



## EU-PUI Newsletter Number 2



### Establishing a Network of National Task Forces to Promote our Aims

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each of you who participated in COST Actions meeting in Cologne on 22nd of April. Over 50 internationally renowned scientists and practitioners gave their time and resources to attend and to contribute. You made our meeting a great success and it was a true pleasure to see so many of you there! I hope you used the opportunity to extend your existing research networks. I am sure that this healthy cooperation will continue to enrich our work in the future.

Special thanks must go to Prof Dr Matthias Brand for hosting us during the event and to our Administrator Ms Natalie Hall and the four work packages teams and their leaders, who did outstanding work in presenting what was achieved in a half a year period.

The presentations from the meeting will soon be uploaded on our website. While the file sharing system is still on its way to be implemented on the projects website, there are several issues with regards to our Action's dissemination which now require your contribution:

- First, we would kindly ask each COST Action country MC member to appoint a **National Representative** in order to set up a **National Task Force**. The job of the national representative will be to co-opt and lead a National Task Force of active individuals in the field of PUI to take forward the COST Action Dissemination plan at a national level and act as a reference point for local activity. Please contact our **Science Communication Manager- Dr Julius Burkauskas** ([julius.burkauskas@ismuni.lt](mailto:julius.burkauskas@ismuni.lt)) with the name and contact details of the National Representative, at the earliest opportunity.
- Once established, we expect that each country's National Task Force (under the leadership of the National Representative) will create their own 3 year **National Dissemination Plan** involving working together with local media (daily newspapers, magazines) to ensure that COST Action CA16207 gets well-known at the local level.
- We would be grateful if each of you could **share your National Dissemination Plan** with us so as we could implement your planned activities in our **Actions Calendar** showing all the various events happening across Europe. The Executive Team will also ensure these national and international activities are reported to our COST Actions Communication Manager Mrs. Silvia Alexe.

We believe that a National Dissemination Plan will strengthen the visibility of our COST Action CA16207 for both the target patient groups and relevant scientists, thus making it well-known nationally.

For the project to stay on schedule, **we will need a response from you in the next two months if possible**. Please do not forget to advertise our **social media platforms** inviting those who are interested to follow us. Please continue **to be active in posting and discussing**.

**BEST WISHES TO ALL!**

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