DECISIONS

The decisions were posted on the EUNAM web sites (http://www.dkfz.de/en/molgen_epidemiology/EUNAM/EUNAM.html) together with the ppt presentations.

The next meeting will take place in Paris on Sept. 20-21 2012, organized by Dr. Paul Dourgnon. The subsequent meeting will take place in late April or early May 2013 in Marrakesh.

In the Paris meeting following reports will be presented:

1) Refugees’ Health in South Tunisia: Dr. Hassène Kassar and Dr. Paul Dourgnon,
2) Molecular biology of HIV: Dr. Meriem Khyatti,
3) Environmental pollution and health in NA countries: Dr. Wajida Anwar,
4) Vector born diseases in NA countries: Dr. Wajida Anwar,
5) Infection and cancer in NA countries: Dr. Wajida Anwar and Dr. Meriem Khyatti,
6) Biotechnology in medical treatment of cancers and other diseases: Dr. Loubna Mazini,
7) Food consumption behaviors in NA countries: Dr. Cherifa Lakhoua,
8) Children of immigrants: health and growth: Dr. Emanuela Gualdi and Dr. Stefania Toselli
9) Children of immigrants: psychosocial adaptation: V.S.Manzon, S.Masotti
10) Any other relevant topics will be informed until next week.

Strategy for publications, persons in charge:

1) Ethics in NA countries: Dr. Diaa Marzouk,
2) Changes in overweight and physical in-activities in NA countries: Dr. Dina Kamel and Dr. Stefania Toselli,
3) Review of communicable diseases in NA countries: Dr. Meriem Khyatti.
REALLOCATION OF EUNAM RESOURCES

The Algerian partner has not taken part in the activities and will voluntarily resign. The annual budget allocation to Algeria was €41,250 amounting to €176,550 in 4 years, equivalent of 8.8% of the total EUNAM budget. The preliminary proposal for reallocation of the Algerian share of the budget was agreed as below.

Travel support to members of the advisory board

In the remaining 3 years, EUNAM is expected to meet 2 times/year in partner locations, totaling 6 meetings. If we invite 3 outside advisors to meetings in years 2-3 and 5 advisors in year 4 (in keeping with their role in spreading results to the users) and reserve €1000 per person and meeting the total request would be €22,000. The fund will be administered by the coordinator.

Data preparation and language editing costs

EUNAM has a central ‘publication and information’ budget item of €7,000/year. This was intended to cover printing of project relating information and publication costs in open-access journals which guarantee free availability (typically €1000-2000/publication). However, it has become apparent that all data are on local languages and there is a need to bring the selected data and intended publication material into Standard English. An annual sum of €1000/partner is proposed, totaling €21,000. This funding would be added to each partners’ budget.

Intensification of tasks through exchange of staff

The experience of the completed 10 months of EUNAM activities shows that lots of relevant health and immigration related data are available in the member countries but the main problem is to unify the data to make them comparable. For this reason a mobility fund is proposed which will enable exchange of staff even for extended periods in areas of accepted work-packages. This would be also support the training ambitions of EUNAM. The eligibility for the support would be

- Agreement between two EUNAM partners for the exchange
- Tasks adhering to EUNAM goals and existing work-packages (which need to be specified)

The candidate prepares an application to the coordinator who circulates it to all partners. Candidates are ranked by all partners according to the above eligibility criteria and the qualified candidates will be supported as funding will be available.

Eligible costs are travel, subsistence (according to local standard) and course or related fees. The budget would be €44,185/year totaling €132,555. The funds will be administered through the coordinator and they are paid to the host institution upon a document request.

The final approval of these changes depends on EU but the formal request will be submitted soon.

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