

Dear colleagues,

We hope you will enjoy our last edition of the Helmholtz Alliance on Immunotherapy of Cancer newsletter in 2011. We wish a Merry Christmas to all of you and a happy new year!



Best regards,

Peter Krammer, Sigrun Mink and Katrin Eike-Verfürth

#### **Adaptation of the cost plans and financial bridgeover until the end of 2013**

According to information of the Helmholtz office in Berlin a transfer of the funds assigned to the individual projects is not possible. The budget you applied for has to be called and spent within the running time of the Alliance (until the end of 2012). The cash position at the end of 2012 should not be more than 10% of the budget planned for 2012.

The only exception is the budget for clinical trials that can be transferred into 2013 since it is not fully allocated so far.

Only if all projects spent their funds appropriately, there will be a further but limited financing of the central budget to bridge until the end of 2013. In case you did not change your cost plan we act on the assumption that you call your funds as indicated in your initial application and the remaining funds will be transferred automatically to the central budget for clinical trials.

#### **Scientific and Financial Report 2011**

Every year we have to publish a report about the work, achievements, collaborations and co-operations within the Alliance. For 2011, we are going to send out

the forms for the scientific report (including all data related to staff, publications, scientific progress etc.) and for the cross references in January 2012. We already thank you for sending them back in due time. The deadline will be the end of March.

#### **Seminar Series HITS**

Since our last newsletter from August 2011, there were more HITS seminars with Peter Daniel (Charité/ Berlin) on September 28<sup>th</sup> and Ulrich Kalinke (Twincore/ Hannover) on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There will be more seminars in 2012, starting with Frank Kirchhoff/ Ulm on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, ATV seminar room, Im Neuenheimer Feld 242, 69 120 Heidelberg.

Please note that we can also support HITS seminars at your site. For more information please contact the management office.

#### **Retreat 2012**

The next retreat for all members of the Alliance will take place at the Pfalzhotel/ Asselheim on May 13<sup>th</sup> until 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The arrival is on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and the departure is on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>. The invitation as well as the registration form will be circulated in due time. All principal and associated investigators should take part including 1-2 members of their respective groups. The SAB will also be present. You will get further information in February/ March 2012.

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