

CEPI

Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness and Innovations

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Welcome to the first edition of the CEPI Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the CEPI newsletter, targeted to stakeholders and collaborative partners. We plan to distribute this newsletter regularly to provide you with current information of the activities of CEPI.

As of July 1st the interim secretariat is established in Oslo, generously hosted by the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. We will soon be starting the recruitment process for key positions for this interim phase which lasts until the end of 2017. In the mean time we are relying heavily on the generous and very qualified contribution from our founding organizations.

As CEPI now is entering into a new phase, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have participated in the very important work of the task teams, in particular those of you who have chaired the task teams and the sub groups. The work you have contributed has been instrumental in the process of establishing CEPI, and will feed into our business plan and inform our future work. CEPI is a work in progress and further effort is needed in order to get the organization fully operational. I hope we will be able to count on your valuable contributions also in the future.

John-Arne Røttingen
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Task Teams

All three task teams have now concluded their work.

Task team 1 divided their work into sub groups working on i) prioritization of pathogens, ii) clinical development, iii) manufacturing and stockpiling and iv) regulatory and legal pathways. Reports from all sub groups have been finalized. The themes of the sub group on clinical development and the one on regulatory and legal pathways are closely interlinked, and the discussions among these groups continue, and a workshop has been suggested.

Task team 2 worked on identifying partnership models to develop vaccines against emerging infectious diseases characterized by high epidemic potential and market failure. The models should balance public health needs for speed and access with private sector incentives and intellectual property concerns. Their report discusses which criteria that ought to guide the partnership design and which partnership model that will best accommodate these criteria.

Task team 3 has described the different mechanisms that may be included in the CEPI financial facility and outline recommendations for further development. Their report underlines that for CEPI to be a successful initiative with a lasting impact it is crucial to have a predictable and sustainable financial base. Through environmental analysis of potential financing mechanisms, task team 3 recommends that CEPI establishes a financing facility containing two major options: Core investments in a CEPI fund and Coalition investments where partners invest directly into specific CEPI objectives. In addition, the report proposes that CEPI explores incentive mechanisms for implementing partners. In order to facilitate core-contributions, a diverse set of investment instruments is recommended. Similarly the report proposes various instruments for financial disbursements including push and pull mechanisms that will facilitate CEPI to achieve its mission of meeting public health needs ensuring equitable access and sharing risks and awards.

Late August Meetings in London

All CEPI stakeholders are invited to participate at a meeting 30 August at the Wellcome Trust in London. Those of you who are not able to be present, are welcome to participate by telephone. The interim CEPI Board and the interim Scientific Advisory Committee will be presented at the meeting. We are currently in the process of appointing them and are sending out invitation letters. The interim CEPI Board will have their first meeting 31 August, whereas the Scientific Advisory Committee will meet late September or late October in the US and not on 1 September as originally planned.

Work in progress

A first preliminary Business Plan for CEPI is being developed and will be ready for the end of August meeting in London and will be shared in advance of the meeting. A 5 year business plan will be developed during 2017.

A 2 pager presenting CEPI will be distributed together with the next newsletter. This will serve as a high level summary of the scope and activities of the organization.

A CEPI website is being set up and will be ready to launch in the end of August.

Best regards,

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