

IRDiRC JANUARY 2014 UPDATE

for Executive Committee, Scientific Committees, and Working Groups



Wishing to all of you a very happy new year



IRDiRC new documents

- The report of the first teleconference of the Working Group on Biomarkers for Disease Progression and Therapy Response is available on the IRDiRC website.

Access the report [here](#)

News published on the website

- SME-targeted Collaborative Project receives funding to study genetic links to treat bone diseases.

Read the article [here](#)

- DECIPHER invites membership from interested parties who wish to benefit from data sharing.

Read the article [here](#)

- The BRIF initiative: a tool to facilitate bioresource sharing.

Read the article [here](#)

- Registration opens for joint EMA/FDA/MHLW-PMDA orphan medicinal product workshop.

Read the article [here](#)

IRDiRC related calls

- The recently announced Horizon 2020 calls for proposals from the European Commission aimed to enhance research and development, and build a knowledge structure on rare diseases include:

** ERA NET rare disease research implementing IRDiRC objectives*

Access the call [here](#)

** New therapies for rare diseases*

Access the call [here](#)

** Support for European Reference Networks: efficient network modeling and validation*

Access the call [here](#)

** Integrating and opening existing national and regional research infrastructures of European interest*

Access the call [here](#)

- A call for European research projects for cross-disease analysis of pathways related to Neurodegenerative Diseases, in the context of JPND has been released by the French National Research Agency (ANR).

Access the call [here](#)

Website update

- The IRDiRC in the news section has been updated with the addition of several news from the media mentioning IRDiRC.

Access the IRDiRC in the news section [here](#)

New lists of research projects funded by IRDiRC members

- The Telethon Foundation (Italy) list of research projects for 2013 has been updated.

Find the Telethon Foundation list of research projects [here](#)

- The list of research project of the Orphan Products Grants Program from Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been updated for the year 2013.

Find the FDA list of research projects [here](#)

Other news

- Genzyme has officially been accepted as a new member of IRDiRC.

Read the article [here](#)

- The next teleconference of the IRDiRC Executive Committee will be held on February 3, 2014.
- The next meeting of the IRDiRC Executive Committee will take place in Berlin, Germany, on May 7-8, 2014.
- The 2nd IRDiRC Conference will take place on November 12-14, 2014, in Shenzhen, China. It will be hosted by the BGI in the Shenzhen Convention and Exhibition Center.

Read the proposal sent by BGI [here](#)

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