

Automated Functional Screening of IgGs for Diagnostics of Neurodegenerative Diseases
A U T O I G G
29 November 2018, Belgrade, Serbia

ANNUAL MEETING AUTOIGG MINUTES

Annual meeting off AUTOIGG (Grant Agreement 778405), “Automated Functional Screening of IgGs for Diagnostics of Neurodegenerative Diseases”, organizer University of Belgrade FACULTY OF BIOLOGY, was held at University of Belgrade Rectorate, Address: Studentski trg 1, 11000 Belgrade on 29 November 2018. Start time 10:00.

Present

Gulderen Yanikkaya Demirel, Basak Aru - YEDITEPE (Turkey)

Nese Aysit, Burcu Kurt Valtandaslar – ARGENIT (Turkey)

Andjus P, Radenović L., Korenić A., Simić A., Stamenković S., Bijelić D., Milićević K., Kočović D., - FBUB (Serbia)

BENEFICIARIES

Srdjan Antic - UCONN (USA)

PARTNERS

Guest: Željko Janićijević – UB – Sch. Elect. Eng.

Welcome and Introduction of agenda

- ❖ Kickoff was officially opened by prof. Dr Pavle Andjus (coordinator)
- ❖ Minutes of the Kick-off were approved
- ❖ Agenda adopted by participants at 10 : 20.

Minuted Agenda

1. AUTOIGG overview

1.1. Coordinator’s Report - presented by prof. Pavle Andjus (coordinator). He gave an overview of the deliverables obtained and current outcome of performed secondments. He also reported on the foreseen and unforeseen risks and contingency measures that also need to be put in the Progress report. At the end he presented the AUTOIGG demo video filmed during the Researchers’ Night in Belgrade.

1.2. Report on Secondments - presented by prof. Lidija Radjenović (chair of Secondments Committee). She emphasised that a number of secondments by Serbian and Turkish staff to Elvysys in France are on hold or had to be delayed due to visa issues.

1.3. Report on Workshops and Training Schools – Workshop 1 on GLP in Istanbul presented by Gulderen Yanikkaya Demirel (Beneficiary) and Training School 1 on Mitochondria and oxidative stress by Andrej Korenić (Core management group at FBUB) – who also presented information for the Midterm meeting in Jarnac, France.

1.4. Financial report – presented by Anita Simić (project admin). She presented a table of FBUB flow of funds.

Lunch brake 12:30-13:30

1.5. Progress Report - template presented by prof. Pavle Andjus (coordinator)

1.6. Plan for the 2nd year - presented by prof. Lidija Radjenovic (chair of Secondments Committee) and prof. Pavle Andjus (coordinator). Planned and revised secondments were presented by Radenović. The date of the next workshop in Istanbul was set for the beginning of October 2019.

2. Q/A from partners, Discussion & Troubleshooting – by participants of the meeting

- ✦ It was noted that more activities of project committees is necessary. Also should stick to more regular meetings, by teleconferencing if necessary - by prof. Pavle Andjus (coordinator)
- ✦ A proposal for the formation of a group for the exchange of information and experiences between students via social network, with individual ESR presentations about work on the project - by Gulderen Yanikkaya Demirel (beneficiary)
- ✦ Zeljko Janićijević asked if there is any protection of the project information flow on the internet. Andjus reminded that the majority of deliverables and reports was supposed to be published as confidential and restricted to the members of the consortium - Andrej Korenic as webmaster was notified.
- ✦ Proposal that Basak Aru - YEDITEPE should remain in the R & I Committee for another year and help activate the Committee also by organizing on-line meetings while informing the consortium about outcomes.
- ✦ Different visa issues (*eg.* for non-EU staff to EU, permits of stay *etc.*) were discussed and it was concluded that this is a project risk that needs to be urgently addressed. It was proposed as a contingency measure to Burcu Kurt Vatandaslar ARGENIT (Turkey) and Anita Simić (project admin, FBUB) to evaluate the level of information for seconded staff on the site <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/> and to prepare a report by mid December 2018.
- ✦ Discussion on unplanned expenses for secondments to ELVESYS. Andjus informed on the negotiations with Elvesys. The matter remains open since no written accord has been made.
- ✦ Discussion on the revision of secondment plan. It is necessary to rearrange the secondment Gantt chart and present it to the PO (L. Radenović and A. Korenić, notified)
- ✦ It was suggested that, in cooperation with Bilal Ersen Kerman - ARGENIT (Turkey), the next seconded person has to be recruited according to eligibility criteria. The suggested person, Gizem Duksun is eligible if she is holding a contract with Argenit for at least 6 months. The paperwork needs to be presented before she can be seconded to FBUB or an alternative person will be seconded.
- ✦ Proposals and discussion for the Workshop 2 on Autoantibodies (October 2019) in Turkey. It was determined that Gulderen Yanikkaya Demirel (Yeditepe) should submit a proposal with participants, lecturers, and the program by February 2019. FBUB was asked to help with several speakers from the field of immunology.
 - After final discussion at 15:25 the official part of the Annual meeting ended.

Record of the Minutes: *Anita Simić*

Revised by : *Pavle Andjus*

Date: 29 November 2018, Belgrade, Serbia