21 September 2017

Dear Zebrafish PIs,

The EZPM-2018 meeting, Trento, 20-23 March 2018, is getting closer.

We have gathered suggestions from the community and decided to organize a radically different meeting. Besides plenary sessions of general interests, experts in different fields will convene in small workgroups to elaborate a vision on the future perspectives of their field. Reports of these sessions will be published in a dedicated issue of Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology. We have tentatively identified 4 fields (neuroscience, genetic diseases, hematopoiesis and immunity, cardiovascular), but we hope that the actual definition of the fields and subfields will come from the contributions of the zebrafish PIs.

We have involved a number of young PIs, who will be leading the effort of organizing the informal presentations and discussions in the workgroups, and help writing the collaborative drafts of these perspective articles. More will be contacted soon or selected from the list of participants. Registrations will remain open from mid October till mid December to allow for sufficient time for organizing these efforts. As always everybody is welcome to submit a proper scientific abstract for the plenary sessions or the workshops. In addition, we strongly encourage submission of a short paragraph detailing an informal contribution to the workgroups, which will help us to plan suitable themes.

These options will be available on the website at registration. Meanwhile we draft a preliminary program (see below).

**Preliminary Programme**

**Tuesday 20 March**

14.30 -16.00  Plenary 1 Imaging  
16.30 – 18.00 Plenary 2 Genetic Engineering  
Aperitivo at Muse with visit and Dinner at Le Albere

UPDATE ON EZPM 2018 from the scientific committee (Marina Mione, Filippo Del Bene, Eirini Trompouki, Isaac Bianco and Patrick Blader).
Wednesday 21 March

9.00 - 10.30 Plenary 3 Genomics and epigenetics
11.00 – 12.30 Plenary 4 Screening and metabolism
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch with Technical highlights

14.00 – 15.00 COMMUNITY SESSION – EUFishBioMed General Assembly

15.00 – 18.30 Concurrent session 1 Perspectives in Neurosciences
15.00 – 18.30 Concurrent session 2 Perspectives in Hematopoiesis and Immunology
15.00 – 18.30 Concurrent Session 3 Perspectives in Disease Modeling
15.00 – 18.30 Concurrent Session 4 Perspectives in Cardiovascular Studies

Thursday 22 March

9.00- 10.30 Plenary 3 Developmental processes
11.00 – 12.30 Plenary 4 Stem Cells and Regeneration

14.00 - 17.30 WORKGROUP Neuroscience
14.00 - 17.30 WORKGROUP Hematopoiesis and Immunology
14.00 - 17.30 WORKGROUP Genetic Diseases
14.00 - 17.30 WORKGROUP Cardiovascular

18.00 - leaving for Cantine Rotari x Aperitivo and Dinner

Friday 23 March

9.00 - 10.30 Plenary 4: Highlights from Workgroups
11.00 – 12.00 Plenary 5: Invited Speaker

12.00 – 13.00: Future plans and closure