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2 NEW REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP
During summer, BBMRI-ERIC has received the formal request letter by the Republic of Poland (currently Observer) and Republic of Latvia respectively to become a Member of the research infrastructure. These requests are currently evaluated by the Assembly of Members. A decision is forthcoming early autumn.

A BIG STEP TOWARDS PERSONALISED MEDICINE: CBMED APPOINTED FIRST EXPERT CENTRE OF EUROPEAN BIOBANKS
Graz (Austria), July 2016 – The Graz based research facility CBmed has been appointed the first European “BBMRI-ERIC Expert Centre/Trusted Partner” (Biobanking and BioMolecular resources... Read the full article
2ND BBMRI.AT PREANALYTICS COURSE HELD TOGETHER WITH BBMRI.FR BIOBANQUE IN NICE, FRANCE
The course focused on the preanalytical factors influencing sample quality and the implementation of recently published CEN technical specifications which will become ISO Standards for sample quality soon.
Read the full article

HIGH-RANKING BIOBANK RESEARCHERS MET IN GRAZ AT THE BBMRI OFFICE
Biobanks constitute the essential basis for medical progress worldwide. From Sunday, June 3rd, international biobanking experts from seven countries have met at the BBMRI-ERIC and BBMRI.at headquarters at the Medical University of Graz.
Read the full article

WORKSHOP AT THE UNIVERSITY FOR CHILDREN IN VIENNA
The work-package on ELSI and Public Engagement the Austrian node BBMRI.at participated in July 2016 at Kinderuni – the annual University for children organised by the University of Vienna – where children aged between 6 and 14 attend courses on diverse topics.
The researchers confronted the children aged between 6 and 10 with the same scenario as they apply in the Citizen-Expert panels; group discussions aiming at investigating the attitudes and fears related to tissue donation and data storage in biobanks. When asked whether they would be willing to give consent to tissue donation, the children were enthusiastic but also keen to know what happens next. They were especially sensitive to the way personal data related to tissue donation are handled and how are they stored. Read more (in German) at https://bbmriatblog.wordpress.com/

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES
EUROPE BIOBANK WEEK 2016
13-16 September 2016
Vienna/Austria
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EUCCELLEX FINAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
22-23 September 2016
Paris/France
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8TH SANTORINI CONFERENCE - BIOLOGIE PROSPECTIVE
03-05 October 2016
Thira-Santorini/Greece
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SAVE THE DATE: ICRI 2016
03-05 October 2016
Cape Town/South Africa
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PHD COURSE AND SYMPOSIUM IN SWEDEN
15-16 November 2016
Lund/Sweden
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UK BIOBANKING SHOWCASE AGENDA ANNOUNCED
16 November 2016
London/UK
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8TH BBMRI-ERIC ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS
17-18 November 2016
Vienna/Austria
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HOW TO BUILD A BIOBANK - LEARNING BY DOING
23-25 November 2016
Graz/Austria
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For a full calendar of meetings see BBMRI-ERIC Website
CALLS & VACANCIES

PUBLICATIONS

Press Releases:

ISC (18 July 2016)
A big step towards personalised medicine: CBmed appointed first Expert Centre of European Biobanks

CORDIS (4 July 2016)
Europe Biobank Week: Bringing the European biobanking community together to discuss health innovation; 13-16 September 2016

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