

IRDiRC JULY 2014 UPDATE

for Executive Committee, Scientific Committees, and Working Groups



IRDiRC new documents

- Executive Committee: [report](#) of the meeting held on May 7-8, 2014 in Berlin, Germany.
- Interdisciplinary Scientific Committee: [report](#) of the meeting held on May 8, 2014 in Berlin, Germany.
- Working Group on Model systems: [report](#) of the teleconference held on March 10, 2014.

Upcoming IRDiRC meetings

- September 2, 2014: Teleconference of the Diagnostics Scientific Committee.
- November 6, 2014: Executive Committee meeting in Shenzhen, China.

News published on the website

- [PCORI of US](#) announces expert panel on rare disease.
- [The promises of stem cell therapy](#) always getting closer.

- In the fast lane to address unmet medical needs: [the FDA's new Expedited Access Program for Medical Devices](#).
- COST Action project [MYO–MRI](#) kicks off in Milan!
- [Megafunds to finance orphan drug discovery](#)

Website updates

- The '[Current results of research](#)' page has been completely redesigned.
- The '[List of projects funded by IRDiRC members](#)' page has been updated with the addition of a section on the number of new research projects funded by IRDiRC funding bodies.
- The IRDiRC website was recently under unauthorized attack. For security measures, all passwords to access the [IRDiRC private website](#) have been reset.
- The [IRDiRC sessions at conferences section](#) has been updated with the addition of three sessions about IRDiRC during the [Global Health Policy Forum](#), the [DIA 2014 50th annual meeting](#) and the [European Reference Network Conference](#).
- The [IRDiRC in the news section](#) has been updated with the addition of one article mentioning IRDiRC from [EURORDIS](#).

New selected reports and policy documents

- [Report of the FDA](#) on complex issues in developing drugs and biological products for rare diseases and accelerating the development of therapies for pediatric rare diseases.

New lists of research projects funded by IRDiRC members

- The [first clinical trials for 2014](#) under the Orphan Products Grant Program from Food and Drug Administration are now available.

Other news

- A new Working Group of the DSC has been created: the [WG on Population Controls Variant Datasets](#).
- IRDiRC wishes you happy summer holidays!



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