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BeTheCure Newsletter - for collaborators and interested external parties - 2/2012

BeTheCure

BeTheCure' (BTCURE), is an IMI (Innovative Medicines Initiative, www.imi.europa.eu) funded research project which aims to develop new therapies against rheumatoid arthritis. With a total budget of EUR 32 million and 33 partners from all over Europe, it is hoped that by combining academic and industrial resources, basic understanding of disease processes and therapeutic development will be enhanced.

BTCure at EULAR

The EULAR congress 2012 in Berlin is approaching rapidly. BTCure will be represented with an exhibition stand in hall 3.2, stand 35 at the congress. This area is also known as "The Eular village". You are all very welcome to come and visit the stand and make this an official meeting point if you want to meet with colleagues who are attending the congress.



BTCure presentations at EULAR

We will try to compile a program of BTCure presentations during the EULAR congress. This program will be distributed to you all and it will also be available in the BTCure stand. **So if you will give an oral presentation at EULAR, please contact Susanne Karlfeldt, susanne.karlfeldt@karolinska.se,** for more information.

WP1 workshop

On Mar 26, 2012 the first standardization workshop for animal models in Experimental Arthritis took place. The workshop was organized by the Karolinska Institutet (KI) and involved BTCure partners from academia and industry from all over Europe. Additionally, external speakers from the US, China and Germany were invited to consider a broad input and seek international recognition beyond the BTCure network and consortium. For the first time, key opinion leaders in the field of Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) were meeting to build a critical mass of experts to discuss the standardization of rodent RA models and related work, the advantages and disadvantages of various models, as well as the correlation of different models with actual human disease subtypes. For a full summary, please click the image below.



We continue with the presentation of participants in the project. In this issue we meet two colleagues from the group at BSRC Fleming in Athens.

BSRC Fleming

Alexandra Boutla, PhD and Piyi Papadaki, PhD

Piyi and Alexandra are Project Managers in the lab of George Kollias at BSRC Fleming, with a lot of experience in the implementation of National and European research projects. They are responsible for the coordination and management of BTCure's WP1, which aims at the development of a unifying "pathogenesis map" to enhance understanding of disease pathways, to discover novel biomarkers and improve predictions of clinical response to therapies.



First annual meeting Sept. 9-11

September 9-11, 2012 we will have the first annual meeting of BTCure. There will be the Project Steering Board Meeting (PIs only), a workshop on transparency and IPR and the annual scientific meeting, all at the same site, hotel Angelo in Prague. The meeting will start with the PSB meeting at 13:00 the 9th, followed by a transparency workshop starting at 17:00. Dinner for all participants that will arrive during the evening will be

served between 20:00 - 22:00. The scientific meeting starts at 08:30 Monday September 10 and ends at 14:00 September 11. These timeframes should allow you to already now book your flights, program with registration information will be sent shortly.

WP1C workshop

October 12-13 there will be an miRNA workshop organised by Christian Jørgensen, BTCure's WP1C team and miR experts within the consortium. The workshop will be held in Montpellier at HOTEL MERCURE MONTPELLIER ANTIGONE. Please [click here](#) for the draft program, note though that some sessions may be subject for change.



If you are interested in participating or for further requests and information please contact Christian Jørgensen and/or Michelle MOYA michellemoya@orange.fr from ARTIMA, who are organizing the workshop at site.

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