MedilabSecure (WP4) – Newsletter n°12 – December 2017

Dear network members,

To keep you updated of what's going on within the MediLabSecure project, here is few information.



NEWS FROM MLS.ENTOMO

- > Change of the MLS.entomo Team. We are happy to announce you that a new MediLabSecure baby will be born soon... Marie Picard will be in maternity leave from end of January until September 2018. She will be replaced by Frédéric Jourdain (frederic.jourdain@ird.fr) for 9 months. Frédéric has a dual competence in medical entomology and public health. His main task will be to coordinate with your help the "roadmap toward the harmonization of entomological surveillance systems around the Mediterranean area" deliverable. As far Vincent Robert, he has no baby plan and remains at your disposal:). The e-mail adress mls.entomo@ird.fr will still be working.
- > Checklist of mosquitoes. In the beginning of the MediLabSecure project, we requested your contribution in order to create an updated a checklist of mosquitoes for all the Mediterranean and Black Sea countries. This list was of great interest for the realization of the MosKeyTool and evolved much thanks to the input of Filiz Gunay and Vincent Robert. In particular, this list concerns now the 66 geographical unit of the MosKeyTool (i.e. the whole Western part of the Palearctic ecological region). This checklist is almost finished and we will very soon submit to you for validation in your respective countries. Finally we would like to highlight the value of this collaborative work, mainly through scientific publications. Stay tuned!
- > <u>Travelling exhibition "Vectors and diseases"</u>. This exhibition, initially translated in English and French, is now available in other languages thanks to your involvement: in Serbian (thanks to Dusan Petric), in Montenegrin (thanks to Igor Pajovic), in Arabic (thanks to Fatma Khrouf and Ali Bouattour), and soon in Armenian (thanks to Lusine Paronyan). Moreover it is also being translated currently in around 20 languages through the <u>EurNegVec project</u>. We are glad about such ownership and are convince that this exhibition can be a good communication vector for your scientific events. Do not hesitate to use it! You can <u>view pictures of the exhibition at different locations and in different languages</u> on our flickr page.
- > Expertise exchange. In Montpellier, we are actually hosting Tatiana Sulesco (Moldova) for a two-week period, who is exploring our <u>ARIM (Arthropod of Medical Interest) collection</u> at the MIVEGEC unit, Montpellier, France. She will give you a scientific feedback next month.
- > Follow-up training review. The personal External Quality Assessment (EQA) results on mosquito identification have been send to all the participating laboratories. Report of <u>EQA#1</u>

and <u>EQA#2</u> are available on the MediLabSecure partner area website. We are now preparing a general review for all labs that you will receive soon in a specific email.

> How to recognize a 4th instar larva? Read this short exchange of views on this question!

MEDILABSECURE IN SHORT

- > MediLabSecure Newsletter n°4. The last newsletter has been just released. You can <u>read it</u> <u>online</u> and be sure to receive the future editions by <u>subscribing</u>.
- > What's next MediLabSecure? The MediLabSecure project will end by mid-2018. We began to formulate plans to give a continuation to the project. A small working group will meet next December in Paris to think about it. This meeting will gather: the coordination team (WP leaders), few network member representatives as we as international experts. Bulent Alten (Turkey) will join this meeting. Also your questionnaire feedback will be of great importance. Thanks a lot to have been so many to reply!

VECTORS WORLD

- > LOVCEN project (Montenegro). This LOVCEN Final Meeting Surveillance of invasive and native mosquito vectors and pathogens they transmit in Montenegro, led by Igor Pajovic held at the University of Montenegro last November. Many information are available on their website. And we look forward to get the results of this interesting project, which is in the scope of MediLabSecure.
- > Mosquito Alert project. The Mosquito alert project is a citizen science platform aiming at uniting citizens, scientists and managers in the fight against mosquito-borne diseases. This existing tool, initially used for Spain, can now be used for all the world. Why not in your country? Read the different free proposals of collaboration on surveillance and control on their website.
- > <u>Call for papers / Special Issue on Insecticide Resistance in Vectors of Pathogens</u>. Submission Deadline: Friday, 16 February 2018.

ENJOY READING

- > West Nile disease in Tunisia: an overview of 60 years, Hammami & al., 2017.
- > Economics of One Health: Costs and benefits of integrated West Nile virus surveillance in Emilia-Romagna, Paternoster & al., 2017.

If you have any suggestions or information you wish to share, please let us know and send an email to the discussion list mls.entomo-all@listes.ird.fr.

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