

CoVetLab joint research: Call for proposals 2015

CoVetLab is a partnership of national veterinary public health institutes from Denmark, France, The Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom. All the members of CoVetLab carry out research and surveillance and act as national and international reference laboratories for various animal diseases. Together they advance high quality veterinary science by the dissemination of knowledge, sharing of experience and the transfer of skills and technology to safeguard animal and public health.

Further information about CoVetLab can be found at the website – www.covetlab.org.

Login for members is: “club5”, password: “covet5”

Since CoVetLab started, there has been a growing strategic cooperation between the five partners (APHA, Anses, CVI, DTU and SVA) in the field of animal and veterinary public health. Over this period we have shared expertise in areas such as diagnostics, reagents and control materials and quality standards. In 2008 it was decided to form a CoVetLab research committee and to initiate joint translational research projects to support our responsibilities in the surveillance and control of animal diseases. The first call for proposals was in April 2009 and this far we have been able to fund 22 projects. We are pleased to announce a 7th call this year and the details are described below.

Identified topics of particular interest in joint R&D 2015

The call is a “White paper call”. No specific topics are appointed.

Still it is very important that proposed projects clearly states:

- The relevance of the project
- Which benefits the project provides for CoVetLab institutes
- How the particular proposal will contribute to maintain or develop the capability to respond to new and emerging pathogens
- Why for this specific topic a cooperation is needed
- Why it is important to have the proposal financed by CoVetLab
- What will happen with the results after the project ends (implementation/integration)
- The potential of the project to become an input to a future Horizon 2020, or different funding source, application

See also criteria for assessment.

Rules for joint research

General

Research and development activities; mainly applied and/or translational.

Duration from 6 to 18 months, but in general 12 months (to be completed within 12 months)

Joint research projects must include **two or more CoVetLab partners**. (3 or more partners will be preferred)

Non-CoVetLab partners (max 2/project) can participate with own financial contribution

Exchange of personnel (short term visits) is highly encouraged

Financial

Partners will try to work with equal contributions. Budgets will be based on standard working and financial procedures within each partner; Comparison of 'input' contribution will be mainly based on time resources made available to the project.

Exchange of budgets between partners should preferably be limited to max 10% of the budgets and mainly in the form of invoices to /for 'services' and not specific labor costs (*we intend to keep the number of transactions and administration as low as possible*).

In general, contribution per partner is limited to a maximum of 20 k€ per project.

All the partners have expressed a willingness to participate subject to financial considerations. Before planning a proposal you should contact one of your institute's representatives on the research committee to agree on the scientific priority of the project and that financial support that can be offered by your organization if selected by the research committee.

Time schedule:

Announcement of call for proposals	March 20, 2015
Deadline for submission	May 1, 2015
Evaluation by Research Committee	May 2015
Approval by Annual Meeting	June 11, 2015
Start	October 2015

For more information:

Composition of research committee:

- Karin Artursson, SVA, chair person karin.artursson@sva.se
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Criteria for evaluation: see addendum

Submission

Submit the proposal to: karin.artursson@sva.se

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