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Network of Excellence
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3RD NEUROPRION STUDENT EVENT

in Bratislava, Slovakia

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Dear NeuroPrion partners,

We are very pleased to announce the third NeuroPrion PhD/MD-student event that will be held from the 6 to 10 August 2008 in Bratislava, Slovakia. This workshop will combine exchange on scientific topics and practical training on presentation skills. 12-14 students will have the chance to participate to this event.

Location:

The event will be held in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. Bratislava can be either reached by the local airport, but also using the airport Schwechat (Vienna). There are good bus connections available and depending on the arrival times, we will try to organise a joint travel possibility.

Program:

As requested by the participants in 2007, we have invited a representative of a pharmaceutical company to give an introduction into the regulations of the pharmaceutical industry. During a two-day workshop “Presenting Science - comprehensive, competent and convincing” the students will be trained in presentation skills. This training is mainly based on practical exercises. This new skills can than be used directly by the students, when presenting their scientific work to the others.

Social Tour: Red Stone Castle

Not far from Bratislava, outside the village of Častá, lies the picturesque castle of Červený Kameň, which was built in the 13th century by Queen Constance.

While most Slovak castles ended up in ruins, Červený Kameň has been preserved and visitors can vividly imagine what medieval castles looked like and how people lived in them. We have the Pálffy family to thank for this, as they always had the castle repaired after fires and damage.

The tour will be completed by a visit of the nearby vineyards and joined dinner.



Costs and Reimbursement:

NeuroPrion will cover the travel expenses and accommodation for all participants. In order to simplify the reimbursement procedures, the accommodation and other local expenses will directly be paid by the hosting institute. The travel expenses shall be reimbursed by the different, participating NeuroPrion partners. Each NeuroPrion will receive these expenses as an additional budget for 2008 and shall be declared in the financial form in 2008.

Application:

The application form is attached and should be sent back to Jens Schell (jens.schell@cea.fr) before the 1st July 2008. Depending on the available places more than one person per NeuroPrion partner might be accepted.

Wednesday, 6 August 2008		
11:30	14:00	<i>Welcome and lunch buffet</i>
13:00	13:30	NeuroPrion – What is a network of Excellence ?
13:30	15:00	Introduction into regulations of the pharmaceutical industry and fundamental research
Social Programme		
18:00	19:30	Visit of Castle Red Stone and walk through the vineyards

Thursday and Friday, 8-9 August 2008		
8:30	18:30	Workshop: Presenting Science - comprehensive, competent and convincing
<p>Many factors influence the success of a scientific presentation. Besides excellent scientific work and knowledge of the field, other important factors are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ assured and authentic appearance ↳ clear structure and convincing argumentation ↳ motivation and activation of the audience ↳ adequate timing ↳ correct use of media ↳ comprehensive transfer of scientific results into figures and graphs ↳ intentional use of voice, body language and media <p>Therefore, the workshop will include the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and design of scientific presentations • Analysis of aims – What are my messages? • Analysis of audience – To whom will I talk? • Attractive presentations – methods and media • Figures – Creating comprehensive and plausible figures • Do's and Don'ts using PowerPoint • Dealing with Nervousness • Appearance and presence • Breathing and voice • Rhetoric exercises • Feed Back: Comparison of self-perception and how am I perceived? • How to win the audience over • Accidents, mishaps and disasters – How to deal with? • Questions – How to handle them competently? <p>The workshop will include many practical phases in order to apply the theory presented. As we would like to work on concrete themes, each participant is asked to prepare a 12 min oral presentation of her/his scientific project. These presentations will be given on the final day of the NeuroPrion Student Event, but may be used partly during the Presenting Science workshop. It is also possible to work on other presentations, like posters or other presentations, if they are in English and if it is wished by a participant. In such a case the respective presentation should be prepared as well. During the workshop a video feed-back is foreseen, if technically available.</p>		
19:00	20:30	Dinner and Free Evening

Saturday, 10 August 2008		
8:30	16:00	Scientific Presentations of the Participants
16:00	16:30	Closing Remarks
Fly-out, End of the event		