

PREPARE:
The people behind the project
An overview of the PREPARE consortium

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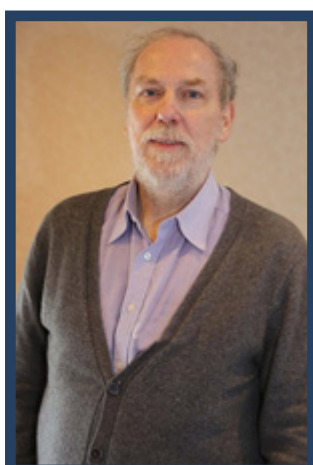
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Background: Dr. Angus is a physician and researcher focusing on optimal care of the critically ill. He currently holds the title of Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Critical Care Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh where he is also the founder and director of the CRISMA (Clinical Research, Investigation, and Systems Modeling of Acute Illness) Center. CRISMA is a large, NIH-funded multidisciplinary research center with a broad portfolio of clinical, translational and health services research studies of sepsis, trauma, and acute respiratory failure. Dr. Angus has published several hundred papers, is the section editor for “Caring for the Critically Ill” at JAMA, and is the recipient of numerous national and international awards and honors in his field.

Tasks within PREPARE: Angus Derek is a member of the steering committee, WP5. He is responsible for design and execution of the multi arm adaptive platform trial.



Auffray Charles

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Background: Dr. Charles Auffray (PhD), is the Founding Director of the European Institute for Systems Biology & Medicine (EISBM) managed by the research association HLA et Médecine (HLA-MED), with headquarters in Lyon. He is a CNRS Research Director, head of the Functional Genomics and Systems Biology for Health team, affiliated with the Joliot Curie Laboratory of CNRS and Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon. Charles Auffray obtained the Agrégation in Physiology and Biochemistry at Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan (1975), his State Doctorate in Molecular Immunology and Genetic Engineering at Pierre & Marie Curie University of Paris and the Pasteur Institute, Paris (1981). He was a Post-doctoral Fellow and Junior Faculty at the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Harvard University in Cambridge, USA (1981-1983); Group Leader at the Institute of Embryology, CNRS and Collège de France, Nogent s/Marne (1983-1991); Scientific Director of the Genexpress Program at Généthron in Evry (1991-1995); Head of the CNRS Research Unit in Molecular Genetics and Developmental Biology, then Functional Genomics and Systems Biology for Health in Villejuif (1991-2011).

Tasks within PREPARE: Charles is the Principal Investigator of the EISBM team participating in the WP6 Pathos with close ongoing interactions with AMC in Amsterdam, Institut Pasteur in Paris, Imperial College in London, and Biomax in Planegg, also liaising with other WPs as needed.

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Baas Frank

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Background: Professor Frank Baas is Head of the Genome Analysis facility AMC and obtained his MD (1982) and his PhD (1986) at the University of Amsterdam. Postdoctoral training was done in Cambridge USA in the laboratories of Prof. Dr. T. Maniatis' Laboratory at Harvard University and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cancer Center, Prof. Dr. D.E. Housman and Harvard Medical School, Dana Farber Cancer Institute (1986-1988). He was a scientist at the Netherlands Cancer Institute, Division of Molecular Biology, and identified a new mechanism for multidrug resistance (non-Pgp MDR). In 1991 he became assistant Professor at the Department of Neurology, University of Amsterdam Academic Medical Centre, to specialize in human molecular (neuro) genetics, staying a honorary staff member, at the Netherlands Cancer Institute from 1991-1996. In 1996 he became head of the Neurogenetics laboratory and in 2002 professor of Neurogenetics at the AMC, University of Amsterdam. In 2006 he became Head of the Genome Analysis facility AMC. Prof. Baas is a leading scientist in the field of neurogenetics. He has published over 250 peer reviewed papers, is CSO of Regeneration and has patents on neuroregeneration and cancer therapy. He is President of the Dutch Society for Human Genetics and a board certified clinical molecular geneticist.

Tasks within PREPARE: In Prepare he is partner in the AMC team and involved in expression profiling and next-generation sequencing.



Barten Grit

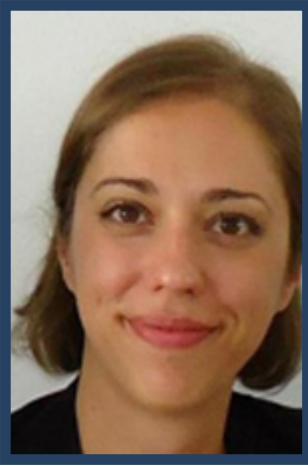
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Background: Grit Barten graduated as chemist at the University Bremen and obtained a Master of Business Administration in 2014 at the Hochschule für Oekonomie & Management gemeinnützige Gesellschaft mbH (FOM). Since 2008 she has been employed for the foundation CAPNETZ STIFTUNG as the managing director. She is responsible for all regulatory and financial affairs concerning foundation management and multi-center study implementation within the competence network CAPNETZ (CAP-Community Acquired Pneumonia) in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Netherlands and Denmark. Within this framework she built up experiences in working in a national research network and beyond.

Tasks within PREPARE: Grit will support in building up the clinical network within WP5 using the study infrastructure of the network CAPNETZ.



Behmen Dalibora

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Background: Dalibora is the Head of Office at the Croatian Centre for Global Health, University of Split School of Medicine. She has a master's degree in business economics. Her thesis explored the functioning of management in institutions of higher education. She has a strong interest in project administration and has attended numerous national and international workshops related to this topic with special emphasis on education in project management and finance. She is experienced in organizing various events and is very skilled in coordinating all types of activities.

Tasks within PREPARE: Dalibora provides administrative and logistical support.



Berry Scott

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Background: Scott Berry is President and a Senior Statistical Scientist at Berry Consultants, LLC, and adjunct faculty in Biostatistics at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He earned his MS and PhD in statistics from Carnegie Mellon University and was an Assistant Professor at Texas A&M University before co-founding Berry Consultants in 2000. He has led Berry Consultants to be widely regarded as the premier Bayesian consulting company in the world. Since 2000, he has been involved in the design of hundreds of Bayesian adaptive clinical trials of pharmaceuticals and medical devices and has become an opinion leader in the field of Bayesian adaptive clinical trials. He is an expert in clinical trial simulation and a co-developer of the FACTS simulation software.

Tasks within PREPARE: Provide knowledge and support for the conduct of simulations needed for the adaptive trial design in both WP4 and WP5 clinical trial protocols.



Bertens Loes

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Background: Loes Bertens has a masters' degree in Health Sciences (2009, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, specialisation Infectious diseases and public health). In 2014 she obtained her PhD in Clinical Epidemiology on "Diagnostic research in daily practice: methodological challenges and applications". During this PhD training she also obtained a masters' degree in clinical epidemiology.

Tasks within PREPARE: Loes works as assistant professor in WP5 and is involved in designing the trial, including protocol development and selection of suitable interventions.



Bauch Angela

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Background: Angela received her Ph.D. from the University of Freiburg in the laboratory of Michael Reth at the Max Planck Institute for Immunobiology in Freiburg. After a post-doctoral stay in the laboratory of Gerald Crabtree at Stanford University, she joined the biotech company Cellzome Inc. in Heidelberg. There, she served as a co-project leader of a high-profile inflammation project. End of 2004 she moved with Giulio Superti-Furga to Vienna, Austria to establish the Research Center CeMM. There, she created a state-of-the-art proteomics technology platform. Angela brings more than 10 years' experience in systems biology, functional genomics, proteomics and information sciences. Since 2007 she manages systems biology and medicine projects at the interface between biological/medical research and information sciences by understanding the computational needs and by applying them software development solutions.

Task within PREPARE: Angela supports WP6 by providing a PREPARE/SARI knowledge management portal based on prior knowledge from the literature using existing structured sources (KEGG, Reactome), ontologies (GO, Human anatomy, CellType, NCBI Taxonomy, ChEBI, e.g.), integrated public databases (EntrezGene, GEO, Medline, OMIM, PubChem e.g.) as well as a text mining tool. Knowledge from respiratory tract infections (or any other disease-related knowledge) can be organized into disease maps. Such a map provides navigation and exploration tools and interfaces with databases mentioned above for its content annotation and can be enriched with experimental data.



Beutels Philippe

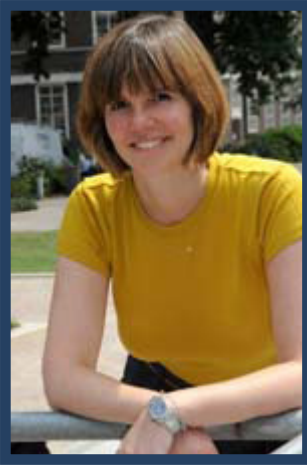
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Background: Philippe Beutels is Associate Professor and founding director of the Centre for Health Economics Research & Modelling Infectious Diseases (CHERMID) at the University of Antwerp. He's also Senior Visiting Fellow at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. He published over 150 contributions in peer-reviewed journals, 2 books and more than 10 book chapters, mainly on topics related to health economics, mathematical modelling and epidemiology of infectious diseases. He was CI and WP leader in several EU projects (eg POLYMOD), and the senior author of the WHO guide to economic evaluation of vaccines. He currently sits on advisory committees in Belgium (eg, Superior Health Council) and at WHO (Immunization and Vaccines related Implementation Research Advisory Committee).

Tasks within PREPARE: Philippe will conduct economic evaluation alongside the trial in WP4.



Bielicki Julia

WP2 and WP3 Project Manager

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Background: Julia Bielicki is a paediatrician and paediatric infectious diseases specialist, and since 2011 has been working as a researcher at St George's University of London. She holds a Masters of Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Julia was part of the core team of the Antibiotic Resistance and Prescribing in European Children project, one of the largest international collaborations on antibiotic use and antimicrobial resistance in children to date. Her current research focuses mainly on methods to make surveillance data accessible for clinical practice and strategic antibiotic trials in childhood bacterial infections.

Tasks within PREPARE: Julia is part of the paediatric PREPARE team and will provide input into writing of any study documentation relating to the participation of children, including questionnaires, manuals, protocols and SOPs for WP2 and WP3.



Bonten Marc

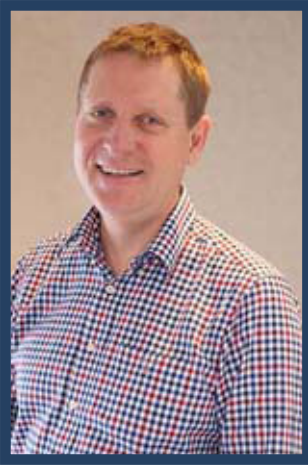
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Background: Marc Bonten (born 16-10-1964) got his MD (1991) and PhD ("the role of colonization of the upper intestinal tract in the pathogenesis of ventilator-associated pneumonia, 1994) at the Maastricht University Medical School, the Netherlands. He registered as internist in 2000, as infectious disease specialist in 2002 and as clinical microbiologist in 2008, all at the University Medical Center Utrecht, the Netherlands. Since August 2008 he is head of the department Medical Microbiology and leading the research group of infectious Disease Epidemiology of the Julius Center of Health Sciences and Primary Care, both at the UMC Utrecht, where he is professor of molecular epidemiology of infectious diseases since 2002. He has been a principal investigator in many large scale epidemiologic studies and investigator-initiated randomized trials of prevention and treatment of infectious diseases. His experience covers the full range of epidemiologic study designs including clinical trials, cohorts, case-control studies and mathematical modelling. He has 398 publications in pubmed, an H-index of 59 and he supervised 35 PhD fellows (and currently supervises 29). He serves as a board member of the Infection & Immunity Programme of the UMC Utrecht, served on the editorial board of Intensive Care Medicine (2008-2012), and served on several Scientific Advisory Boards (JPI-AMR, SWAB). He is a VICI laureate (2006) from the Dutch Science Association, PI of the CAPiTA study (investigator-initiated study funded by Wyeth, later Pfizer), coordinator of the EU-funded project R-GNOSIS and scientific coordinator of the IMI-funded consortiums COMBACTE, COMBACTE-CARE and COMBACTE-MAGNET.

Tasks within PREPARE: He is the Coordinator of the PREPARE WP5.



Butler Chris

WP4 Lead

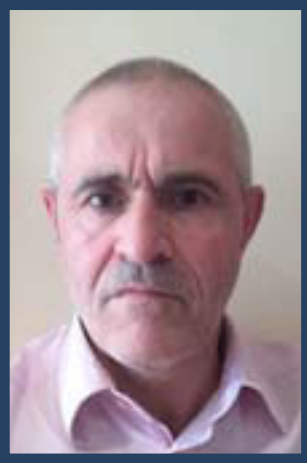
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Background: Professor of Primary Care with a special interest in common infections, he led a work package in the GRACE Network of Excellence. He is Director of the Wales School of Primary Care Research and of the National Institute of Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR) Clinical Care Collaboration, and serves on the MRC EME Board. He was based at the University of Cardiff, but has recently moved to the University of Oxford.

Tasks within PREPARE: Leader of WP4 Trial.

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Capt Andre

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Background: I have been working for more than 25 years in the diagnostic and pharmaceutical industry. Starting as a Sales Representative with Roche Diagnostics Switzerland and after business school, I moved to the U.S. as an International Product Manager where I was closely involved with launching both, the Roche AMPLICOR molecular diagnostics product line and the COBAS AmpliPrep and COBAS TaqMan systems. I spent the two last years in the US as International Marketing Manager for Roche's HIV-1 viral load test and moved back to Europe to join

Roche pharma as an International Product Manager for FUZEON. I joined Janssen Diagnostics in 2007. I am currently the Commercial Lead for all diagnostic tests on the Biocartis IDYLLA platform developed by Janssen Diagnostics.

Tasks within PREPARE: Andre will be mainly involved in WP4 and WP7 coordinating with his scientific colleagues the use of Janssen's IDYLLA Respiratory panel for Flu and RSV.



Carson Gail

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Background: Dr Gail Carson (Thomson) is a Consultant in Infectious diseases with over a decade of experience in outbreak response at local, national & international level including viral haemorrhagic fevers, SARS, H5, pH1N1, anthrax in drug users & Hantaan virus. The roles assumed during these outbreaks ranged from providing direct patient care, to being a WHO HQ clinical focal point and a national coordinator of a Critical Care Network. During these experiences Dr Carson has learnt the importance of the need to collect good quality evidence and to provide

that information to the clinical frontline, public health and policy makers promptly. Five years with the Health Protection Agency of England based at their Porton Down Special Pathogens Laboratory have given Dr Carson an opportunity to understand the laboratory's needs and challenges of dealing with dangerous pathogens. Dr Carson is the Clinical Coordinator for ISARIC & recently taken up a temporary position as the national lead to prepare a Clinical Research Network to respond to an emerging pathogen in the UK.

Tasks within WP: Protocol review, liaison to WP2.



Chiche Jean-Daniel

ESICM lead investigator and WP5 co-lead

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Background: Jean-Daniel Chiche is Full Professor of Critical Care Medicine (Paris Descartes University), currently working in the Medical Intensive Care Unit of Cochin University Hospital in Paris.

He graduated as MD in Paris, studied in Liège for 4 years (Belgium), and obtained a PhD after a 3-year research fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard Medical School) in Boston.

His clinical interest lies in the field of acute respiratory failure, mechanical ventilation and sepsis. He also holds an appointment as Research Director at the Cochin Institute (INSERM U1016) where he develops an independent research program spanning various aspects of the biology of Toll-like receptors, innate immunity and variability of the inflammatory response.

He has written numerous papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and is a regular reviewer for major international journals. He has extensive experience as an investigator and DSMB member on major international studies in ARDS, mechanical ventilation, sepsis, sedation and cardiac arrest management. Member of several scientific international societies, Pr Chiche is the Immediate Past President of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM). He is also Member of the Executive Committee of the Surviving Sepsis Campaign, President of the European Board of Intensive Care Medicine, and Member of the Steering Committee of ISARIC (International Severe Acute Respiratory Infections Consortium).

Tasks within PREPARE: Jean-Daniel is lead investigator representing ESICM, which is involved in WP3, WP5, and WP9. He coordinates activities of ESICM investigators and staff involved in these workpackages. He specifically link with the Steering Committee of the ESICM Trials Group and its Chair, Pr J. Duranteau. Furthermore, he is co-lead investigator of WP5. Where he is specifically involved in the study design and the protocol development, with a specific focus on ventilator strategies and immunomodulatory strategies to be tested. As such, he will work closely with Marc Bonten to supervise and coordinate trial activities for the WP5.



Chiu Christopher

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Background: Chris Chiu is a Clinician Scientist at the National Heart and Lung Institute and Honorary Consultant in infectious diseases and microbiology at Imperial College. He underwent his basic medical training at Cambridge and Oxford Universities and completed his PhD with Charles Bangham and Margaret Callan at Imperial College London, investigating the gene transcription signatures of the early CD8+ T cell response to acute virus infection. On completion of his specialist clinical training, he was awarded an MRC Clinician Scientist fellowship and furthered his research by working with Rafi Ahmed's group at Emory University, examining adaptive immune responses to influenza and varicella zoster virus vaccines. His research interests focus mainly on B and T cell immunity to recurrent viral infections, including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza and herpesviruses, with a particular emphasis on the development of better vaccines.

Tasks within PREPARE: Chris supervises the group undertaking experimental infection of volunteers to investigate systemic and mucosal immunity against influenza.



Coenen Samuel

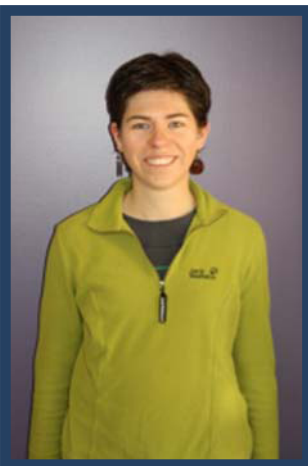
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Background: Samuel Coenen (ResearcherID A-6410-2011) is associate professor and head of the Centre of General Practice. Collaborating closely with Herman Goossens, he gained experience as member of the management team, partner and collaborator in several European projects granted by DG Sanco of the European Commission, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, the European Science Foundation or within the 6th or 7th Framework Programme. His research focuses on the multidisciplinary study of infectious diseases, with particular focus on the management of respiratory tract infections in primary care, and the aetiology, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of bacterial and viral infections.

Tasks within PREPARE: Samuel coordinates the Antwerp primary care research network in WP4.



Colliers Annelies

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Background: Annelies Colliers is a general practitioner and a junior-researcher at the Centre of General Practice of the University of Antwerp. Her research focuses on the study of infectious diseases, with particular focus on the management of respiratory tract infections in primary care, quality improvement within the setting of out-of-hours care and feedback-interventions on antibiotic prescribing for acute respiratory tract infections.

Tasks within PREPARE: Annelies will be the local trial manager of the Antwerp primary care research network in WP4.



Cook Johanna

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Background: Johanna Cook is a Senior Trials Manager based at the Primary Care Clinical Trials Unit in Oxford. She manages the Infectious Diseases Team within the CTU where they run a portfolio of national and international infectious diseases trials.

Tasks within PREPARE: Johanna is the Trial Manager for the ALIC4E Trial, WP4.



Conesa Botella Anali

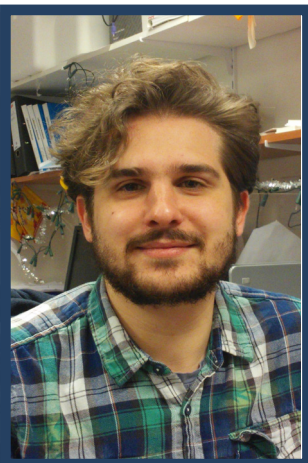
WP7 Team member

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Background: Anali Conesa Botella graduated as medical doctor at the ULB (Université Libre de Bruxelles) in 2007 and obtained a PhD in Medical Sciences on “Pathogenesis of the tuberculosis-associated immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome: role of mycobacterial load and vitamin D status?” at the Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp. She will finish her training in Medical Microbiology in October 2015 and will from then onwards join the Laboratory of Medical Microbiology of the UA as Clinical Study Manager and the post-doc Researcher in Microbiology for different projects. Both during her research in Belgium and during her stay in African countries, Uganda and South Africa, she built up experience in working in an international network.

Tasks within PREPARE: Anali will support in setting up the laboratory activities and support in writing of the questionnaires, manuals, protocols, and SOPs.



Cristella Cosimo

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Background: Cosimo Cristella obtained his MSc in Bioinformatics at the University of Bologna, Italy. He spent 6 months at IMIM-Universitat Pompeu Fabra, focusing on the study of predictive algorithms on protein-protein interaction networks using machine learning approaches. Since August 2014, Cosimo is a PhD candidate at the Department of Medical Microbiology of AMC, Amsterdam. He is currently involved in the study of the pathogenesis of Severe Acute Respiratory infections (SARIs), carrying on patient-oriented multi-omics studies using a Systems Medicine approach.

Task Within PREPARE: Cosimo will focus on analysis of local and systemic transcriptional profiles during Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARIs).

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Deege Frank

Project manager

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Background: Frank Deege MSc has over 15 years of experience in developing grant applications and managing EU-funded consortia, predominantly for research projects in the areas of life sciences. He started his career at Pricewaterhouse-Coopers in 1998, where he worked for 11 years, leaving the company as Senior manager EU grants for the Department of Viroscience of Erasmus MC, where he currently holds the position of head of the Grants office. He is also founder of DOC Research BV, a privately owned consultancy company. Besides PREPARE he has been involved in the development and management of numerous EU consortia in the area of infectious diseases amongst which EMPERIE, ANTIGONE and COMPARE.

Tasks within PREPARE: In PREPARE Frank is responsible for assisting the Coordinator and the Executive Board in the Consortium Management activities (WP11 COCO). This includes amongst others implementation of the internal progress reporting cycles, outbreak research response modes documentation, the organisation and completion of the annual reporting to the European Commission, the organisation and implementation of the amendments to the Grant Agreement and acting as the central helpdesk for PREPARE beneficiaries and contacts for financial, contractual and administrative issues related to PREPARE.



de Jong Menno

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Background: Menno de Jong is a clinical microbiologist, professor of clinical virology and head of the Department of Medical Microbiology. He is (founding) member of the Southeast Asia Infectious Disease Clinical Research Network (SEAICRN) and International Severe Acute Respiratory and Emerging Infection Consortium (ISARIC), and partner and WP coordinator in the EU-funded EMPERIE, ANTIGONE and COMPARE consortia, all focused on understanding and preparing for emerging infections. He initiated and/or participates in range of national and international, multidisciplinary collaborative projects on the epidemiology, microbiology, clinical management and pathogenesis of emerging viral and bacterial infectious diseases.

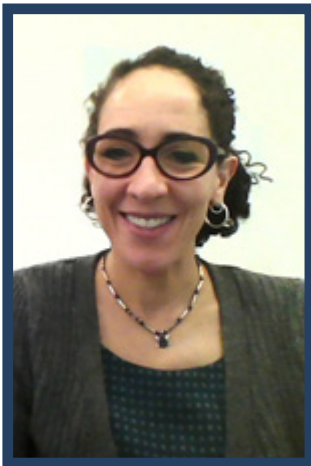
Tasks within PREPARE: Deputy coordinator of the PREPARE consortium, Vice Chair of the PREPARE GA, and leader of WP6 'PATHOS'.



De Pooter David
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Background: A translator (English/German/Dutch) by training, David has gained extensive experience in targeted copywriting, international management and coordinating stakeholder relations through his work at Link Inc and Semiotics. In his current position, David acts as Semiotics' content expert in various medical/scientific domains, including influenza, biotechnology and One Health.

Tasks within PREPARE: David will coordinate and develop an influenza-focused educational module for the PREPARE Virtual Learning Platform.



Denis Emmanuelle
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Background: Emmanuelle has an M.Sc. in biochemical genetics and is a qualified medical laboratory technician with over ten years' experience in microbiology and blood banking. She has over twelve years' experience in managing multi-centre clinical trials and previously worked for Merck pharmaceuticals. She has spent the past ten years at the University of Oxford, managing academic-led trials and large research collaborations and most recently worked as a project manager for WWARN, a large malaria research network.

Tasks within PREPARE: Emmanuelle will support the implementation and coordination of the WP3 observational studies: Multi-centre European study of MAJOR Infectious Disease Syndromes (MERMAIDS).



Derde Lennie
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Background: Lennie Derde is an infectious diseases specialist and intensivist. She has worked as an intensivist in the UMC Utrecht (The Netherlands) since 2013. The subject of her PhD thesis was "Controlling antibiotic resistance in intensive care" and included a cluster-randomized European multicenter study (FP6 project).

Tasks within PREPARE: She currently coordinates the PREPARE ICU study (WP5 study C) - led by Marc Bonten and Jean-Daniel Chiche - in Utrecht, working with Loes Bertens (post-doc) and Wilma Puijk (projectmanager).



Dierynck Inge

Communication manager

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Background: Inge Dierynck, PhD is research manager at the Lab of Medical Microbiology at the UA managing numerous large projects at a financial, employment and contractual level. Previously, she worked for more than 15 years in pharmaceutical industry as research project leader and clinical virologist in the development of HIV and HCV antiviral agents.

Tasks within PREPARE: Inge is involved in running the PREPARE activities at the Laboratory of Medical Microbiology, including recruitment, funding, staff management, administration and reporting. She is also supporting the PREPARE project office (WP11) for communication and dissemination activities (WP10).



Dijker Bram

WP8 Sr. data manager

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Background: Bram Dijker has a master's degree in Biology with a specialisation in genetics. Shortly after graduating he worked for several years as a software engineer, both working for General Practitioners systems and a pharmacist application. Since 2005 working as a software developer and senior data manager at the Julius Center. Under his supervision the Research Online systems were developed. These electronic data capture systems are broadly used within EU studies and other investigator initiated clinical research.

Tasks within PREPARE: Developing and maintaining RO2 and PREPARE portal website.



Dowsland Sarah

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Background: Sarah Dowsland is an educational activities coordinator working for the European Respiratory Society since 2011. Graduate of Newcastle upon Tyne University with a First Class Honours degree in International Business. Ms Dowsland has 7 years' experience working on international projects.

Tasks within PREPARE: Sarah will support all ERS related activities within this project including: setup of trainings, courses and meetings and development of educational and dissemination material.



Drosten Christian

WP7 Team member

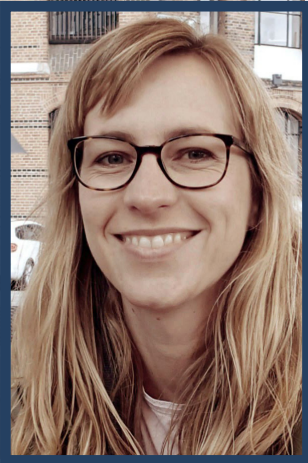
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Background: Professor Christian Drosten is chairman of the Institute of Virology, which was founded with his election in 2007. Christian Drosten is the speaker of an initiative for a DFG-priority programme on ecology and species barriers in emerging viral diseases. He co-chairs the Thematic Translational Unit “Emerging infections” for the newly founded German Centre for Infection Research (DZIF), where he is also a member of the internal advisory committee. He is also a member of the internal advisory board of the German national research platform for zoonotic diseases.

Tasks within PREPARE: Urgent design of “in house” based detection assays for newly detected viruses Protocols for rapid deployment of sample collection and sample transport.

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Eckerle Isabella

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Background: Isabella is a medical doctor (board-certified medical microbiologist) with a background in tropical medicine and virology. She is based at the Institute of Virology in Bonn where she is involved in both diagnostic virology as well as in research on emerging viral zoonosis with a focus on coronaviruses.

Tasks within PREPARE: Isabella's tasks within WP 7 are preparation and harmonization of SOPs for collecting and shipping diagnostic specimens within PREPARE.

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Farr Amy

WP9 Team member

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Background: Amy Farr is an Educational Programmes Manager working for the European Respiratory Society since 2009. With a background in education, marketing and communications management, Ms Farr has considerable experience working on the training and dissemination components in FP6 and FP7 EU funded projects including notably: GRACE, TB PAN NET, and AirPROM.

Tasks within PREPARE: Amy will oversee the PREPARE related ERS activities and provide support to all ERS related activities within this project.



Fraaij Pieter

Erasmus MC

Member PRACTICE coordination team, WP3 and WP6

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Background: Pieter Fraaij is a paediatrician and a paediatric infectious disease and Immunology (PID&I) consultant. Currently, he is both employed by the departments of Viroscience and Paediatrics of the Erasmus MC. This unique work situation has allowed him to set up translational research and coordinate interactions between scientific and clinical departments. His research focuses on the impact of emerging and reemerging respiratory viruses. In addition, he performs studies on the effects of growth and development on host-pathogen interactions.

Tasks within PREPARE: Pieter is part of the PRACTICE coordination team and he performs studies on the pathogens of respiratory tract infections in children in WP6.



Francis Nick

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Background: Nick Francis is a general practitioner (GP) and Clinical Reader in Primary Care at Cardiff University. He graduated as MD in 1992 and PhD in 2010. He leads the Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Research Programme in the Institute of Primary Care and Public Health at Cardiff University and in the Wales Centre for Primary and Emergency Care Research. He has been involved in a number of European projects, including GRACE, R-GNOSIS and RAPP-ID, and leads or co-leads a number of studies including 3 large RCTs.

Tasks within PREPARE: Nick is part of the Cardiff team working on WP1 and has helped in the development of, and is a network lead in, WP4.

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Background: Micaela graduated in Microbiology from Cardiff University in 1995 and completed a doctorate at the University of Oxford. Micaela later moved into the National Health Service as a clinical scientist where she led a laboratory for the development and evaluation of new molecular diagnostics. In 2009, Micaela joined the Wales School for Primary Care Research as a Research Fellow and is currently involved in projects including PREPARE (EU 7th framework programme), R-GNOSIS, (EU 7th framework programme) and RAPP-ID, (EU IMI).

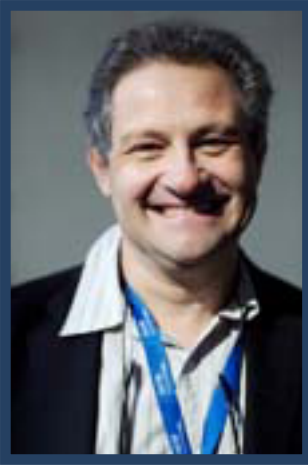
Tasks within PREPARE: Micaela is part of the team currently conducting a rapid review on acceptability of emergency consent, and setting up focus groups and a survey to understand the perceptions of the public and key stakeholder groups across Europe around consenting for research participation during an epidemic/pandemic with a focus on adaptive trials (Task 1.1c).



Gelemanović Andrea
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Background: Andrea obtained a master's degree in Molecular biology at the Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, Croatia in 2014. Soon after that she started working on PREPARE project at the School of Medicine, University of Split where she is currently enrolled as a PhD student.

Tasks within PREPARE: Andrea is part of a team that conducted a systematic review of the role of host genetic factors in susceptibility to respiratory tract infectious diseases, she will lead genome-wide association analyses that are expected to commence in 2016 and she will be involved in analysis of the latest stage of PREPARE activities data analysis.



Giaquinto Carlo

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Background: Carlo Giaquinto is Professor of Pediatrics and Head of the Pediatric and Neonatal Infectious Diseases Unit at the Department for Woman's and Child's Health of the University of Padova. He is head of the Pediatric European Network Treatment of AIDS PENTA-ID, and is currently President of the PENTA Foundation. He is Co-ordinator of several EU funded Projects from 1992. Within the FP GRIP 7Th he is coordinator of 3 large research projects (GRIP, NeoMero and NeoVanc). He has been a WHO Consultant and Adviser on Pediatric HIV infections and Coordinator for several AIDS Research Programs and Social Projects. In addition to his work on paediatric HIV, Prof Giaquinto chairs the Paediatric Rotavirus Advisory Group PROTECT, is a lead investigator of the REVEAL Study on European Rotavirus Epidemiology and a Member of the ECDC Working Group for Rotavirus Vaccination and the European Paediatric Vaccine Advisory Board.

Prof Giaquinto has contributed to more than 260 publications published in peer-reviewed journals and has been an invited speaker at about 300 conferences and international workshops.

Task within PREPARE: he is the coordinator of PENTA and as such involved in WP1 and WP3 with input on pediatric issues whenever is needed.



Gliber Martina

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Background: Martina Gliber is since October 2014 the Director of External Relations for Medical and Scientific Affairs at Institut Mérieux, holding company of the Mérieux family (<http://www.institut-merieux.com>). She is responsible for leading the development and implementation of external relation strategies for Institut Mérieux's transversal programs and for other entities of the group, especially bioMérieux. Martina holds a Master Degree in Public Health. Before, she worked at Fondation Mérieux (<http://www.fondation-merieux.org>) where she was responsible for international project partnerships. Martina has a broad experience in working with diverse funding institutions and building public and private partnerships. She contributed to the creation of international networks like the West African Laboratory Network RESAOLAB, the Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness, and the African Research Network on Neglected Tropical Diseases.

Task within PREPARE: Martina is a representative for bioMérieux., which is involved in WP7 for multiplex testing of WP3 samples in different clinical syndromes.



Gobat Nina

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Background: Nina Gobat, PhD is a post-doctoral research fellow with a special interest in primary care research, including motivation and behaviour change. Nina joined the Institute of Primary Care and Public Health as a doctoral student in 2008. Her PhD focused on agenda setting in chronic disease management. As part of this research she proposed a model of agenda mapping and developed a measure for use in teaching clinicians. Prior to this Nina worked clinically and in management or service development roles both in South Africa and for the NHS.

Her clinical experience is mostly in mental health and addiction treatment. She also provides teaching and supervision in behaviour change counselling and motivational interviewing to multi-disciplinary health professionals.

Tasks within PREPARE: As Research Fellow in WP1 EARL, Nina is currently leading on the writing of a Rapid Review paper on key stakeholder views on acceptability of consent procedures for research participation during acute or emergency treatment. This will inform the team's planning of focus groups with members of the public and key stakeholders, as well as a public survey.



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Background: Herman Goossens graduated as MD in 1982 and PhD in 1990 at the Free University of Brussels. He is Professor of Microbiology at the University of Antwerp and Director of the Dept. of Clinical Pathology of the University Hospital, Antwerp. He founded a microbiology research centre at the University of Antwerp in 1994 on antimicrobial use and resistance and other emerging infectious diseases. Herman serves on several strategy expert committees in Belgium, France, UK, and the EU and the WHO. He coordinates several European projects funded by DG

Research and IMI. Herman is the chair of the Belgian Antibiotic Policy Coordination Committee (BAPCOC). He is the author of numerous papers and book chapters. Herman was elected chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance. He is the initiator of the annual European Antibiotic Awareness Day. With his translational research, he seeks to enhance the standard of healthcare quality, public health and professional standards. Herman is a popular resource person and opinion leader, much sought after by local and international media for views on matters related to public health and infectious diseases.

Tasks within PREPARE: He is the Coordinator of the PREPARE Consortium and leader of Workpackage 10 and 1. As PREPARE coordinator, he chairs the Executive Board and the Governing Board.



Guglielmetti Paolo

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Background: Dr Paolo Guglielmetti works in the Health Threats Unit of the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) of the European Commission. He arrived in the European Commission in 2002 after a career spent in the field of communicable diseases, tropical medicine and response to international public health emergencies. In the Health Threats Unit Dr Guglielmetti is Head of the Team leading for prevention, early warning and response co-ordination to cross-border health threats, including threats caused by emerging communicable diseases. Dr Guglielmetti is part of the Advisory Board of PREPARE as well as of other projects funded under European Union instruments. Dr Guglielmetti is expected to contribute to PREPARE activities strengthening the links between the scientific activities implemented by the project and public health, promoting synergies to strengthen preparedness to respond to emerging threats at EU level and to reinforce risk management coordination in the EU during the response to serious cross-border threats to health.

Tasks within PREPARE: Scientific Advisory Board member.

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Hayden G. Frederick

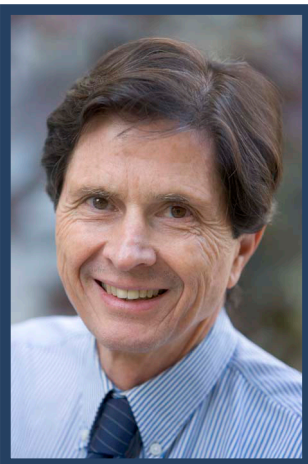
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Background: Dr Hayden is Stuart S. Richardson Professor of Clinical Virology and Professor of Medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, Virginia, USA. During 2006-2008 he served as a medical officer in the Global Influenza Programme at the World Health Organization, Geneva and continues to serve as a consultant to WHO on respiratory viral infections and emerging infectious diseases. During 2008-2012 he worked as influenza research coordinator at the Wellcome Trust, London, during which he helped to establish the International Severe Acute Respiratory and Emerging Infection Consortium (ISARIC). His principle research interests have been on respiratory viral infections with a particular focus on the development and application of antiviral agents. He has published over 350 articles and co-edits the textbook Clinical Virology, the fourth edition will be published by the American Society for Microbiology.

Tasks within PREPARE: Scientific Advisory Board member.



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Background: David L. Heymann is Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Head of the Centre on Global Health Security at Chatham House, London. Previously he was the WHO's Assistant Director-General for Health Security and Environment, and Representative of the Director-General for polio eradication. Earlier experiences at WHO included Executive Director of the WHO Communicable Diseases Cluster during which he headed the global response to SARS. Previously, Prof Heymann worked for 13 years as a medical epidemiologist in sub-Saharan Africa on assignment from the US CDC where he participated in the first and second outbreaks of Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever. He is an elected fellow of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (United States) and the Academy of Medical Sciences (United Kingdom). In 2009 Professor Heymann was appointed an honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) for services to global public health.

Tasks within PREPARE: Scientific Advisory Board member.



Hofstra Jorrit Jan

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Background: Jorrit Hofstra is a medical doctor and a postdoctoral researcher focusing on respiratory metagenomic and transcriptomic analysis in respiratory infectious diseases and obtained a PhD in Intensive Care Medicine on acute lung injury and acute respiratory distress syndrome in adults. He has been actively involved in setting up the PREPARE pipeline for gene expression profiling and data analysis in the Academic Medical Centre – University of Amsterdam. He has also participated in the drafting of the protocol for WP3 ARI MERMAIDS: Pathogenesis

of Acute Respiratory Infections.

Tasks within PREPARE: Analysis of local and systemic gene expression profiles in acute respiratory tract infections (ARIs).



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Background: Kerry is a Professor of Statistics and Director of Clinical Trials in the College of Biomedical & Life Sciences. She has over 18 years experience of designing and running clinical trials across primary and secondary care. Her research focuses on trials of complex interventions and in complex populations where adaptations are needed to the standard methods for designing and running trials. She has undertaken trials in diverse populations from children to vulnerable adults and including emergency consent situations.

Tasks within PREPARE: Kerry is contributing to work on the blocks to conducting studies in pandemic situations and different consent models.



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Background: Peter Horby is both a clinical academic and a public health physician, trained in the UK and Australia. He is a Senior Clinical Research Fellow at the Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health of the University of Oxford. He is also an Honorary Professor of International Health at Hanoi Medical University, Vietnam and Associate Professor of Infectious Diseases at the Yong Yoo Lin School of Medicine, Singapore. He has spent the last decade living in Southeast Asia and working on infectious diseases, first with the World Health Organisation and from

2006-2011 as the Director of the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit at the National Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Hanoi, Vietnam. He has direct clinical and research experience of many emerging and tropical infectious diseases in many countries of Southeast Asia.

Tasks within WP: WP leader, overall coordination.



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Background: Greet Ieven, PhD, is professor at the faculty of medicine and chief of laboratory of medical microbiology at University hospital. She is involved in teaching on microbiological diagnosis and antibiotic treatment for Master students and she has long standing experience with the development and implementation of both conventional and molecular diagnostic tests in the clinical microbiology laboratory. She published her research in over 170 full papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and chapters in 10 books. She has been the Work package leader for bacterial genomics in the EC funded FP6 project GRACE. She was President of the European Study Group on Molecular Diagnostics of ESCMID from 2000-2010 and Scientific Advisory member of QCMD (Quality Control of Molecular Diagnostics).

Tasks within PREPARE: she is the coordinator of WP7: development, validation and implementation of molecular tests for the detection of potentially epidemic pathogens within the clinical WP's and link with clinical WP's.

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Background: Stéphane Joly has obtained an Engineering degree Life Sciences from Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes in Paris in 2010. He then worked for 3 years as Study Engineer in Molecular and Cellular Biology at INSERM in Lyon on viral infections. Stéphane was involved in the improvement of a protocol for efficient transfer of proteins into cells. Since 2014 he has been working as Study Engineer at EISBM then CNRS in charge of the experimental part of transcriptomic analyses in the MeDALL project using microarrays, including study design, data production, quality control and primary analysis.

Tasks within PREPARE: Stéphane has been involved in the experimental part of the cross-platform and cross-site comparison of transcriptomic platforms.



Jozwik Agnieszka

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Background: Agnieszka Jozwik is a Postdoctoral Research Scientist at the National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London. She obtained her PhD degree in Immunology from the Medical University of Gdansk where she developed her expertise in T cell immunology. Dr. Jozwik has previously worked in a variety of translational studies involving human biological specimens and for the past 3 years has been responsible for the laboratory aspects of studies using the human respiratory syncytial virus challenge model.

Tasks within PREPARE: Agnieszka will be coordinating and performing laboratory activities and data processing in WP6 on systemic and mucosal immunity in adults experimentally infected with influenza.



Justicia-Grande Antonio

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Background: Antonio is a physician who has specialized in Paediatrics. He has a background of seven years of clinical experience managing children's diseases. Two years ago he got in touch with his first clinical trial after joining the GENVIP group (coordinated by Dr. Federico Martinon) and since that day he has taken part in over a dozen of them. He is also a predoctoral student under the direction of Dr. Martinon, being his areas of interest's childhood infectious diseases, vaccines and immunodeficiencies.

Tasks within Prepare: as part of WP3 activities, Antonio and Julia Bielick have produced the results of the paediatric PREPARE feasibility survey, which were circulated last November. Those numbers will be presented to a wide array of professional childhood healthcare providers during the upcoming ESPID meeting, which is going to take place in Leipzig later this year. He is the person currently tasked with gathering the information needed for the surveys circulated by PREPARE and answering them in the Hospital Clínico Universitario de Santiago.



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Background: Janko Kersnik MSc, PhD, is professor of family medicine at the Faculty of medicine University Ljubljana and Chair of the Department of family medicine at Maribor Medical School. He is quality manager of Primary health care centre network in Gorenjsko region with 820 employees. He was involved in the following EU/international projects: PRIMACOM, EUROPEP, MATRA, ECATODE, IMPROVE, EPA, EPA-Cardio, GRACE, Leonardo da Vinci projects on education of trainers and teaching quality improvement and several other research collaborations. He published some 100 research papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and chapters in 4 books. He was Honorary Secretary of European society for safety and quality in family practice (EQUIP), he is current President of the European Academy of teachers in family / general practice (EURACT), executive board member of European society of rural practitioners (EURIPA) and Honorary Secretary of WONCA Europe.

Tasks within PREPARE: Janko will on behalf of WONCA Europe support the dissemination of the project results within family practice community.



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Background: Dr. Diana Koletzki received her Ph.D. in Organic/Bioorganic Chemistry & Virology from the Humboldt University Berlin, Germany in 1999. She has worked in different areas, covering the range from vaccine research (Charité, Humboldt University) over antiviral drug discovery (Bayer HealthCare AG) to viral diagnostics (Janssen Diagnostics). Since joining Janssen Diagnostics in 2005 she has gained experience in diagnostic assay research & development, clinical virology, medical affairs and in clinical development. She currently holds the position of Clinical Development Lead for Infectious Diseases at Janssen Diagnostics. She is also involved in the MRC-funded STOP-HCV project in the UK.

Tasks within PREPARE: Development of Influenza test for the IDYLLA RP1 platform.



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Background: Professor of Virology at the department of Viroscience of EMC and chief virologist of the laboratory for infectious diseases at RIVM, the national public health institute of The Netherlands. At RIVM she is responsible for the human virology reference laboratory within the Centre for Infectious Disease Control (CIDC). The laboratory is collaborating centre of the WHO on food and water safety. Marion has worked in public health since 1994, focusing on viruses that have the highest public health impact, in close collaboration with partners nationally and internationally. She has a veterinary background and has spent 3 years at the CDC Atlanta to train in public health oriented research.

Tasks within PREPARE: WP3 co-leader, Liaison to WP7 PREDICT, Protocol review.



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Background: Mandy Kuijstermans, BS in Microbiology, is a laboratory technician in the Laboratory of Medical Microbiology within the University of Antwerp. She performed routine bacteriology analysis in the Laboratory for Microbiology at the University Hospital Antwerp and made her bachelor thesis in this lab. She also was already involved into the EU project C4L for which she performed molecular analysis for respiratory viruses with multiplex real-time PCR's.

Tasks within PREPARE: Mandy will be involved in WP7 supporting the logistics of the samples of the clinical trials and she will be involved in the testing of the samples for the etiologic diagnosis in the clinical trials.



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Background: Pascal Kurosinski is a senior e-learning coordinator working for the European Respiratory Society since 2000. He has a diploma in biochemistry, a PhD in neurobiology and a master in e-learning and knowledge management. Mr. Kurosinski has been working in the e-learning field for 15 years.

Tasks within PREPARE: Pascal will coordinate the virtual learning centre including: updates, development of new learning resources and other developments.



Lammens Christine

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Background: Christine Lammens, BS in Chemistry, is the laboratory manager of the Laboratory of Medical Microbiology within the University of Antwerp. She coordinates the day to day activities in the lab. She was involved into several EU projects such as GRACE, MOSAR, SATURN for which she created and managed lab-related procedures and documentation.

Tasks within PREPARE: Christine will support in setting up the laboratory activities and support in writing of the questionnaires, manuals, protocols, and SOPs. She will coordinate the logistics of the samples of the clinical trials.



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Background: Nathanaël Lemonnier obtained a PhD in 2011 from the University Pierre & Marie Curie of Paris, developing systems to phenotype large respiratory disease cohorts using high-throughput omics technologies at the French National Center for Genotyping in Evry. Since 2012 Nathanaël has been a post-doctoral fellow at CNRS in Lyon, in charge of the experimental design and the management of transcriptomic data production using microarrays, also involved in data analysis for the generation of molecular fingerprints in the frame of the FP7-Health consortium MeDALL dedicated to understanding the Mechanisms of the Development of ALLergy.

Tasks within PREPARE: Nathanaël provides external advice for the design and implementation of the cross-platform and cross-site comparison of transcriptomic platforms.



Leus Frank

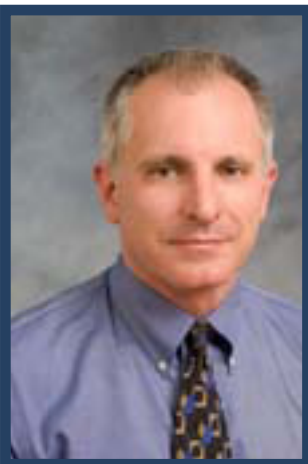
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Background: Frank Leus has a BSc in Biochemistry and is manager of the ISO certified Data Management & Research Support department of the Julius Center at the University Medical Center Utrecht. He has extensive experience in data management of investigator initiated and pharmaceutical industry sponsored international clinical research. During the last years he was the WP leader of 3 Data Management WPs of EU funded projects (GRACE, MOSAR, R-GNOSIS) and involved in data management of several other EU funded projects.

Tasks within PREPARE: WP8 leader and overall coordination.



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Background: Dr. Lewis received his PhD in Biophysics and MD from Stanford University in 1987. He is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Lewis's expertise centers on adaptive and Bayesian clinical trials; translational, clinical, health services and outcomes research; interim data analysis; data monitoring committees; and informed consent in emergency research studies. Dr. Lewis is a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies of the United States, a member of the Board of Directors for the Society for Clinical Trials, and the Senior Medical Scientist at Berry Consultants, LLC, a group that specializes in adaptive clinical trials. Dr. Lewis has served as a grant reviewer for multiple national and international granting agencies. Dr. Lewis serves as the chair of data and safety monitoring boards (DSMB) for both government-funded and industry-sponsored clinical trials. He is a research methodology reviewer for JAMA and has served as a content reviewer for many other peer reviewed journals. He has authored or coauthored over 200 original research publications, reviews, editorials, and chapters.

Tasks within PREPARE: Dr. Lewis works with the statistical scientists at Berry Consultants in the development of the adaptive clinical trial designs being used for the studies associated with both Workpackage 4 and Workpackage 5.



Little Paul

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Background: Paul Little undertook medical training at Oxford University and Kings College hospital. He trained in general medicine, and after achieving the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP) he then trained as a general practitioner (GP) in Southampton in 1990. He was the first GP to be awarded a Wellcome Health Services Research training fellowship, and then a Medical Research Council (MRC) Clinician Scientist Fellowship, and has been a GP for the last 20 years in the Southampton area. He is currently an National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Senior Investigator, and a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences. He has worked on several funding Boards and several National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) panels, and is currently Director of the NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research funding board. Professor Little is perhaps best known internationally for research on antibiotic prescribing strategies, which has addressed one of the major threats to public health - the danger of antibiotic resistance - and in the developing and trialling of complex interventions to support patient and practitioner behaviour change.



Loens Katherine

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Background: Katherine Loens is a postdoctoral researcher, focusing on the development, evaluation, validation and implementation of different molecular assays, both at the University Hospital Antwerp and at the University of Antwerp, department of medical microbiology. She has been actively involved in the realisation of the scientific objectives in the FP5 NAACAP project and within the FP6 Network of Excellence "Genomics to combat resistance against antibiotics in community-acquired LRTI in Europe", GRACE. She was also the manager of GRACE. Since January 2012, she is working for the Belgian National Reference Centre for Enterococci, National Reference Centre for invasive β -hemolytic Streptococci not belonging to Group B, and the National Reference Centre for Respiratory Pathogens. In collaboration with Quality Control for Molecular Diagnostics (QCMD, www.qcmd.org), she is involved in the development, set up and organisation of quality control programmes for the molecular detection of respiratory tract pathogens and VRE.

Tasks within PREPARE: Katherine will support WP7 in setting up the laboratory activities for the clinical trials, including the writing of the questionnaires, manuals, protocols, and SOPs, data collection analysis and reporting.



Lurie Nicole

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Background: Dr. Lurie is the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) at the US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). The ASPR serves as the Secretary’s principal advisor on matters related to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. The mission of her office is to lead the nation in preventing, responding to and recovering from the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters. As such, she coordinates interagency activities between HHS, other federal agencies, and state and local officials responsible for emergency preparedness and the protection of the civilian population from acts of bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

Tasks within PREPARE: Scientific Advisory Board member.



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Background: Geert Maertens joined Biocartis in 2009 as Chief Scientific Officer. Prior to Biocartis and from 2005 to 2008, he led the therapeutic HBV, HCV, and HPV vaccine and mAb activities at Innogenetics as program and portfolio manager. From 2007 on in particular, he was Vice President Corporate Development of GENimmune, Innogenetics' vaccines specialty subsidiary. From 1999 to 2002, he headed Innogenetics' Infectious Diseases Business Unit, in which 20 MDx tests for HIV, HBV, HCV, and bacterial typing and resistance were developed and marketed.

He became responsible for the hepatitis C vaccine developments in 2002. He joined Innogenetics in 1990 and headed the hepatitis C program, with a particular focus on the design of development of immunodiagnosics and MDx tests for the screening, confirmation, and genotyping of hepatitis C virus. Geert invented and developed the INNO-LiPA HCV genotyping assay, is inventor on more than 25 patent families in the field of HCV, HBV, and cancer, and a (co)-author of over 95 publications in peer reviewed journals. He obtained a Master's degree in biology and a PhD in molecular biology from the University of Ghent in 1984 and in 1989 respectively, on engineered influenza hemagglutinin vaccines.

Tasks within PREPARE: He leads the Biocartis team as part of WP7 in PREPARE and coordinates with the Janssen team with respect to respiratory test developments on the automated molecular diagnostics platform Idylla.



Maier Dieter

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Background: Dieter is the Head of Project Management at Biomax and a molecular biologist with fifteen years of experience in bioinformatics and software project management. His areas of expertise in bioinformatics include knowledge management, pathway modelling, statistical data analysis and the prediction of gene structure and function. Software projects he managed encompass systems biology infrastructure, automatic function prediction and IP management. Currently he is leading the knowledge management work packages in several FP7

projects.

Tasks within PREPARE: Dieter provides expertise in knowledge management and data integration in WP6.



Malhotra-Kumar Surbhi

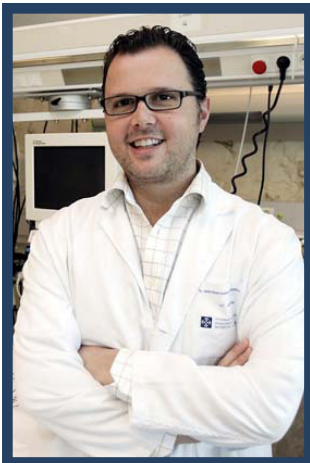
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Background: Professor Surbhi Malhotra-Kumar is a clinical and molecular microbiologist, actively involved in the development of high-throughput and POC diagnostic assays for hospital and community pathogens. Using state-of-the-art molecular techniques, she is studying the impact of antibiotic use at the individual level and the role of virulence factors in biofilm formation as well as utilising metagenomics to study bacterial pathogenetic mechanisms and antibiotic resistance.

Tasks within PREPARE: Surbhi will coordinate activities of whole genome mapping optical mapping of bacterial outbreak strains.



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Background: Federico is consultant in Pediatrics and head of Translational Pediatrics and Infectious Diseases at the Hospital Clínico Universitario de Santiago (Spain), coordinator of Genetics, Vaccines, Infections and Pediatrics Research Group (GENVIP www.genvip.org) of the Healthcare Research Institute of Santiago, accredited as Professor in Pediatrics and Academic of the Royal Academy of Medicine and Surgery of Galicia. He has published over 200 articles (IF > 350 JCR 2013). His main research interests are: infectious diseases, vaccines, pneumococcal diseases, bronchiolitis, meningococcal disease and heliox therapy. He is directing or involved as coordinator or lead investigator in 25 ongoing international and multicentre clinical trials and research projects, including 2 FP7 (EUCLIDS and PREPARE) and 1 H2020(PoC-ID) projects. Member of more than 15 national and international consultative and expert advisory boards on pneumococcal disease (Pneumoexpert, GENDRES), RSV (ReSVinet), meningococcal disease (ESIGEM, MENDICOS), heliox, rotavirus, flu and human papillomavirus, and of over 20 professional and academic international societies.

Tasks within PREPARE: Federico co-leads the paediatric network within PREPARE and contributes to WP4 clinical activities.



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Background: Sébastien Matamoros is a post-doctorate researcher in molecular microbiology and microbial ecology. After obtaining his PhD in France, he worked at the Université Laval (Québec, Canada) and Université Catholique de Louvain (Brussels, Belgium). His research interests mainly focused on the host-microbiota interactions using typing and sequencing molecular methods, both in humans and mice. He investigated the variations of oral microbiota changes during periodontitis, intestinal microbiota during probiotic and prebiotic consumption, as well as intestinal microbiota dynamics in the context of obesity and diabetes.

Tasks within PREPARE: Transcriptomic analysis of the host's systemic response during acute respiratory infection (ARIs).



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Background: Camille Ménard has obtained a Professional Master degree in Molecular Biology Biotech R&D in 2009. She has worked on several bacterial disease research projects at Sanofi Pasteur. Since 2014 she has been working as Study Engineer at EISBM then CNRS in charge of the experimental part of transcriptomic analyses in the MeDALL project using microarrays, including study design, data production, quality control and primary analysis.

Tasks within PREPARE: Camille has been involved in the experimental part aiming at the cross-platform and cross-site comparison of transcriptomic platforms.



Moore Ronnie

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Background: Ronnie Moore is a medical anthropologist. He has degrees in Social anthropology and Sociology. He is based in the departments of Public Health Medicine and Sociology at University College Dublin and for the past 10 years was co director of the Masters in Public Health Programme at UCD. He is the author of one book as well as numerous book chapters, peer reviewed research papers and international government reports. Research areas include ethnographic research, indigenous and cross-cultural health, migrant health, public health, lay medicine, public health perception, engagement and risk.

Tasks within PREPARE: Ronnie is a member of the EARL team. He was coordinator of WP1: Ronnie is responsible for overseeing all qualitative research input on the PREPARE project.



Nailis Heleen

WP7 Team member

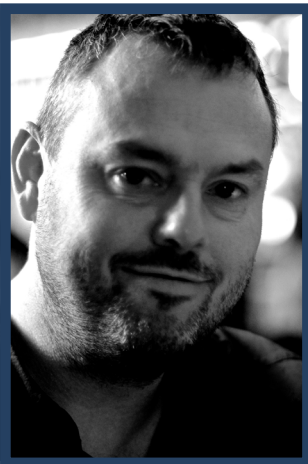
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Background: Heleen Nailis graduated as a pharmacist in 2003 at the University of Ghent and obtained a PhD at the same University in 2009 on Real-time PCR expression profiling in *Candida albicans* Biofilms. During her additional training during her Master of Science in the biotechnology and biochemical sciences, she built up experience in gene technology and molecular techniques in Microbiology. She will finish her training in Medical Microbiology in October 2015 and will from then onwards join the PREPARE team in Antwerp for 50% and combine this with a

50% position as Clinical Microbiologist at the University Hospital Antwerp.

Tasks within PREPARE: Heleen will support WP7 in setting up the laboratory activities for the clinical trials, including the writing of the questionnaires, manuals, protocols, and SOPs, data collection analysis and reporting.



Nauwelaers David

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Background: David Nauwelaers graduated as a Biochemist at the Catholic University of Leuven (KULeuven) in 1996 and also obtained a PhD there in Molecular Biology on "Novel Signal Transduction Components for Protein Kinase A-related Signaling in Yeast" (lab of Professor Thevelein, Molecular Biology).

His career started in clinical research on HIV trials in Russia soon to be followed by a switch to Tibotec-Virco (HIV diagnostics and therapeutics) where he joined the R&D department in 2003. The first of December 2010 he started as one of the first employees at the new company of Rudi Pauwels, Biocartis, at that time based in Beerse. He joined as a Research Manager but quickly started to combine Molecular Biology processes with Engineering and is now Assay Architect bridging the assay developers and the engineers and safeguarding objectives on both sides regarding the Idylla molecular diagnostics platform. On a daily basis he takes care of trainings around the Idylla platform and new assay development (Ebola Technical Lead) on the Idylla cartridge next to resolving assay development issues both internally and for partners.

Tasks within PREPARE: David takes care of the support required to develop rapid response assays for e.g. influenza and Ebola on the Idylla platform in the context of WP7 PREDICT.



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Tasks within PREPARE: Alistair is the Work Package (WP) lead for WP1 EARL (ethical, Administrative, Regulatory and Logistic barriers to clinical research during a pandemic. In addition, Alistair is a member of the management committee of WP5 and a member of the ventilator intervention committee of WP5.



Nijsmans Katelijn

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Background: Katelijn Nijsmans has a master's degree in Neuropsychology. Shortly after graduating however she started working as communication manager in a learning and education firm. Since 2014 she is working as knowledge manager at the University of Antwerp.

Tasks within PREPARE: Katelijn is involved in promoting and exploiting the PREPARE project results and associated European research and technology development efforts and making research results available to the external stakeholders of the network. She will be developing social media to disseminate the PREPARE outputs.



Nussenblatt Veronique

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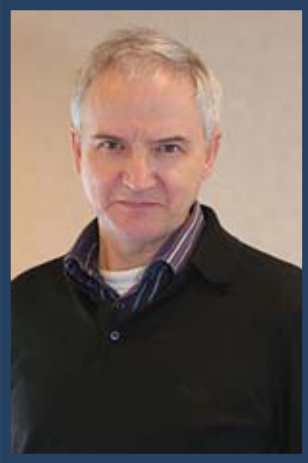
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Background: Veronique Nussenblatt obtained her MD in 2007 and completed her training in internal medicine and infectious diseases at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she continued as faculty. Veronique also holds two masters' degrees; one in Epidemiology and the other in Clinical Investigation. Veronique has worked on several infectious disease research projects, including projects in Mali, Malawi and South Africa. Prior to joining the University of Antwerp, in addition to her clinical responsibilities, her work has focused on antimicrobial stewardship, especially characterizing and decreasing the use of excess antibiotics for ventilator associated pneumonia. She has also been responsible for the clinical oversight for a number of clinical trials at Johns Hopkins. Veronique started at the Laboratory of Medical Microbiology of the University of Antwerp on 15 March 2015.

Task within PREPARE: Veronique will support in setting up the laboratory activities in close collaboration with the clinical trial workpackages.

O



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Background: Professor of Experimental Medicine at Imperial and an Honorary Physician in the Department of Respiratory Medicine. He has worked on the pathogenesis of viral lung disease since 1985; he is Director of the CRI and the lead investigator on MOSAIC. He acted as advisor to the UK's Department of Health before and during the 2009 pandemic and was the only active clinician on the Scientific Advisory Group in Emergencies (SAGE) that advised the UK Cabinet Office during the influenza pandemic. In addition to leading MOSAIC, he was a member of the influenza Clinical Information Network (Flu-CIN) established by the Department of Health to provide rapid real-time information on patients admitted to sentinel hospitals throughout the UK during the pandemic. He received the Chanock Award in 2012 for his lifetime contribution to RSV research.

Tasks within WP: WP3 co-coordinator, Liaison to WP6 PATHOS, Protocol review

P



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Background: Inga obtained a master's degree in Molecular biology at the Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, Croatia in 2013. She is currently a PhD student at the University of Split, Department of Public Health. Her main interests include large-scale data analysis and computational biology.

Tasks within PREPARE: She is the principal author on the systematic review of host genetics factors underlying respiratory infectious diseases and will be the main data analyst for the upcoming PREPARE activities.



Pater Maarten

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Background: Maarten Pater is a computer scientist and software engineer within the Academic Medical Centre – University of Amsterdam. He has a history of software development and maintenance.

Tasks within PREPARE: Maarten his main focus is working with existing next generation sequencing pipelines and software. He also uses his software development experience to build new pipelines and tools.



Peiris Malik

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Background: Malik Peiris is a clinical and public health virologist who has worked on Japanese encephalitis and other arbovirus infections in Sri Lanka, herpesviral infections in the immunocompromised host in England and on emerging viral infections such as avian influenza, SARS and MERS in Hong Kong. His research interests are in viral ecology, epidemiology and pathogenesis of emerging viral infections and research at the animal-human interface. He is currently Director of the School of Public Health at The University of Hong Kong.

Tasks within PREPARE: Scientific Advisory Board member.



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Background: Johann Pellet obtained a Bachelor degree in Biochemistry and a Master degree in Bioinformatics from the University of Montpellier with internships at the University of Oulu, Finland and at INRA in Versailles, France (2001-2005). From 2006 to 2011, Johann worked as a bioinformatics support engineer at Inserm in Lyon, designing and managing relational databases, a web interface and software for high-throughput data processing and analysis of the virus-host human interactome. From 2011 to 2013, he was a bioinformatics support engineer working at CNRS in Lyon in the frame of the FP7-Health consortium MeDALL dedicated to understanding the Mechanisms of the Development of ALLergy. Since 2014 Johann is working as Information and Communication Technology Support Engineer at the European Institute for Systems Biology and Medicine (EISBM).

Tasks within PREPARE: Johann contributes to the analysis of multiple data types through an integrated systems biology approach in relation with Biomax. He participated in the design of the cross-platform and cross-site comparison of transcriptomic platforms with AMC and Imperial and is involved in the analysis of the data generated. Johann is also providing advice for the design of the MERMAIDs clinical study in WP3.



Polašek Ozren

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Background: Ozren graduated medicine in 2003 at the University of Zagreb in Croatia, and obtained PhD at the same University in 2008 and another one at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 2009. He is the Head of Department for Public Health and Centre for Global Health, University of Split. His interests include genetic epidemiology, genetics basis of complex diseases and large-scale biobanking. He is a consultant of the World Health Organization for the development of biobanks in low- and middle-income countries.

Tasks within PREPARE: Coordinates all activities within the University of Split, regarding PREPARE project.

R



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Background: Carmen is scientific coordinator of Genetics, Vaccines, Infections and Paediatrics Research Group (GENVIP www.genvip.org) of the Healthcare Research Institute of Santiago, She is Phd on Pharmacy, master in clinical trials and specialist in regulatory issues of clinical research.

She has managed the medication of the clinical trials performed at CHUS since 2007, being involved in more than 200 trials. She also has extensive training and experience in design, start-up (ethics and regulatory), data management and quality

affairs of clinical trials.

She is study coordinator in 25 ongoing international and multicentre clinical trials and regulatory responsible in research projects, including 1 FP7 (PREPARE) and 1 H2020 (PoC-ID) projects.

Tasks within PREPARE: Carmen leads with regulatory tasks of EARL WP1 of PREPARE in SERGAS. Hospital Clínico Universitario de Santiago. GENVIP group. SERGAS.



Rohde Gernot

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Background: Gernot Rohde is a specialist and academic in respiratory medicine with a strong focus on respiratory infections, trained in Germany, France and the UK. He is an Associate Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the Maastricht University Medical Center. Since 2009 he is the chairman of the executive board of the CAPNETZ Stiftung (foundation). CAPNETZ includes one of the biggest clinical networks in respiratory infections with centers in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Tasks within PREPARE: Coordination of clinical respiratory networks.



Rojek Amanda

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Background: Amanda Rojek is a Rhodes Scholar and doctor from Australia. She graduated from the University of Queensland medical school as valedictorian and also holds a first class honours in Applied Science from the Queensland University of Technology. After a period of clinical practice she has recently undertaken an MSc in Global Health from the University of Oxford. Her academic interests are in the area of complex medical emergencies and disaster response. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, travelling and rowing.

Tasks within PREPARE: Research and development of case definitions, guidelines and protocols.

S



Schotsman Joost

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Background: Joost Schotsman has an M.Sc in Medical Biology and has eleven years of experience in all data management aspects of complex international studies. Leading the data management aspects of several FP6 and FP7 European projects like MOSAR, R-Gnosis, OPTiMiSE, PREPARE and also involved in many other (academic and commercial) clinical trials, cohorts and observational studies.

Tasks within PREPARE: Leading the data management activities on a daily basis, communications.



Sharland Mike

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Background: Professor Mike Sharland is one of the UK and Europe's leading experts in antimicrobial prescribing, resistance and healthcare associated infection in children. He has developed the Paediatric Infectious Diseases Unit at St George's into a recognised Centre of excellence for clinical care, teaching and research and was appointed Professor of Paediatric Infectious Diseases in November 2010.

He chairs the Department of Health's Expert Advisory Body on antimicrobial resistance and healthcare associated infection (ARHAI). Amongst other roles he is the paediatric advisor to the ECDC expert committee ESAC-net.

Tasks within PREPARE: Mike represents PENTA-ID within the PREPARE network. He acts as a liaison with the children's hospitals across Europe that are in the paediatric PREPARE group. He is responsible for the overall development of the paediatric observational studies in WP3 both in terms of protocol design and implementation of the clinical studies as well as subsequent analysis and reporting. He also acts as a liaison for the paediatric aspects of the other WPs and would be the paediatric lead for any new pandemic threat to Europe.



Sigfrid Louise
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Background: Louise Sigfrid, recently joined Prepare WP3 as a Clinical Research Fellow at the Centre for Tropical Medicine, University of Oxford. She recently completed her training as Specialist in Public Health Medicine at London Deanery during which she has been working across Health Protection Units, Public Health Departments, WHO and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She has a PhD in Biomedicine from the UK (2002) and a Medical Degree from Sweden (1998). She has got experience of setting up and managing a wide range of research projects (e.g. systematic review of integrated care for HIV and NCDs, evaluation of an international charity, cost-effectiveness of prevention) and international teams, as well as experience in managing infectious disease outbreaks, emergency planning and of developing infectious disease control guidelines (e.g. meningitis, Ebola, CJD).

Tasks within PREPARE: Louise will support the WP3 research projects with study protocol development, setting up, site training and management of studies.



Simonds Anita
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Background: Anita Simonds is Professor of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine at Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust and Imperial College, London. Her research interest is the field of ventilatory support and she is Clinical Lead of the Lung Failure team. She has a long term interest in the clinical management of pandemics, and Medical Education, being immediate past Education Chair of the European Respiratory Society and current Chief Editor of the European Respiratory Journal Open Research (ERJOR).

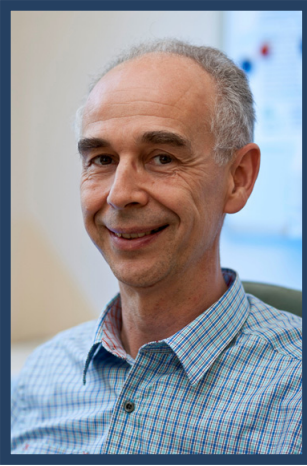
Tasks within PREPARE: Lead of WP 9 CREATE with responsibility for provision of education and training resources for internal and external stakeholders, and the PREPARE Virtual Learning Centre (VLC); plus liaison with the societies ERS, ESCMID, ESICM, WONCA and ESWI to organise PREPARE educational opportunities



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Background: Kajsa-Stina Longuère is the Project Manager of ISARIC. She is presently completing a PhD in science policy and science communication and has extensive experience working in project management, research administration, academia (teaching and research), and politics.

Tasks within PREPARE: Project management, communication, operational support (Across deliverables) via congresses, external courses and VLC material. The VLC is constructed jointly with input from ERS team.



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Background: Marc Struelens graduated as MD in 1980 and PhD in 1993 at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). In 2010, he joined the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) as Senior Expert, Scientific Advice Unit and since 2012, he is ECDC Chief Microbiologist and Head of Microbiology Coordination Section in the Office of the Chief Scientist. Until 2010, he was Director of the Department of Microbiology, Erasme University Hospital, and Head of the Infectious Diseases Epidemiology Unit, School of Public Health, ULB. He is detached Professor of Medical Microbiology at the ULB. Marc has served on several expert advisory committees in Belgium, France, Spain, and the EU and the WHO. He is the author of numerous papers and book chapters and served on editorial boards for many scientific journals. He is a former President for the European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, and founding chair of the European Study Group on Epidemiological Markers.

Tasks within PREPARE: Scientific Advisory Board member.



Struyven Anne

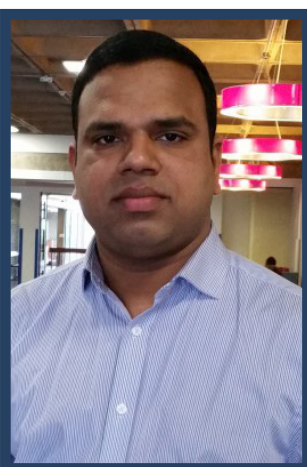
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Background: Anne is senior administrator within the Laboratory of Medical Microbiology. She is responsible for the administration of several research projects in order to ensure that they are accomplished in an effective and efficient manner and within all legislative, policy and procedural guidelines.

Tasks within PREPARE: Anne provides administrative and logistical support to the PREPARE Consortium Coordination team.



Sukumar Prasanth

WP1 Team member

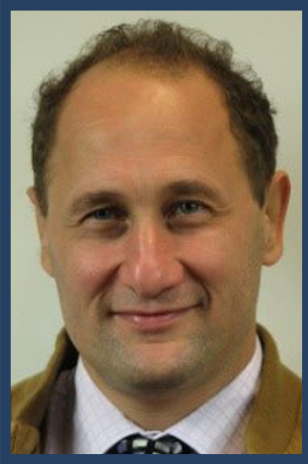
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Background: Prasanth Sukumar holds BSc in Chemistry, MA in Social Welfare, MSocSc in Health and Illness and an MPhil in Demography. He is currently undertaking a Ph.D. in Medical Sociology in the School of Medicine and Medical Sciences at the University College Dublin, Ireland. His PhD research, which is part of the EARL Work Package, investigates the determinants of patients' participation in clinical trials during pandemics/epidemics. He is an experienced qualitative and quantitative researcher worked on numerous large projects in health related areas. More recently he worked as a research assistant for the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP) at University College Dublin.

Tasks within PREPARE: Prasanth is mainly involved in the collection and analysis of primary and secondary data for the Ethical Administrative Regulatory and Logistic bottlenecks (EARL) work package. He also supports the dissemination of EARL research.

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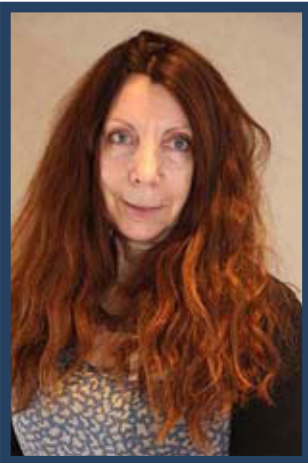
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Background: Jean-Francois TIMSIT is medical doctor; head of the medical and infectious diseases ICU at Bichat teaching hospital in Paris, full professor of intensive care medicine at University Paris Diderot, Paris FRANCE. He is qualified in supervising research in epidemiology and public health (University Paris VI) He is furthermore chairman of the infection section of the european society of intensive care medicine (ESICM), president of the OUTCOMEREA study group (<http://www.outcomerea.org>) and deputy editor Intensive Care Medicine

Task within PREPARE: member of the WP5 team.



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Background: Jill is a sociologist specialising in the qualitative Social Studies of Science and Medicine. Her background includes working as a registered nurse and Health Visitor for the NHS in England.

Her academic career has included a tenured lectureship in Sociology and Social Policy at Queen's University of Belfast and a range of research posts in England and Ireland universities for almost twenty five years. These have focused upon the public understanding of biotechnology, human genetics (heart disease and Schizophrenia specifically), clinical research ethics and young people, inequalities in health and the health of Irish Travellers. She has been involved with research projects for the 4th, 5th and now 7th EU Framework programmes, and twice a Wellcome Research Fellow. She is currently an honorary Research Fellow at the University of Lancaster and project manager for EARL at University College Dublin..

Tasks within PREPARE: Project Manager and Research Fellow.

V



van Belkum Alex

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Background: Professor Alex van Belkum was Head of the Unit Research and Development at the Erasmus university Medical Centre Rotterdam EMCR, Dept. of Medical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, Rotterdam between 2002 and 2010. From 2003 onwards he is (honorary) Professor of Molecular Microbiology at Erasmus MC. From 2010 to 2011 he worked for bioMérieux as R&D Director in the La Balme Microbiology Unit. Since 2011 Van Belkum is Corporate Vice President R&D Microbiology at bioMerieux (La Balme les Grottes, France). He there heads an international team of 130-150 researchers in the field of in vitro diagnostics in the field of primarily bacterial diseases. Overall, Alex van Belkum (co)authored over 440 PubMed-included manuscripts, over a hundred chapters in books and a variety of editorials, prefaces, letters etc which have been cited well over 18.000 times.

Tasks within PREPARE: Operational support in multiplex testing of WP3 samples in different clinical syndromes.



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Background: Wilma graduated as a biologist at the UMC Utrecht. After her graduation she started working at a CRO and gained several years of experience in project management working as a Project Manager for a CRO conducting international Phase 1 trials and a Project Set-up Manager for a Global Central Laboratory. In 2014, she joined the UMC Utrecht European Projects department where she is responsible for setting up and managing clinical (international) trials in order to ensure that the trials are conducted in the most efficient manner and within local and international legislation and guidelines.

Tasks within PREPARE: Wilma will support setting up and maintaining an ICU network of approximately 100-150 sites in Europe and will coordinate the logistics of the WP5 ICU clinical trial. Furthermore she liaises with other WPs in order to assist them with their site selection and network set-up.



Beurden van Marloes

WP8 Data manager

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Background: Marloes van Beurden has a master's degree in both Medical Information Science and Public Health (epidemiology). She works for 10 years as a data manager, of which 7 years at the Julius Center in the UMC Utrecht. She has experience in a variety of data/ information gathering tools: paper questionnaires, extraction from primary care information systems, electronic data capture by Research Online and also experience in database design.

Tasks within PREPARE: Implementing studies in RO2, user management, providing information, controlling data quality, creating analyse datasets



van der Velden Alike

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Background: Alike van der Velden graduated as a molecular biologist and obtained PhDs in Molecular Biology (2000) and in Medical Sciences (2008). Since then, she is assistant professor at the Julius Center for Health Sciences and Primary Care. Her research focusses on rational medication use in primary care, with specific interest in interventions to improve quality of antibiotic use for respiratory tract infections. She has gained experience in trial organization and working in international networks.

Tasks within PREPARE: Alike is a member of the WP4 PRACTICE B team, and coordinates the PREPARE primary care network, comprising of 21 European primary care networks. Furthermore, she will coordinate the Dutch primary care network in the WP4 trial.



van der Werf Sylvie

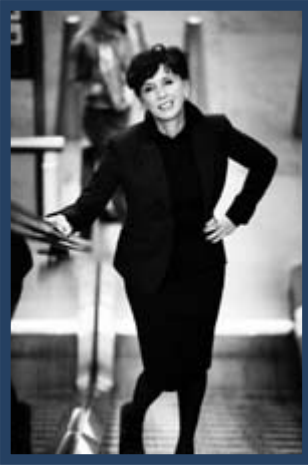
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Background: Sylvie van der Werf, PhD, is professor at the University Paris Diderot Sorbonne Paris Cité and head of the unit of Molecular Genetics of RNA viruses at Institut Pasteur. She has long-standing experience in molecular virology and her current research focused on respiratory viruses is aimed at understanding mechanisms of virus evolution and host-virus interplay with attention on potential for cross-species transmission, adaptation to humans and pathogenesis. She is the coordinator of the FP7-project PREDEMICS. She published her research in over 170 publications. She is an associate editor of Eurosurveillance and a member of the French Group of Expertise and Information on Influenza (GEIG) and of the European Scientific Working group on Influenza (ESWI). She has taken part as an expert in several technical working groups for the ECDC and the WHO and serves on the Pandemic Advisory Group of the Ministry of Health in France.

Tasks within PREPARE: She will contribute to WP7 through activities aimed at understanding the functional impact of host and pathogen polymorphisms.



Vanlangendonck Chris
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Background: Chris Vanlangendonck is a strategic communication expert, specializing in communicating scientific merits to society. Chris started off as a sales and marketing manager at Master Foods before switching to Amnesty International as a communication officer and fundraiser, demonstrating her ambition to apply commercial strategies to a non-profit environment. In 1997, this ambition crystallized in the establishment of Link Inc, a communication agency she set up with an associate partner. Over the years, Chris expanded Link Inc's operations to an international level. She still is the strategic advisor and communication expert of the European Scientific Working group on Influenza (ESWI). Currently, Chris is the managing director of SEMIOTICS, an internationally operating advocacy and campaigning agency.

Tasks within PREPARE: Chris will conceptualize and coordinate the production of an influenza-focused educational module for the PREPARE Virtual Learning Platform. 100-150 sites in Europe and will coordinate the logistics of the WP5 ICU clinical trial. Furthermore she liaises with other WPs in order to assist them with their site selection and network set-up.



Verheij Theo
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Background: Theo Verheij MD PhD, is professor of general practice. He was coordinator of CHAMP, WP leader in GRACE and is currently participating in R-GNOSIS. He has extensive experience also in national studies on diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of respiratory infections in primary care, he supervised 22 PhD projects, (co) authored over 180 peer-reviewed papers and is member of the Steering Group of ESAC, an ongoing ECDC monitoring project on antibiotic use in Europe.

Tasks within PREPARE: Liaison to GRACE network. Protocol review.



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Background: Lucía is a research nurse and Master's degree in Health Care and Research. In her early nursing career, she worked in different hospital departments, at the Hospital Clínico Universitario de Santiago and The Lister Hospital (London), respectively. Developing her career abroad opened the doors of the biomedical research, working first (2009) in an observational study for the NHS (National Health Service) as clinical assessor and later for the Spanish Clinical Research Network (CAIBER) at the Hospital Clínico Universitario de Santiago.

She has worked also as Lead CTA (Clinical Trial Assistant) coordinating multicenter phase III-IV noncommercial Clinical Trials and as Clinical Trials Nurse in the Pediatrics Department.

Tasks within Prepare: as part of WP3 tasks Lucia will do nursing tasks and due her background she also assisted Carmen in the ethics tasks during the start up period of the project as part of WP1.



Watkins Angela
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Background: Angela Watkins is a Senior Communications & Operations Officer at the Wales School for Primary Care Research (WSPCR). She has worked in the field of medical research communications and research support since 2008, and is involved in managing the website, press releases, organising events, as well as financial management. Angela has a degree in Journalism from Cardiff University and is a qualified PRINCE2 Project Manager Practitioner.

Tasks within PREPARE: As Project Officer in the EARL team, Angela has been involved in supporting the University College Dublin team for the initial rapid report, and is now working on supporting the team in the planning and delivery of task 1.1.c to understand the perceptions of the public and key stakeholder groups across Europe about obtaining consent for research participation during an epidemic or pandemic of infectious disease.



Webb Steve
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Background: Steve Webb is a Clinical Professor at the University of Western Australia and Monash University and a Senior Staff Specialist in Intensive Care Medicine at Royal Perth Hospital. He is the immediate past-Chair of the ANZICS Clinical Trials Group, Vice-Chair of the International Forum of Acute Care Trialists, and a member of the Executive of the International Severe Acute Respiratory Illness Consortium. He is a founding Director of the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance, the peak body for investigator-led clinical trials networks in Australia. He is a founding Fellow and member of Council of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences. He is a trialist with over \$60 million of research funding and has published over 100 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals including multiple manuscripts in the New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of the American Medical Association, the British Medical Journal, and The Lancet.

Tasks within PREPARE: Contributes to the understanding of ethical, administrative, and regulatory issues associated with emerging infectious diseases research as part of WP1 and to the design and conduct of a multicentre clinical trial of multiple interventions in severe Community Acquired Pneumonia that utilised Bayesian adaptive design methods as part of WP5.



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Background: Tobias Welte studied medicine at the Hannover Medical School (MHH) in Germany and finished in 1985. As Junior Doctor he worked in Germany and spent one year at the General Hospital Boston, USA. Subsequently, he completed his medical specialist education as internist as well as his medical specialist in pneumology. During his time as the head of the department of pneumology and intensive care at the University Hospital Magdeburg, Germany he completed his medical specialist education in intensive care and habilitated in the year 2000 with the topic “diagnose, therapy and immunologic aspects of pneumonia”. In 2003 he accepted the call for a full professorship at the University Magdeburg and in addition specialized in the area of infectious diseases. Since 2004 Tobias Welte is full professor for pneumology at Hannover Medical School and director of the department of pneumology.

Tasks within PREPARE: Tobias Welte will support WP5 using his scientific knowledge. Moreover, he will recruit patients with his study team within the framework of the WP5 clinical trial.

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WORKPACKAGE 1 EARL: ETHICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, REGULATORY AND LOGISTICAL SOLUTIONS

The EARL study is aimed at identifying and implementing solutions to key structural (ethical, administrative, regulatory and logistical) bottlenecks as well as behavioural and cultural (BC) barriers to the rapid implementation of large multi-site clinical studies in Europe in response to severe ID outbreaks.

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WORKPACKAGE 2 PRIME: CLINICAL PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES FOR ID MANAGEMENT IN EUROPE

The PRIME study is the clinical counterpart of the EARL study and it aims at mapping the pan-European clinical management of severe IDs and develop harmonised clinical case definitions, guidelines and pre-approved protocols for large multi-site clinical studies in Europe in response to severe ID outbreaks.

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WORKPACKAGE 3 PRACTICE A: OBSERVATIONAL STUDY

European Multi-centre standardised observational and natural history clinical data study in hospitalised and community patients (children and adults) with acute respiratory infection, severe illness caused by central nervous system infections, diarrhoea, or hemorrhagic fever.

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WORKPACKAGE 4 PRACTICE B: INTERVENTIONAL TRIAL ILI IN PRIMARY CARE

European Multi-centre open, adaptive, randomised interventional trial on Influenza-Like-Illness (ILI) in Primary Care (PC).

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WORKPACKAGE 5 PRACTICE C: ADAPTIVE RANDOMISED TRIAL SARI

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WORKPACKAGE 6 PATHOS: EUROPEAN HARMONISED LARGE SCALE PATIENT-ORIENTED PATHOGENESIS RESEARCH STUDIES IN RESPONSE TO SEVERE ID OUTBREAKS

PATHOS is PREPARE's flexible multidisciplinary platform for the rapid deployment of European harmonised large scale patient-oriented PATHOgenesis research Studies in response to severe ID outbreaks using a systems medicine approach. PATHOS is aimed at identifying the relative contributions of host- and pathogen factors to development of severe disease across different aetiologies, ages and clinical backgrounds. Such pathophysiological insights are central to development of effective clinical management strategies during severe ID outbreaks.

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WORKPACKAGE 8 CRISP: CLINICAL RESEARCH INFORMATION SHARING PLATFORM

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WORKPACKAGE 9 CREATE: CLINICAL RESEARCH EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN EUROPE

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