

Work package title: WP7: Co-ordination of activities with the FP7 EU-AIMS consortium

Presentation title: EU-AIMS Clinical Network: Current Activities & Future Plans

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Context:

Coordination between ASDEU and EU-AIMS

- 12 of the 20 ASDEU partners are members of the EU-AIMS clinical network
- Reciprocal exchange of information between networks on a quarterly basis
- Cross-linking between networks on their respective websites
- EU-AIMS data sharing dictionary shared with ASDEU WP1
- EU-AIMS clinical network can play a key role in dissemination in the final year of the ASDEU -initiative via its network of 93 sites in 37 countries

Synergies between EU-AIMS and ASDEU

- Linking EC basic science funding (IMI EU-AIMS) with EC health policy (DG-SANTE ASDEU)
- Coordination between EU-AIMS Clinical Network & ASDEU is of added value
- Dissemination of research findings to a large audience
- Share newsletters and project updates to boost communication
- Align database procedures of the EU-AIMS data pooling initiative with the "ASDEU prevalence study database"
- EU-AIMS data pooling: 21 sites in 9 different countries have shared phenotypic data on > 4,000 individuals with a diagnosis of ASD
- Allow comprehensive capture, coordination and standardisation of information

Update on activities:

- There has been regular dissemination between the two networks/consortia about their activities
- Links between the two networks have been established on the website of each network
- 12 of the 20 ASDEU centres are members of the EU-AIMS clinical trial network
- Several ASDEU partners have contributed data to the EU-AIMS data repository for pre-planned analysis
- EU-AIMS data sharing dictionary was shared with ASDEU WP1

Key learning:

What worked well?

- The already established close working relationship between many of the ASDEU partners and the WP Coordinator facilitated communication
- Staff resources on the EU-AIMS side facilitated most of the exchanges

What could be done differently?

- The different foci of the two networks and the deliverables each has limits the exchanges to a few areas of activity only

Next steps:

- EU-AIMS clinical network can play a key role in dissemination in the final year of the ASDEU initiative via its network of 93 sites in 37 countries
- A number of ASDEU sites will be invited to participate in trials planned for 2017 by industry partners