

MELODI Strategic Research Agenda Working Group

Meeting Summary – 11 March 2020

The MELODI SRA Working Group met on 11 March 2020 by web conference, this note provides a brief summary of discussions:

1. *SRA WG membership*: This was the first meeting of the WG with its new membership (see listing here - http://www.melodi-online.eu/doc/SRA_WG_2019-/SRA%20WG%20membership%2028%20Jan%202020%20nea.pdf). All new members were welcomed and indicated how their expertise will contribute to SRA WG activities. The tasks allocated to the SRA WG were outlined.
2. *MELODI workshops*: The currently schedule of workshop topics was reviewed. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the workshop on inhomogeneous exposures has been postponed until autumn 2020. A workshop hosted by IRSN on Adverse Outcome Pathways is planned for April 2021. Other topics under consideration are:
 - (i) Space/cosmic radiation: Roel Quintens/SCK.CEN/GSI; likely to run in 2022;
 - (ii) Radiation quality: Andrea Ottolenghi;
 - (iii) Disease-specific workshops for the various non-cancer disease endpoints;
 - (iv) Radiation and Immune system;
 - (v) Radiation impacts on aging/senescence.
3. *Short note for Nugenia on occupational radiation epidemiology*: Following a meeting between MEENAS and Nugenia, it was agreed that MELODI should provide a short note on the benefits of strengthening occupational radiation epidemiology in Europe that nuclear installation operators could be provided with to encourage strengthening of cohorts and provision of biological samples. E. Cardis and A. Auvinen agreed to lead on this.
4. *SRA statement*: may be required, pending a call from the EC.
5. *Stakeholder involvement*: WG members considered the potential benefits of inviting a stakeholder member onto the SRA WG. There was a consensus that such a move was premature but avenues to increase involvement should be taken up – eg requests for SRA review, occasional one-off invitations for specific stakeholders to attend