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Executive summary

Link2US deliverable 3.4, Workshop Reports, highlights three organised workshops on U.S. research and innovation programmes. These reports aim to provide insight into the awareness raising activities for European researchers on funding possibilities provided by U.S. research, along with innovation programmes for European-based scientists and organisations.

On 9 June 2011, in Brussels, the second networking session, *Opportunities for doing Health Research in Third Countries*, took place. Under the auspices of the *Open Information Day on FP7 Health Research*, the session was part of a joint event of eight ACCESS4EU projects. Representatives of the participating countries presented the funding possibilities open for European researchers. The U.S. possibilities were presented by a representative of the U.S. Department of State, dr. David Bruce Conn. 91 attendees participated in the session, representing 33 countries worldwide.



Workshop

Background information

On 9 June 2011, the European Commission (Research and Innovation DG - Directorate Health) organised an *Open Information Day on FP7 Health research* at the Charlemagne Commission Building in Brussels. This event presented the Seventh Framework Programme's (FP7) Health 2012 call orientations and highlighted the priorities and specificities of the next Health call for proposals due to be published later in July.

The programme consisted of plenary sessions and several parallel workshops providing insights into planned call topics. Guidance on how to participate in the following FP7 Health programmes was also given: Opportunities for SMEs, Focus on Clinical Trials, International Cooperation and Communicating EU Research.

594 stakeholders from industry and academia and various information multipliers attended the open day and profited from networking and information exchange.

Maíre Geoghegan-Quinn, the Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation opened the Conference stating: "Europe's drive to push research and innovation to the forefront of our economic and political priorities is our best way of getting jobs and growth that Europe badly needs, and of getting the answers to some of the biggest challenges we face, including the challenges to improve health and quality of life."

Opportunities for doing Health research in Third Countries session was a satellite event for this information day. It was held in Crowne Plaza Europa Hotels between 18:00 and 19:30 hour. This event informed about third country funding mechanisms that are accessible for European researchers doing health research in Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, South Korea and the USA. The session was organised by eight Access4EU projects.

Activity details

Link2US project participated at the session in order to present the U.S. opportunities open for European researchers. Dr. David Bruce Conn, the representative of U.S. Department of State was invited to give an overview on the subject. He gave two presentations during the day.

The first presentation was held in the frame of the Open Information Day, during the International Cooperation parallel session. Here short flash presentations were given by the representative of each country in order to highlight the evening session.

Dr. Conn's second presentation was held during the satellite event. Although the session officially started at 18:00, event participants had the opportunity to meet the representatives at dedicated 'country tables', to discuss the possibilities for cooperation beforehand. At 18.00h, after a quick welcome by Mr Ben Kubbinga



(Agency for the Promotion of European Research), Mr Philippe Froissard (European Commission, DG RTD, International Cooperation Projects) explained the rationale behind the Access4EU initiative. Then a series of eight 10-minute presentations was initiated.

As countries followed each other in alphabetical order, Dr. David Bruce Conn was the last speaker. He described two funding types, the direct funding of EU investigators and subcontracting / indirect funding. He highlighted 7 programmes operated by National Institute of Health (NIH), in which researchers from the EU can participate directly. He also mentioned two programmes operated by the National Science Foundation (NSF), which do not support European researchers directly. He also called the attention of the audience to consult the website of the Link2US project and highlighted the catalogue about the funding programmes created within the project.

After the presentations networking cocktails were served and the discussion continued at the country tables.

91 attendees participated in the satellite event. They represented 33 countries from all over the world.

During the Open Information Day and also before and after the ACCESS4EU session project information material (brochures, postcards and catalogues) was distributed. Aims and activities of Link2US project were discussed during the personal communication with the participants.

Presentations of the ACCESS4EU session can be downloaded from:
<http://www.access4.eu/healthinfoday2011/>



Conclusion

The participants received an overview of open funding possibilities in third countries. Dr. David Bruce Conn's presentation contained the most opportunities for EU researchers, due to the fact that NIH and the EC have opened their calls and give funding on reciprocal basis.

The event is considered successful, because of the high number of participants. This is due to the fact that the event was organised with the support of the EC and was promoted together with the official Open Information Day. Combining the efforts of the ACCESS4EU projects made it possible to reach a wider audience.



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Annex 1. Agenda of the event

Annex 2. List of participants

Annex 3. Article of the event

International Cooperation Opportunities for doing Health research in Third Countries

Access4EU info-session

9th of June 2010, Brussels
Crowne Plaza Europa Hotels, rue de la Loi - 107 – Wetstraat
Registration: 17.00h

International cooperation in Health-research is key to creating the European knowledge-based economy. Though the 7th Framework Programme provides plenty of opportunities for researchers in and outside Europe, it is equally important to promote the possibilities of doing research under Third Country RTD programmes. Indeed, access to information on Third Country researchers, institutions and infrastructures is of crucial importance to further address issues of global importance – for instance when it comes to research on neurodegenerative diseases or obesitas.

The aim of this Access4EU info-session is therefore to provide participants of the FP7 Health infoday and brokerage event on 9 and 10 June with an overview of the opportunities in Health research that exist outside Europe.

European researchers will thus not only have the opportunity to understand the importance of International Cooperation under FP7, but also to learn about the access possibilities to Third Country RTD programmes.

Organisers: 8 'Access4EU' projects that focus on the Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Russia, South Korea and the USA.



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Programme (1 June 2011)

Time		Agenda
18.00		Introduction to the Access4EU initiative of the European Commission Mr Philippe Froissard, European Commission, DG RTD, International Cooperation
18.10		Opportunities in Australia Mr Gerd Ruecker, International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research at the Project Management Agency c/o German Aerospace Center (DLR)
18.20		Opportunities in Canada Ms Jean-Pierre Rodrigue. Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR)
18.30		Opportunities in India Mr R.P. Singh, Center Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
18.40		Opportunities in New Zealand Ms Karla Falloon, New Zealand Science and Technology Counsellor
18.50		Opportunities in Russia Ms Natalia Mielech, Inno Group
19.00		Opportunities in the South Africa Mr Daan du Toit, South Africa, Minister Counsellor (S&T)
19.10		Opportunities in South Korea Ms Sinéad Quigley, French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)
19.20		Opportunities in the USA Mr David Bruce Conn, Ph.D., Office of International Health and Biodefense (OES/IHB) U.S. Department of State
19.30		Questions
		Networking cocktail
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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR DOING HEALTH RESEARCH IN THIRD COUNTRIES

Access4EU info-sessions, Brussels 9 June 2011

On 9 June 2011 two info-sessions took place in Brussels, both with the aim to promote the opportunities for European researchers of doing Health research in Third Countries.

The first info-session was part of the official programme of the FP7 Health Infoday organised by the European Commission. During the parallel session on international cooperation (14.00-15.30h) chaired by Mr Indridi Benediktsson (European Commission, DG RTD, Directorate Health Horizontal Aspects and Coordination), representatives of 8 Third Countries presented the research and innovation programmes in their respective countries. The countries represented were: Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Russia, South Korea, South Africa and the United States of America. With 3-minute flash presentations, each speaker highlighted the opportunities for European researchers under these programmes. Close to 100 people from all over the world participated at this 'teaser' session, which also served to promote the evening session where ample time was reserved for networking.



Left: Participants during the parallel session on International Cooperation. Right: Participants of the Health Infoday at the Access4EU information booth. (pictures Bodil Palmberg/EuropaMedia)

Outside the conference hall (Room Jenkins), the participants of the Health Infoday were welcomed by an Access4EU–booth with brochures and other promotional materials of all the Access4EU projects.

The second info-session was organised in cooperation with eight Access4EU projects at Crowne Plaza Europa Hotels. In total, over 90 people participated at this Access4EU dissemination and networking event. From 17.00h onwards, participants already had the opportunity to meet the country representatives at dedicated 'country tables' and discuss the possibilities for cooperation. At 18.00h, a series of eight 10-minute presentations was initiated. After a quick welcome by Mr Ben Kubbinga (Agency for the Promotion of European Research), Mr Philippe Froissard (European Commission, DG RTD, International Cooperation Projects) explained the rationale behind the Access4EU initiative. Subsequently, the

following speakers presented the research opportunities in their respective countries: Mr Gerd Ruecker for Australia, Ms Sharon Irwin for Canada, Mr R.P. Singh for India, Ms Karla Falloon for New Zealand, Ms Natalia Mielech for Russia, Ms Sinead Quigley for South Korea, Mr Iqbal Parker for South Africa and Mr David Bruce Conn for the USA. After the presentations a networking cocktail was organised where participants had the opportunity to discuss in more detail how they can set up collaborations with Third Country research programmes. Participants came from all over the world and though most participants indicated that they were generally interested in the opportunities outside Europe, many had a preference for the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India, Russia, South Africa and the USA.



Left: Audience of the Access4EU event at Crowne Plaza Europa Hotel. Right: Participants at the networking cocktail. (pictures Bodil Palmberg/EuropaMedia)



Speakers at the Access4EU event at Crowne Plaza: Mr Philippe Froissard (European Commission), Mr Gerd Ruecker for Australia, Ms Sharon Irwin for Canada, Mr R.P. Singh for India, Ms Karla Falloon for New Zealand, Ms Natalia Mielech for Russia, Ms Sinead Quigley for South Korea, Mr Iqbal Parker for South Africa, Mr David Bruce Conn for the USA and Mr Ben Kubbinga (APRE). (pictures Bodil Palmberg/EuropaMedia)

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