

Call for Applications for Staff Exchange in the Area of Stakeholder Management and Community Building

The general purpose of Rltrain staff exchanges

The purpose of Rltrain staff exchanges is for **managerial staff from European Research Infrastructures** to develop managerial and leadership expertise in areas that are new to them, or that they feel their research infrastructure needs to develop specific expertise in, by making **short knowledge-exchange visits** to research infrastructures that are noted for their excellence in the same area.

The topic of the staff Exchange

The topic of the staff exchange that is offered in this call is “**Stakeholder Management and Community Building**”. The proposed staff exchange focuses on stakeholder management and community building in the field of biological and medical imaging, but can be easily transferred to any field.

The participants will have the opportunity to discuss these issues not only with the Czech-Bioimaging hub representatives, but also with the Czech-Bioimaging node representatives and advisory board members.

Date of staff Exchange

22 May – 25 May 2018

(The date can be modified if there is a need by applicants, but then we cannot guarantee participation of the Czech-Bioimaging advisory board in the staff Exchange programme).

Objectives of the staff exchange:

- ✓ Share experience on community building in the area of biological and medical imaging in the Czech Republic

- ✓ Share experience on preparing a proposal for a national research infrastructure in biological and medical imaging (Czech-Biolmaging)
- ✓ Share experience on involving the national imaging community into European research infrastructure Euro-Biolmaging
- ✓ Share best practice of collaboration with industry and national societies (joint events, courses, projects)

Summary of the staff Exchange

The staff exchange is divided into three parts. First part will be devoted to presentations and discussions with staff working in the Czech-Biolmaging hub at the Institute of Molecular Genetics (IMG). The second part covers participation in meetings of the Czech-Biolmaging steering committee and the Czech-Biolmaging advisory committee and individual talks with selected members of these committees, if interested. The third part consists of a wrap-up session at IMG, during which the participants will discuss with the IMG team the outcomes of the staff Exchange and possible future cooperation.

Preliminary programme of the staff exchange

Tuesday 22 May 2018 (Prague, IMG)

- Welcome – programme of staff Exchange
- Roundtable – introduction of participants
- Presentation (Pavel Hozak): The Czech Republic: From Community Building to Participation as Euro-Biolmaging Node
- Presentation (IMG staff): Czech-Biolmaging research infrastructure
- Presentations of visitors (RI, in which they are involved, challenges, they face, expectations from the staff exchange)
- Guided tour in the IMG Czech-Biolmaging node
- Discussion – all

Wednesday 23 May 2018 (Prague / Brno region)

- Prague / Brno
- Informal discussions with Czech-Biolmaging nodes representatives/ advisory board members – based on the preferences of participants

Thursday 24 May 2018 (Prague / Brno region)

- Participation in the meeting of the Czech-Biolmaging steering committee
- Participation in the meeting of the Czech-Biolmaging advisory board

Friday 25 February (Prague, IMG)

- Wrap-up session - fulfilment of expectations, lessons learned, recommendations for both visitors and the host in further development of stakeholder management and community building
- Discussion on possible cooperation in the future
- Conclusion

Benefits

On the example of the national infrastructure for biological and medical imaging (Czech-BioImaging), the participant will get an insight into the way a national research infrastructure has been formed from a bottom-up initiative of a research community and how has become part of the European Research Infrastructure for Imaging Technologies in Biological and Biomedical Sciences (Euro-BioImaging).

The different ways of getting involved the research community, industry and funding agencies will be presented and discussed.

This will allow participants to create a comprehensive view on stakeholder management and community building.

Hosting institution

Institute of Molecular Genetics, Academy of Sciences Czech Republic

Prague, Czech Republic, <http://www.img.cas.cz>

The Institute of Molecular Genetics AS CR, Czech Republic operates a Czech-BioImaging hub (www.czech-bioimaging.cz), operates a Czech-BioImaging node for advanced light and electron microscopy, and hosts the Euro-BioImaging node candidate (<https://www.eurobioimaginginterim.eu/almnpc.html>).

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Other important information

Participants are requested to cover their travel and accommodation costs.

The applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Potential impact of the staff exchange on the development of a research infrastructure, which an applicant is affiliated to.
- Clarity of motivation of the applicant to participate in a staff Exchange
- Position of an applicant within a research infrastructure
- Maturity of a research infrastructure

A maximum of two participants will be selected from different research infrastructures.

Deadline for applications:

31 March 2018

Applicants are requested to submit a motivation statement and a CV as part of their application.

Applications are to be submitted using the following SurveyMonkey form:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IMG_staffexchange

Only applications submitted via an on-line application form will be considered.

If you wish to register your interest or have any questions, please contact Martina Wernerova (martina.wernerova@img.cas.cz).