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**Management Board Meeting
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Report

Participants

- Giorgio Scagliotti (UNITO)
- Silvia Mattone (UNITO)
- Corrado Magnani (UNIPMN)
- David Planchard (IGR)
- Gerard Schmid-Bindert (UMM) – via web
- Luis Paz- Ares (SAS-HUVR- IBIS/FIBH12O) – via web

Report

The meeting started with the welcome by prof. Scagliotti to the participants and he illustrated to the partners the Romanian partner issue. Dr. Dediu left the Institut of Oncology in Bucarest and entrusted the project to another oncologist of the institution but she was not interested in working on the project. They now suggest that a thoracic surgeon will take his place and work on the project. If this new shift of responsible of the project will not work out they might withdraw from partnership. Silvia Mattone is now working with EU referent and the people at IOB to solve this issue as soon as possible so to make all the needed amendments to the Agreements.

Silvia Mattone then illustrates what has been done by Unito as coordinator of the project: all the questionnaires prepared by the different Work Packages have been uploaded to the website and invitation e-mails and reminders have been sent to the different centres around Europe. In particular we are now working on collecting answers from the Tissue Bank Questionnaire.

The responses already collected are stored in the restricted area of the website.

The informative material sent by partners have been uploaded to the website in a specific area: <http://www.euprojectmine.eu/index.php/mine-publications>: we are still waiting for contribution from Germany and The Netherlands.

As for the **Wp2**, managed by dr. Egbert Smit, there is the need of working on a dissemination plan. Dr. Magnani will cooperate in the design of the plan. The possibility of hosting a press conference during bigger events in the next future in order to spread the project results got so far was also discussed.

The results and the data collected can be put together in a paper to be published too.

Dr. Di Pietrantonj, in charge of **Wp 3**, could not attend the meeting but sent out a framework with future deadlines for the project tasks. This plan will be used to prepare the second Project Evaluation due next year. The milestones of the project expected to be reached by the end of the second year of the project are as follows:

	Date	WP1 = Scagliotti G.	WP2 = Smit E.F.	WP3 = Di Pietrantonj C.	WP4 = Schmid Bindert G.	WP5 = Nicolson M.	WP6 = Magnani C.	WP7 = Planchard D.	WP8 = Paz- Ares L.	WP9 = Dediu M.
m15	03/06/2015	M = identification of the clinical referral centers for MPM,	.	.	.

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m18	03/09/2015	M = Management Board Meeting	M = web site update		M = directory of MPM dedicated clinical trials			M = survey of biobanks 70% answers	M = survey of experts with >2 answers/country on health surveillance after asbestos exposure	M = survey on medical, surgical and pathological resources 80% answers; M = collection of epidemiological data (published results) on MM
m24	03/03/2016	M = Management Board Meeting	M = web site update, delivery of educational enduring materials focused for advocacy groups	M = evaluation report	M = survey data ready for analyses, M = directory of MPM dedicated clinical trials		M = answer from 80% of clinical referral centres		M = educational event M = presentation of text for enduring materials and screen play for audiovisuals	M = survey on epidemiological resources 80% answers
m27						M = draft of guidelines completed				

One of the **Wp 4** task is to create a directory of the clinical trials going on in the countries involved in the project. We have already collected information from some of the partners and Dr. Schmid-Bindert will find information for Germany: websites to be taken into consideration to collect information on the issue are, as suggested by dr. Planchard, www.clinicaltrial.com and www.e-cancer.fr (Institut national du Cancer in France).

Dr. Schmid-Bindert will also cooperate with dr. Magnani in order to read the responses of the general questionnaire and they will analyse them.

As much as **Wp 5** is concerned, dr. Nicolson couldn't attend the meeting due to technical problems but she send out a short presentation of the work done so far. She and her team worked on the existing MPM guidelines identifying them and they will now work on a review of them and a comparison of the differences found among the identified guidelines.

Dr. Corrado Magnani, leader of **WP 6**, reached the needed threshold of responses to the Cancer Registry questionnaire he worked on so he is going to analyse and compare the collected data so far in order to have an overview of the European situation.

The Tissue Bank Questionnaire, **Wp 7** task, was uploaded to the website before summer and then invitation e-mails to participate and several reminders were sent. We are still collecting answers from the different centres consulted.

Luiz Paz- Ares and his team worked on **Wp 8** and they prepared a draft survey and letters of involvement for key personalities in each country to involve in the project linked to the theme: national/regional authorities, physicians, linked to industry, patients... and so on.

The first step it will be to identify the right target in each country and who it is the right person to address the questions to. This might be done with help of each partner involved in the project so to reach the right person in each country: everyone should provide a list of possible people.

Another important issue discussed during the meeting was the organization of an Educational Event. The idea is to hold it within an European meeting. It should be organized in the first months of the 2016 so one of the possible meeting could be the Geneva Thoracic Surgery meeting in April.

It can be an event of half a day just before or after the main meeting and we should come up with a list of 50/60 people to invite to participate.

Beside the educational event it would be important to put together what has been done so far and which results have been obtained in order to present them during different meetings and events around Europe to increase the visibility of the project (for example, at the IMIG 2016 in Birmingham. Dr. Corrado Magnani can present it since he is going to attend the meeting). It would also be important to present the study results during national meetings, not only at a European level.

Papers can be prepared on:

- work done on the guidelines
- collected data of the surveys
- presentations done at meetings

Some material (such as booklets or audiovisuals) should be prepared so to be shared during meetings and on the website.

To Do List

- Prof. Corrado Magnani will cooperate with partners and dr. Smit in order to work on a dissemination plan
 - Dr. Egbert Smit and dr. Schmid-Bindert should also provide informative materials from their countries to update the website
 - Dr. Schmid-Bindert will provide information on clinical trials in Germany
 - Dr. Schmid-Bindert and dr. Magnani will analyze the data of the general survey of the Wp 4
 - All partners should have a look and make comments (if there are) at the draft letters sent by Paz-Ares to involve local and national authorities, industrial medicine experts and advocacy groups in the project, especially regarding the early detection and health surveillance issues
 - All partners should help wp 8 leader dr. Luis Paz- Ares in identifying in their country the right referents on primary health surveillance
 - All partners should cooperate to organize the educational event (possible date – Geneva April 2016)
 - All partners should cooperate in the writing of papers to be presented at meetings
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