

## Notes from January 5<sup>th</sup> CVP PI meeting, 14:00-16.00 at CMM, seminar room, level 4

*Participating PIs:* Jesper Z. Haeggström, Bo Angelin, Ulf Hedin, Ulf Eriksson, Mats Rudling, Lorenz Poellinger, John Pernow

*Other participants:* Lars Maegdefessel, Lars Jakobsson, Craig Wheelock, Victoria Balabanova

- § 1. The PIs enjoyed a research presentation by Lars Jakobsson. He described his work on the role of pericytes and the membrane protein endoglin for control of microvessel function. Interestingly, loss of endoglin leads to severe dilatation of the right ventricle of mouse hearts, reminiscent of what is observed in pulmonary hypertension.
- § 2. Notes from previous PI meeting on December 5 were accepted as distributed.
- § 3. An updated budget for 2013, 2014, and 2015 was presented, discussed and accepted. MK and LJ are entitled to 1 MSEK each for 2014 and Daniel Ketelhuth has been offered 1.5 MSEK for 2014 and 2015. The budget for YIG will increase to 5.5 MSEK during 2014 but will decrease to 3.5 MSEK in 2015. 200 tSEK is allocated for an SAB meeting.
- § 4. The previous comments and suggestions from the SAB will be distributed and discussed at our next PI meeting to see to what extent we have made improvements and whether it will be appropriate to invite them to the retreat 2014 or 2015.
- § 5. It is time to make a plan for the 2014 CVP retreat. The program committee, UE, AK and JP, will take responsibility for the theme Diabetes. It was decided to include a speed-dating event, to be planned and organized by LJ. A generic program will be distributed for comments by all the PIs.
- § 6. Starting January 1, CVP has moved to MBB and administrative issues will be handled by Victoria Balabanova ([Victoria.Balabanova@ki.se](mailto:Victoria.Balabanova@ki.se)), who was presented.
- § 7. Ulf Eriksson has been approached by colleagues at The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, for a potential collaboration within an effort to increase internationalization at UMi. It was decided that CVP will invite 2-3 researchers to the 2014 retreat, both as speakers and participants, to allow interactions and discussions of potential modes of collaboration, exchange of PhD students, post-docs etc.

From Jesper's desk, January 16 2014.