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EU FP7 Project GlowBrain

Regional Network for Stem Cell Therapies and Regenerative Medicine (RegMed Network) Founding Meeting

Meeting Notes

The meeting was held on Wednesday, November 06th, 2013, from 15:00 till 17:00 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb School of Medicine.

Attendees (40, in alphabetical order): L. Andrijašević, T. Anić Milić, T. Banić, G. Bićanić, M. Boban, I. Bohaček, I. Bojanić, F. Borovečki, V. Bradamante, I. Coc, S. Cvetojević, S. Čužić, D. Delimar, D. Drmić, L. Frkanec, S. Gajović, B. Golubić-Ćepulić, D. Grčević, S. Hajnšek, M. Heffer, A. Ivković, H. Jurić, D. Ježek, Z. Kejla, N. Kosi, M. Majstorović, I. Marijanović, T. Matulić, D. Mitrečić, T. Not, V. Petrović, E. Plačko, T. Pospšil, M. Prenc, J. Raguž, M. Renić, S. Škokić, Z. Tarle, A. Vrdoljak, A. Vukasović

Meeting Agenda:

1. Introductory note
2. Presentation of project GlowBrain
3. Presentation of participants
4. Founding of RegMed network
5. Definition of objectives and tools of the Network
6. Activity plan
7. Network as an intermediary in finding partners
8. Public relations and promotional activities of the Network

Ad 1. S. Gajović began the meeting by greeting the attendees. He explained the purpose of the gathering and introduced GlowBrain's Innovation Manager, M. Boban to the attendees. After introducing herself, she presented the initiative to connect experts from different areas with a long-term goal of setting up requirements for future stem cell therapies in Croatia. S. Gajović stressed out the importance and necessity of adapting



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medicine to modern life conditions (chronical diseases, aging of the population) where regenerative medicine will play a critical role.

Ad 2. S. Gajović shortly presented the history of project GlowBrain, describing its SWOT analyses, special conditions which GlowBrain had to satisfy in order to get funding (competitiveness, new employments, growth and development) and the design of the project. Among other goals, GlowBrain has to found a Network for Stem Cell Therapies and Regenerative Medicine.

Ad 3. Attendees introduced themselves to other participants. Experts present at the meeting included representatives from various areas: clinical researchers (orthopedics, dentistry, neurosurgery, transfusion medicine), basic researchers (regenerative medicine, functional genomics, molecular biology), bioethics, business sector and pharmaceutical industry, translational medicine and technology transfer.

Ad 4. The participants voted and unanimously agreed to establish the RegMed Network and act as its members. Mission statement was unanimously agreed to be: "Croatia should be among the first to establish regenerative medicine technologies, especially application of stem cells for the benefit of its citizens and economy." Project GlowBrain will support RegMed as an independent network of experts. RegMed will set the framework of activities and support further collaborations in order to facilitate the development of regenerative medicine in Croatia. The members commented positively on this initiative and suggested 11 other potential interested members.

Ad 5. The objective of the Network is to enable connecting of experts engaged in research and application of stem cells and regenerative medicine. Tools of RegMed Network were agreed to be four Working Groups/Thematic Units: 1. Preclinical research, 2. Clinical research, 3. Legal-ethical framework and 4. Application technologies and financing.

Ad 6. Members of the Network agreed to meet every two months. The meetings would consist of thematic lectures and formal and informal discussions. Next meeting is to be held on January 15th, 2014. at 15:00 o'clock, seminar room ground floor of Croatian Institute for Brain Research.



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Ad 7. The Network will support and act as an intermediary for new activities. This will include applications for scientific and infrastructural projects and organization of training networks. It is expected that the Network could generate new economic activities therefore it should gather the expertise to create new business models, contacts with industries and partnership and generation of SMEs with interest in regenerative medicine.

Ad 8. Public relations and promotional activities should promote the Network and professional contribution of individual members. It was agreed that an internal web page and a closed web interface would be organized to facilitate communication between members. Contact with other members can also be achieved through network's coordinator M. Boban and project GlowBrain (email address: glowbrain@hiim.hr).

Next meeting is to be held on **January 15th, 2014. at 15:00** o'clock, seminar room ground floor of Croatian Institute for Brain Research.

Meeting notes taken by: E. Plačko



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The meeting was held on Wednesday, January 15th, 2014, from 16:00 till 17:30 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb School of Medicine.

Attendees (28, in alphabetical order): M. Boban, G. Borden, I. Bohaček, M. Ćurlin, M. Dobrivojević, D. Drmić, L. Ferhatović, S. Gajović, M. Golemović, M. Golubić Ćepulić, D. Gorup, E. Lazić Mosler, M. Lovrić, M. Majstorović, D. Mitrečić, D. Moslavac Forjan, E. Plačko, D. Polšek, I. Pongrac, T. Pospišil, J. Raguž, A. Sinđić, T. Stipčević, M. Šalković-Petrišić, G. Turkalj, S. Vikić-Topić, A. Vrdoljak, M. Vukmir

Meeting Agenda:

1. Lecture by Miguel Oliveira, PhD
2. Discussion on the lecture
3. Approval of the agenda and minutes from the 1st RegMed meeting
4. Introduction of new attendees
5. Activity plan
6. RegMed web page
7. Communication between RegMed members

Ad 1. S. Gajović started the meeting by presenting the lecturer Miguel Oliveira, PhD to the attendees. M. Oliveira is a visiting scientist from one of partnering organizations of project GlowBrain. He gave a lecture entitled “Current Activity and Support for Tissue Engineering, Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research in Portugal” during which he explained the organization, structure and strategies of its institution, 3B’s research group and University of Minho, and presented a number of their current projects.

Ad 2. Following the lecture, a brief discussion was lead on the applicability of the described business model. M. Oliveira particularly stressed the importance of the



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application to Horizon 2020 calls. He also underlined the utmost importance of collaboration and partnership with small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Ad 3. The agenda and the minutes from the 1st RegMed meeting were approved by the attendees.

Ad 4. S. Gajvić asked the new attendees to introduce themselves. M. Vukmir (attorney at law from Vukmir & Associates, intellectual property protection), G. Turkalj (Callidea, intellectual property protection), M. Golemović (cell and tissue bank at Clinical Hospital Center Zagreb), T. Stipčević (Ruđer Bošković Institute), M. Dobrivojević (senior research assistant at Histology and Embryology Department, University of Zagreb School of Medicine) and S. Vikić-Topić (head of Research and Technology Transfer Office, Center for Translational and Clinical Research of University of Zagreb School of Medicine).

Ad 5. S. Gajović scheduled the next RegMed meeting for **March 26th, 2014** and announced another lecturer from one of GlowBrain's partnering institution - Zsombor Lacza, PhD from Semmelweis University of Budapest, Hungary. Relevant Horizon 2020 calls for proposals will be discussed, as well as calls from other granting agencies will be reviewed.

Ad 6. The preparations for the RegMed web site are almost over. It is expected that the new web site regmed.hiim.hr will be fully functional soon.

Ad 7. Until the completion of RegMed web site, communication among members continues through project GlowBrain and its Innovation Manager M. Boban.

Next meeting will take place on **March 26th, 2014. at 16:00** o'clock, seminar room first floor of Croatian Institute for Brain Research.

Meeting notes taken by: E. Plačko



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The meeting was held on Wednesday, March 26th, 2014, from 16:00 till 17:30 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb School of Medicine.

Attendees (18, in alphabetical order): M. Antica, M. Boban, M. Dobrivojević, M. Golemović, B. Golubić Čepulić, L. Ferhatović Hamzić, S. Gajović, L. Girandon, M. Lovrić, S. Mazić, D. Mitrečić, E. Plačko, I. Pongrac, S. Škokić, O. Ulični, S. Vikić-Topić, A. Vrdoljak, M. Vukmir

Meeting Agenda:

1. Lecture by Lenart Girandon, PhD
2. Discussion on the lecture
3. Approval of the agenda and minutes from the 2nd RegMed meeting
4. Introduction of new attendees
5. Discussion on project applications for Horizon 2020
6. Activity planning
7. AOB

Ad 1. D. Mitrečić started the meeting by presenting the lecturer Lenart Girandon, PhD to the attendees. L. Girandon is a visiting scientist, representative of the Slovenian company EduCell developing cell and medical products, and human allografts. He was very kind to agree to give a lecture instead of Z. Lacza from Semmelweis University from Budapest, who was not able to attend. L. Girandon gave a lecture entitled “Who can help to enable (or disable) the enter of the new product to medical market?” during which he explained how a new compound enters a medical market and named the obstacles it meets on that journey.

Ad 2. Following the lecture, a brief discussion was lead on the applicability of the described business model. L. Girandon explained that most of the investment in this



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process comes from business angels and venture capitalists. He also advised that founding a company is not practical before first clinical trial in men, when he expects one should have no problems to get further funding.

Ad 3. The agenda and the minutes from the 2nd RegMed meeting were approved by the attendees.

Ad 4. S. Gajović asked the new attendees to introduce themselves. O. Ulični, a biology engineer and a volunteer for project GlowBrain, introduced herself.

Ad 5. S. Gajović led the discussion on new projects and applications for the calls of Horizon 2020. For now, there are no applications, but some attendees are planning to apply to later calls.

Ad 6. S. Gajović announced the new GlowBrain Workshop “Application of biomaterials and in vivo imaging in stem cell research” that is going to take place at the Croatian Institute for Brain Research from March 27-29, 2014. He also invited the attendees to the public lecture by J. Križ (Quebec, Canada) and Z. Kokaia (Lund, Sweden) that will be held at the Cineplexx cinema hall Kaptol Center Zagreb on March 27, 2014.

Ad 7. Next RegMed meeting is going to take place on **May 21, 2014 at 4 pm, lecture room of the Dermatology and Venereology Department (Šalata 4).**

Meeting notes taken by: E. Plačko



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and

GlowBrain Board

Meeting Notes

The meeting was held on Tuesday, 21.5.2014., from 16:00 till 17:00 at the premises of Department for Dermatovenereology, University Hospital Centre Zagreb, Hall No. 3.

Attendees (11, in alphabetical order): M. Boban, L. Cowey, D. Drmić, V. Eraković Haber, S. Gajović, I. PongracR. Pochet, A. Sinđić, S. Škokić, O. Ulični and S. Vikić-Topić.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Introduction of RegMed
2. Lecture by Lisa Cowey, PhD
3. Discussion on the lecture
4. Introduction of GBoard

Ad 1. S. Gajović started the meeting by presenting Regional Network for Stem Cell Therapies and Regenerative Medicine.

Ad 2. S. Gajović also presented the lecturer Lisa Cowey, PhD, to the attendees. L. Cowey is a visiting scientist, for the last 10 years she has worked with Universities and Research Groups in old and new Europe to help them commercialise technology and knowledge from the R&D sector through collaboration, licensing and spinout including Oxford University, Warwick Ventures and Oxford Brookes University. L. Cowey gave a lecture entitled "Patenting and Stem Cell Research" during which she explained and studied a ruling issued by the European court of justice, in October 2011, saying that procedures that use embryonic stem cells cannot be patented.



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Ad 3. Following the lecture, a brief discussion was lead on the morality, ethic, funding and public view in scientific research. It especially referred to difference in perception of stem cell research and mouse facilities in Croatia and United Kingdom.

Ad 4. S. Gajović introduced GlowBrain Board to new attendees. Short discussion about GlowBrain goals and it's relation to intellectual property rights took place.

Meeting notes taken by: O. Ulični



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Meeting Notes

The meeting was held on Thursday, 17.7.2014., from 16:00 till 17:30 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb School of Medicine.

Attendees (25, in alphabetical order): Bago M., Boban M., Ćurlin M., Dobrivojević M., Drmić D., Eraković Haber V., Ferhatović Hamzić L., Gajović S., Gorup D., Ivković A., Ivković J., Lacza Z., Lovrić M., Makovac I., Marijanović I., Mitrović D., Ozana Prah I., Pochet R., Polšek D., Pongrac I., Raguž J., Stipčević T., Ulični O., Vikić-Topić S., and Vukomir M.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes from the 4th RegMed meeting
2. Lecture by Lacza Z.
3. Discussion on the lecture
4. AOB

Ad 1. The agenda and the minutes from the 4th RegMed meeting were approved by the attendees.

Ad 2. S. Gajović started the meeting by presenting the lecturer Zsombor Lacza, to the attendees. Lacza Z. is a visiting scientist from one of GlowBrain partners from Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary (SEMU), and CEO and founder of a company Lacerta Technologies (technologies for bone repair). Lacza Z. gave a lecture entitled “Research commercialization: what I can do as a scientist?” during which he stressed the initiative from the side of researchers needed in developing private research companies and outsourcing their competences to other companies.

Ad 3. Following the lecture, a discussion was lead on number of topics, such as methods of success of small research company, in which countries is best to register small company, which patents are valid where, market entry, which specific clinical studies are needed, research criteria’s demanded by pharmaceutical companies, ethical issues concerning transfer from research to human clinical studies, stem cell research...



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Ad 4. Next RegMed meeting is going to take place on 15.10.2014. at 4 pm, at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb School of Medicine. Lecture will be given by C. Löwik.

Meeting notes taken by: O. Ulični



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Meeting Notes

The meeting was held on Thursday, 15.10.2014., from 16:00 till 17:00 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb School of Medicine.

Attendees: Alajbeg I., Antica M., Boban M., Čurlin M., Drmić D., Ferhatović Hamzić L., Gajović S., Golemović M., Gorup D., Hovat Velić E., Klarić E., Lovrić M., Lowik C., Mitrečić D., Nikić I., Nikšić G., Pelajić S., Pernc E., Plavšić D., Pocrnić M., Prah I., Pušić M., Raguž J., Renić M., Šalković-Petrišić M., Šimić A., Škokić S., Turkalj L., Ulični O., Vukasović A. and Župančić K.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes from the 5th RegMed meeting
2. Lecture by Lowik C.
3. Discussion on the lecture
4. AOB

Ad 1. The agenda and the minutes from the 5th RegMed meeting were approved by the attendees.

Ad 2. S. Gajović started the meeting by presenting the lecturer Lowik C. to the attendees. C. Löwik is a full Professor in Experimental Molecular Imaging at the Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands and one of the pioneers and experts on whole body optical imaging technologies based on bioluminescence and fluorescence. He presented lecture on topic of "Valorization of research: Clinical translation of pre-clinical research results, collaboration with industry and setting up a spin-off company" during which he presented his work on regenerative medicine in area of osteoporosis, arthritis, diabetes, myocardial infarct, stroke, traumatic brain injury and Alzheimer disease. He also talked about image guided surgeries, dual color BLI imaging, FLI, micro CT, optical imaging and whole body imaging. Also he presented his patents, collaboration with industry and his experience with IP commercialization.



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Ad 3. Following the lecture, a discussion was lead on number of topics, such as IP patent procedure, IP commercialization, spin-off companies, business angels, up-front payments, milestone payments, patent royalties, valorization of research, valorization indicators and Dutch IP laws, practices and university policies.

Ad 4. Date of the next RegMed meeting is still to be decided on.

Meeting notes taken by: O. Ulični



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Meeting Notes

The meeting was held on Thursday, 16.12.2014., from 16:00 till 17:00 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb, School of Medicine.

Attendees: Alić I., Boban M., Brkić L., Ćurlin M., Dobrivojević M., Drmić D., Gajović S., Kosi N., Lovrić M., Mitrečić D., Polšek D., Raguž J., Stipčević T., Šenoa Ž., Ulični O., Vikić-Topić S. and Vuletić L.

Meeting Agenda:

9. Approval of the agenda and minutes from the 6th RegMed meeting
10. Lecture by Mitrečić D.
11. Discussion on the lecture
12. AOB

Ad 1. The agenda and the minutes from the 6th RegMed meeting were approved by the attendees.

Ad 2. S. Gajović started the meeting by presenting the lecturer Mitrečić D. to the attendees. Mitrečić D. is leader of Stem cells laboratory at Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb, School of Medicine, and member of EU Joint Programme – Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND). He presented lecture on topic of "How to accelerate translational research in medicine? The experience of European joint programs" during which he talked about joint programs, national funds for Alzheimer disease and related disorders, global collaborations and public funding for research.

Currently there is less than 8% chance for the new neurodrug to be clinically tested after animal trials and there is big difference in approval of late phases of clinical trials comparing to other drugs.

Ad 3. Following the lecture, a discussion was lead on number of topics, such as national research strategies and investment, national funding bodies, JPND possibilities, translation projects for acceleration of clinical research and open source approach.



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As it's from Croatian national interest that Croatian scientist are included in international groups, RegMed supports that Republic of Croatia co-finances JPND. It should be one of priorities on national level for Ministry of science, education and sports. They should also make a strategy as Croatian parliament gave them a mandate to work on neuroscience and regenerative medicine.

Gajović S. proposed 4 opinions concerning transfer of technologies in medicine:

1. Transfer of knowledge from universities to industry is not limited to technological studies.
2. Researches working on universities do not have to make their results public good. They can make partnership with industry and private sector.
3. We should use technology transfer for benefits of biomedical research for patient's welfare and make partnerships with industry for clinical trials.
4. Influence of university is measured by knowledge or ideas which have been created on university and found ways into everyday life.

Ad 4. Date of the next RegMed meeting will be 28.1.2015.

Meeting notes taken by: O. Ulični



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Meeting Notes

The meeting was held on Thursday, 18.1.2015., from 16:00 till 17:00 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb, School of Medicine.

Attendees: Alajbeg I., Antica M. S., Boban M., Brkić L., Casarosa S., Couillard-Despres S., Drmić D., Gajović S., Klarić E., Klimachewski L., Kreutzer C., Kubinova S., Marschallinger J., Mitrečić D., Pochet R., Polšek D., Pongrac I., Radmilović M., Škokić S., Ulični O., Unger M. and Vikić-Topić S.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes from the 8th RegMed meeting
2. Lecture by Klimachewski L.
3. Discussion on the lecture
4. AOB

Ad 1. The agenda and the minutes from the 7th RegMed meeting were approved by the attendees.

Ad 2. Gajović S. started the meeting by presenting the lecturer Klimachewski L. to the attendees. Klimachewski L. is researcher at Division of Neuroanatomy at the Department of Anatomy and Histology, Medical University Innsbruck, Austria. He presented lecture on topic of "Industry funding and contract research at the Medical University Innsbruck" during which he made introduction to administrative side of contract research funding with institute, faculty or university and Center for academic spin-offs in Tyrol. Currently his research is about cellular and molecular mechanisms of peripheral axon growth and peripheral nerve regeneration.

Ad 3. Following the lecture, a discussion was lead on number of topics, such as spin-off companies, patent usage, IP university policy advising, innovation policy before patenting, tech office, difference in IP policy in Croatia and Austria, contracts with industry, benefits for university, business plans for researches, benefits for scientific collaborations...



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Ad 4. Date of the next RegMed meeting will be 25.3.2015.

Meeting notes taken by: O. Ulični



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Meeting Notes

The meeting was held on Thursday, 25.3.2015., from 16:00 till 17:00 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb, School of Medicine.

Attendees: Alić I., Bago M., Boban M., Brkić L., Čurlin M., Drmić D., Gajović S., Gorup D., Habek N., Kafka A., Kapuralin K., Kičić D., Komcsak J., Lam A., Lovrić M., Pavičić J., Polešk D., Pongrac I., Radmilović M., Raguž J., Sinđić A., Šale S., Ulični O. and Vikić-Topić S.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes from the 8th RegMed meeting
2. Lecture by Lam A.
3. Discussion on the lecture
4. AOB

Ad 1. The agenda and the minutes from the 8th RegMed meeting were approved by the attendees.

Ad 2. Gajović S. started the meeting by presenting the lecturer Lam A. to the attendees. Lam. A is Head of Business Development BioQuarter the University of Edinburgh, UK. She presented lecture on topic of "Translational regenerative medicine and neuroscience research at Edinburgh" during which she made introduction to University of Edinburgh, UK, and their achievements. They were founded in 1583, currently ranging as 17. university in the world, 4. in UK and 3. in neurosciences in UK. University of Edinburgh has 22 schools over 3 college, large research council, charitable funding, small funding from industry and spin off companies.

BioQuarter is Scottish center similar to GlowBrain RegMed platform with neuroscience incubator in one campus. Their success is 20 new industrial strategic partnerships, 500% increase in translation funding in 4 years and >300% increase in industrial investment in 4 years. Also they are home of UK national supercomputer facility. They also had 10 spin off companies in 4 years and now are targeting 18 new spin off companies in 7 years as



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they are expecting 20 M€ investment in CMVM spin jobs. One of the grants they giving to students is BioQuarter Annual Innovation Competition.

Another big investment is Anne Rowling Clinic which specializes in neurology clinic stroke and hemorrhage diseases. They are creating strategic alliance between Center for Clinical Brain Sciences and Biogen Idec.

EPAD is specializing in Alzheimer research (5 year study, 64 M€, 35 partners (private and academic) and is trying to understand early symptoms of Alzheimer disease before dementia develops. EU has wide register with 24000 cases.

DelBox is device for detection and monitoring of delirium and dementia in hospital patients. They are doing highly discriminant test to differentiate between delirium and dementia in acute care settings (reversible vs. irreversible) and having ongoing discussions with company to develop device.

Scottish Center for Regenerative Medicine has on one site stem cells, neurodiseases, liver diseases and cardiovascular diseases research. Six cell therapies for clinical trials are currently manufactured. Also they are working on neural differentiation and tissue repair (brain and spinal cord).

UK Regenerative Medicine Platform is 45 M€ worth stem cell niche and creation platform applicable for spectrum of disease.

Some other important works are Cell Therapy for Treatment of Parkinson's Disease, industrial collaboration with Genzyme and *in vitro* production of red cells for clinical transfusion.

Ad 3. Following the lecture, a discussion was lead on number of topics, such as spin-off companies, patent usage, IP university policy advising, innovation policy before patenting, tech office, difference in IP policy in Croatia and Scotland, contracts with industry, benefits for university, business plans for researches, benefits for scientific collaborations...

Boban M. inquired how BioQuarter had such a big increase in collaborations, to which Lam A. responded that they had huge support from the college top, directing research to IP/tech transfer center so BioQuarter could approach researches.

Gajović S. asked about ranking and tangible output and how do they measure it? How do they rank on IP/tech transfer list? Lam A. explained that there is no comparison, but they have lists and aims set up by college top, providing information, budget and industry connections. They will be independent soon and that will be best type of measure.

Drmić D. asked about their collaboration with pharmaceutical industry, but Lam A. stated that they have only small percentage since it's not so big goal for them.

Kičić D. questioned since excellence/focus in IT research is dropping, will all researches have to start to collaborate more and more with industry? Lam A. agreed that researches



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do lose little of their academic freedom, but some agree to it and others do not so they still have a choice.

Raguž J. asked what is deciding factor for researches, and Lam A. explained that main factor is more benefits for the patients and more approachable side of the lab. Raguž J. asked then what model Lam A. would recommend for Zagreb and Croatia, and she stated that we first need support from the top and government, specific local laws and regulations for IP and people in major institutions who know situation on the field.

Kičić D. inquired how do they motivate projects and how do they finance their work, to which Lam A. responded that they use different key points, presentation of their services, workshops, personal approach and different specializations in tech transfer field. They finance it mostly from University of Edinburgh, grants and lower costs. Gajović S. continued on the topic by asking about financing from angel investors or some philanthropic organization, but Lam A. stated that is not such a big case and that they receive more small donations. Vikić-Topić S. asked if they plan to use royalties from spin off companies for financing and Lam A. explained that they plan to use those more for evaluation of independent companies, not so much to invest in other project yet.

Kičić D. was curious why they chose stem cells research and IP/tech transfer to focus on, and Lam. A. said that that is just a field they started in and it's a nice niche to work in.

Ad 4. Date of the next RegMed meeting will be in June 2015., approximately 8.6.2015.

Meeting notes taken by: O. Ulični



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EU FP7 Project GlowBrain

Regional Network for Stem Cell Therapies and Regenerative Medicine (RegMed Network)

Meeting Notes

The meeting was held on 8 June 2015, from 16:00 till 17:00 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb, School of Medicine.

Attendees: Bago M., Boban M., Bock von Wülffingen B., Brkić L., Chase V., Drmić D., Gajović S., Komcsak J., Lovrić M., Polšek D., Raguž J. and Ulični O.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes from the 9th RegMed meeting
2. Lecture by Bock von Wülffingen B.
3. Discussion on the lecture
4. Lecture by Komcsak J.
5. Discussion on the lecture
6. AOB

Ad 1. The agenda and the minutes from the 9th RegMed meeting were approved by the attendees.

Ad 2. Gajović S. started the meeting by presenting the lecturer Bock von Wülffingen B. to the attendees. Bock von Wülffingen B. is a cultural historian of the life sciences with a background in biology and public health. She was stand-in and guest professor at different universities and published her second book on “Economies and the Cell. Conception and heredity 1900 and 2000” in 2011. As a member of the Cluster of Excellence Image Knowledge Gestaltung at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin her current focus is on the transition from reproduction and production to (re-)generation in the life sciences on the basis of a case study on neuro-regeneration and additionally on the cultural history of visual evidence and image production in the life sciences in the long nineteenth century. She collaborated before with Gajović S. on COST action. Bock von Wülffingen B. gave lecture entitled “Mapping neuroregeneration under the perspective of cultural history”, during which she presented concepts of cell and tissue



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living outside of body, (im)mortality *in vitro*, new neurons in the adult, technodeterminism and thinkability. She explained classical period of idea development, knowledge, style of thought, mutation, paradigm and presented work of Munich school of neuropathology (psychiatry and biological neurology) and dilemmas such as neuronists vs. reticularists.

Bock von Wülfingen B. presented neuroregeneration ideas that were controversial at their time as cell division, cell division limited to 40 – 60 divisions, “longer animal cell duration than animal life span” and myth of immortality of stem cells. She presented key researchers from 1902. till present and their quotations on neuroregeneration idea development.

Ad 3. Following the lecture, a discussion was lead on topics such as brain being considered as structurally flexible organ, new neutrons in adults, development of new neurons from stem cells, scientific approach to new ideas and is our brain ability bound by our genome and if so is it influenced by epigenetics.

Ad 4. Gajović S. presented second lecturer Komcsak J. from Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. She did her Master thesis on topic of GlowBrain project with title “Szervezeti kettős képesség a GlowBrain nemzetközi biotechnológiai innovációs projektben“. Here she presented it in short by lecture „Researching dynamic organizational ambidexterity in GlowBrain project“. Organizational ambidexterity aims for exploration and exploitation of the project to be at the optimal balance at the same time and it’s achieved by belief, interactive, boundary and diagnostics systems.

To study GlowBrain project she used open innovation tunnel model with input such as interviews with GB members, documentation and tech systems. Output of the methods showed that GlowBrain project is doing good, but it needs more balance in itself and in particular more focus on boundary and diagnostics systems. We are better at exploration than in exploitation. There is still chance to work on it as development opportunities are given through balancing control levels at each part of the project.

Ad 5. Following the lecture, a discussion was lead and Gajović S. asked how to organise boundary system in research field? Komcsak J. still needs to collect more tools to judge that as this model is usually more used for business companies. For boundary it’s possible to use SOPs, IP guidelines and strategic planning systems, and for diagnostics task lists, outputs, linking initiatives to goal achievements, measuring outputs and setting standards. Bock von Wülfingen B. suggested to search boundary systems in EU directives, but diagnostic tools should be more specific for each project stage with audit at the end of the project.



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Ad 6. Date of the next RegMed meeting is to be determined.

Meeting notes taken by: O. Ulični



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Meeting Notes

The meeting was held on Thursday, 29.9.2015., from 16:00 till 17:00 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb, School of Medicine.

Attendees: Alić I., Boban M., Brkić Ahmed L., Dobrivojević M., Drpić D., Ferhatović Hamzić L.

Glasnović A., Gorup D., Kejla Z., Lovrić M., Pavičić J., Polšek D., Pongrac I., Radmilović M., Renić M., Škokić S., Topalović D. and Ulični O.

The Knowledge Landscapes group attendees were:

- **Joachim Allgaier** (Institute of Science, Technology and Society Studies, Alpen-Adria-University, Klagenfurt, Austria), joachim.allgaier@aau.at
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- **Harald Holone** (Faculty of Computer Sciences, Østfold University College, Halden, Norway), harald.holone@hiof.no
<http://www.it.hiof.no/~haraldh/blog/home.html>
- **Lucia Martinelli** (MUSE – Science Museum, Trento, Italy),
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Lucia Martinelli maggio 2014 English.pdf](http://www.muse.it/it/il-muse/Chi-siamo/Staff/Documents/CV_Lucia_Martinelli_maggio_2014_English.pdf)
- **Anna Lydia Svalastog** (Psychosocial Work, Department for Health and Social Studies, Østfold University College, Halden, Norway), anna.l.svalastog@hiof.no
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- **Srećko Gajović** (host, GlowBrain coordinator, University of Zagreb School of Medicine), srecko.gajovic@hiim.hr



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<http://glowbrain.hiim.hr/index.php/en/srecko-gajovic>

Meeting Agenda (closed sessions):

1. GlowBrain presentation and discussion with GlowBrain members
2. Definition of Knowledge Landscapes main aim and specific topics
3. Presentations of Navigating Knowledge Landscapes (NKL) international network (NKLN) members
4. NKLN meetings
5. NKLN publications plan
6. NKLN public outreach - web page
7. NKLN grant applications
8. NKLN presentation to the RegMed members (open session)
 - 8.1 Approval of the agenda and minutes from the 10th RegMed meeting
 - 8.2 Lecture by NKLN members
 - 8.3 Round table on Kn on the lecture
 - 8.4 AOB
9. Meeting wrap up and conclusions

Ad 1. GlowBrain EU FP7 Project was introduced to the Knowledge Landscapes group by Gajović S. The presentations was followed by the questions from the group and a discussion. The group visited the laboratories of Croatian Institute for Brain Research, in particular the Section of Neurogenetics, Cytogenetics, and Developmental Genetics, with the Laboratories for Neurogenetics and Cytogenetics, Laboratory for Stem Cells, and Laboratory for Electron Microscopy, then they visited in the another building of Anatomy, the GlowLab, which was established through GlowBrain project, with the official title Laboratory for Regenerative Neuroscience. They visited and get informed about the imaging equipment acquired by GlowBrain, preclinical magnetic resonance imaging (MRI Bruker BioSpec USR 70/20 with field strength of 7 Tesla), and preclinical optical imaging (Perkin Elmer IVIS Spectrum) for bioluminescent and fluorescent imaging. The Knowledge Landscapes group had an opportunity to meet GlowBrain employees, and the members of the GlowBrain team. The sustainability of the GlowBrain platform was discussed in particular, and it was mentioned that the interdisciplinarity could be the key. The Knowledge Landscapes group discussed the dissemination activities of GlowBrain, and knowledge management to serve the use of the acquired knowledge and instruments for wider group of the scientists. In addition to the GlowBrain facilities, Knowledge Landscapes group visited Dpt. of Histology and Embryology, and the Croatian Medical Journal offices. They discussed with the Croatian



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Medical Journal team the workflow of the manuscripts. It was highlighted that Croatian Medical Journal is published independently, i.e. without influences of the big publishers, and it has the complete know-how to represent the publications to the scientific community. The highest asset is the diamond open access, which means that neither authors nor readers are charged for the processing fees related to the publishing.

Ad 2. The Knowledge Landscapes group agreed that to present the main ideas of the group there should be clear statements, which will serve as an orientation to the current and the future members of the group, for the professional community, and general public.

The results of the discussion were as follows:

The name was extended to Navigating Knowledge Landscapes (acronym NKL). This does not influence ongoing activities e.g. column in Croatian Medical Journal, which would keep Knowledge Landscapes name.

The intended organization type would be a network with the name Navigating Knowledge Landscapes Network (acronym: NKLN)

The Navigating Knowledge Landscapes Network is an international and interdisciplinary group with an explorative interest in the area of online and offline communication concerning health and biomedical knowledge.

The aim of the Navigating Knowledge Landscapes Network is to explore and describe how individuals navigate through landscapes of health-related knowledge in the digital society.

The reason for NKLN, i.e. to explore the navigation in an increasing amount of digital information, is an urgent need to empower the patients and other stakeholders to make better informed health-related decisions.

The expected results of NKLN are to develop innovative ways of approaching and researching health and science communication issues in international contexts. In the work of the NKLN empirical and conceptual research should be combined and interrelated.

NKLN is interested in:

- the communication of and about biomedical and scientific knowledge,
- challenges in information seeking behavior of concerned individuals,
- the consequences of digital health information landscapes for well-being and the quality of life.



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The topics mentioned were (and the list is still open for suggestions):

- Health information and health misinformation in social media, online video-sharing platforms etc.
- The role of mobile devices, smartphones and wearables for everyday health practices...

Ad 3. It was agreed that NKLN is an inclusive network which would welcome new members. It is expected that the network will grow and then develop subsequently. Currently and temporarily, the new members will be approved and the major management activities of the network will be performed by the Core Group of the NKLN. As soon the network will grow the management structure will be updated and this would be discussed already at the following meeting.

The Core Group members of NKLN are Allgaier J., Svalastog A. L. and Gajović S.

The members of the NKLN are

Holone H. (details above),

Martinelli L. (details above)...

Ad 4. It was agreed that NKLN meets twice a year. The preliminary date and place for the next meeting was set as February 18-19, 2016, in Bilbao, where local organizer will be Beriain I. M. The candidate for the organization of the following meeting is Webster A. in York.

Currently it is expected that the members of the network will finance themselves to attend the meeting. This was as well the case for the Zagreb meeting. The hosts are welcomed to contribute if such a possibility exists. The eventual successful common grant application can change the situation. Indeed the already present common activities are important prerequisite for the successful grant applications.

Ad 5. The Croatian Medical Journal (CMJ) already started publishing the column (series of assays) with the title of Knowledge Landscapes. The first assay was accompanied with the editorial. As the CMJ is open access the full text is available both in PubMed Central, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>, and CMJ web page, <http://www.cmj.hr>. Similarly



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to the result of the Bio-object networking the published papers could be at the end collected in a book.

The already published articles are:

- Svalastog AL, Allgaier J, Gajović S. Navigating knowledge landscapes: on health, science, communication, media, and society. *Croat Med J.* 2015 Aug 31;56(4):321-3. (editorial)
- Martinelli L, Busatta L, Galvagni L, Piciocchi C. Social egg freezing: a reproductive chance or smoke and mirrors? *Croat Med J.* 2015 Aug 31;56(4):387-91. (Knowledge Landscapes Column)

It is planned that for the every issue of CMJ, one manuscript will be ready. As the issues appear every 2 months the deadlines are January 15, March 15, May 15, July 15, September 15, and November 15 for the respective year.

Ad 6. It was agreed that the web page will be hosted at the server in Zagreb, Croatian Institute for Brain Research.

Web page is <http://knowledge-landscapes.hiim.hr> .

The webmaster is currently Gajović S., but it is expected that under his supervision the webmaster could be Rieder G. from IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark, gernot.rieder@univie.ac.at

Ad 7. One of the main aims of the networking is to develop a research supported by the funding agencies. The source of current funding is the every member finances her/his own activities. The grant applications are welcomed in the future.

The first grant to be applied is the COST Action (www.cost.eu). The deadline is February 9, 2016. The preliminary title of the Action was suggested to be

Challenges in knowledge communication for personalized health-related decision making in the digital society.

Ad 8. NKL was presented by short oral presentations by all 5 NKL group members to RegMed members attending the meeting.



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Ad 8.1 The agenda and the minutes from the 10th RegMed meeting were approved by the attendees.

Ad 8.2 Gajović S. started the meeting by presenting the NKL lecturers to RegMed members. NKL is 15 member group interested in information transfer. Group is still growing in numbers. NKL lecturers also individually presented their topics of interests to the audience.

Svalastog A. L. argued on importance of psychosocial work, ethics and bioethics. At her institution she teaches how to communicate and how communication works. And that mostly on internet with users, professionals, social networks, Google, YouTube, Yahoo... For example how algorithms make different Google search for different user based on that user's previous searches and how that affects a user. Also she teaches issues of protection on the field and on the web where there are different contents based on who is presenting the story.

Allgaier J. is investigating questions of science communication and media translation of science communication – professional scientific journals vs. FaceBook, Twitter (twitted information)... There is lot of examples on miscommunication between those two media on topics of creationism, climate change, system information... In case of Ebola epidemics there was issue of bad stories and communicators such as conspiracy theories about Wester organizations... In such cases there was problem of controversies on the field as NGOs and private reporters took over.

Martinelli L. has experience with hot topics as scientist working with GMO. She is now presenter at Museum of Science in Trento. The topic that interests her is medical innovation, e.g. social freezing of ovules by companies for their employees so they could have longer working span and delay parenting.

Holone H. is computer scientist working in the area where users directly create and shape technology themselves. Also he is interested in studying personalized Google's search as that is not objective approach, but tailored web.

Gajović S. is interested in perception of innovative knowledge by medical doctors. Current health system puts patient in the center and patient refers to specialist MD. Health related data is confidential and patient is responsible that data is authentic and accurate.



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Ad 8.2 The round table afterwards raised different aspects, e.g. the governance of personalized health care, knowledge management and patients' rights.

Mitrečić D. presented example of a clinic in the Southeast Asia which claimed on social and public media that it can cure ALS diseases. People donated money for ALS patients from Croatia to go there for treatment without single MD advice or opinion. There is question here how trustworthy are social media, public media and peer reviewed journals. Gajović S. responded that patients often don't listen to MD or medical professionals as that is their individual right, to make top down decisions. Also there is similar situation with anti-vaccination movement where even some MDs are participating. It is obligatory by law to get vaccinated, but it also should be knowledge success case where information is understood by the public. Kejla L. stated that NKL members have idea that everybody should understand everything, but we have informatory and informative persons. Also it is people choice to make wrong decision.

For Svalastog A. L it is important to understand mechanism of information transfer in cases such as these. Gajović S. thinks that by fine tuning of information between professionals and public we can achieve public consensus.

Regarding her field of study, Maritnelli L. stated that it is possible to be mother at 50-ies and that is told to the public, but very small percentage of women is able to realize that.

Holone H. pointed out that society is not limited to geography anymore and there is access to world wide data. Glasnović A. asked how do we distinguish between such vast number of information and opinions? Kajla L. stated that even if we give information there is question is it understandable and true. It's hard to distinguish border when you can be wrong or right. Svalastog A. L. said that we first need to define what is wrong or right, but borders itself are totalitarian scheme. Holone H. stated that you are entitled to have an opinion, but you are not entitled to have that as a fact. Pongrac I. stated that there is difference between responsibility problem and education problem. Still Drpić D. thinks that there is professional club that will decide official policy before public opinion has time to manifest itself.

Ad 9. The NKL group concluded that the meeting format as it was in Zagreb, was appropriate to allow for discussions and constructive work. The interactions with the host environment were judged as a very constructive and necessary. The regional activities in promoting the interdisciplinary approaches as RegMed was presented an example, was judged as a highly important in particular for the further development and sustainability of the research activities.



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FOUNDING ASSEMBLY OF CROATIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE AND STEM CELL THERAPY

Meeting Notes

The meeting was held on Tuesday, December 15th, 2015, from 16:00 till 17:00 at the premises of Croatian Institute for Brain Research (CIBR), University of Zagreb School of Medicine.

Attendees: I. Alajbeg, D. Bauman, K. Brajša, I. Bohaček, G. Ćurić, M. Ćurlin, D. Drmić, D. Ezgeta Karačić, S. Gajović, A. Glasnović, D. Gorup, M. Heffer, A. Ivković, A. Katušić Bojanac, Z. Kejla, T. Lauc, I. Marijanović, D. Mitrečić, T. Not, I. Pongrac, M. Pušić, N. Radovčić, J. Raguž, F. Sedlić, O. Ulični Nikšić, A. Vukasović,

Meeting Agenda:

1. Explanation of the reasons for founding the Association
2. Passing the resolution of founding the Association
3. Passing the resolution of accepting Association's Statute
4. Election of the representatives in the governing bodies of the Associations
5. Election of the legal representative
6. Election of the liquidator
7. Passing the resolution for registration of Association in Register of Associations
8. Passing the resolution of accepting the Working Plan and Financial Plan of the Association for 2016
9. AOB

Ad 1. S. Gajović started the meeting explaining how RegMed network was formed as an initiative of the GlowBrain project, in order to bring together professionals from different fields, such as academic research, clinical medicine, technology transfer, intellectual property, big and small industry, bioethics, legislation, etc, who have a common interest



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in regenerative medicine or stem cell therapies. Since GlowBrain project is moving towards its end it is necessary to assure the sustainability of the network and therefore the best solution is to found the official association in order to continue its activities after GlowBrain project ends.

The name of the association would be Croatian Association for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Therapy. Name in Croatian would be Hrvatska udruga za regenerativnu medicinu i terapiju matičnim stanicama Short name would be RegMedHR

All members present at the meeting would be founding members of the Association. S.Gajović was elected for the chair of the meeting and N.Radovic to take notes and prepare the minutes, D. Bauman to verify the minutes.

Ad 2. S.Gajović introduced a discussion for founding the association and the Assembly unanimously passed the resolution for founding Croatian Association for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Therapy, RegMedHr.

Ad 3. S.Gajović explained the Proposed Statute and introduced a discussion.

Z.Kejla suggested that the description of the members in Statute is changed in way that category sympathizer is removed from the Statute and only category of associate members remains.

It was agreed that honorary members of the Association would be exempt from paying annual membership fee.

It was agreed that the expelled member has a right of written appeal to the Assembly within the 30 days.

After the discussion Assembly unanimously passed the resolution of accepting Association's Statute.

Ad 4. S. Gajović introduced the discussion for the election of the representatives in the governing bodies of the Association and the Assembly unanimously passed following resolutions.

RESOLVED, Members of the Steering Committee are:

S.Gajović, D.Mitrečić, I.Alajbeg, A. Ivković, M.Ćurlin, F.Sedlić, I.Bohaček, M Heffer, Z.Kejla

RESOLVED, President of the Association is S.Gajović

RESOLVED, Vice-President of the Association is D.Mitrečić

RESOLVED, Secretary of the Association is F.Sedlić

RESOLVED, Treasurer of the association is I.Bohaček



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RESOLVED, Members of the Supervisory Board are:
Andreja Vukasović, Draženka Ezgeta Karačić, T. Not

Ad 5. S. Gajović introduced the discussion for the election of the legal representative of the Association and the Assembly unanimously passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, Legal representative of the Association is S. Gajović, as President

Ad 6. S. Gajović introduced the discussion for the election of the liquidator of the Association and the Assembly unanimously passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, Liquidator of the Association is S. Gajović

Ad 7. In order for Association to gain status of legal entity it must be registered in the Register of Associations.

S. Gajović introduced the discussion for registration of the Association in the Register of Associations and the Assembly unanimously passed the resolution for registration of the Association in the Register of Associations.

Ad.8. S.Gajović presented Working Plan and Financial Plan for 2016.

Association will continue to meet every two or three months and continue to bring together professionals from different fields to exchange knowledge and experience and to promote regenerative medicine and stem cell therapy. Annual Meeting including Annual Assembly will be organized at the end of the year. Web page of the Association will be made.

Association at the moment has no funds. It was agreed that the annual membership fee would be 100,00 HRK. All the funds would be used for covering the expenses of the future meetings (lecture room, catering) and for covering the bank fees of keeping the bank account.



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Ad.9. S. Gajović presented several options for graphic design of the Association. It was agreed that the logo would consist of short name of the Association RegMedHr in Arial font, located in the ellipse. Color of the ellipse is red and color of the Association's name is blue symbolizing the colors of Croatian flag. Ellipse symbolizes the cell.



Annex I: Statute of Croatian Associations for Regeneartive medicine and Stem Cell Therapy (Croatian version)

Meeting notes taken by: N. Radovčić