

Media Kit

Research and Innovation

We Bridge the Gap



About Cassovia Life Sciences

Cassovia Life Sciences (CLS) is a not-for-profit voluntary association of science based research institutes and innovative industry participants related to medical and life science research.

CLS functions as a central connecting point for multiple research facilities in the proximal region of Kosice and within the cross-border region of Slovakia, Hungary and Ukraine.

CLS builds international stakeholder network, promotes the competencies and capacities of its members, organizes conferences, seminars, workshops and disseminate achievements of its members internationally.

What is our vision?

Our vision is to establish a regional research and innovation center of life sciences, that represents life science related competences, research and innovation capacities within and around the university city of Kosice (Cassovia) and its cross-border region.

As a result of our activities Kosice and its cross-border region will be recognized as equal among leading European and global high intensity research and innovation areas.

What is our mission?

The mission of Cassovia Life Sciences is to create critical mass of scientific competencies, research capacities in order to enable the generation of new knowledge and insights that have the potential to promote health, prevent or cure diseases.

CLS shall enable a new level of sustainable regional co-operation between high achiever organizations that share the vision of transforming Kosice and its region to a scientific, research and innovation area that as equal to its European and global peers.

CLS shall enable its members to participate in cross-border and international research projects and to disseminate their achievements internationally.

How do we work?

CLS functions as a central connecting point for multiple research facilities in the proximal region of Kosice and within the cross-border region of Slovakia, Hungary and Ukraine.

CLS is a competence and resource hub that connects complementary scientific and research facilities of academia and innovative industry in order to exploit the potential of joint efforts and collaboration.

CLS as central connecting point enables its members to reach critical mass of recognition on the global scene of life sciences related research and innovation. Such recognition enables CLS and its members to participate in international research projects and consortia.

We bridge the gap

CLS acts as a gateway for scientific and research collaboration between the European Union and Ukraine. As both Kosice and Uzhhorod are the most eastern, respectively western university cities of the European Union and Ukraine already the geographic proximity is a great enabler of successful cooperation.

CLS provides the networking platform for scientific exchange and research collaboration between interested parties, stakeholders of the European Union and Ukraine.

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CLS Symposium

Announcement of the plenary lecture of Dr. Michael Galsworthy under the title:

The Underfunding of Health Related Research in Eastern Europe within European Union Framework Programmes – Evidence, Consequences and Proposals for Reversing the Situation in Horizon 2020.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Galsworthy* accepted our invitation to give a plenary lecture on his research findings regarding the underfunding of Eastern European research within Framework programmes of the European Union.

According to the European Commission's Impact Assessment of Health Research Projects the original 15 member states had received 34 times more health research funding under FP7 than the 12 new members.

If we wish to reverse this situation, now is the time to act and make our voice heard throughout the European Union. Therefore as first step we invited Dr. Galsworthy to present the current state and share possible solutions that remedy this regretful situation. The solution presented can be seen also as a new paradigm that may even out the gap between Western and Eastern Europe within the areas of health related research.

Who to come

We expect decision makers of universities, political influencers, members of Cassovia Life Sciences, representatives of organizations that will benefit from reversing this situation.

Why to come

The lecture is intended for those who want to learn about the underfunding of health research in Eastern Europe and who wish to contribute to change it. We need to make our voice heard if we seriously want to change this situation. If you are one of those who are ready to make proactive effort toward this purpose, you are very much welcome.

Important details:

The lecture is held in the historical Aula of the Pavol Jozef Safarik University in Kosice 29th October 2013 from 2pm till 4pm.

Further in depth paper on the situation in Eastern Europe from Dr. Galsworthy:

Michael J. Galsworthy at al., *An analysis of subject areas and country participation for all health-related projects in the EU's FP5 and FP6 programmes*, The European Journal of Public Health Advance Access published June 25, 2013

*Dr. Galsworthy is Senior Research Associate at the Department of Applied Health Research, University College London, UK. The research that is the basis of Dr. Galsworthy's presentation has been published under: Galsworthy M. and McKee M. *Europe's 'Horizon 2020' science funding programme: How is it shaping up?* J Health Serv Res Policy (2 May 2013, accessed 11 May 2013).

Profile of Dr. Michael J. Galsworthy

Dr. Michael J. Galsworthy is currently senior research assistant on prestigious University College of London. His research activity is focused on area of health - optimization of health in case of European cooperation (ECHO project), where he combines national hospital databases in six European countries and he compares treatments, diseases and results for key indicators.

He also focuses on the issue of underfinancing of eastern European science and research, where he offers a solution how to change this paradigm.

He graduated from University of Cambridge, later he worked at University of Zurich and then he worked in the Institute of public health in Slovenia.

Profile of MVDr. Alojz Bomba, DrSc.

MVDr. Alojz Bomba, DrSc. is currently chief of the Institute of experimental medicine, Faculty of medicine, University of Pavol Jozef Safarik in Kosice, Slovakia.

His research activity is focused on the study of gut micro biota in pathogenesis of atherosclerosis and colorectal cancer and its possible modulations in the prevention of probiotics and bioactive substances.

He is the author of 54 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals and 4 chapters in foreign monographs. He is full member of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences and president of Cassovia Life Sciences.

In 2012 Department of Microbiology and Immunology of I. I. Mečnikova of Ukrainian Academy of Medical Sciences, granted him the honorary title "Honored Professor".

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