



## Outcome from IC PerMed Workshop Milan in June 2017

The **First ICPerMed Workshop**, organized by the **Italian Ministry of Health** and co-hosted by the **General Regional Foundation for Biomedical Research of Lombardy**, took place in Milan from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Aimed at identifying the state-of-the-art, the understanding and the new advances in the domain of personalised medicine by facilitating the exchange of experiences and ideas, the workshop was structured on three sessions covering **five working panels**: prevention in personalised medicine (PM), reclassification of genetic diseases, impact of data analysis in PM research, successful PM approaches and new tools in PM.



Progress has been made in establishing a shared cross-disciplinary language connecting the many fields that contribute to personalised medicine – including basic and clinical research, outcomes research, tool development, and market-oriented innovation.

During the ICPerMed Workshop, a number of areas that should be pursued with the highest priority to push the progress of PM were identified.

The outcomes of the Workshop will be published on the ICPerMed website and integrated in future recommendation, guidelines and vision papers.

## ERA PerMed about to be launched in Brussels

The **ERA-Net Cofund on Personalised Medicine, ERA PerMed**, starting on December 1, 2017, will foster the implementation of the ICPeMed Action Plan by funding transnational research projects in this field.

Moreover, ERA PerMed contributes together with ICPeMed to aligning national research strategies and funding activities, promoting excellence, reinforcing the competitiveness of European players in Personalised Medicine and enhancing the European collaboration with countries outside the EU.

The ERA PerMed **kick-off meeting** will take place on December, 12 in Brussels. Its 31 partners from 22



countries will commit themselves to implement one call with European Commission (EC) top-up funding during 2018, which will further increase the expected impact of the ERA PerMed funding activity.

Additionally, up to three non-EC co-funded calls and further activities will be carried out in ERA PerMed, in order to broaden the scope of the action and to sustain the efforts made by the national/regional funding organisations and the EC.



## Welcome to the ICPeMed Partnering Tool

The **ICPeMed Partnering Tool** has been launched recently to facilitate networking among universities, research and patient organizations, SMEs, industry and all the stakeholders interested in personalised medicine (PM).

With this new tool, anyone can search for partners and present his or her expertise to the PM research community, just by registering and activating a profile.

The partner search function is very useful to find suitable cooperation partners for future Calls. It is available for all users, regardless whether they have published the partnering profile or not, at [this link](#).

## ICPeMed Awards

In December, ICPeMed will launch the **ICPeMed Award**. The objective of this award is to encourage and disseminate best practice examples in personalised medicine research (PM).

The winner-s will be invited to the **ICPeMed Conference 2018** and will be given the opportunity to present their results during a plenary session. In addition, the successful candidates will be awarded with a scientific dissemination package. Applicants have to be residents of an ICPeMed member state.

A maximum number of three awards will be selected.

The presented best practice examples should cover one or several of the following aspects:

- Scientific paper focused on novel approaches for the implementation of PM .
- Training programmes for health personnel, increasing the level of awareness on PM potential.
- Examples for interdisciplinary or intersectoral groups of collaboration (governmental and non-governmental organisations, academic management, medical research and Health Care), for the implementation of PM, including ELSI activities.

# ICPerMed past and future activities

## ICPerMed Executive Committee Meeting in Lisbon

In October 2017, the **ICPerMed Executive Committee** met in Lisbon, Portugal to discuss and plan strategy and future activities of the consortium. The meeting was hosted by the Portuguese partners, INSA and FCT.

An important agenda item in this 1.5 day meeting was ICPerMed's follow-up on the Action Plan published in March this year.

The consortium developed a strategy to closely follow and report funding and related activities in this context on a regional, national and European level. In addition, activities for the up-coming ICPerMed conference in Berlin on 20-21 November 2018 were discussed.

The European Commission informed about ongoing initiatives in the field. They presented a [video](#) featuring ICPerMed as one of most relevant initiatives in the field.

The new ERA-Net for Personalised Medicine, ERA PerMed, was presented shortly by its coordinator, Rafael de Andres Medina from ISCIII, who is also a member of ICPerMed, as are many other participating institutions.

Two high-level guest speakers gave very interesting talks, showing a high potential for collaboration and synergies with ICPerMed: **Henk-Jan Guchelaar**, the coordinator of the EU-funded pilot study Ubiquitous Pharmacogenomics ([U-PGx](#)) talked about challenges and bottlenecks for the implementation of pharmacogenomics in daily clinical practice. **Stefano Vella** the Project Coordinator of the EU-funded coordination and support action [TO-REACH – transferring innovation in health systems](#), talked about challenges in implementing personalised medicine in health systems and synergies with ICPerMed.

## Announcement of the ICPerMed Conference 2018 in Berlin

The **first ICPerMed Conference** will take place on 20-21 November 2018 at the **dbb forum** in Berlin, Germany.

Key note lectures on different personalised medicine related topics will be presented as well as best practise examples of successful translation of personalised medicine research with representatives covering the research and implementation chain up to the patient, including important aspects like reimbursement and economic, legal and social implications (ELSI).

In addition, presentations of the ICPerMed members on best practise for policy making and impact analyses on personalised medicine research will complement the conference programme.



### Facts:

- ICPerMed started on November 2016
- 35 funding organisations
- 28 countries
- 5 Challenge Groups: Citizens & Patients, Data & ICT, Research efforts, Market access, Health systems

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