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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BIORISE 2ND IP (INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY)
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 30 MARCH 2018, AT CING
(CYPRUS INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY & GENETICS), ROOM 404**

Present: Ms Ramona Livera (on behalf of Ms Maria Kyriacou)
Mr Marios Flouros
Ms Marilena Paraskeva

Absent: Ms Maria Kyriacou (Chairwoman)

In attendance: Prof. Kyroula Christodoulou (Project Coordinator)
Dr George Spyrou (BIORISE ERA-Chair Holder, BECH)
Dr Niovi Nicolaou (Project Manager)

The meeting started at 09:10am.

ITEM 1 – Approval of previous minutes

The previous minutes were briefly discussed. It was confirmed that all the work packages have been completed or are undergoing as expected. It was pointed out that no collaborations with pharmaceutical companies have been established yet, but the effort will continue.

ITEM 2 – Presentation of progress by the Bioinformatics ERA Chair

Dr George Spyrou presented the progress of the Bioinformatics group, in which he discussed the following:

1) The mission of the group which is the use of state-of-the-art bioinformatics research and advanced education in order to function as a hub of excellence in the areas of applied bioinformatics to early diagnosis, effective prognosis and drug discovery.

- 2) The objectives of the group in order to achieve its mission and its ultimate goal which is to have societal impact.
- 3) The history of the group establishment highlighting the appointment of 4 Postdoctoral Research Fellows and 4 PhD students (1 exclusively supervised by the Bioinformatics group and 3 shared between the group and other departments), the joining of a visiting scientist on different projects, the visiting of various internship and ErasmusPlus trainees and the successful graduation of the first MSc student.
- 4) The different resources that have been used in order to develop the Bioinformatics Lab (computing stations, servers, storage devices, monitor, books and access to computing processing time in SuperComputing facilities in Cyprus and Europe achieved through successful proposals in the corresponding calls).
- 5) The structure of the group which covers three different areas (Omics Data Analysis Lab, Computational Diagnostics and Therapeutics Lab and Computational Neuroscience and Intelligent Systems Lab).
- 6) The different pipelines that are developing.
- 7) The training provided by the group (course on Bioinformatics, workshops, lectures and journal club).
- 8) The publications of the group.
- 9) The funding/external resources applied for, approved and pending.

Then, the following points were discussed regarding the progress of the Bioinformatics group:

- 1) The aim that the CSMM Bioinformatics course that is currently elective to become core in the future.
- 2) The vision to create a master course in Bioinformatics within the Cyprus School of Molecular Medicine, in order to attract people from different disciplines such as mathematicians, computer scientists, etc.

Also, the following points were covered regarding IP rights and patents:

- 1) It was explained by Ms Ramona, that when establishing a new collaboration it is important to prepare a co-operation agreement between the two parties before the start of the collaboration, in order to establish which data can be used, accessed and patented.
- 2) It was explained that it is important that a confidentiality agreement be also signed for each collaboration, highlighting that the data shared between the two parties will be only used for the specific collaboration. A license agreement should be signed if the data will be used from the other party for purposes other than the specific collaboration.
- 3) It was suggested by Ms Ramona to avoid joint rights if possible since there are some European countries that do not accept this.
- 4) It was explained by Ms Ramona that algorithms and systems are not generally acceptable to be patented, but they can be presented in a different way (e.g. new knowledge or knowledge with inventive component that can be used in the industry).

ITEM 3 – Any other business

- 1) The project coordinator informed the members that the CSMM and CING are aiming to educate the students and staff of CING about the concepts of IP via a series of lectures and asked if Mrs Livera/Mrs Kyriacou committee members would be interested to participate, in their capacity as patent lawyers. It was confirmed that they are interested upon approval by their management.
- 2) Ms Marilena Paraskeva briefly mentioned the program of Research Promotion Foundation regarding the patents.

The meeting ended at 10:10am.