

European Network for Gastrointestinal Health Research (ENGIHR)

September 2012 Newsletter



This is the first newsletter from the ENGIHR Network. We thought it would be good to condense all news into one monthly communication, rather than overloading you with e-mails. Please send any relevant news to me (e.g. job opportunities, conferences, funding opportunities, interesting papers) so I can include it in future newsletters. Thanks, Nick (n.chadwick@manchester.ac.uk)



News

•The report of the **2012 ENGIHR Helsinki Workshop** is now available on the ENGIHR website (www.engihr.eu). Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to the discussions. Several reviews were planned based on discussions at the meeting and below are the titles and coordinators of these reviews.

"Role of Diet in Shaping the Gut Microbiota". Bernard Corfe (University of Sheffield, UK).

"Factors Influencing the Establishment of Neonatal Microbiota and Impact on Health". Julian Marchesi (University of Cardiff, UK).

"Traditional Fermented Foods". Seve Pandiella (University of Manchester, UK) and Velitchka Gotcheva (University of Food Technologies, Bulgaria).

"In Vitro Models of the Gastrointestinal Tract". Koen Venema (TNO, The Netherlands) and Karen Wright (University of Lancaster, UK).

"Bioactives". Jose Teixeira (University de Minho, Portugal).

If you did not attend the meeting but would like to contribute to one of these reviews, please contact the person coordinating the review (contact details are on our website).

•**ENGIHR is now on LinkedIn.** Search for "ENGIHR" in Groups and join up.

•**Employment Opportunity:** Postdoc position studying "Physiological effects of microbial substances" at the Max Rubner Institute (Germany). Deadline, 15th September 2012. More info at www.engihr.eu

Funding Opportunities

FP7-KBBE-2013-7-single-stage. Relevant section within this call: Activity 2.2 Fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well being. KBBE.2013.2.2-02: Factors influencing the human gut microbiome and its effect on the development of diet-related diseases and brain development.

Recent Publication Highlights

The role of the gut microbiota in nutrition and health. Flint HJ, et al. *Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol.* 2012 Sep 4.

The gut microbiota in IBD. Manichanh C, et al. *Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol.* 2012 Aug 21

The gut microbiota-a clinical perspective on lessons learned. Shanahan F. *Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol.* 2012 Aug 16

Intestinal Inflammation Targets Cancer-Inducing Activity of the Microbiota. Arthur JC, et al. *Science.* 2012 Aug 16.

The microbiota link to Irritable Bowel Syndrome: An emerging story. Jeffery IB, et al. *Gut Microbes.* 2012 Nov 1;3(6).

The microbiota in inflammatory bowel disease: friend, bystander, and sometime-villain. Shanahan F. *Nutr Rev.* 2012 Aug;70 Suppl 1:S31-7.

Is bile acid a determinant of the gut microbiota on a high-fat diet? Yokota A, et al. *Gut Microbes.* 2012 Sep 1;3(5).

Gut microbiota composition correlates with diet and health in the elderly. Claesson MJ, et al. *Nature.* 2012 Aug 9;488(7410):178-84.

Also, the 8th June issue of *Science* contains a collection of reviews on the gut microbiota.

Upcoming Events

•An ENGIHR Steering Committee Meeting will take place in Tallinn (Estonia) on the 19th of October to fix the date, format and subject of the 2013 ENGIHR Workshop. This will provisionally be hosted by Dr Jose Maria Lagaron in Valencia (Spain).

•A workshop organised by the Gut Flora Foundation entitled "Gut Microbiota in Health and Disease", will take place in Maastricht (The Netherlands) on 13-15 September 2012. More information can be found at www.gutmicrobiota.org.

New Partners

We continue to encourage representatives from industry to join the Network and many of you have suggested industrial contacts who may be interested in joining ENGIHR. As a result of this, we welcome into the Network Svetlana Minkova from Bulgarcicum (Bulgaria) and Jose Antonio Munos from Ordesa (Spain)..

Travel Grants

ENGIHR still has funding for Short Visit grants (up to 7 days) and Exchange Visit Grants (up to 1 month). These grants are designed to promote interactions between Network Partners and applications can be made via the ESF website (www.esf.org).

