

Lecture Series “Frontiers in Biosciences”

BBMRI-ERIC in joint collaboration with BBMRI.at and the Academia Europaea are sponsoring a new lecture series, bringing top scientists in the field of Research Infrastructures in the Biomedical and Health field to the headquarter of BBMRI-ERIC in Graz.

Prof. Jacques Demotes, ECRIN Director



Jacques Demotes-Mainard is neurologist and professor of Cell Biology, after an initial training in mathematics and computer science (BA), molecular biology and neuroscience (master degree), medicine (MD, neurologist), a PhD (neuroscience) and an international MBA. After 15 years as a clinical neurologist and a basic neuroscientist (particularly on signal transduction, neuro-immunological models of Parkinson's disease, mood disorders and brain tumors), he became chair of a clinical research centre (Bordeaux University Hospital). Coordinator since 2004 of the four FP6 then FP7 ECRIN projects, and currently Director-General of ECRIN-ERIC, the ESFRI-roadmap research infrastructure supporting multinational clinical trials in Europe, based in Paris. He was also advisor at the Biology and Health research department of the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research since 2005, and chair of the working group having drafted the OECD Council Recommendation on the governance of clinical trials.

28 April 2015, 16:00 – 17:00

Location: BBMRI-ERIC HQ – Neue Stiftingtalstraße 2/B/6, 8010 Graz

- Jan-Eric Litton: Welcome and Introduction to the speaker
- Jacques Demotes: European Clinical Trial Networks
- Discussion including wine and cheese tasting

Abstract

Independent multinational trials are key instrument to optimise healthcare strategies and to promote evidence-based medical practice in Europe and globally. ECRIN (European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network, www.ecrin.org) is a distributed infrastructure supporting multinational clinical trials in Europe. ECRIN was designed to overcome the obstacles related to the fragmentation and poor interoperability of the national clinical research environment: clinical trial units (CTUs) are able to manage national trials, but face major difficulties in the management of multinational trials. By connecting and coordinating national CTU networks, ECRIN supports the management of multinational trials in Europe. ECRIN is open to the whole clinical research community, covering any disease area. This corresponds to thousands of potential users. However ECRIN also promotes the structuring of pan-European investigation networks that become strategic partners, proving the scientific projects and investigation capacity whereas ECRIN provides the trial management. This was for instance achieved for the rare disease, medical device and nutrition community, and similar partnerships are being developed with other disease areas. ECRIN has strong interfaces with the other medical research infrastructures, particularly INFRAFRONTIER, EUROBIOMAGING, ELIXIR and has signed a MoU with BBMRI-ERIC, EATRIS and EU-OPENSOURCE to develop an innovation pipeline for rare diseases.