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Third project meeting

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Organisation name of the lead contractor for this deliverable: **THL**

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(Please also see D5 – Beneris & Qalibra dissemination strategy, submitted on 6 Aug, 2009.)



FINAL MEETING

– Budapest, 10-11 June 2009 –

We hope that as many of you as possible can take part in the final meeting of the sister projects Qalibra and Beneris.

The meeting will serve multiple purposes such as dissemination of the main findings of the different parts of both projects, refining the joint dissemination plan as well as the consultation of the Qalibra/Beneris Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP). We expect this multi-way exchange of information to significantly promote research in both Qalibra and Beneris.

We therefore warmly invite the Scientific Officer, Ms. Isabelle De Froidmont-Goertz from the DG Research of the European Commission to participate in this meeting. We also wish the members of the SAP most welcome to evaluate and advise on our work.

Lastly, we warmly welcome all project participants of Qalibra and Beneris to share and build your knowledge in this important meeting.

Please find further information below.

Best regards

Helga Gunnlaugsdottir, coordinator of Qalibra

Jouni Tuomisto, coordinator of Beneris

AIMS

- 1) Dissemination and sharing of information of the main findings of the different parts of both projects
- 2) Refining the joint dissemination plan
- 3) Obtain feedback and advice from the Qalibra/Beneris Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP)

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

The meeting will begin on Wednesday 10th of June at ~9:00 am, ending on Thursday 11th at ~17 pm.

The meeting will be structured as follows (subject to change – a detailed schedule will be distributed later).

Day 1 (June 10th)

- the participants present the progress and main findings the different parts of both projects including methodologies & tools, case studies as well as strategies for communicating and disseminating risk-benefit information
- the SAP discuss various aspects of the projects with the participants

Day 2 (June 11th)

- Qalibra and Beneris work on refining the joint dissemination plan extending beyond the end of the projects (i.e. refining a draft provided by Jouni Tuomisto prior to meeting)
- Qalibra and Beneris hold separate meetings for detailed discussion of technical and project management issues
- the SAP meets to discuss the projects on their own (based on the presentations and documents provided in advance) and to agree on their feedback
- a joint closing session where the SAP provides feedback to each project and participates in discussions of the matters raised
- review the overall outcomes of the meeting

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Venue

- The meeting will be held at Danubius Health Spa Resort Helia situated in the heart of Budapest, on the embankment of the River Danube, with views to the Buda Hills and Margaret Island (Address: 1133 Budapest, Karpát u. 62-64) located 4 km from downtown. The distance from the Budapest Airport to the Hotel Helia is approx. 30 min in bus/taxi depending on traffic

<http://www.danubiushotels.com/en/hotels/helia>

- The main meeting room (max.40 persons) is equipped with sound system, internet access and data projector
- More meeting room (also with data projector and internet connection) will be available on day 2.

Meals

- Meeting-time lunches and snacks are available at the restaurant of the hotel. Further information will be provided later.

Accommodation

- Danubius Health Spa Resort Hélia
1133 Budapest, Kárpát u. 62-64.
<http://www.danubiushotels.hu/en/budapest-hotels/danubius-health-spa-resort-helia-budapest>

Price of single room including breakfast and taxes: EURO 130,-

Price of double room including breakfast and taxes: EURO 145,-

incl. American buffet breakfast, taxes, unlimited use of the hotel's own spa establishment /swimming pool, Jacuzzi, thermal bath, steam bath, sauna, Danubius Premier Fitness room/ and free parking.)

The **deadline** for reservation at Hotel Danubius Hélia is **25 April, 2009**

Until these deadline the block reservation is guaranteed, reservations can be made after this date, but the confirmation is subject to availability.

- Ibis Budapest Heroes Square
1068 Budapest, Dózsa György út 106.
www.ibishotel.com

Price of single room including breakfast and taxes: EURO 90,-

Price of double room including breakfast and taxes: EURO 99,-

The **deadline** for reservation at Hotel Ibis is **1 May, 2009**

Until these deadline the block reservation is guaranteed, reservations can be made after this date, but the confirmation is subject to availability.

The hotel is in a distance of 1,5 km from Hélia and you can take the trolley bus number 79 to reach the meeting venue at Hélia.

- The rooms must be confirmed directly to the hotels by referring to **Qalibra/Beneris** Rooms must be paid by each participant for her-/himself (from the Qalibra/Beneris budgets, where applicable).
- Please fill out the hotel reservation forms send as separate attachments in the same email as this announcement and send them to Biskupné Nánási Klára email: biskup@altagra.hu

Travel to Budapest

- Should be arranged and paid by everyone for her-/himself (from the Qalibra/Beneris budgets, where applicable).
- From the airport

For those arriving to Budapest by air it is recommended to use the Airport Minibus Shuttle Service from the Ferihegy Airport to the City Centre. For a single person a one way ticket from the airport to anywhere within Budapest is 2990 HuF (approx. 10 EURO), a return fare is 4990 HuF (approx. 17 EURO). If more people travel to the same address prices are lower.

If you prefer to travel by taxi from and to the airport, it is recommended to take a ZONA TAXI. This is a fixed price passenger carrier service; maximized tariffs and fares defined by zones of Budapest.

- ZONA TAXI from the airport to the meeting venue (for max 4 pax)	24 EURO
- ZONA TAXI from the meeting venue to the airport (for max 4 pax)	18 EURO

Useful info on the city of Budapest

<http://www.budapestinfo.hu/en>

<http://www.hungarytourism.hu/>

Further information

- Please do not hesitate to contact biskup@altagra.hu for any practical matters and Jouni.Tuomisto@ktl.fi or Helga.Gunnlaugsdottir@matis.is for the scientific contents.
- If you have advance material for expediting the meeting, please e-mail distribute it via Helga Gunnlaugsdottir.

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Beneris (Benefit-risk assessment for food: an iterative value-of-information approach)

The final Joint Qalibra/Beneris meeting, Budapest, 10-11 June, 2009

The Beneris project meeting minutes

The Beneris project had its administrative meeting during the Joint Qalibra/Beneris meeting in Budapest, 10-11 June, 2009. This meeting minutes describes the topics that were discussed and decided for the Beneris project.

Participants:

- Jouni Tuomisto THL, chairman
- Olli Leino THL, secretary
- Hannu Kiviranta THL
- Roger Cooke TUDelft
- Patrycja Gradowska TUDelft
- Pia Karjalainen Foodfiles

Agenda

1. Dissemination plan

The dissemination plan has been under preparation during the whole project. It has not been finalised due to changed responsibilities and changed ideas of its content. In this meeting, Jouni Tuomisto presented a draft dissemination plan to be accepted. Qalibra and the Scientific Advisory Panel also participated in this discussion.

Decision: The draft dissemination plan was accepted (Appendix 1) with the following changes:

- Opasnet Journal was seen as a very challenging idea, as the high scientific quality should be maintained since the first issue. Therefore, Opasnet publishing could be started with reports instead, which are not necessarily peer-reviewed.
- There is a need to facilitate the use of the Bayesian Belief Network (BBN) software called Uninet that is being developed in Beneris. New user-friendly functionalities will be added (see 3. Reallocation of funding.).
- Analytica Web Publisher will be used for dissemination as well.

2. Publication plan

The list of publications expected to materialise from Beneris was updated. It was noted that most of the publications will be scientific peer-reviewed articles, but also a report was planned. Publishing was discussed also with Qalibra, and it was decided that the two projects should aim to publish several articles in a special issue of a relevant journal (e.g. Food and Chemical Toxicology was mentioned). The list of manuscripts was decided to be collected during summer, and the deadline for the joint publication manuscripts was decided to be December 31st, 2009.

Also the maintenance of the two Beneris websites (www.beneris.eu used mainly for dissemination, and www.pyrkilo.fi/beneris, used mainly for scientific work within the project) was discussed. It was decided that the former will be merged with Opasnet (en.opasnet.org) and the latter will be merged with Heande project website (heande.opasnet.org). Both of these websites will be maintained and updated by THL for at least three years. This ensures that the information produced by Beneris will be available also in the future.

3. Reallocation of funding

Due to the reasons described in the annual reports, FSAI has not used its share of the Beneris budget. In the meeting, the partners were talking about actions that would ensure that the main objectives (especially the dissemination objectives, as the planned FSAI contribution was mainly dissemination) would be achieved in an effective way. Several such actions were identified that would make sure that a piece of work that has been ongoing would be successfully finalised. The actions that were agreed upon are listed below. The total cost of these actions is up to 15000 € for TUDelft and up to 32000 € for THL.

- Uninet is the key software for developing and analysing Bayesian nets. However, although it is a functional software, there are further needs to improve the functionalities and user-friendliness. This would decrease the threshold for new users and it would make it easier to disseminate the Beneris methods and other products. Estimated cost: 15000 € for TUDelft.
- Harri Sinkko, a statistician, had been working on the food intake data in Finland. There is further work to be done with the vegetable case (both in Finland and Spain), and in the estimates of pollutant intakes in infants and fetuses. The workload will be ca. 3 person-months for THL.
- The placenta contaminants did not correlate with mother's diet. This was a surprising finding, but it was thought to be due to the fact that the pollutant concentrations were not normalised for fat content of the placenta. Therefore, there is further work to measure placenta concentrations. Estimated cost 10000-15000 € for THL.
- Beneris has not obtained dioxin concentration data from the Commission despite requests. This issue is still under examination, and if the critical thing is that resources are needed to extract the data from the Commission files, THL can send a person to Brussels to do the work. If this plan materialises, it will cost ca. 3000 € for THL.
- According to the dissemination plan, emphasis will be put to collect and upload existing information to Opasnet and Opasnet Base. Key information will be identified, and people will be hired on hourly basis to do the upload work. Expected additional cost is up to 4000 € for THL.

Kuopio, 1st September 2009

Jouni Tuomisto, chairman

Olli Leino, secretary