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Outcome of survey

on NRL's regarding the participation in the EURL-AR network

EURL-AR workshop, April 23-24th, 2015

Overview

- Survey sent by SurveyMonkey June 25th 2014
- Deadline for responses: August 8th 2014
- Survey closes for late responses: October 24th 2014
- Responses from
 - 35 designated NRL's from EU MS,
 - 3 non-designated NRL's from EU MS
 - 5 NRL's from non-EU MS(all referred to as NRL's)
- Analysis performed and report issued (confidential)

Objective

To retrieve information from each NRL

- In relation to the tasks undertaken in relation to Decision 2013/652/EU
- To clarify if MS's with more than one designated NRL had defined division of tasks in relation to the EURL-AR network activities
- Additional relevant information (e.g. price on MIC-plates)

Questions

Based on discussions at the EURL-AR WS April 2014 and organized in two parts:

- 1) Participation in EURL-AR network activities,
- 2) Implementation of Decision 2013/652/EU, including the collection on info from NRLs on prices for MIC-plates (vary from country to country, and, according to the info from one of the producers, they have no possibility of setting their distributors' prices)

Data for EFSA

Some NRL's indicated that they were not responsible for delivering AST-results to EFSA for

- *Campylobacter* spp. and *E. coli* (#18)
- *Salmonella* spp, *Campylobacter* spp. and *E. coli* (#59)
- *Salmonella* spp, *Campylobacter* spp. and *E. coli* (#39)
- *Salmonella* spp. (#29)

Coordination of EURL-AR tasks

Four countries on the EURL-AR address list are listed with more than one NRL:

- Denmark (2; of which one is not designated)
- France (4)
- Netherlands (2; of which one NRL is not designated)
- Romania (2)
- Spain (4; of which one is not designated)
- United Kingdom (2)

All reported of agreements and infrastructure for communication in relation to EURL-AR activities (EQAS-participation, EQAS-arrangement, workshop, and training course participation)

However, not always clear when asked for details

EQAS

For each EQAS the EURL-AR can:

- Send one set of EQAS strains per MS
- Evaluate one set of results per MS per microorganism

Results must be from the laboratory submitting AST-data for EFSA, i.e. must follow EC/652/2013 requirements

Workshops and training courses

One NRL-AR per MS is invited for

- Annual workshop
- Training courses

Additional participants are invited on own expense to the extent possible for the practical issues

Prices for MIC-plates

Average costs pr. single microbroth plate (excluding media/reagents):

- The prices vary around 10 EUR pr. plate
- Question does not specify to include VAT or not...
- Five NRL's indicate higher costs:

LAB number	EUCAMP2	EUVENC	EUVSEC	EUVSEC2
#18	16EUR+23%VAT		15EUR+23%VAT	15EUR+23%VAT
#22	15 EUR (incl.VAT)	15 EUR (incl.VAT)	15 EUR (incl.VAT)	15 EUR (incl.VAT)
#23	16.65	17.80	17.80	17.80
#32	15.6 + VAT	15.6 + VAT	14.3 + VAT	15.6 + VAT
#37				€16

(See overview (responses to Q17))

Conclusion

MS with more than one NRL-AR; not all appear to have clear coordination/division of tasks

Some details/more sensitive parts are at policy level.
=> brought up and discussed at the next working group meetings

Note: MS is responsible, not the laboratory

Expenses of one NRL-AR per MS can be covered for activities such as

- Annual workshop
- Training courses
- EQAS; we can send one set of EQAS strains per MS

Comments?