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Abstract

The Global BioImaging communication strategy foresees the publication of a project website. In order to demonstrate and highlight the strong linkage of the Global BioImaging project with Euro-BioImaging (EuBI), the GBI website has been created under the existing EuBI domain and launched in December 2015, shortly after project start. A Google Drive has also been set up with the aim of facilitating the sharing of documents amongst the project's beneficiaries and its international stakeholders.

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1. Introduction and framing of the deliverable within Task 1.2

Work Package 1 (WP1) is responsible for the communication activities both within the project consortium and amongst the international stakeholders. To this end Task 1.2 (*Disseminate information within the consortium*) includes the set-up of a project website.

In order to demonstrate and highlight the strong linkage of the Global BioImaging project with Euro-BioImaging (EuBI), the GBI website has been created under the existing EuBI domain (www.eurobioimaging.eu) at the URL:

- www.eurobioimaging.eu/global-bioimaging.

The website has been launched very shortly after project start, in December 2015 and – being a living document – is being updated on a regular basis.

Currently the main features of the GBI webpages include:

- information on the general content and objectives of the project as well as the description of its activities, structured in Work Packages (WPs);
- an overview of the project partners and an indication of the contact points;
- a description of the project's main events, with particular focus to the first one organized within WP2 – the *Exchange of Experience I* workshop.

In addition to the website, a Google Drive has been set up with the aim of facilitating the sharing of documents amongst the project's beneficiaries and the international stakeholders.¹ This system has been preferred to a password-protected internal area on the project website not only in view of the fact that it is free of charge but also because it is easy to access and offers the possibility to all projects partners to jointly work on documents without the need to circulate updated versions via email.

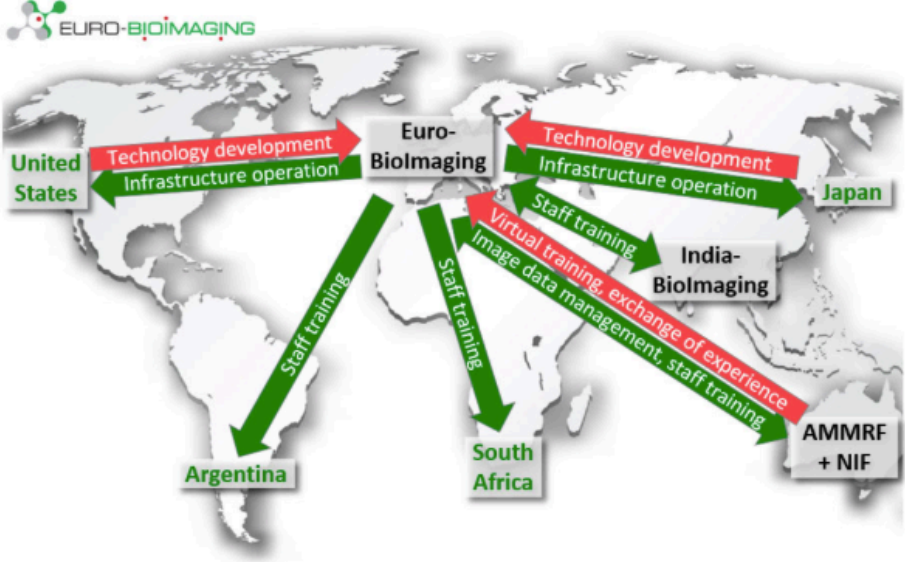
¹ Australian Microscopy and Microanalysis Research Facility (AMMRF), representing the Australian stakeholders also on behalf of the National Imaging Facility (NIF) and India BioImaging.

Annex I: Screenshot from the Global Biolmaging project website - Homepage

Global Biolmaging Project

The imaging landscape changed significantly in the last 10 years as the the concept of open user access to cutting-edge technologies became valued and well recognized. In Europe imaging experts from 25 countries joined their forces and draw the vision of a pan-European imaging infrastructure, which gave momentum to the project of founding a Euro-Biolmaging European Research Infrastructure Consortium (the EuBI ERIC).


European scientists are now taking the necessary next step and reaching out to their colleagues around the world. They will work together with imaging infrastructure experts from Australia, Argentina, South Africa, India, Japan and the United States of America, to further open and improve provision of imaging services to biological and medical researchers world-wide. The project is called Global-Biolmaging and has the ambitious goal of creating a global network of state-of-the-art imaging research infrastructures which will operate interconnected, by pursuing collaboration agreements on the reciprocal use, openness and co-financing of their services.



The diagram illustrates the Global Biolmaging network. At the center is 'Euro-Biolmaging'. It is connected to several international partners: 'United States', 'Japan', 'Argentina', 'South Africa', 'India-Biolmaging', and 'AMMRF + NIF'. Bidirectional arrows indicate the flow of 'Technology development' and 'Infrastructure operation' between Euro-Biolmaging and the United States and Japan. Unidirectional arrows show 'Staff training' from Euro-Biolmaging to Argentina and South Africa. Bidirectional arrows show 'Staff training' and 'Virtual training, exchange of experience, image data management, staff training' between Euro-Biolmaging and India-Biolmaging. The AMMRF + NIF partner is also connected to Euro-Biolmaging.

The Global-Biolmaging (GBI) Project is built on three existing collaboration agreements for successful operation of imaging infrastructures, which EuBI has signed with the Australian Microscopy and Microanalysis Research Facility (AMMRF), the National Imaging Facility (Australia) and India-Biolmaging already during Preparatory Phase I. GBI will now enable EuBI and its international partners to work on concrete services, such as setting-up a virtual platform for training in imaging technologies and a repository for image data tools, to be used by researchers around the world. Imaging facility staff is invited to participate to the facility exchange program, to visit facilities at partner institutes for exchange of experience and best practice on all topics related to imaging infrastructure operation.

Through its activities, GBI will establish the foundation for a long-term alliance of mutual benefit between EuBI and its international partners at the aim of sustainably providing services in imaging technologies to the international scientific community.



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