

Notes from October 28th CVP PI (lunch)meeting, 12:00-14.00 at CMM, VIP room level 5

Participating PIs: John Pernow, Jesper Z. Haeggström, Mast Rudling, Ulf Eriksson, Anna Krook, Cecilia Söderberg-Nauclér

Other participants: Lars Maegdefessel, Lars Jakobsson, Daniel Ketelhuth, Craig Wheelock

- § 1. Notes from previous PI meeting on September 23 were presented electronically and accepted.
- § 2. The 2014 CVP retreat was discussed. The general impression was that the meeting was a great success and offered a broad engaging program. Our guests from U Mich were very positive and appreciative. No survey will be sent out this year.
- § 3. For next year's retreat, we decided to present the theme "Atherothrombosis", which will allow a broad program from clinical research to molecular studies. The dates were set to September 24-25 with the format "lunch-to-lunch" at Vår Gård. Craig will book 90 rooms for these days and next year, "no-shows" will be charged to cover costs for their hotel rooms.
- § 4. New initiatives were discussed. The group from University of Michigan has taken our invitation seriously and is presently approaching the university leadership for support of post-doctoral fellows. Considering the current budget constraints, we decided to finance one post-doctoral fellowship (approx. 280 ksek/year for 2 years) aimed at a research project connecting the CVP community and any of the CV groups at UMich. In addition, a travel grant will be announced at the level 50 ksek covering flight tickets, and accommodation for 2-4 weeks.

Lars Maegdefessel suggested that CVP could also arrange a similar invitation to CV researchers at Stanford to stimulate mutual research activities and exchange. For the 2015 retreat, Lars will identify 3-4 researchers that we can invite to could be invited in the same way as we did with the group from UMich.

JZH distributed a memo describing the ideas behind a CVP "think tank". The PIs liked the idea and it was decided that it will be developed along the outlined plan. Additional suggestions for participants were put forward, Anders Mälarstig (Pfizer), Jan Andersson (SLL), and Cecilia Linde (4D project). The possibility of building a CVP EU project for submission to Horizon 2020 was discussed.
- § 5. The PIs were positive about a ½-day brainstorming meeting with dinner. JZH/Victoria will send out a Doodle.
- § 6. Communications with the Dean of Research has indicated that funding for CVP during 2016 is uncertain. The PI group discussed ways to save resources without losing too much momentum within the network and yet strengthen the overall program as a preparation for the next call for proposals, possibly during 2016. It was decided to prioritize the retreat and the "new initiatives" (post-doc fellowships, travel grants).

From Jesper's desk, October 28, 2014