



Mid-term meeting Paris December 2015

REPORT

Discussion among the medical entomology work package (WP4)

This discussion took place at the end of the mid-term meeting of the MediLabSecure project on the 17th December 2015 from 11:45 AM to 12:50 AM.

This session was the opportunity for the members of the MediLabSecure network to discuss entomological issues during an open round table discussion.

Participants

This session involved the participants of the medical and veterinary entomology group. In total 13 members of 13 laboratories participated to the discussion. Their names, e-mails and affiliations are listed in the Table.

Vincent ROBERT, the WP4 leader, framed the discussion and Kathleen VICTOIR, the WP1 leader, also assisted and participated to the discussion.

Table : List of participants of the round table discussion of WP4

Country	Institute	Laboratory	WP	Participating person	E-mail
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Introduction (by Vincent Robert)

The discussion was introduced by saying that any comment / feedback / suggestion is welcome, directly or during the next weeks. Especially concerning:

- 1) the present 2.5 days of midterm project meeting,
- 2) the next 2 years 2016-17 of our MediLabSecure project,
- 3) a possible extension on CCHF - CCHFV and vector ticks,
- 4) a possible realization of a comprehensive database for arbovirus/arbovirosis informations.

The concern of vector control (especially mosquito) and insecticide resistance

Number of participants underlined their difficulty in terms of strategy, logistic, practice and budget for any realization of vector control. Such questions are not easily resolved in routine and the difficulties are by far more important during an outbreak.

The municipalities are in charge for vector control activities in most of countries; that may be a supplementary problem because municipalities have a very variable level of competency.

The question of insecticide resistance was also raised for phlebotome sand-flies.

CCHF and ticks

As expected, most of representative of the Balkans countries are in demand of diagnostic, surveillance, risk assessment, and vectorial considerations, including tick control.

Detection of viruses in collected mosquitoes

Surveillance activities, especially for WNV, require quick detection of the virus within the mosquito batches. It makes sense that the virus detection would be processed by entomologists when virologists are not available but specific competencies and materials are required (Enkelejda DIKOLLI). Alternatively, international cooperation can be fruitfully developed (with Bernhard Nocht Inst Trop Med; Tatiana SULESCO).

Offer of intra-MediLabSecure expertise

The Hacettepe Univ (Pr Bulent Alten lab) proposes its help and know how, to all entomologists who experience difficulties in mosquito species determination, with morphological and molecular methods.

Demand of intra-MediLabSecure expertise

A new insectary has been recently built in the Institut Pasteur of Algeria. New research programs will be developed accordingly. Therefore opportunities/needs exist for some international expert visit.

General conclusion on the meeting / Feedback on the midterm project meeting

All participants express their interest, sometimes their enthusiasm, for the midterm project meeting and congratulate the organizers. One participant told of "an incredible meeting".

