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PRIME

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Integrating and strengthening research in Europe**

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Workpackage 2: Policy Group meetings

As discussed in the report for Deliverable 01, we have not held a joint meeting of the SAG and Policy Group but have held discussions at a national level.

International mouse function genomics – AAAs meeting St Louis

During the lifetime of PRIME, it has become increasingly clear that the area of mouse functional genomics is wider needs to be considered in a context wider than the European Union. Martin Hrabé de Angelis and Allan Bradley represented the PRIME community at the AAAS meeting on 18th February 2006. He presented at the AAAs symposium - Mouse functional genomics: Towards a Global Collaborative Effort.

European mouse functional genomics strategy and international coordination

Members of the SAG met with representatives from the European Commission on 6th July 2006 to discuss coordination of the international knock-out mouse projects, the organisation of a mouse functional genomics conference in Brussels in the spring of 2007 and the EuroBioFund initiative to bring together policy makers, research scientists and funders and the future of mouse functional genomics in FP7. A report of the meeting can be found at Appendix 4.1.

Workpackage 3: Science Advisory Group meetings

The SAG have had three meetings during the first reporting period of PRIME: Madrid, 15th March 2005, Venice, 15th October 2005 and in Barcelona, 23rd February 2006.

Workpackage 4: Ethical Committee

The SAG recognises the importance of ethical issues in mouse research. As such it was decided to keep the business of the Ethical Committee within the remit of the SAG rather than devolve it to a sub-working group. All members could then contribute and keep up to date with issues. Individual members of the SAG have also contributed to ethical working groups such as the EMBO workshop, Animals in scientific research meeting, 18-19th March 2005, CNIO, Madrid. This was attended by Steve Brown, Johan Auwerx, Glauco Tocchini Valentini, Martin Hrabé de Angelis and Wolfgang Wurst. The business and conclusions of this meeting were published: This resulted in the publication of a briefing paper titled: "Revision of the EC directive on the welfare of research animals: An advance briefing" 2005, European Molecular Biology Organization (Appendix 4.2) and a paper titled "What's in store for animal research in the EU?" A. Moore (2005) EMBO reports 6 (7), 606–609.

Members report back these activities to the SAG.

Workpackage 5: Training management group

Early in the project, the SAG recognised that a key area in mouse functional genomics that required trained specialists was the area of mouse pathology. A group of experts in the field of mouse pathology was set up to address this issue. This group has met formally twice (Rome, 3 September 2005 and Amsterdam, 18–20th November 2005) and continued discussions informally outside of these meetings via email, telephone and smaller meetings of individuals. A combined report from these meetings is attached at Appendix 4.3.

**Appendix 4.1: Report on mouse functional genomics strategy planning meeting,
Munich, 6th July 2006**

Appendix 4.2: “Revision of the EC directive on the welfare of research animals: An advance briefing” 2005, European Molecular Biology Organization

Appendix 4.3: Report of training management group (Rome, 3rd September 2005 and Amsterdam, 18th-23rd November 2005)

