
Trans-Domain COST Action TD1404 (NEOH)

Working Group 1 meeting on handbook review
and
Training School on
**“Evaluation: Best practice approaches and
applications in multiple disciplines”**

Background

The EU COST funded project Network for Evaluation of One Health (NEOH) is offering its **first Training School** on the topic “Evaluation: Best practice approaches and applications in multiple disciplines” with the aim to educate researchers about evaluation concepts and research in other disciplines. We would like to encourage all NEOH members to consider this training opportunity and submit applications for this call. The Training School will be preceded by a **Working Group 1 (WG1) meeting** on the 23rd of June 2015 in the same location. The WG1 meeting will serve to review the progress of the preparation of the handbook and prepare a road map for its finalization

Basic information

- **Dates:**
 - **WG1 Meeting:** 23rd of June 2015
 - **Training School:** 24th – 26th of June 2015.
- **Location:**
 - **WG 1 Meeting:** University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca
 - **Training School:** Hotel Napoca, Octavian Goga Nr 1, Cluj-Napoca, Romania



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- **Local organisers:** Andrei D. Mihalca (amihalca@usamvcluj.ro) and Răzvan Cherecheș (razvan.m.chereches@gmail.com)
- **WG1 Meeting and Training School organisers:** Simon Ruegg (srueegg@vetclinics.uzh.ch), Jakob Zinsstag (Jakob.Zinsstag@unibas.ch), Barbara Häslér (bhaesler@rvc.ac.uk)
- **Number of people to be accepted for reimbursement:**
 - WG1 Meeting: 20
 - Training School Trainees: 20
- **Additional number of people to be accepted without reimbursement (no participation fee applies, but participants need to cover their own costs):**
 - WG1 Meeting: 5
 - Training School: 5
- **Financial provisions:**
 - **For people who attend the WG1 Meeting only:** The standard meeting re-imburement rules apply as defined in the Vademecum with an accommodation flat rate of EUR 60 taking into account local prices. It is recommended by the management committee that the flights from/to the participant's country of residence to Cluj-Napoca are a maximum of EUR 450. Any return journeys that exceed this amount must be approved by the Grant Holder before booking.
 - **For people who attend the WG1 Meeting on the 23rd of June AND the Training School:** Because the WG1 meeting will be re-imbursed following standard COST meeting re-imburement rules and their flights are covered, these trainees will be able to claim the extra expenses (e.g. additional nights and meals) through the meeting online travel re-imburement request with a note to file "extra nights accommodation and meals covering participation in TS". The flat rate for accommodation for this event is EUR 60.
 - **For trainees who are not attending the WG1 Meeting on the 23rd of June:** EUR 600 (fixed amount) will be paid as a grant after the meeting. This grant, in accordance with COST regulations, is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee. No participation fee is required.
- **Accommodation:** The recommended hotel for this event is the beautiful Grand Hotel Napoca (<http://hotelnapoca.ro/>) right in the heart of the city and next to the canal. The local organiser Andrei Mihalca has negotiated a special NEOH meeting room rate that lies comfortably within the flat rate for accommodation (including breakfast). The training school will take place in this hotel. It is also within walking distance from the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine. Andrei Mihalca will take care of the room bookings in Hotel Napoca; please indicate in the application/registration form whether you would like him to book a room for you in Hotel Napoca or whether you prefer to take care of your own booking.
- **Transfer to – from the airport and city tours:** Airport transfer can be organised with a local, trusted company. The price of this transfer lies within the EUR 25.00 rate for local transport. If you would like the organisers to book this service for you, please indicate this in the application/registration form. The same company is also the local organiser's official partner for other events; city tours or other tours can be organised on request.

Programme of the Working Group 1 Meeting

The handbook review process is composed of presentations by the lead authors of each chapter (15 minutes) followed by discussion of 30 minutes on key questions put forward by the lead author on conceptual coherence, knowledge gaps and additional inputs. The working groups for each chapter will meet then for a discussion of details of every chapter and prepare a plan for its finalization. In a final plenary session, a conceptual map of the whole handbook will be prepared together with a timeline with milestones for the finalisation until January 2016.

23rd JUNE 2015: WG1 MEETING

Time	Topic	Lead
<i>Morning</i>	<i>Participants arrive</i>	
12.00-12.15	Welcome and introduction to handbook review	Jakob Zinsstag
12.15-13.00	1. Critique of current status and the way assessments and evaluations are done	Jonathan Rushton
13.00-13.45	2. Description of health approaches as separated or integrated leading towards theoretical foundations of integrated health approaches	Richard Kock
13.45-14.15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
14.15-15.00	3. A One Health framework assessing integrated health approaches when compared to single disciplines	Simon Ruegg
15.00-15.45	4. One Health Evaluation frameworks	Barbara Häsler
15.45-16.15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
16.15-17.00	5. One Health methods and metrics	Martijn Bouwknecht
17.00-18.00	Group discussions	All lead authors
18.00-18.30	Plenary discussion on the handbook concept map and timeline for finalization	Jakob Zinsstag

Programme of the Training School “Evaluation: Best practice approaches and applications in multiple disciplines”

The first NEOH Training School will give participants the opportunity to learn about evaluation concepts, approaches and research in other disciplines and to exchange thoughts and ideas with experts in the field with the aim to advance integrated evaluation approaches and to inspire the development of the One Health evaluation protocol and handbook. The Training School is particularly suitable for people with an interest in evaluation and who are contributing to the handbook.

24th JUNE 2015: A PRIMER TO EVALUATION IN ONE HEALTH

Time	Topic	Trainer
08.30-09.30	Introduction to evaluation	Marisa Peyre
09.30-10.15	Overview of the different types of evaluation and basic principles (including theory of change), Part 1	Marisa Peyre
10.15-10.45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
10.45-11.30	Overview of the different types of evaluation and basic principles (including theory of change), Part 2	Marisa Peyre
11.30-12.00	An example of theory of change (Illustrating a One Health approach to tick-borne disease)	Andrei Mihalca
12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.00-15.00	Characteristics of One Health that are important in evaluation	Jakob Zinsstag
15.00-15.30	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
15.30-17.30	(Small) group discussion to find consensus on core characteristics when describing human-animal-environment interactions	Moderated

25th JUNE 2015: HOW WELL ARE ONE HEALTH INITIATIVES WORKING AND IS CAUSE ATTRIBUTION POSSIBLE

Time	Topic	Trainer
08.30-10.30	Impact evaluation, Part 1	Philip Davies
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11.00-12.00	Impact evaluation, Part 2	Philip Davies
12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.00-15.00	Non-linear Impact Assessment	Timothy Ehlinger
15.00-15.30	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
15.30-17.30	(Small) group discussion to find consensus on feasibility of impact evaluation and process evaluation in One Health and suitability of methods	Moderated

26th JUNE 2015: THE VALUE OF ONE HEALTH INITIATIVES

Time	Topic	Trainer
08.30-10.30	Economic evaluation	Maurizio Aragrande
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11.00-12.00	Resilience Assessment	Chinwe Ifejika Speranza
12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.00-15.00	Small group discussion to find consensus on feasibility of integrated methods to assess benefits of One Health interventions	Moderated
15.00-15.30	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
15.30-17.30	General discussion: Consolidation and extension of methods section on handbook	Facilitators: Jakob Zinsstag, Simon Ruegg



Trainers (alphabetical order)

<p>Maurizio Aragrande</p> 	<p>Maurizio Aragrande is Professor in Agro-food Economics at the University of Bologna. He has extensive experience in teaching Economics in the Veterinary Faculty (Agricultural Economics, Food Economics, Marketing, Farm management, Veterinary Economics) in undergraduate and postgraduate courses. At the Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences, he develops his research activity on different aspects of the agro-food system. He collaborated at FAO "Food into cities" Programme to build up an interdisciplinary approach for the study of food supply systems of Western Africa cities. Since 2002 he successfully led and managed several European research teams on behalf of the European Commission and the European Parliament. European studies focused in particular on impact evaluation of Common Agricultural Policy measures, covering a wide array of issues related to the EU agro-food system (animal welfare, food quality schemes, competition and price transmission, economics of biomasses, set aside, EU enlargement), through micro-economic, sector and supply chain approach. He is now focusing on interdisciplinary approaches in the framework of One Health evaluation.</p>
<p>Philip Davies</p> 	<p>Philip Davies heads Zie's European office based at the London International Development Centre. His previous positions include being a Senior Research Fellow at the American Institutes for Research in Washington DC and the Executive Director of the Campbell Collaboration. From 2000-2007 he was a senior civil servant in the UK Cabinet Office and HM Treasury, responsible for policy evaluation and analysis. Before joining the Cabinet Office, Philip held academic positions at the Universities of Oxford and Aberdeen in the United Kingdom, and the University of California, San Diego, where much of his research has concerned the use of evidence in policy. He has worked with the African Union Commission and the World Bank to develop impact evaluations and the use of evidence to reduce poverty in Indonesia, Africa and the Middle East region.</p>



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<p>Timothy Ehlinger</p> 	<p>Timothy Ehlinger is Director of the Master of Sustainable Peacebuilding at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (msp.uwm.edu), where is his also Associate Professor of Biological Sciences. Research in his laboratory is focused on understanding the complex risk-response relationships between natural and anthropogenic stressors on the ecological integrity of ecosystem services. He uses an array of methodologies to examine human-environmental interactions and to explore the implications of policies/interventions on the resilience of complex social-ecological systems, and their effects on Public Health. Over the past decade has initiated and conducted research and education programs for Integrated Coastal Zone & Watershed Planning and Sustainable Development in the Danube Delta, Balkans, and Black Sea Coast. He is also core faculty member of the dynamical systems theory innovation lab, applying dynamical systems theory to topics in conflict resolution, peace, and violence prevention.</p>
<p>Chinwe Ifejika Speranza</p> 	<p>Dr Chinwe Ifejika Speranza is a Professor at the Department of Geography, University of Bonn and at the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Bonn, Germany. Her teaching at Bonn is mainly on environmental risks and vulnerability. Her research focuses on natural resources-based livelihoods, their interactions with social and ecological systems and the implications for building resilience and sustainability. The general thematic areas of her research are climate risks, resilience, vulnerability, actor perspectives, food security and agriculture. Her geographic areas of focus are sub-Sahara Africa, Switzerland and Germany.</p>
<p>Andrei D. Mihalca</p> 	<p>Andrei D. Mihalca is Associate Professor of Veterinary Parasitology at the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca, Romania. His main research topics include parasite ecology, wildlife health, vector-borne diseases and tropical parasitology. Since 2006 he is conducting research in various tropical countries focused on the parasite diversity of domestic animals and wildlife. Together with colleagues from Czech Republic, he is responsible for the implementation of preventive veterinary programs in remote, tribal areas of Kenya. Since 2012, he is the coordinator of the European Network for Neglected Vectors and Vector-Borne Diseases. He has published more than 60 papers in impacted peer-reviewed journals and over 100 in various other journals and conference proceedings. He is currently associate professor and vice-rector of the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca. He has published as a photographer in National Geographic Magazine and National Geographic Traveler and he was invited in various photo exhibitions.</p>
<p>Marisa Peyre</p> 	<p>Marisa Peyre is an epidemiologist from CIRAD whose primary research interests are the understanding of population immunity against infectious animal and zoonotic diseases and the development of decision tools for better design and evaluation of surveillance and control strategies. She graduated in biotechnology engineering in France, before doing a PhD in Immunology in London and receiving additional training in Epidemiology and Animal Health Economics. She works in the field of infectious diseases in tropical countries, coordinating the REVASIA research program in South East Asia, is an expert member of the OFFLU OIE/FAO influenza network and has relevant expertise on evaluation of animal disease management systems (surveillance and control) and participatory approaches.</p>



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Jakob Zinsstag



Jakob Zinsstag is Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Basel. The scientific accomplishments of his research group at the Swiss TPH include: Validation of the “one medicine – one health” concept by (1) parallel assessment of the health status of animals and humans as well as combined human and animal health vaccination services for pastoral nomads in the Sahel; (2) development of the first mathematical model for animal-human brucellosis transmission, and its application in Mongolia; (3) the first molecular characterisation of tuberculosis in livestock and humans in Chad; (4) demonstration of the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of vaccination campaigns for dogs for the elimination of rabies in African cities. Currently the potential of “one health” is also being examined for Switzerland.

Eligibility and application

Working group members eligible to be reimbursed for meeting (selection criteria will apply, see below):

1. Any Action Participant from Participating COST Countries
2. Any Action Participant from approved NNC Institutions
3. Any Action Participant from approved European RTD Organisations
4. Invited Speakers from Participating COST Countries
5. Up to four Invited Speakers from: those researchers whose primary affiliation is with an institution located in a non-Participating COST Country (which includes those researchers in COST Countries listed as being under intention or researchers in COST Countries who have not yet obtained MC approval to participate in the Action), researchers in non-approved NNC institutions and researchers in any non-approved IPC institution

Trainees eligible to be reimbursed (selection criteria will apply, see below):

1. Trainees from all COST Countries
2. Trainees from approved NNC institutions
3. Trainees from approved European RTD Organisations

Trainees not eligible to be reimbursed (selection criteria will apply, see below):

1. Trainees from approved IPC institutions
2. Trainees from approved IO, the EC and EU Agencies
3. Any other Trainees not specifically mentioned as being eligible

Selection criteria:

- WG1 member: Contribution of applicant to the One Health evaluation handbook
- WG2 members: Preference will be given to people in a leading role (e.g. case study leaders)
- WG3 and WG4 members: At least one representative each based upon the recommendation of the WG3 and WG4 leaders.
- Balance in representation of gender, countries, and seniority/juniority (early career investigators)

Selection procedure: The organisers of the training school in collaboration with the local organisers will screen the applications for eligibility and make the selection of participants considering the selection criteria above. The outcome will be communicated to applicants by the 8th of May 2015 the latest and invitations will be encoded in eCOST.

Application and registration: Please complete the application and registration form which can be found here: <https://eventbrite.co.uk/event/16649883249/>. The password to access the application site is NEOH2015. Please note that this application can be used for the WG1 meeting and/or the Training School, i.e. only one application is needed. If your application is successful, it will automatically be used as registration to proceed with the organisation of the event. ***Deadline for applications: 1 May 2015.***



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Practical information

Links with information for visiting Cluj-Napoca:

- <http://romaniatourism.com/cluj-napoca.html>
- <http://www.visitclujnapoca.ro/en/>

Cluj-Napoca International Airport:

- <http://airportcluj.ro/>

Events in Cluj (in Romanian):

- <http://www.clujlife.com/>
- <http://www.partytude.ro/>

Eating in Cluj:

- <http://theculturetrip.com/europe/romania/articles/insider-s-guide-to-eating-out-in-cluj-napoca-10-great-local-restaurants/>
- <https://www.likealocalguide.com/cluj-napoca/restaurants>

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