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**COST Action FA1401 - PiGutNet**

*Think tank meeting* - Exchange meeting between Early career investigators (ECIs) and PhD students to increase the European connection in research

**Meeting Agenda**

27-28 April 2016 -

Faculty of Veterinary, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) - Bellaterra, 20 km from Barcelona, between Sabadell and San Cugat del Vallès.

Rooms: Seminario C 27th April

Before the Meeting the participants will receive a survey from the meeting organizers to collect their research topics and their own laboratory skills (not of the Department, but only personal skills).

**April 27th 2016**

8.30-9.00: welcome and signature of the attendance list

9.00 - 9.10: general introduction to PiGutNet and Introduction to the meeting , objectives and programme (Chair of the Action - Paolo Trevisi)

9.10 – 11.30: Session 1 (14 presentations – 10 minutes each)

11.30 – 11.50 Coffe Breack

11.50 - 12.50: Session 2 (6 presentations – 10 minutes each)

12.50 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 -15.00: Session 3 (6 presentations – 10 minutes each)

15.00 – 15.10 Coffe Breack

15.10 - 17.30: based on the results of the survey, the participants will be divided in 4/5 groups mixed for skills. Each group has the objective to discuss an idea for a “potential” project merging all their skills. As for a real project, each partner must motivate the reasons to develop his/her analysis/idea inside the project. The project can be:

- based on an experiment already realized/planned from one member of the group. The other people can suggest some more ideas to deeply develop the research hypothesis (sampling strategies, analyses, etc.).
- based on a new experimental protocol where each partner should motivate his/her involvement.
- well dimensioned in order to be feasible with available techniques in their Labs in the short time.

The project could be the basis for future STSMs.

17.30 – 18.00: general discussion and closing



**April 28th 2016**

9.00 - 9.15: welcome and signature of the attendance list

9.15 – 12.30: Team work

12.50 - 13.30: Lunch

13.30 - 14.30: each group present its idea with max 5 slides (10 minutes each).

14.30 – 15.00: general remarks and closing session.

The output will be synthetize in a short document (averagely 1-2 pages) that constitutes the base of the project idea. After the meeting, the group should work to find the opportunity to submit the project, applying for a call (if available/possible) or to submit the idea to their own supervisors in order obtain the budget to develop it. This is a real opportunity for the ECIs and PhD students to experience the development of an international collaboration and work to realize it.

After the meeting, a follow-up will be done to stimulate the realization of the project