

Schematic overview of the structure of FP6

FP6	(EC	PART):	THREE	MAIN	BLOCKS	OF	ACTIVITIES
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genomics and for health	society	Nanotechnologies and nano- sciences, knowledge-based functional materials, new production processes and devices	Aeronautics and Space	Food quality and safety	Sustainable development, global change and ecosystems	Citizens and governance in a knowledge-based society	Research for policy support New and emerging science and technologies (NEST) Specific research activities for SMEs	
Life sciences, biotechnology	Information so technologies						Specific international co-	-operation activities
Research	Research and Human resources & mobility Research and Fresources & mobility Research and Fresources & mobility Research Science and society							TRENGTHENING THE ATIONS OF ERA Development of research/innovation policies



EUPRIM-NET

European Primate Network:

Specialized infrastructures and procedures for biological and biomedical research

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Basic data

- Network of 8 European Primate Centers
- Funded by the European Union
- Duration of the first funding period:
 01.04.2006 31.03.2010
- Total budget: 4.8 Mio. Euro
- Projects:
- 3 Network Activities
- 2 Access Activities
- 3 Joint Research Activities



Participants







German Primate Centre

- Annual budget: 13 Mio. €(9 Mio. R&D)
- 270 Employees (170 R&D)
- 1.300 Primates (10 species)



- Primates used as models for complex human diseases
- Research of highly developed organisms (genetics, reproduction biology, behaviour, evolution and ecology)
- Primates used as models for complex nervous systems
- Service: Animal provision, diagnostics, consultation, etc.





Biomedical Primate Research Centre

- Annual budget: 13.6 Mio. €(11.8 Mio. R&D)
- 123 Employees (106 R&D)
- 1.300 Primates (*macaca mulatta* & *callithrix jacchus*)



Research and service topics:

- Virology (AIDS, hepatitis etc.), parasitology (malaria and tuberculosis) & immunobiology
- Comparative genetics and refinement
- Animal science department (veterinary sciences, pathology etc)
- Alternatives (reduction, refinement and replacement of animal research



National Institute for Biological Standards & Control

- Annual budget: 32 Mio. €(20 Mio. R&D)
- 301 Employees (203 R&D)

NIBSC

Assuring the quality of biological medicines

- Research and service topics:
 - Safeguard and enhance public health through standardization and control of biological products used in medicine
 - Operating at the interface between leading edge scientific research, product development, regulation and policy
 - Preparation, storage and distribution of WHO International Standards and Reference Materials
 - Product testing services to ensure compliance with product specifications
 - Experience with models involving cynomolgus and rhesus macaques and tamarins



Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control

Annual budget: 31 Mio. €(17 Mio. R&D)



400 Employees (200 R&D)

Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control

SMITTSKYDDSINSTITUTET

- 120 Primates (cynomolgus and rhesus)
- Research and service topics:
 - Biomedical research: HIV vaccine research, tuberculosis, malaria immunology
 - Infectious disease control
 - National reference microbiological laboratory
 - Diagnostic laboratory for special pathogens (BSL 3 and 4)



Instituto di Neurobiologia e Medicina Molecolare

- Annual budget: 5 Mio. €(2.4 Mio. R&D)
- 90 Employees (50 R&D)
- 145 Primates (3 species)
- Research topics:
 - Molecular mechanisms of cell functions
 - Cell growth factors
 - Molecular determinants of human diseases, both at genetic and biochemical level
 - Non human primate breeding and care for biomedical research
 - Electronic and confocal microscopy





Centre de Primatologie

- Annual budget: 1.2 Mio. €(0.3 Mio. R&D)
- 15 Employees (5 R&D)
- 800 Primates (11 species)



- Breeding & housing of primates for biomedical research
- Importation and quarantine
- Biomedical studies for external laboratories
- Ethology
- Enrichment and training programs
- Teaching & training (primates husbandry, welfare, pathology & medical training) for primate users in biomedical research







Station de Primatologie

- Annual budget: 2.5 Mio. €
- 10 Employees (2 R&D)
- 580 Primates (papio anubis, papio papio, saimiri sciureus, macaca mulatta)
- Research and service topics:
 - Breeding & housing of primates as a provision of services
 - Reproduction and nutrition research
 - Research on cognitive ethology, biomolecular genetics and anthropology research
 - Biomedical research (malaria, STLV)
 - Cryo-conservation of biological samples
 - Surgery



Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

• Annual budget: 525 Mio. €(268 Mio. R&D)



- 3.500 Employees (2.100 R&D)
- 660 Primates (marmosets, rhesus monkeys)
- Research and service topics:
 - Behavioural Pharmacology
 - Immunology
 - Working in high level biocontainment
 - Cross species comparisons
 - Remote monitoring of physiological and electrophysiological indices
 - Training animals to co-operate with procedures



Objectives

- Optimization of non-human primate keeping and breeding considering animal welfare and ethical guidelines
- The development and standardisation of procedures and methods for the use of nonhuman primates in biomedical research
- Availability of non-human primates of high quality as well as extensive banks of primate material for biomedical research
- Training courses for researchers and caretakers working with primates









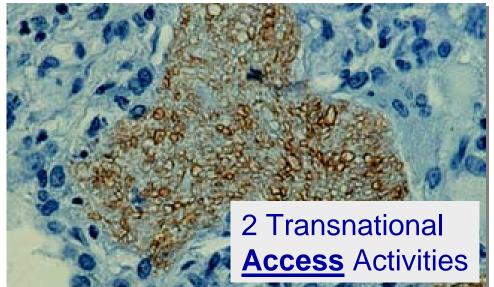


Projects

EUPRIM-Net Projects









Project: Network Activities

- Management
- Organisation and standardisation of primate husbandry, breeding and their use in experiments



 Courses on general primate biology and primate husbandry, nutrition and handling

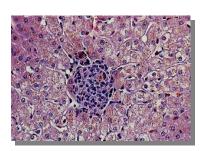


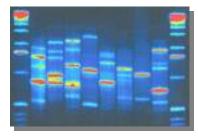


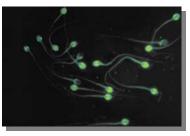


Project: Transnational Access Activities

- Primate BioBank
 - Tissue, blood and serum bank
 Comprehensive collection of non-infectious and infectious material of different species
 - Gene bank Collection consisting of DNA, RNA, cDNA of 170 species
 - Gamete bank
 Gametes of marmosets and rhesus monkeys
- PRIMOCID
 - Non Human Primate Models of Chronic Immune Disorders



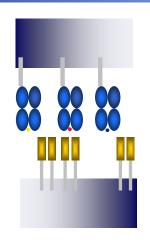


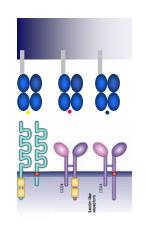


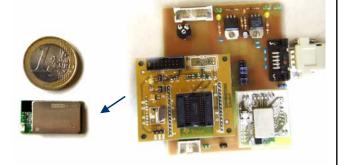


Project: Joint Research Activities





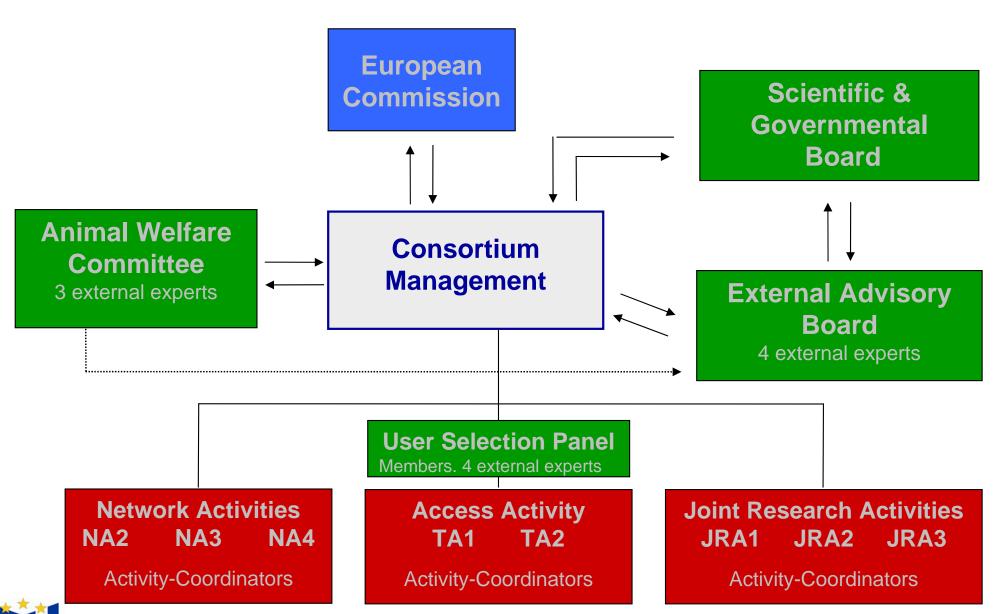




- Development of molecular typing of immune genes in macaques
- Achieving a better defined and improved virus and microbiological state of non-human primates in European research
- Telemetry for distance monitoring and minimal invasive investigation in primate research



Management





Benefit / Results

- High quality of animal housing and breeding and work with primates in experiments
- Well-educated animal keepers, veterinarians and researchers
- Standardised and comparable procedures/methods
- Availability of non-human primates of high quality
- Contribution to the 3R-concept:
 - Refinement and improvements in animal welfare
 - Reduction of the number of animals needed for a given scientific project
 - Replacement: banks of biological materials of primate origin



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