

1st NEUcrest Network Meeting
At Institut Curie, Orsay, 12-14 October 2020



1. General Description:

The Neucrest network meetings will include seminars, transferable skills (TR) and outreach (OR) training and will be coupled with different practical/experimental workshops (EX). The expertise of each partner will be introduced to the ESRs during the first Network Meeting.

This will be the first NEUcrest Network Meeting, happening as a gathering in Orsay near Paris, France after being postponed due to coronavirus crisis. We will take advantage of the conjoined presence of all ESRs and PIs as well as PO, to renew acquaintances and reinforce links in the network.

As a prior theoretical training, a series of online seminars by the Network PIs will be delivered to the ESRs during summer 2020. These will include introductory courses in the field of Developmental Biology and Stem Cells, as well as specific knowledge in the field of neural crest biology and disease, the neurocristopathies.


During the meeting, additional seminars and training about oral communication skills and written/illustrated scientific communication will enable ESRs to develop efficient ways to best present their projects. Moreover, the group will collaborate to choose genetic targets for further biological analysis.

2. General Information

12 – 14 October, participants - all ESRs + PIs

Physical Cluster: Orsay (FR) hosts 4 ESRs based in France + those who may be able to come

Main networking activity will take place virtually via Zoom

 Where (FR): Centre Universitaire, building 111, Rue Henri Becquerel, 91401 Orsay, France. See on the [map](#)
From Paris: RER B south direction, “Orsay Ville” or “Bures-sur-Yvette” station

Housing in France: [Residhome Appart-hotel](#), RER B south direction, “Bures-sur-Yvette” or “Orsay Ville” station (~20 min walk).



Daily Program

12.10.2020







19:30 Welcome dinner - Gramophone (Orsay groupe)

13.10.2020

09:30-10:00 Morning coffee






10:00 – Start of the virtual meeting, Welcome word and presentation of the schedule of the meeting, Anne-Helene Monsoro-Burq, Project Coordinator, (IC)

10:10-11:45 PI (~ 10 min) + ESRs (~ 3 min) self-introductions:

-  P1: IC – Anne-Helene + ESR1, Subham + ESR2, Aleksandr (16 min total)
-  P2: KCL – Karen + ESR4, Anna (13 min total)
-  P3: UEA – Grant + ESR5, Marco + ESR6, Amy (16 min total)
-  P4: NUI Galway – Gerhard + ESR7, Haris + ESR8, Merin (16 min total)
-  P5: UMH – Angela + ESR9, Sanjay + ESR10, Nitin (16 min total)
-  P6: EMC – Han/Irene + ESR11, Filipa (13 min total)

11:45-12:00 Virtual coffee break

12:00-13:00 PI + ESRs self-introductions

-  P7: MUW – Igor + ESR12, Irina (13 min total)
-  P8: TAU – Carmit + ESR13, Nicolas (13 min total)
-  P9: Stemcell Technologies – Roxana/Wing/Erin + ESR3, Chloe (13 min total)
-  P10: Azelead – Karima/Laura + ESR15, Francesca (13 min total)
-  P11: Imagine Institut – Nadege/Veronique + ESR14, William (13 min total)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:30 Personal Career Development Plan (PCDP): Introduction and concept by Gerhard Schlosser, NEUcrest Training Officer (NUI Galway) → *Before 1st Nov each ESR holds meeting with the supervisor to finalize the PCDP*

14:30-15:15 **Invited speaker: Marion Psomiades/Hamasseh Shirvani: Presentation of Institut Roche, valued skills to integrate pharma industry**

15:15-15:45 ESR committee and elections – What? Why? How? - Daria

15:15-15:30 **Virtual coffee break**/ESRs pre-election discussion

15:30-16:20 PhD induction session – *Karen Liu (KCL):*

PhD studies are different from master studies, relationship with your scientific supervisors and mentors, managing conflicts; Q & A session

16:20-18:00 “Sciences & Arts” session

Introduction - *Anne-Helene (IC) with Journal covers (2 min)*

DrawinScience - *invited artist Bertsy Goic*

Illustrations for individual PhD projects and for the NEUcrest

18:00-18:15 Online quiz on Science and NEUcrest - Daria

18:15-18:30 Next day program (Q&A preparation)

18:30 – End of the virtual meeting of the day

Election of the 2 ESRs representing the ESR committee till the next morning

19:30 - 21:15 Dinner, Part des Anges, Bures-sur-Yvette (Orsay groupe)



14.10.2020

09:00-09:30 Visit of IC facilities for participants in Orsay

09:30-10:10 Coffee-friendly Q&A session:

- planing the EBI bioinformatics course - *Tom Hancocks (EBI)* – 20 min;
- planning the gene editing training – *Matt Guille (EXRC)* – 20 min

10:10-11:00 “Neurocrisopathies in congenital craniofacial disorders” by *Irene Mathijssen*, coordinator of ERN CRANIO network (Erasmus MC)

11:00-13:00 Steering Committee meeting:

- Ethics (30 min) – *Emilie Vinolo (Seeding Science)*
- Data Management/Open Data (30 min) – *Daria*
- Important reminders of the ITN program (30 min) - *Daria*
- Upcoming activities (30 min) - *Daria*

13:00-14:00 Lunch

End of the Meeting

