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1. New section Update: News from our members



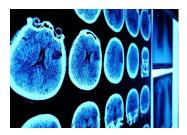
In next month's edition of the Update, we will introduce a new section called: 'News from our Members'. This section could help provide visibility to the activities of our members and show connections with other activities of the BioMed Alliance.

The section will contain maximum 3 articles and each organisation can

propose one article per month to the BioMed Alliance office. The topics should be related to the work of the BioMed Alliance and its taskforces, they should be relevant for a majority of members and not only for one specific disease area.

Members will receive more information on the requirements in early September.

2. Health partnership proposal paves the way for greater role for stakeholders



A new <u>draft proposal</u> for the Innovative Health Initiative (the next European Partnership for Health Innovation and successor to the IMI) was released last month and proposes to establish an Innovation Panel. The new panel would be composed of representatives of industry, member states and stakeholders and help to co-design the activities of the partnership.

Stakeholders will be selected through calls for expression of interest and they will help set priorities and activities of the partnership and support the governance board. The panel will play an important role and help to "...to identify and review potential call topics, ensuring that they adequately address public health interest and needs of end-users" (See Innovative Health Initiative Proposal p22).

The BioMed Alliance and other stakeholders had been calling for quite some time for greater stakeholder involvement in the partnerships for health to ensure that the input of researchers, clinicians and patients is better incorporated.

3. Coming up: European Research & Innovation Days



The European Commission will organise the annual European Research and Innovation Days from 22 to 24 September. The event brings policymakers, researchers, entrepreneurs and citizens together to discuss and provide input on the future of research and innovation in Europe and beyond.

This year, the interactive sessions will take place online and

participants will have the chance to help shape European Research policy right before Horizon Europe will be launched in 2021.

Registrations will open early September and more information is available here.



4. EU Health Summit goes Digital



The next EU health Summit will take place online on 26 October 2020. As leader of the Research & Innovation Policy Group, the BioMed Alliance will lead a breakout session on Research Policy.

We have already secured a number of high-level speakers with our partners of the EU Health Coalition. The agenda will be announced at a later stage, but it will include interventions from stakeholders, experts in the field and influential policy makers.

The registration form for the summit is available here.

5. Webinar: profiling and training healthcare workers of the future



The fourth Webinar of the 2020 Thematic Network on "Profiling and training the health workers of the future" of the EU Health Policy Platform will feature Dr Imran Aslam from the United European Gastroenterology (UEG). The webinar will take place on 9 September from 11.00 to 12.00 CEST via WebEx.

The topic of the webinar is "Preparing Health Care Professionals for 'Future' Healthcare Challenges (AI and Robotics)". The discussion will focus on case studies and best practices to improve the digital preparedness of organisation and their workforces.

The meeting will also help to gather input for the final Joint Statement of the network, which will highlight main conclusions and recommendations around the training of healthcare workers in Europe.

The registration form is available <u>here</u>.

6. Surveys & Consultations



Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe

The deadline to provide input to the second consultation on the Pharmaceutical Strategy is 15 September. The BioMed Alliance will submit a response and the office is kindly asking members for input and to share their responses to the consultation to help identify common priorities. The consultation is available <u>here</u>.



Science Business Survey on the new Horizon Europe budget

Science Business (the research policy news platform) has launched a <u>survey</u> asking participants about their perceptions of Horizon Europe and its budget. The data will be used in a publication in the autumn, and this could be a nice awareness raising tool on the importance of allocating sufficient funding to research.



7. Upcoming

- The fourth Webinar of the 2020 Thematic Network on "Profiling and training the health workers of the future" will take place on 9 September. More info: <u>here</u>.
- We are organising another call of the **Policy Officers Committee** on 16 September.
- The second **EU Health Summit** will take place online on 26 October 2020. This event is organised by the <u>EU Health Coalition</u>, of which the BioMed Alliance is an active member.
- The General Assembly will be held on 26 November 2020