



MedilabSecure (WP3) – Newsletter n°1 – January 2018

HUMAN VIROLOGY NETWORK of MEDILABSECURE

Newsletter #1

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

- **News from MediLabSecure**

- > **MediLabSecure Newsletter n°4**

The (general) MLS newsletter #4 was sent in November 2017 and is full of updates and info about the activities of this past year (Trainings, EQA, travelling exhibitions, and so on.). It is still available on the website (<http://www.medilabsecure.com/>).

- > **What's the future of MLS?**

As you know, the current MLS project will finish by the end of 2018. We already discussed with you on different occasions about our will to keep going for another round. We are currently working on a new project (MLS2). We had a three days brainstorming in December in France with all the working group managers, some country representatives and some external advisers to formulate the design of this second phase project.

- **Human Virology network activities**

- > **EQA RVFV**

As advertised earlier, the EQA RVF was sent to all the volunteering countries during last summer and almost all of you have received by it now. We have asked you to send to us the

results of your EQA (if not done yet) by the end of January 2018 (send to: guillain.mikaty@pasteur.fr). The results of the EQA will be sent to you during the month of February.

> Needs for reagents assessments!!!

As we did in the past, we want to assess your laboratory needs regarding reagents to diagnose some of the MLS pathogens of interests. You will find attached to this Newsletter an excel file with a few reagents we propose to supply if you need them. Please fill in this file and send it back to us before the end of next month (February 2018) so we can send it to you before the end of the current project MLS (send to: guillain.mikaty@pasteur.fr).

If you need any other reagent that would be dedicated to the actual MLS missions, let us know and justify your inquiry. We will study it and answer it if it is possible.

> One health Workshop on Phylogenetic

Following our workshop that took place in October 2017 in Paris on “initiation to molecular analysis and phylogenetic”, many of the participants expressed their wish to see an advanced workshop on the same subject. The same wish was expressed during the equivalent workshop from the animal virology group of MLS.

As it is our duty and our pleasure, we will try to answer to these demands!

We will organize a **joined workshop** with the Animal Virology group and the Medical entomology group of MLS on **advanced phylogenetic!**

Since the workshop will be open to the three working groups, we will select the participants regarding their needs, laboratory capacity and motivation. The workshop should be held in **October 2018**.

Finally yet importantly, we hope to organize the workshop in one of the participating countries! We are looking for volunteers!

> Survey on needs for NGS Trainings

During our past discussions, some of you expressed their wish for a training on NGS. We are currently looking for the actual need and capabilities of the network for such training.

If your laboratory is currently implementing this technology or already have the technology and needs help to train your people, **let us know** (write to: guillain.mikaty@pasteur.fr). We will look for the possibility to give you such training.

> **MLS human virology network new Activities:**

1. **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 of the exchange. The aim has to be scientific and regarding MLS activities of your laboratory.
2. **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.
3. **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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