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*Overview of  
“Marble Arch International Working Group”  
on Human Biospecimen Biobanking  
for Research Purposes*

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## Marble Arch Working Group on International Biobanking on Human Biospecimen Biobanking for Research Purposes

### Topics:

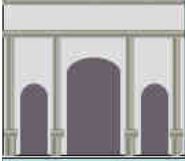
- The history of the origins and early intentions of the MAWG
- Initial Idea
- Meetings and Members
- Achievements
- Focus
- FP7 Program for Africa
- ISBER world Congress
- *I declare not having conflicts of interests in this presentation*

# Origins

- Several of MAG members had met in a number of meetings:
  - IBM World Wide Biobanking Forum,
  - ISBER,
  - European Association of Tissue Banks,
  - British Association of Tissue Banks,
  - American Association of Tissue Banks,
  - European Network of Research Tissue Banks,
  - European Cell Culture Organisation meetings.
  - P3G meetings.
  - More ... ..

## Initial idea

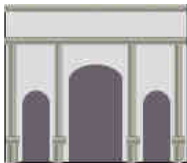
- *Born at the IBM World Wide Biobank Forum III in Stockholm in 2005.*
- Discussion between Peter Geary and Brian Clark, with input from *Brent Shachter*, Mylene Deschenes and Peter Watson.
- **The IDEA** was to create a Forum of Experts selected from Biobanking Directors around the world
- The composition of the MAG are individuals (not Biobanking representatives) which freely exchange opinions on BioBanking issues.



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# Meetings

- London, UK - December 2005
- Madrid, Spain – June 2006
- San Paolo, Brazil – February 2007
- Amiens, France – October 2007
- Dublin, Ireland – April 2008
- Milan, Italy – October 2008
- Montreal, Canada – May 2009
- Cardiff, Wales – October 2009
- ***Rotterdam, Netherlands - May 2010***



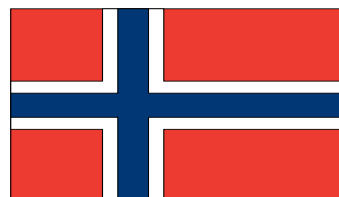
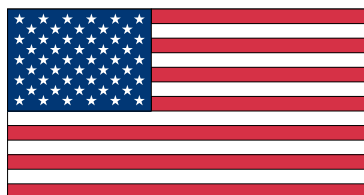
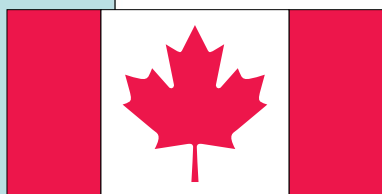
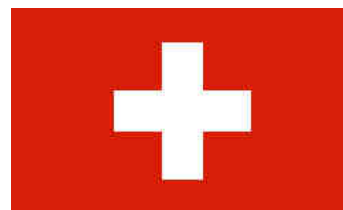
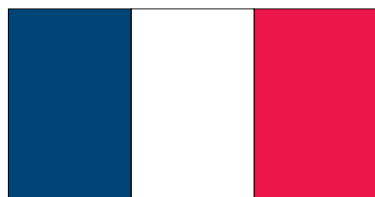
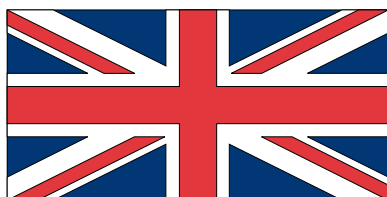
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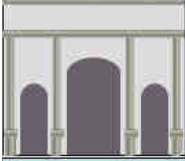
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*Members from 15 Nations and 4 Continents*



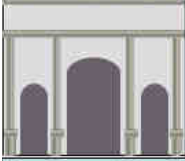


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### Focus

- *Publish Position Papers on relevant BioBanking Topics*
- *Define Minimal Curriculum on BioBanking Training and practical training courses*
- *Consulting Group on BioBanking issues*
  - Contribute to Network such as ISBER, FIBO, 3PG, Latin American and Caribbean Network of Biobanking, etc.
  - Contribute to an International Accreditation scheme for BioBanks
- *Joint projects among members*





## Marble Arch Working Group on International Biobanking on Human Biospecimen Biobanking for Research Purposes

# Achievements

- 8 meetings in 4 years.
- Mutual support, encouragement and learning.
- *2 papers published (Betsou et al 2008; Riegman et al. 2008)*
- *1 paper in preparation*
- *ISBER: the current President (P. Riegman) and 2 councillors (F.Betsou, L. Miranda) are MAG members.*
- Gained attention of WHO/IARC and Fastercures/Biobank Central
- *Inclusion of clinical / disease biobanks in BBMRI*
- *4 International workshops on BioBanking (Madrid, Milan, Dublin, Montreal)*



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MAG meeting: Dublin 10 April 2008



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FP7 Cooperation Work Programme: Health-2010

**WORK PROGRAMME 2010**

**COOPERATION THEME 1 HEALTH**

*(European Commission C(2009) 5893 of 29 July 2009)*

**HEALTH.2010.3.4-3:**

**Building sustainable capacity for research for health in Africa.**

**FP7-CALL-FOR-AFRICA-2010**



## HEALTH.2010.3.4-3: Building sustainable capacity for research for health in Africa. FP7-CALL-FOR-AFRICA-2010.

The Coordination Action should ***develop and implement a concept for the sustainable development of capacity for health research in Africa in close collaboration with African research institutions and a substantial element of South-South cooperation.*** Topical areas to be covered should be identified through a training needs assessment with all stakeholders as part of the project and may include: ***epidemiology and demography, health economics, environmental health, evaluation sciences, medical anthropology, and community-based health care.*** Interdisciplinary courses may also be considered. The format of the training interventions should be adjusted to the needs of the African partner countries; in case of formal training programmes, joint degrees or degrees from the African partner institutions should be preferred. ***Emphasis should be given to establishing and supporting excellent academic teaching and research networks.*** Active participation of young African researchers in regional and international fora as well as exchange within African research institutions and between European and African institutions could be considered. The aim is to achieve a balanced level of participation for African countries in collaboration with their European partners and it will be considered in the evaluation.



## ***Preliminary Summary of the Project:***

- ***Development of sustainable **biobanking** infrastructures in Africa” for human health.***
  - ***The initiative will be focused on human collections from reference laboratories, national institutes for Public Health.***
- The objectives will include training of the colleagues from Africa, development and implementation of SOPs and Quality Assurance framework, and dissemination.
- Possibly developing of a Pilot Infrastructure

***Deadline January 12, 2010***

***To our African friends  
If you are interested in participating in this Call,  
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# **Save the Date!**

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## **ISBER 2010 Annual Meeting & Exhibits**

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