

Workshop minutes

Venue: SDC, Bern

Date: August 7st 2013 **Time:** 12:00 to 17:00

Participants Bern workshop 7.8.13

Name	Network ID	Affiliation	Field
Ioannis Xenarios	15	Uni Lausanne	Biotechnology
Enrico Martinoia	13	Uni Zürich	Biotechnology
Thomas Hohn	19	FMI (Uni Basel)	Biotechnology
Hervé Vanderschuren	19	ETHZ	Biotechnology
Franck Vazquez	19	Uni Basel	Biotechnology
Raushan Bokusheva	17	ETHZ	Socio-economics
Mikail Pooggin	1	Uni Basel	Biotechnology
Blättler Dominic	F	BFH	Socio-economics
Urs Egger	F	BFH	Socio-economics
Pilar Junier	12	Uni Neuchâtel	Biotechnology
Thomas Boller	14	Uni Basel	Biotechnology
Michel Schneider	15		Biotechnology
Laure Weisskopf	13		Biotechnology
Mathimaran Natarajan	14	Uni Basel	Biotechnology
Nicolas Salamin	15	Uni Lausanne	Biotechnology
Ansgar Kahmen	14	ETHZ	Biotechnology
Didier Reinhardt	13	Uni Fribourg	Biotechnology
Diego Moretti	9	ETHZ	Biotechnology
Marie-Lise Schläppy	-	ISCB mgt	

Excused: Marcel Vanderheijden (Agroscope), Philip Aerni (FAO), Navreet Bhullar (ETHZ), Zeridun Tedede (Uni Bern), Florian Walder (Agroscope)

Absent: Laurent Farinelli (Fasteris SA), Michael Zimmerman (ETHZ), Ian Sanders (Uni Lausanne), Christoph Keel (Uni Lausanne), Paul Mäder (Uni Basel)

The purpose of the workshop was:

1. Obtain clarification of ISCB goals and priorities for the phase IV projects

M-L Schläppy explained the goals of the phase IV of ISCB, specifying that the programme would now have the added dimension of the socio-economic research. This led to comments from the audience that this new angle was making it difficult to hire PhD students who could not publish in pure research journals and would make it difficult for them to administer parts of the project if the communication also had to include socio-economic scientists. Others were of the opinion that publications were still very likely to be produced but they would go to a different kind of journal. It was discussed if post-docs could be hired instead of PhD students and how to deal with the fact that the budgets to pay postdocs or PhDs are not the same. The conclusion was that a post-doc can be

hired instead of a PhD student and the employer may have to reduce the time of the contract from 3 to 2 years or the % occupation from 100% to a lower percentage to fit the budget.

Also, one group asked about the possibility of having a co-PI who would come in the budget of another PI. M-L Schläppy explained that a co-PI of this sort would not have to sign the multiple party agreement or have to report financially or scientifically to ISCB but would have to report to the PI it is attached to. Similarly, this kind of co-PI would not have any rights to royalties should a product be developed and marketed in the future.

2. Obtain feedback and discussion about the outcomes of the workshop in India

The process of the workshop in Delhi (1.8.2013) was explained and key slides that were also shown in Delhi were shown to the participants. The results from the 3 workgroup of the Delhi workshop were shown on the projector and a handout was given with the group results. Also the integration of socio-economic research (i.e. pre-proposal for the SE researchers) was explained. It was specified that the SE pre-proposals are due also on 15.9.2013, like the biotechnology full-proposals. It was explained that if a partnership already existed, the partners should specify it, but that for those with no current SE partners, the matching would be carried out by ISCB (as recommended by the 3 working groups in Delhi) after the SE pre-proposals and the full biotechnology proposal would have been chosen. No additional socio-economic research topic was added to the list made by the 3 work groups in Delhi and a number of clarification questions were asked about the integration process and the application process.

3. Obtain clarification on the application form/process

Marie-Lise Schläppy presented the application form to the biotechnology applicants, which includes a part on socio-economics and explained how the SE part was now to be filled with the ideas and wishes of the biotechnology applicants for their project in terms of SE research so that ISCB could find the core network the best possible extended network (i.e. SE). It was also explained that if at this stage no shell partners could be found, it was still necessary to name which function they would have so that such partners could be found with ISCB's help in case the project is selected.

The workshop was finished at 15:15 and participants had the opportunity to have refreshments, snacks and network.

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