Work Package 3 - The visiting professorship programme
for the OMICRON research team
and the Jagiellonian University Medical College

The visiting professorship programme is an important part of Work Package 3 ("Transfer of knowledge and experience") of the OMICRON Project. In order to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and scientific experience both, to and from the OMICRON research team and the Jagiellonian University Medical College (JUMC), we plan to invite up to 28 professors from various European and/or North American institutions. We are especially looking forward to receiving propositions of candidates who are connected with institutions collaborating within the framework of the OMICRON Project (see list at the end of this document). Visits by professors from outside of the collaborating institutions are possible, but must be firstly consulted with the European Officer responsible for the OMICRON Project.

These short term visits will last from 48 to 72 hours and will include one seminar, given by the invited professor at one of JUMC’s conference rooms, as well as individual meetings with researchers in Krakow. This will allow OMICRON researchers to gain insight into the “state of the art” of OMICS research processes that is: project planning, data analysis and result interpretation and a more focused, presentation of their own research and analytical challenges. All departments of the JUMC are welcome to suggest their proposition of a proper candidate. A final decision on who will be taking part in the visiting professorship programme will be made by Members of the OMICRON Steering Committee. A priority will be given to scientists having an established position in the “OMICs” field such as, but not limited to, genome-wide association studies, (targeted) resequencing, transcriptomics and methylome studies. We also look forward to inviting the editors of leading journals that cover all aspects of genomics, transcriptomics etc.

The accommodations at one of JUMC’s Guest Houses (approximately EUR 200/visit) as well as the costs of a round-trip flight (up to EUR 1000/visit within Europe) will be entirely covered by the OMICRON budget, and visiting professors will receive a single honorarium of EUR 2 000. We additionally aim to organize one informal meeting (e.g. lunch or dinner) between the invited professor and members of the OMICRON Steering Committee (an approximate cost of EUR 400). According to the project’s documents the whole budget of the visiting professorship programme will be approximately EUR 167 280.
All proposals from JUMC employees concerning candidates for the programme should be sent by email to Mateusz Siedliński, PhD (m.siedlinski@cm.uj.krakow.pl), the Department of Internal and Agricultural Medicine, JUMC as of June 2012, and should include a schedule of the visit and short description of the candidate (CV with key publications, description of research field(s) etc.). Following the acceptance, proper information will be posted on the OMICRON website (http://www.omicron.cm.uj.edu.pl/), as well as sent to various mailing lists of the Jagiellonian University Medical College. Researchers, or research teams, requesting individual meetings with the professors will be asked to contact Mrs Justyna Bednarz (j.bednarz@uj.edu.pl, the Department for Research and International Cooperation, JUMC).

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List of European institutions collaborating with the Jagiellonian University Medical College in the framework of the OMICRON Project

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