

# Eurasia Programme 2016 - Project development funding - Final report

## Project identification

Project number CPEA-PD-2016/10027

## Project title

Collaboration for research and education in oral pathology and oral cancer between Norway, Moldova, Armenia and Belarus

## A

### A.1 Main partner institution in Norway

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## B - Activities and achievement of goals

### B.1 Planned activities

3-5 days workshop at UiB, Norway for developing the application for a long term EURASIA collaborative project.

### B.2 Actual activities

The workshop took place on 17-21 August 2016 at UiB & Haukeland University Hospital, NLB, rooms 9.1 & 7.1.

Two representatives from each of the partner countries from EURASIA have participated:

- Assoc prof Diana Uncuta & prof. Olga Tagadiuc from Faculty of Stomathology, State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu", Republic of Moldova
- Assoc prof Natallia Shakavets and prof. Tamara Tserkhava from Belarusian State Medical University, Minsk, Belarus
- Assoc prof Izabela Vardanyan and prof Marina Markaryan from Yerevan State Medical University, Yerevan, Armenia.

From UiB participated representatives of several departments:

- prof DE Costea & members of the Oral cancer and Experimental Pathology Research Groups from K1
- prof Anne Nordrehaug, prof Kamal Mustafa and Assoc prof Elwalid Fadul from IKO
- lecturer Dipak Sapkota from IBM
- consultant in pathology Elisabeth Nginamau, Haukeland Hospital
- senior engineer Helge Opedal from IT, UiB
- senior consultant in PhD adm June-Vibecke Knudtsen Indrevik.

The programme of the workshop combined scientific activities, visits of departments, discussions and 'hands on' sessions for filling in the application form as well as social gatherings so the members of the newly established collaborative network will get the chance to know each other better in a more relaxed setting.

#### Program EURASIA workshop 17-21 August 2016

17 August Wednesday

16-22.00 participants from EURASIA countries arrive in Bergen

18 August Thursday, room 9.1, NLB

11-12 pres of EURASIA program and briefly going through the application form by DE Costea

12-13 pres of educational system & research UiB by June June-Vibecke Knudtsen Indrevik

13-14 lunch Haukeland canteen

14-15 pres of educ system & research Moldova by dr Uncuta and prof Tagadiuc

15-16 pres of educ system & research Belarus by dr. Shakaveits and prof Tsarkhava

16-17 pres of educ system & research Armenia by dr. Vardanyana and prof Markaryan

18 dinner Bryggeloftet

19 August Friday, IKO & room 7.1, NLB

9-11 visit institute for clinical dentistry (host prof Anne Nordrehaug, prof Kamal Mustafa and dr Harald Nesse) & oral pathology at Haukeland Hospital (host prof DE Costea and dr. Elisabeth Nginamau)

11 - 12 IT presentation by Helge Opedal with discussion

11-13 identification of common grounds and developing areas for project proposal

13-14 lunch Haukeland canteen

14-15 going through part A of the application and project summary

15-16 work plan and project goals

16-17 sustainability

17-18 project activities and budget

19 dinner at Potetkjelleren

20 August Saturday

9-13 White lady boat tour (only for overseas guests)

13-14 lunch Fishmarket

14-18 free time in Bergen

18 dinner Costea's home

21 August Sunday

5-10.00 participants from EURASIA countries leave Bergen.

#### **B.3 Goals of the project**

We aim to elaborate together a competitive long term collaborative project for education and research in the field of oral pathology and cancer.

Since this is a relatively new established contact, we need all to meet and discuss several aspects of this collaborative project. We consider that a meeting for 3-5 days in Bergen with one-two key participants from each collaborative institution will be very beneficial for writing of a competitive long term project proposal.

More concrete, we will:

1. compare the oral pathology curriculum for the master and PhD program in dentistry at the collaborative institutions and identify the areas where it should be improved / adjusted
2. identify feasible strategies for alignment of the oral pathology curriculum for the master and PhD program between the collaborative institutions
3. establishing a strategy for mutual exchange / training of staff for research methods
3. designing context-specific relevant research projects within oral pathology / oral cancer field
5. write a competitive proposal for a EURASIA collaborative project

#### **B.4 Achievement of goals**

The project achieved its goals. During the discussions we had within the workshop as well as per email and telephon before and after, we were able to:

1. learn about each others oral pathology curriculum for the master and PhD program in dentistry. We identified major differences between the collaborative institutions and started to identify the areas where it should be improved / adjusted, but amore indepth analysis is planned to de done during the first semester of the long term project.
2. prepared a plan to align the oral pathology curriculum for the master and PhD programs between the collaborative institutions, but we are aware that this is a dynamic process that will encompass changes on the way of implementation.
3. identify staff at the collaborative institutions already willing to take a PhD within oral pathology with a period of stay abroad and we established a concrete plan for a mutual exchange / training of staff for research Methods.
3. identify and designing in big lines context-specific relevant research projects within oral pathology / oral cancer field
5. write and submit a proposal for a EURASIA collaborative long term project.

## C - Expenditure

### Expenditure

NOK - Norwegian kroner		Budget 2016	Expenditure 2016	Sum
Activities				
Travel and accomodation		72 000	84 136	84 136
Meeting costs		0	0	0
Other		27 300	15 164	15 164
SUM - Activities		99 300	99 300	99 300
Salary and indirect costs				
Salary, remuneration of consultants and indirect costs		0	0	0
SUM - Salary and indirect costs		0	0	0
SUM - Total		99 300	99 300	99 300

#### C.2 Comments to the budget

Flight ticket 7 000 kr per person x 6 persons (2 persons from each collaborating country) = 42 000 kr

Accommodation 5 000 kr per person x 6 persons = 30 000 kr

Visa expenses 1 000 kr x 6 persons = 6 000

Other expenses (food) 710kr x 5 days x 6 persons = 21 300 kr

The costs during the meeting / workshop in Bergen will be supported by us.

TOTAL 99 300 kr

#### C.3 Comments to the expenditure

Total expenditure was of 104 165,69 but we have covered the rest of 4865,69 kr.

The accommodation was more expensive than expected because the workshop took place in August when it was a touristic time in Bergen and there were no more available places in the hotels UiB has deals with, therefore the budget for travel and accommodation was higher with 2000 kr per person, so with 12 000 kr in total. This was partially compensated by reducing the budget for local transport and food.

#### C.4 Payment reference

76940500857. This is the bank account of UiB. Our department can send a bill to SIU.

## Confirmation

#### Confirmation regarding correctness of information

I, the Project Coordinator at the Main partner institution in Norway (IiN), hereby confirm (a) that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this online report form is in all respects complete and correct at the time of the submission of the report, and (b) that I am aware that provision of incomplete and/or incorrect information in such report forms may constitute a breach of the conditions for SIU's funding and may entail withdrawal of the funding and/or other administrative or legal sanctions against the IiN.

#### Confirmation regarding institutional approval

I, the Project Coordinator at the Main partner institution in Norway (IiN), hereby confirm that the contents and submission of this online report form has been approved at the appropriate scientific and/or administrative level(s) within the IiN, in accordance with the said institution's policies, rules and regulations.