



## MedilabSecure (WP3) – Newsletter n°2 – March 2018

### HUMAN VIROLOGY NETWORK of MEDILABSECURE

#### Newsletter #2

*The new newsletter from the human virology group of MediLabSecure (MLS)*

- **News from MediLabSecure**

- > **Final Meeting MLS**

The final meeting of the initial project MediLabSecure will be held on June 25-27th, 2018, at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, France. Members from all the countries and from all the networks, medical entomology, human and animal virology and public health, will gather together to discuss the accomplishments and the appraisal of the project.

We are looking forward to meeting all of you.

- **Human Virology network activities**

- > **EQA RVFV**

The EQA RVF is over. Congratulations to all the participants who demonstrated a very good capability in RVF molecular diagnostics with more than 90% of success.

The official reports have been sent along with completion diplomas. You should receive them quite soon.

- > **IMPORTANT: New EQA Season!**

EQAs are of key importance for all of us in order to control and guarantee the quality of our laboratory results. Relying solely on the lab-internal quality management can create a false sense of safety. The company QCMD, specialized in EQAs, will be our partner for this new EQA season of MediLabSecure.

In order to organize correctly the process with QCMD, we would like all of you to **let us know** how many are interested in the following EQAs:

- WNV
- MERS-CoV
- Dengue
- Zika
- ChikV

The WNV EQA will start very soon, we would need you to let us know shortly if you are interested in this EQA.

### > **Needs for reagents assessments.**

So far, 11 countries sent their “needs assessments sheet” back to us. The analyses of these assessments conducted us to two actions:

- The primers, probes and positive controls needed to perform efficient diagnostics for arboviral diseases will be sent shortly to the countries who asked for them.
- Because of the high demand for serologic kits, we decided to start a performance comparison assay for the available commercial kit for some of the arboviral diseases.

If some of you would like to **participate in a multi-centric performance assay** study, please let us know.

For those of you who did not send their “needs assessments sheet” back. You have until **April 30<sup>th</sup>** to do so (send to: [guillain.mikaty@pasteur.fr](mailto:guillain.mikaty@pasteur.fr)).

### > **One health Workshop on Phylogenetic**

Reminder: the **joined workshop on advanced molecular analysis and phylogenetic** will be held in **October 2018**.

Dead line to send your motivation letters: **April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

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Since we hope to organize the workshop in one of the participating countries! We are looking for volunteer countries as well!

## > Reminders

- **Survey on needs for NGS Trainings:** Many of you asked for a training on NGS technology and data analyses. We are now looking for a country with actual technology implemented to organize a training there. If this is your case, let us know (write to: [guillain.mikaty@pasteur.fr](mailto:guillain.mikaty@pasteur.fr)). We will look for the possibility to organize the training for you.
- **Experts exchange:** For 2018, if you want to plan an exchange of experts between two laboratories of the network (including with other specialties), we can support the cost for the exchange. The aim has to be scientific and regarding MLS activities of your laboratory.
- **Support for participation to congresses and symposium:** In the aim of sponsoring the young scientists of the network, we will support the cost of admission to scientific congresses for young scientists (technicians, PhD students, postdocs,...). The congress has to be related to MLS interests and the young scientist must propose a poster or an oral presentation. Candidate has to motivate their case before acceptance.
- **Support for scientific publications:** If you are in the process of publication of scientific papers related to your activities in the MLS scope, we might help you with the cost of publication. Let us know.

If you have any suggestions or information you wish to share, please let us know.

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