

Dear SOPHIA-members,

This is the first bi-annual SOPHIA newsletter to keep you up to date on the project.

Introduction

First of all I'd like to introduce myself to you. My name is Barbara Thuss and I started working for Prof. Leonard v.d. Berg as a research coordinator at the UMC Utrecht in December last year. So far, Petra Berk, whom you all know, has done the SOPHIA project management together with Leonard. She's worked on the project proposal, grant awards and the Consortium Agreement, regarding which she will contact you shortly by the way.

With Petra's help, I will slowly try to take over her tasks in the SOPHIA project, as she has many other obligations to fulfil as well (ENCALS, Euro-MOTOR, etc.). Please do let me know if I get something wrong or do things very differently; your feedback is much appreciated!

New SOPHIA e-mail address

As you can see, this newsletter is send from a new email account which we've created for the project: sophia@umcutrecht.nl. Petra and I both have access to this account. This way we're sure no email goes by unnoticed, even when one of us is out of office. We encourage you to use this email address in your communication with us.

Minutes kick-off meeting Sheffield Sept. 2012

Attached to this email you will find the minutes of the meeting in Sheffield in September last year. We're sorry for the big delay in getting these to you.

SOPHIA contact list

You will find a contact list for SOPHIA attached as well. Please could you fill in the contact persons per work package for your institute and return the document to me before Friday 15 February? I will collate and distribute when all's been filled in.

Update Open Innovation Platform

We are setting up the SOPHIA website as we speak. In addition, we're doing some final tweaking to the PROGENY database, which we've started to set up for Euro-MOTOR but which we'll use for SOPHIA in the near future as well. We hope to start testing the database with a few Euro-MOTOR users shortly. We'll keep you informed about our progress.

Publications

Please note that any publications regarding SOPHIA need to acknowledge JPND and your national funding agency. For example, you could state: *"This work was performed as part of the SOPHIA project funded by JPND and ... (countries national funding agency)."* Posters and presentations should also include the logo of both.

Please also keep us informed on any publications on the project, so we can track this and make sure we refer to them in the annual progress report to JPND.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards,

Barbara Thuss