



## Network Opportunities for Sharing – February 2016

1. **IMI\* has put out a call for research and innovation proposals to advance its programme on Ebola** and other filoviral haemorrhagic fevers (Ebola+). This call is continuously open for a period of two years with the following submission cut-off dates: 16 March 2016, 15 September 2016, 16 March 2017, 14 September 2017, and 15 March 2018. For more information click here:

<http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/imi-2-call-8>.

*\*The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) is Europe's largest public-private initiative aiming to speed up the development of better and safer medicines for patients. It supports collaborative research projects and builds networks of industrial and academic experts in order to boost pharmaceutical innovation in Europe. IMI is a joint undertaking between the European Union and the pharmaceutical industry association EFPIA.*

2. **FoodMicrobionet, the first data repository to structure food bacterial communities** has been set up based on high-throughput sequencing (HTS) of 16S RNA or 16S RNA gene extracted from foods. Data from 17 studies were collated and curated and used to build a network representation which can be used by scientists at several different levels. The data can be shown in an interactive web visualization or is available in raw data files suitable for use in data analysis software, which as Cytoscape or Gephi, currently covering about 20% of the published studies in this field.

FoodMicrobionet now plans is to expand the initiative by either recruiting new groups or by retrieving and processing sequence data available on ENA or SRA. Details on the participation to the initiative are provided here: [http://www.foodmicrobionet.org/?page\\_id=117](http://www.foodmicrobionet.org/?page_id=117)

3. **Funded Workshop for Fellowship Applicants:** The Department for Environmental Science at Aarhus University (AU), Copenhagen is hosting a workshop for 10 ambitious postdoctoral researchers who would like to apply for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (MSCA IF). The department conducts [research and advisory activities](#) mainly within the areas of Atmospheric Pollutions, Environmental Pollutants and Ecosystem services. The workshop will run from 10 – 12 May 2016, to enable MSCA IF applicants to be introduced to AU, Copenhagen & Risø, and the MSCA IF programme, as well as meet potential colleagues. Travel expenses are paid by the University. For more information, please contact the Professor and Head of Department, Carsten Suhr Jacobsen via [csj@envs.au.dk](mailto:csj@envs.au.dk).



4. **The deadline for FEMS Sponsored Meetings Grant applications is 1 March, 2016.** With a value of up to €15,000, anyone belonging to a FEMS Member Society can apply. The grant can cover participation costs of early career scientists and speakers travelling to scientific conferences, laboratory workshops and training courses within Europe. For more information please visit this website: <http://www.fems-microbiology.org/grants/fems-meeting-grants.html>.
5. **Blog author opportunities with Oxford University Press / FEMS:** scientifically literate writers wanted to 'translate' selected articles into blogs for wider, less scientific audiences (an example is here: <http://blog.oup.com/2015/11/amr-crisis-global-solution-fems/>). This is not a paid role but will help to build author visibility and profile. The OUP blog is one of the most widely read academic blogs in the world with over 6,000 subscribers and 100,000 visitors per month. In addition, it has over 50,000 Twitter followers, 900,000 Facebook fans, 100,000 Tumblr followers, and 4,000 Google Plus followers.
6. **Did you know about PIVOT?** PIVOT is a matchmaking database which can connect researchers, private and academic organisations with the right funding opportunities and potential collaboration researchers and partners. Based in Michigan, PIVOT has offices around the world and is owned by [ProQuest](#). More details are [here](#). We are interested in gauging interest around setting up a multi-party subscription, so if you'd like to be involved or if you already have a subscription, please contact [Alessio.Maugeri@fems-microbiology.org](mailto:Alessio.Maugeri@fems-microbiology.org).
7. **All articles published in FEMS Journals now include Altmetrics,** which help researchers, funders and institutions assess the impact and return-on-investment of their work by providing a better understanding of the reach of an article or published research, and the attention it is receiving online. More about OUP altmetrics inclusion at <http://oxfordjournals.org/en/authors/article-level-metrics.html>.
8. **RESAVER - Retirement Savings Vehicle for European Research Institutions:** The mobility of researchers is a driver of excellence in research. However, researchers face many difficulties in preserving their supplementary pension benefits when moving between different countries. To overcome this problem, the European Commission is supporting a consortium of employers, through Horizon 2020, in creating a single European pension arrangement (RESAVER) that will offer a defined



contribution plan, tailor-made for research organisations and their employees. For more information, please go to the website via this link: <http://www.resaver.eu/>

9. **The Communications Network is gathering momentum with launch events planned in London on March 18 and Copenhagen on April 08.** If you or your Member Society is are not yet involved but would like to join the network or the events, please refer to the 4 summary slides embedded below.



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