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Deliverable 17.2 - Training programs

Report

Based on the survey analysis (see deliverable 17.1) and a ERN focus group meeting on 26 June in Leiden, Netherlands - to which all ERNs were invited and the majority of them attended (see attachment 2) – the WP17 ERN research training program was developed. See attachment 1.

As described in deliverable 17.1, this training program is composed of two parts which are: (i) research fellow exchanges and (ii) training workshops.

Based on this program WP17 will be organizing first calls for fellow exchanges and workshops by end of October 2019.

Attachment 1: ERN research training program.

1. Workshops

General

- Approximately 10 workshops are planned per year (2019-2023)
- Organiser of workshop will be chosen through an application process
- Duration of workshop: Two (1,5) day workshops
- Audience: Workshops are mainly open to PhD students , young clinicians and senior investigators
- Budget for up to 45 workshops with 20-30 attendees and 8-12 faculty per workshop
- WP17 will produce guidelines for workshop organisation (e.g. on spending the budget)

Selection of topics

1. Topics to be proposed by ERNs through
 - Survey in single ERNs
 - Survey conducted in single ERNs to identify unmet needs
 - Research/scientific committees of ERNs
 - ERN CG Research Working Group
2. Topics to be proposed by EJP investigators

Selection of participants (applied criteria/points to pay attention to)

- Country balance (opportunities for participants from Eastern and Central Europe) /
- ERN balance (different ERNs per workshop)
- Seniority balance (junior + senior per workshop)
- Gender balance
- Monitor backgrounds of participants with regard to topics (checks on level of knowledge & expertise)
- Prioritization is given to participants with potential added value through attendance (mentioned in application “bring own problem”)

Prioritization of topic applications (applied criteria/points to pay attention to)

- Balance of clinical / translational/ basic research
- ERN cross cutting topics
- Multidisciplinary topics/ERN collaboration
- No overlap with other EJP training activities
- At least 40% females and 40% males lecturers

Procedure

- Two deadlines per year for workshop topic applications
- WP leading group to keep thematic balance, match/merge similar proposals and finally to decide on topics
- Application process for attendees (WP17 will use formats used in pillar 3 of EJP-RD)

Evaluation

- Applicants: short report on workshop: why was this workshop interesting to me, what have you done with the learned knowledge in terms of dissemination, what will you do with the new network, what will you use for your own research
- Workshop: pre and post workshop evaluation by Faculty and WG leaders

2. Research Fellow Exchange Programme

General

- Fellowship Committee to check for compliance with selection criteria, prioritize applications and evaluate outcomes: WP task leads + 4-5 focus group members

Selection criteria

- Either researcher or hosting institution linked to ERN (member/AP, HCP/university) (1st year: both sending and hosting institution ERN-related)
- Researcher EU/NO resident
- Research plan (e.g. data collection, data/sample processing, learning technology....)
- Feasibility of project content within training time
- Budget plan
- Research impact plan (re. researcher, HCP, ERN)
- Letter of support by sending institution
- Letter of acceptance by hosting institution

Prioritization criteria

- Early-stage researcher (beyond 1st year of PhD training / speciality training)
- ERN researcher / host institution (from 2nd year onwards)
- Added value to ERN
- Quality of home and host institution
- Quality of research plan
- New collaboration
- Inclusiveness target country (ITC) resident
- gender balance in relation to the applications
- 1 re-application possible

Modalities of exchange

- Cross-border exchanges
- Exclusively exchange within or between ERNs in year 1 of the program; after year 1 of program implementation it will also be possible to go to a centre outside of ERNs
- Administrative issues to be secured prior to stay
- Duration: 2 weeks to 3 months
- Stays > 1 month can be split (within 1 year)

- Option to exceptionally extend or shorten visit

Evaluation concept

- Standardized report by fellow and hosting institution within 1 month of completion of stay
- Evaluation of reports by Fellowship Committee

Dissemination concept

- Acknowledgement of funding source
- Trainee to present project at ERN Annual Meeting, EJP meetings, national or local meetings, professional society meetings
- Digital dissemination (ERN/EJP Newsletters, Websites, Tweets, Linked-in)



Attachment 2: List of attendees of focus group meeting in Leiden on 26 June 2019

- Euro NMD
- ERN-Skin
- ERN-RND
- VASCERN
- ERNICA
- ERN GENTURIS
- eUROGEN
- ITHACA
- ERN CRANIO
- ERN-LUNG
- Endo-ERN
- ERN-Lung
- BOND
- ERKNET
- ERN-RND
- Endo-ERN
- ERN GENTURIS

