

1.1.1. Work package 27 TA16 Transnational access to SAMS

M6 Deliverable: Review feasibility of TA proposals to be hosted by SAMS in 1st Call

Meetings:

19-20 October 2017 the SAMS Local Access Officer (Christine Campbell) attended the ASSEMBLE PLUS kick-off meeting in Paris. Present at all general sessions and those for WP3/NA1 and WP8/JRA 2.

7-8 February 2018 attended meeting in Naples for Local TA Access Officers. The TA Policy document and the procedure for processing the TA applications were discussed.

Website Review:

Activities in December included correspondence with VLIZ updating the website content relating to SAMS service availability ready for the open call for Transnational Access in January 2018.

TA 1st Call:

Feasibility review of proposals: Despite our request for all the UK applications to go directly to the specific institutes, it had been agreed at a PIC meeting that proposals would go to the National Liaison Officer in each country. In the case of the UK, Prof Axel Miller logged onto the EMBRC website to download all the relevant applications and forwarded them to the individual institutes (BAS, USTAN, MSS, SAMS and MBA). 7 UK applications were received which had been approved as eligible by the TA officer. A further application was turned down as ineligible as a UK applicant had requested access to a BAS (UK) service.

SAMS:

- Cecile Lepere (France) <<"-Omic" approaches to decipher MICRobial eukaRyOteS functiOn in fReshwater lake Ecosystems>>
Requested remote access to CCAP strains. **Approved - Technically Feasible**
- Laura Nunez Pons (Italy) <<'HolMetAc': Holobiont metabolic acclimation to Ocean Acidification in sponges>>
Requested access to multiple labs and SAMS was unable to provide training requested.
Not technically feasible – Rejected

MBA:

- Stacy Krueger-Hadfield <<FungalBase: combining a culture dependent and independent approach to assess the endophytic diversity in different algal life history phase>>
Approved - Technically Feasible
- Colin Ingham (Netherlands) <<STRUCOLR Searching for Colours in the Marine Environment>>
Approved – Technically Feasible
- Jasmine Ferrario (Italy) <<SEM Red Sea bryozoan pictures - Fouling bryozoans from Egyptian marinas: morphological identification through SEM pictures >>

Problem due to Electron Microscopy not being available due to linked third party Plymouth University (PEMC) not yet included on the grant. **Not technically feasible – Rejected**

BAS:

- Grant January (Italy) << Aid from Antarctica: the hunt for new or novel antibiotics from extreme environments>> **Not technically feasible – Rejected**

USTAN:

- Cedric Hubas (France) <<Microphytobenthos Biofilm structure and function under Environmental challenge>> **Approved – Technically Feasible**

Axel Miller reported back to the EMBRC website on all the UK eligible applications above. The feasibility checking was carried out between 13th and 22nd February 2018.

On the 4th April 2018 the results of the scientific review of the proposals were circulated. The proposal of Hubas and Ingham were approved and these projects can now proceed. No further information has been received regarding the reasons for rejecting the other proposals.