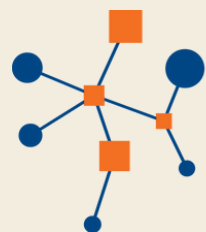


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The European research infrastructure
for biobanking and biomolecular
resources in health and life sciences

10th anniversary meeting

Meeting Report

10 YEARS BBMRI.BE!

On October 3rd 2023, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of BBMRI.be. Many thanks to all attendees of the meeting for making this event a true success!

WELCOME TO ALL OUR GUESTS

We were very happy to welcome more than 50 attendees to our 10th anniversary meeting!

Sixteen of the twenty BBMRI.be biobanks joined us on this event as well as all (past)-presidents of BBMRI.be

Moreover, we were also accompanied by representatives of the government, BBMRI-ERIC, different research infrastructures and research institutions, biotech/pharma networks and some patients.

SOME NUMBERS

53

Attendees

16

BBMRI.be Biobanks
represented

15

Presenters



BBMRI.be and BBMRI-ERIC: 10 years together on the road

Ten years ago, BBMRI.be was set up with the support of BELSPO and the Belgian Cancer Registry. We would like to thank these organisations for giving us the opportunity to build up our national biobank network in this last decade.

BBMRI.be has worked in harmony with BBMRI-ERIC for the last ten years, as Jens Habermann's presentation illustrated. BBMRI.be has benefited enormously from all the efforts of BBMRI-ERIC to support its National Nodes. We are very grateful to BBMRI-ERIC for guiding us the past ten years.

The achievements at national level, presented by Annelies Debuquoy, could only be achieved through the hard work of all BBMRI.be members. Many thanks to all of you!



“
**Do what you can,
with what you have,
where you are.**
Theodore Roosevelt
”



We took a trip down memory lane with all the (past)-Presidents of BBMRI.be: Vincent Grégoire, Karin Haustermans, Sofie Bekaert, Laurent Dollé, Elke Smits.

Afterwards, during an interactive panel discussion, the (former) presidents were challenged with questions on how to shape the future of BBMRI.be.

Many thanks to all of you for sharing with us your memories of the past and your vision for the upcoming 10 years.

A glance in the past and a glimpse of the future



In our first workshop, BBMRI.be members participating in our **B3-ISO Quality improvement project** were introduced by our Quality experts in the wondrous world of **Process Mapping and Risk Analysis**.

Outcomes of the meeting:

Share available risk analysis templates of [BBMRI.be/BCCM](https://bbmri.be/BCCM) biobanks

Work on a harmonized template for the development of Risk Analyses

More info on the B3-ISO project?
Check out our [B3-ISO webpage!](#)



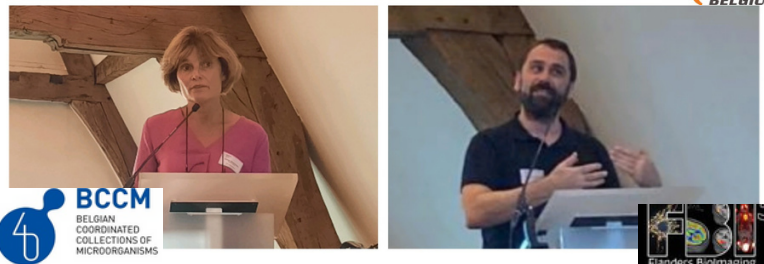
During our 2nd workshop, we focused on **strengthening the bounds between the different health infrastructures in the Belgian landscape**.

Our colleagues of BCCM (Marleen Bosschaerts) ELIXIR Belgium (Frederik Coppens) Flanders BioImaging (Christopher Cawthorne)

presented us their research infrastructures and opportunities for collaboration.

Some common challenges were identified: **Data Quality, ELSI, Funding, Visibility**

Follow-up meetings will be organized to set up concrete actions.



The essence of research is competition, the essence of research infrastructures is collaboration!

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We couldn't have
done it without your
support.

Thank you
to all of you!

We are looking forward to
continue our collaboration
with all of you for the next 10
years of BBMRI.be!

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