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**Object : Futur of ResistVir**

Dear ResistVir partners,

On behalf of the MSB (Management Steering Board), I want to inform you about the pursuit of the ResistVir project. As the MSB told you in January, a change of coordinator is needed. Several possible scenarios were considered, and in agreement with the MSB, INRA should assume the coordination. I have accepted to act as the future scientific coordinator with the assistance of Sylvie Modeste (permanent ingenior at INRA-Avignon in charge of Contracts and Partnership - juridical and financial aspects), Sébastien Lepioufle and Claudie Arliaud (permanent at INRA-Avignon in charge of financial reports). We also plan to recruit as soon as possible (September?) a non permanent ingenior specialized in the management of EU projects.

Things are moving slowly mainly due to financial and legal aspects that have to be solved and also recent changes in EU officers (we are now working with a new scientific officer, Annette Schneegans). Whatever it is, we plan to extend the duration of the project to compensate for this transition period (yet to be defined – between 6 and 12 months).

Each ResistVir partner will receive –soon, I hope- a letter from the EU explaining the situation since the bankruptcy of Chalex. Meanwhile, we are working with EU to prepare the contract amendment that requires:

- a request for amendment signed by each contractor agreeing to continue the project with the new coordinator. Each partner should receive this letter for signature (in September ?).
- a Mandate to allow INRA to sign the final amendment on behalf of each partner ;
- a modified Annex I. For this purpose, we need to have a precise idea of tasks and deliverables achieved during the second year of the project (from February 2006 to January 2007) and remaining tasks and deliverables for the last year (with priorities). I've already asked to each WP leader to send me these informations.

During this transition period, we will also have to prepare the 24 months financial and scientific annual reports that were due on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Concerning the 24 months FINANCIAL report, please can you send to INRA (to Claudie Arliaud, e-mail : [claudie.arliaud@avignon.inra.fr](mailto:claudie.arliaud@avignon.inra.fr)), and as soon as possible, individual form C ?

EU also informed us about some specific problems with the 12 months financial report. We are going to contact partners for which individual form C are missing.

We will contact you further for the 24 months scientific report.

A CSP (Chief Scientific Participants) meeting is schedule on July 13, 2007 to discuss all these points, particularly how to support the debt left by Chalex (approx. 531 000 euros). We will keep you informed about the latest news, and will try to answer to your questions. Please can you copy all relevant messages to me ([carole.caranta@avignon.inra.fr](mailto:carole.caranta@avignon.inra.fr)) and also to Sylvie Modeste ([sylvie.modeste@avignon.inra.fr](mailto:sylvie.modeste@avignon.inra.fr)).

Best regards to all.

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