



Summary from the MultipleMS Stakeholder Meeting, London May 16, 2018



This is a short summary of the MultipleMS stakeholder meeting that was held at the London Hilton Heathrow hotel May 16, 2018.

[Introduction to the project](#)

The respective work package (WP) leaders introduced their goals and deliverables. Slides from these presentations was distributed shortly after the meeting:

- WP1; Ingrid Kockum, Karolinska Institutet (KI): Introduction
- WP2; Janna Saarela, Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM): Data Infrastructure
- WP3; Chris Cotsapas (Yale, US): Mechanistic heterogeneity
- WP4; Ingrid Kockum (KI): Outcome heterogeneity
- WP5; Bernhard Hemmer (School of Medicine of Technische Universität München; TUM-Med) Biomarkers and therapeutic targets
- WP6; David Gomez-Cabrero (YouHealth AB, KI), Big Data and analytic tools
- WP7; Filippo Martinelli Boneschi (Policlinico San Donato): Response to treatment and biomarker guidelines
- WP8; Hanne F. Harbo (University of Oslo; UiO); Communication, dissemination and exploitation
- WP9; Ingrid Kockum (KI): Ethics

The two winners of the MultipleMS PhD/Postdoc Challenge in Copenhagen Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, 2017, presented their winning pitch on *How to engage with stakeholders*:

- Christiane Gasperi (TUM) will arrange meeting (probably in relation to the ECTRIMS meeting in Berlin in Oct 2018) between clinicians and data analysts to create guidelines on how to collect and combine relevant data in the context of MS
- Ewoud Ewing (KI) will create a popular science video for YouTube to help broad understanding of omics data in the context of MS.

Stakeholder and breakout session

Professor Olga Ciccarelli (MAGNIMS) opened the discussion by highlighting some of the following issues:

- What happens when the project period is over?
- Using information channels like YouTube is a good idea to share information about the project
- Share practical information about meetings, minutes etc.
- Health economics and outcomes: additional healthcare information
- How involve other centers with data?

The stakeholders were grouped according to their main interests in three different breakout sessions, addressing:

1. Biomarkers
2. Clinical Decision Support system for treatment options
3. Data sharing

The Stakeholder survey

During the stakeholder workshop, the stakeholders were asked to fill in a stakeholder survey to express their personal interest in the project and how they want to be involved. The main conclusions from the Stakeholder survey are listed below:

- There is a general interest in novel biomarkers that would predict disease characteristics or response to treatments. In addition, the Clinical support system and data sharing and computational tools are also of interest.
- MultipleMS newsletters need to be complemented with targeted communications
- 69% of the Stakeholders that attended the meeting in London are willing to take a seat in the Stakeholder forum.
- 7 stakeholders would like to propose collaborative projects that may support the MultipleMS goals, 5 stakeholders are also willing to provide access to their data and/or relevant tools, and 2 stakeholders are willing to discuss additional research funds or has postdoc research exchange fellowship that may be of interest.

Further plans

Participants that responded positively to be a member of the Stakeholder forum will regularly be updated about ongoing activities, will be invited to informal meetings and also to a new Stakeholder workshop at the end of the project period.