

Notes from January 14th CVP strategy meeting at Aula Medica

Participating PIs: Bo Angelin, Mats Rudling, Jesper Z. Haeggström, Anna Krook, Ulf Hedin, Cecilia Söderberg-Nauclér.

Other participants: Lars Maegdefessel, Lars Jakobsson, Mikael Karlsson, Daniel Ketelhuth, Craig Wheelock.

§ 1. Notes from previous PI meeting on October 28 were distributed and accepted.

§ 2. The 2015 CVP retreat was discussed. For next year's retreat we will have the theme "Atherothrombosis" and we agreed that it should be applied in a relaxed manner to allow a broad program spanning from clinical research to molecular studies. The program committee was expanded and now includes, Ulf Eriksson, Lars Maegdefessel, Ulf Hedin, and Daniel Ketelhuth. Vår Gård has been booked September 24-25.

Means to attract clinical researchers to the retreat were discussed. It was decided to start the program with a lecture on "clinical management of atherothrombosis" by a renowned clinician, *e.g.* Stefan James or David Erlinge. A "save the date" flyer should be sent out ASAP to allow clinical researchers to plan for their attendance.

Lars Maegdefessel has approached leading CV researchers at Stanford and both Joseph Wu and Bob Harrington have accepted the invitation to speak; 1-2 more speakers from Stanford will be identified. As additional invited speakers the following researchers were suggested:

Daniel Erlinge (Gtb), Stefan James (U-a), Peter Libby (Harvard), Göran K. Hansson, Jan Nilsson (Lund), Rene Botnar (King's College), Thomas Renné, Stefan Massberg (Munich), Björn Dahlbäck (Malmö), Christian Weber (Munich), Paul Ridker (Harvard).

The format of the retreat was discussed and we decided to include a speed-dating session (Lars Jakobsson responsible) and to increase the number of short (10-15 min) oral presentations by junior faculty.

§ 3. According to signals from central KI, there will be no funds for thematic centers during 2016. To become competitive for the expected call for new centres starting 2017, new initiatives were discussed.

The joint activities between CVP on the one hand and UMich as well as Stanford on the other, are important and will be supported by post-doctoral fellowships and travel grants. Further details will be discussed at our next PI meetings and directly with the US researchers at the 2015 retreat.

A possible "Think tank" was discussed, in particular its scope and purpose. The PIs endorsed the idea and several new suggestions for participants were identified. *Industry:* Anders Ekblom, Marcus Schindler (Head of research, AZ, Mölndal), *SLL:* Jan Andersson, *4D:* Cecilia Linde, Hans Persson, *HLF:* Jan Nilsson. JZH will get back to the PIs with a more mature proposal.

The newly resuscitated cardiovascular post-graduate training program was discussed. Nailin Li and Rachel Fisher are responsible for an application to the Board of Post-Graduate Education to establish the new program. Daniel Ketelhuth reported on his impressions from yesterday's meeting with researchers involved in the program. The budget of the program is in the range of 1.5 MSEK/year and chances are good that a CV program will be funded. All PIs thought that CVP will be important for shaping the program and provide a basis for its priorities as well as high-quality research projects. It was decided that Daniel Ketelhuth will be the CVP representative *visavi* Nailin and Rachel. Both Nailin and Rachel will be invited to our next PI meeting.

There is an established network in respiratory and CV research abbreviated KIRCNET. Some of its activities seem to overlap with those of CVP. Ulf Hedin has been engaged in KIRCNET and will seek information about the network's current status and activities to find out about possibilities for joint ventures.

- § 4. The PIs were informed about CV granting options, including Horizon2020, "klinisk behandlingsforskning (VR), and SWELife (Vinnova).
- § 5. New dates for PI meetings during the spring 2015 will be sent out via Doodle aiming at Thursdays at 9 am.

From Jesper's desk, January 14, 2015.