IRDiRC APRIL 2014 UPDATE
for Executive Committee, Scientific Committees, and Working Groups

IRDiRC new documents

- Executive Committee: report of the teleconference held on February 3, 2014.


News published on the website

- PhenomeCentral: a new matchmaking web portal launched on Rare Disease Day which matches patients with similar genotypes and phenotypes.

- China’s Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) has acted to impose regulatory constraints on the provision of clinical genetic tests.

- FDA’s drives towards increasing dialogue with the public to help patients with rare diseases.
**IRDiRC related calls**

- The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF, Germany) has launched the translational consortia for rare diseases research funding initiative.

**Website updates**

- The IRDiRC in the news section has been updated with the addition of five articles mentioning IRDiRC from the Irish Medical Times, EURORDIS, Rare Diseases, European Commission and EL GLOBAL.net.

- The IRDiRC sessions at conferences section has been updated with the addition of three sessions mentioning IRDiRC during the EU-LAC health 2nd roadmapping workshop, the Seminaris VIHR and the Worldwide Orphan Medicinal Designation Workshop.

**New lists of research projects funded by IRDiRC members**

- The 'Agence Nationale de La Recherche' list of research projects for 2013 has been updated.

**Other news**

- Isis Pharmaceuticals has officially been accepted as a new member of IRDiRC. Brett Monia is its representative.

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