studies to apply and test the handbook developed
 - In June, a WG2 meeting and training school on “Evaluation: How to apply the evaluation framework, protocol and index” will take place in Novi Sad, Serbia
 - WG2 is finalizing a questionnaire for a survey that enquires about the One Health status in NEOH countries; the aim is to ask NEOH MC members to complete the survey. Sara Savic will be happy to provide further information to interested people.
 - **WG3: LITERATURE REVIEW**
 - Because Prof. Chinwe Ifeijka Speranza had to step back from her MC position for Germany because of moving to Switzerland, we needed to identify a new WG3 co-leader. **Prof. Sandra Buttigieg** (Malta) volunteered for this role and was accepted unanimously by the MC.
 - 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.



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- **WG4: STAKEHOLDER MEETING AND LEAFLET:**
 - WG4 members held a successful stakeholder workshop in Brussels with good representation from different stakeholder organisations. The presentations given by different stakeholders were stimulating and we were able to collect useful comments and feedback for the management of NEOH. Programme and presentations can be downloaded here: <http://neoh.onehealthglobal.net/events/workshops/>. The full workshop report will be uploaded to the website shortly.
 - WG4 members are preparing a NEOH leaflet for distribution in different countries.
- **NEXT NEOH MEETINGS:**
 - The next NEOH meeting will be the **workshop on “Evaluation of data and information sharing in One Health initiatives”** at the University of Copenhagen, 20-21 of April 2016; the draft programme can be found on Alfresco: <https://team.swisstph.ch/page/site/neoh/document-details?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/78259cf7-685b-47c7-b6e2-37284ff48ac9>
 - The **WG2 meeting and training school on “Evaluation: How to apply the evaluation framework, protocol and index”** will take place in Novi Sad, Serbia, 28th of June to 1st of July 2016; the details agreed can be found on Alfresco: <https://team.swisstph.ch/page/site/neoh/document-details?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/122c25f0-da1c-47f2-911a-f891f4a31ea9>
- **DISSEMINATION: CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS**
 - **Simon Ruegg** presented a NEOH **poster** at the conference **Swiss Forum on Conservation Biology (SWIFCOB) 16** on “Does biodiversity make you healthy?”. The conference report is available for download from the conference website (report in German): <http://www.naturwissenschaften.ch/service/events/47912-swifcob-16-macht-biodiversitaet-gesund->
 - **Barbara Haesler** and **Maria Garza** mentioned NEOH when they were **interviewed** about One Health for **IVSA's Veterinary Public Health Journal** https://issuu.com/ivsaveterinarypublichealthjournal/docs/ivsa_vphi_6th_edition_dba407b412c0e4
 - An abstract on NEOH has been **accepted** to give a **presentation at the conference ESOF 2016** <http://www.esof.eu/> in Manchester in July 2016 on “Network for Evaluation of One Health (NEOH): Working together to promote better health for humans, animals and the environment”.
 - **John Rossen, Luca Guardabassi** and colleagues will present a **NEOH poster in the ESCMID networking corner** at the 26th ECCMD conference, 9-12 April 2016: <http://www.eccmid.org/>
 - **Conference abstracts** have been submitted by M Filippitzi et al and J. Staric et al (outcomes pending)



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- **Manuscript:** Simon Ruegg et al (26 authors) submitted a manuscript on “One Health - a necessity for a sustainable 21st century to the Lancet
- **Manuscript:** 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 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).
- **Manuscript:** 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 fourth call for STMS was published <http://neoh.onehealthglobal.net/short-term-scientific-missions/>
 - Soledad Cuevas (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK) has successfully completed a STSM at the Universita di Bologna, Italy
 - Maria Eleni Filippitzi (Ghent University, Belgium) has successfully completed a STSM at the Agence francaise de developpement (AFD), Paris (FR)
 - Alberto Muñoz (University of Murcia, Spain) has successfully completed a STSM at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark
 - Elena Boriani (University of Copenhagen, Denmark) has completed a STSM at the University of Reading, UK (report pending)
 - Further STSMS have been approved for Roberto Esposito (Italy); Julie Garnier (France); Ilias Chantziaras (Belgium); Sandra Buttigieg (Malta); one application was declined.



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- All completed and signed off reports are made available on our NEOH website:
<http://neoh.onehealthglobal.net/short-term-scientific-missions/>
- **NEWS FROM COST:**
 - Due to the shift to H2020 and the need to align COST finance reporting with the H2020 reporting structures, instead of having a single two year grant period from 01-01-2015 to 31-12-2016, we now have **three grant periods**, namely:
 - GP1 (ended): 01-01-2015 to 30-09-2015
 - GP2 (running): 01-10-2015 to 30-04-2016
 - GP3 (future): 01-05-2016 to 30-04-2016
 - The new **Work and Budget Plan**, the second **financial report** and the **progress report** will need to be submitted in the coming months. Barbara Haesler and Houda Bennani will be in touch to collate the relevant information.
- **NEOH WEBSITE:** Provides all relevant information on NEOH activities, news, events, etc.; professionally and efficiently maintained by **Iona Beange**.
 - **Can everybody please check that your name appears on the list of members (<http://neoh.onehealthglobal.net/members/>) with the appropriate link to your staff/linkedin/other profile and if it doesn't, please ask Iona (iona.edmonstone@gmail.com) to add the relevant details? Thank you.**
 - **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)**

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