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Since the last issue, N€UROMED partners in the South have been through spectacular changes! However, despite major revolutions, the Consortium members have managed to keep the work going, with the organisation of several events, and the exchanges of staff.

***In the last months, 5 PhD** students have started their exchanges since Feb, **3 others** have renewed their stay to complete their work, whereas others have finished their stay and returned home with important results which they will hopefully publish soon in good articles.*

*N€uromed has focused on training and has launched **travel and training grants** to PhD sutdents and young researchers from MPC to attend international neuroscience meetings and/or summer schools in renowned labs and European universities.*

In the meantime, the Consortium members have worked hard, thanks to our Project Manager, on the mid-term report which was submitted to the European Commisison on 13th July .

In September (19 and 20), the SMC will meet in Marseille, after the External Advisory Board's (EAB) evaluation of N€UROMED.

*End of 2011 will witness a new wave of PhD exchanges that will start between Sept and Oct, **the Second N€uromed School** on "Neuroglia, energy metabolism and brain imaging" will be held in Algeria (20-24th Nov).*

*Finally, we will finish the year with the N€UROMED **International Symposium on learning, memory and cognitive function** in Valencia, Spain (1-3 Dec) which we encourage all N€uromed members to attend.*

Have a nice summer holiday !

Travel and training grants:

- 10 PhD students attended the 10th meeting of the French and Swiss Neuroscience societies (23-27th May 2011) in Marseille (see next page)
- Mrs Nadia Mountaj attended an advanced EEG training course near Toulouse (19-23 June 2011)
- Mr Soner Bitiktas was awarded a grant to attend the 2011 European Synapse Summer School in Bordeaux/ FENS-IBRO training center (4-23 Sept 2011)
- Mrs Loubna Khalki and Mariam Sabbar were awarded a N€uromed grant to attend the electrophysiology school of Strasbourg supported by Neurex (10-15 Oct 2011).

Past events in 2011:
Local workshops:

- Algerian workshop on "Neurochemical and phenotypic plasticity", organised by USTHB in Algiers on 13-14 April thanks to L. Dorbani, her team and Y.Cherfa.
- Moroccan workshop on "food intake regulation from physiology to physiopathology" in Beni Mellal, organised by Moulay Slimane University thanks to M. Najimi and F.Chigr (28-29 April 2011)
- Turkish workshop on "Brain plasticity: new tools and technologies" organised by Yeditepe Univeristy thanks to I.Kurnaz (9-11 June)
- Moroccan workshop on "Computational neuroscience", organised by Hassan II university, thanks to N. Achtaich in Khmeissat (2-3 July).
- BRAIN AWARNESS WEEK: some of your Ps and APs have organised events during the BAW 2011 (14-20 March).

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Winners of the N€UROMED travel grant to attend the 10th meeting of the French & Swiss Neuroscience Societies in Marseille (23-27th May 2011) with the Project Manager (J. Sweiss)

From left to right: H. Ahabrach (MO), H. Khalki (MO), M. Sabbar (MO), N. Rouaiguia (ALG), G. Benjelloun (MO), FZ. El Mrabet (MO), J. Sweiss (FR), R. Khalil (EGY), O. El Hiba (MO), A. Elgot (MO)

FP7 2012 Call:

The European Commission has launched a new call : FP7-PEOPLE-2012-ITN

This concerns Marie Curie programme and deals with Initial Training Network (ITN).

The aim is to improve career perspectives of early-stage researchers in both public and private sectors. The latter is necessary to be part in the project. It is opened to both EU member states but also Third Countries.

Deadline: 12 January 2012 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time.

For more information:

ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls

Future N€UROMED Events:

- Fourth SMC meeting and Evaluation of External Advisory Board (EAB) on 19-20 Sept
- Second N€UROMED School in Algeria on "Neuroglia, energy metabolism and brain imaging" (20-24 Nov).
- International Symposium on Learning, Memory and Cognitive Function in Valencia, Spain (1-3 Dec). You are all invited to register and send your abstract to (catedrasg@cac.es, before the deadline on 3rd October 2011)
- Other Lectures and Local workshops will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Other Events:

- 4th GDRI Neuroscience School on "neurobiology of adpatation to the environment", 18-22 October, Casablanca (Morocco) . Contact: Prof O. Battas: omarbattas@gmail.com
- IBRO School on "ARC: Models For Approaching Brain Health And Disease", 30 Oct to 9th Nov, Rabat (Morocco). Contact: Prof N. Lakhdar Ghazal: nlakhdarghazal@gmail.com