
Trans-Domain COST Action TD1404 (NEOH)

Working Group 2 meeting on evaluation of One Health and Training School on “Evaluation: How to apply the evaluation framework, protocol and index”

Background

The EU COST funded project Network for Evaluation of One Health (NEOH) is offering its **second Training School** on the topic “Evaluation: How to apply the evaluation framework, protocol and index” with the aim to lead researchers through evaluation of One Health (OH) initiatives. The Training School will be preceded by a **Working Group 2 (WG2) meeting** on Tuesday, the 28th of June 2016 in the same location. The WG2 meeting will serve to review the progress of the preparation of the handbook and prepare a road map for its finalisation.

Basic information

- **Dates:**
 - **WG2 Meeting:** 28th of June 2016
 - **Training School:** 29th of June – 1st of July 2016
- **Location:**
 - **WG 2 Meeting:** Hotel Master, Brace Popovic bb, Novi Sad, Serbia
<http://www.a-hotel-master.com/>
 - **Training School:** Hotel Master, Brace Popovic bb, Novi Sad, Serbia
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- **Local organisers:** Sara Savic (sara@niv.ns.ac.rs)
- **WG2 Meeting and Training School organisers:** Sara Savic (sara@niv.ns.ac.rs), Barbara Häslér (bhaesler@rvc.ac.uk)
- **Number of people to be accepted for reimbursement:**
 - Expected number of participants to be reimbursed:
 - WG2 meeting only: 5
 - WG2 meeting AND Training School: 20
 - Training school only: 5
 - Trainers: 5
- **Additional number of people to be accepted without reimbursement (no participation fee applies, but participants need to cover their own costs):**
 - WG2 Meeting: 5
 - Training School: 5
- **Financial provisions:**
 - **For people who attend the WG2 Meeting only and for trainers:** The standard meeting reimbursement 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 Novi Sad are a maximum of EUR 500. Any return journeys that exceed this amount must be approved by the Grant Holder before booking.
 - **For people who attend the WG2 Meeting on the 28th of June AND the Training School:** EUR 700 (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.
 - **For trainees attending the training school only (not the WG2 Meeting on the 28th 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 Hotel Master (<http://www.a-hotel-master.com/>) right in the heart of the city and next to the big fair centre. The local organiser Sara Savic has negotiated a special NEOH meeting room rate that lies within the flat rate for accommodation (including breakfast). The training school will take place in this hotel. The room bookings in Hotel Master will be done electronically by direct e-mails from the participants to the hotel (rezervacije@a-hotel-master.com); please indicate in the subject of e-mail **NEOH Training School Novi Sad**.
- **Transfer to – from the airport and city tours:**
 - **Airport transfer** can be organised with a local, trusted company. The price of this transfer is EUR 35.00 per car (no matter how many people are inside). The trip is 1 hour by car. 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.
 - If you would like to use the **public transport**, there are some busses that go from the airport to the bus and train station in Belgrade: <https://www.aerogaga.com/Informacije-za-putnike/Mini-bus-do-aerodroma-Nikola-Tesla>. This trip takes about 30-45 minutes and costs max EUR 5. The

buses leave approximately once per hour. From Belgrade you can take a bus or train to Novi Sad (1.5 hours), which costs about EUR 10 one way, from the official train or bus station (buses for Novi Sad leave every 40-50 minutes, and trains not so often). Then from train/bus station in Novi Sad, there is a local bus which costs about 50 cents to the hotel, or you can take a taxi which is EUR 3-5 per ride.

Programme of the Working Group 2 Meeting

There will be a handbook review composed of a presentation by Simon Rüegg followed by a discussion on key questions regarding conceptual coherence, knowledge gaps and additional inputs. The working groups for each case topic (zoonoses, food safety, AMR, other) will then meet for a discussion of details of evaluation and prepare a plan for finalisation. In a final plenary session, a conceptual map of the evaluation process will be prepared together with a timeline with milestones for the finalisation of evaluation until December 2016.

28th JUNE 2016 (TUESDAY): WG2 MEETING

Time	Topic	Lead
<i>Morning</i>	<i>Participants arrive</i>	
12.00-12.30	Welcome and update on WG2 activities	Sara Savic
12.30-13.30	Presentation of handbook and evaluation of One Health	Simon Rüegg
<i>13.30-14.00</i>	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
14.00-15.00	10 min presentations of suggested evaluation questions and evaluation designs for the case studies (Part 1)	Case study leaders or their representatives
<i>15.00-15.30</i>	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
15.30-16.00	10 min presentations of suggested evaluation questions and evaluation designs for the case studies (Part 2)	Case study leaders or their representatives
16.00-17.00	Group discussions	All case study leaders
17.00-17.30	Plenary discussion on the evaluation of cases and agreement on timeline for finalisation	Sara Savic

Programme of the Training School “Evaluation: How to apply the evaluation framework, protocol and index”

The second NEOH Training School will give participants the opportunity to interact with experts on evaluation, 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 evaluate One Health case studies, according to 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 case studies.

29th JUNE 2016 (WEDNESDAY)

Time	Topic	Trainer
08.30-09.30	Welcome and overview of the handbook and presentation of key evaluation steps	Simon Rüegg
09.30-10.15	Self-evaluation and policy evaluation	Marlene Läubli
10.15-10.45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
10.45-12.00	Self-evaluation and policy evaluation	Marlene Läubli
12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.00-15.00	Framing evaluation questions using theory of change and how to deal with conflicts of interest	Marlene Läubli
15.00-15.30	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
15.30-17.00	Break out sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Small) group discussion in case study groups to discuss proposed design(s) • (Small) group discussion on “One Health and Governance” (Handbook chapter) 	Facilitators to provide input in discussions
17:15-20:00	Visit to the Vine yard “Mackov podrum” (Tomcat’s wine cellar) http://www.mackovpodrum.co.rs/	Out of the city, organised transport Fee 12 Euros Price 15 Euros
20:30	Dinner at restaurante “Cesla” beside Danube river	



30th JUNE 2016 (THURSDAY)




Time	Topic	Trainer
08.30-10.30	Round table discussion on mixed methods	Marlene Läubli, Flavie Goutard, Sandra Buttigieg
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11.00-12.00	Evaluation of “One Healthness”: Key concepts and considerations	Simon Rüegg
12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.00-15.00	Evaluation of interdisciplinary collaborations and working	Sandra Buttigieg
15.30-17.30	Break out sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Small) group discussion in case study groups to discuss proposed design(s) 	Facilitators to provide input in discussions
18:00 – 19:00	City walk guided by Sara Savic with short introduction to city of Novi Sad	No fee

1st JULY 2016 (FRIDAY)

Time	Topic	Trainer
08.30-10.30	One Health in Serbia, current situation	Dragan Rogan
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11.00-12.00	Securing rural livelihoods through improved smallholder pig production in Mozambique and Tanzania – an impact evaluation	Uffe Christian Braae
12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.00-15.00	General discussion: Consolidation and extension of methods section on handbook Wrap-up	Simon Rüegg and Sara Savic
	Individual departure	

Speaker biographies

<p>Simon Rüegg</p> 	<p>Dr Simon Rüegg is a animal health researcher from the University of Zurich, Switzerland and one of the NEOH Working Group 1 leaders. He completed a doctorate (DVM) and a PhD in epidemiology, biostatistics and molecular diagnostics of tick-borne equine piroplasmoses. Throughout field projects in southern Mongolia and as a veterinary practitioner he gained a solid understanding of practical aspects of veterinary medicine and epidemiology. From 2013 he worked as postdoc at the Veterinary Public Health Institute at the Vetsuisse-Faculty of Bern conducting an EMIDA project on cost efficacy of surveillance for vector-borne diseases. In September 2013 he has joined the Veterinary Epidemiology Group in Zurich as senior research assistant and lecturer. He also participates in the statistic consultancy. His research interest is the application of the theory of complex adaptive systems to medicine, in particular its impact on the medical decision making process, the relation between scientific, emotive, financial, ethical and social aspects, and the sustainability of medical practices. He also investigates the application of complex dynamical systems metrics to medical time series and is involved in several epidemiological investigations in Switzerland.</p>
<p>Marlene Läubli</p> 	<p>Marlène Läubli Loud (DPhil) is currently an independent consultant and trainer in public sector evaluation. She has worked with a range of organisations, small and large, including the European Commission, the World Health Organization, the UN Evaluation Group, the UN Joint Inspection Unit the U.K. Department of Employment, U.K. Health Promotion Agency (now merged and become National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence [NICE]), and the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting. She was head of the Research and Evaluation Unit at the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (SFOPH) for nearly 20 years where she gained much experience in evaluation management, and especially in the ways and means for improving the use and utility of evaluation in organisations. She continues to have a keen theoretical and practical interest in this area.</p> <p>Marlène has facilitated several workshops on public sector evaluation for a range of health and other practitioners. She was also a session lecturer in the University of Fribourg's sociology and social policy master's program for more than 10 years and a guest lecturer at several other Swiss universities. She is a member of the European Evaluation Society, the American Evaluation Association, the UK Evaluation Society and the SEVAL. She served on the SEVAL Executive Committee for more than 10 years with special responsibility for professional development. Marlène has many years international experience too. She has worked in several countries, including Algeria, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and Italy. She was also part-time director of the European Office of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War—winner of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.</p>
<p>Sandra Buttigieg</p> 	<p>Prof. Sandra C. Buttigieg is Head of Department of Health Services Management, Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Malta. She is also Consultant in Public Health Medicine at Mater Dei Hospital, Malta, where she is in charge of the Clinical Performance Unit, as well as serves as a member of the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Team. She lectures in Health Services Management, Public Health, Family Medicine and Management. Dr Buttigieg graduated MD (University of Malta in 1987), MSc in Public Health Medicine (1997), and MBA (Executive) with distinction (2002). In 2007, she obtained her PhD in Management from Aston University, UK and in 2009, was elected Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK. Her research is mainly in health management, organizational behaviour, operations management and research, and public health. She has authored and co-authored numerous articles in peer-reviewed management and health journals and acts as reviewer of numerous peer-reviewed journals in health care and management.</p>

<p>Dragan Rogan</p> 	<p>Dr Dragan Rogan holds a veterinary degree (D.V.M.), M.Sc. and Ph.D in virology/immunology. Since 1981 he has authored and published 139 scientific papers, and made presentations at various international meetings. He is appointed as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Pathobiology at the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, ON, Canada (2005-present), Professor of Public Health at the Instituto de Ciencias Basicas y Aplicadas, Carrera de Medicina Veterinaria, Universidad Nacional de Vila Maria, Cordoba, Argentina (2011-present). Professor-teneured of Infectious diseases at the Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Agriculture, Serbia (2013-present). Dr. Rogan recognized 25 years ago that the food-borne pathogens: <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157:H7, <i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>, <i>Salmonella</i> sp. and <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> are major causes of „food poisoning“ in humans. He believe that the best way to control food borne illnesses would be through pre-harvest intervention (e.g. vaccination). He developed scientific alliances with prominent North American Universities and organized a Food Safety chair at the Vaccine Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO), University of Saskatchewan, Canada. Impressive research and development have resulted in the development of an <i>E.coli</i> O157:H7 vaccine. Under Dr. Rogan's supervision and coordination, a vaccine registration dossier has been prepared and submitted to Canadian Food Inspection Agency in Canada and a full licence has been granted for the first ever vaccine licensed to prevent food-borne illness in humans.</p>
<p>Uffe Braae</p> 	<p>Uffe Braae is an epidemiologist and parasitologist from the University of Copenhagen with broad experience within diagnostics, control, and prevention of neglected zoonotic diseases in low-income countries - especially in sub-Saharan Africa. His research has primarily dealt with understanding the transmission dynamics of the zoonotic tapeworm <i>Taenia solium</i> in order to implement proper control and preventive measures. He has experience with working within a One Health framework from participating in development orientated projects that seek to improve community food security and food safety by fostering optimal smallholder pig production model systems.</p>
<p>Sara Savic</p> 	<p>Dr Sara Savic, PhD, DVM is Head of Department of serology, immunology and biochemistry, at the Scientific Veterinary Institute “Novi Sad” in Novi Sad, Serbia. She work in a lab in charge of zoonoses, infectious diseases of animals and also vector borne diseases. Dr Savic graduated as DVM at Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Belgrade, Serbia in 1994, MSc in Microbiology and infectious diseases in 2001 at the same faculty, and PhD at the Faculty of agriculture, Department for Veterinary Medicine at University of Novi Sad in 2010. Today she works as a Senior Research Associate at the Scientific Veterinary Institute. Her research is mainly on zoonoses, especially on vector borne zoonoses such as Lyme borreliosis, dirofilariosis and leishmaniasis, from the perspective of public health. She has authored and co-authored many articles in peer-reviewed veterinary and health journals and acts as reviewer of several journals in animal health care.</p>

Practical information

Links with information for visiting Novi Sad:

- <http://www.novisad.rs/eng>
- <http://www.serbia.travel/destinations/cities-and-municipalities/novi-sad/>

Belgrade International Airport:

- <http://www.beg.aero/en/>

Events in Novi Sad:

- <http://eventful.com/novisad/events>

Eating in Novi Sad:

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g295380-Novi_Sad_Vojvodina.html

Contact

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