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**EEA Norway-Romania SmartVac project**

**IIIrd annual meeting**

**Time:** June 10-13/2022

**Thursday June 9th, arrival of guests**

19:00- Welcome Dinner

**Friday June 10th, Institute of Biochemistry**

10-10:30 **Dr. Stefana Petrescu**, Director of the IB: guest introduction, welcome address.

10:30- 14:00 **Dr. Norica Nichita** (IB): presentation of the institute departments, facilities, collaboration opportunities

14:00-14:30 Light Lunch

14:30- 16:00  **Dr. Norica Nichita** (IB), **Professors Jihong Liu-Clarke** (NIBIO) and **Ralph Bock** (NIBIO/MPI-MP): discussion on funding opportunities beyond the SmartVac project, EU funding, Horizon Europe calls, European Innovation Council calls, “Hop on” facility (Horizon Europe). Online participation by ZOOM, for project members who are not physically present.

18:00- Dinner

**Saturday June 11th, travel to Sinaia**

18:00- Dinner

**Sunday June 12th Conference Hall “Foisorul cu Flori” Hotel, Sinaia**

10:00-12:00 **Dr. Popescu Costin-Ioan** (IB), **Dr. Crina Stavaru** (CI): Increasing dissemination and public communication of the SmartVac project results.

12:00-13:30 **Dr. Norica Nichita** (IB): Project management, data publication, revision of currently-submitted manuscripts and preparation of novel submissions.

13.30-14.30 Lunch

14:30- Informal discussion between partner team members

18:00- Dinner

**Monday June 13th** , **Conference Hall “Foisorul cu Flori” Hotel, Sinaia; Online participation by ZOOM, for project members who are not physically present.**

9.30-10:30 **Dr. Norica Nichita** (IB): Generation and characterization of novel HBV vaccine candidates (Data from WP1, WP4, WP5, WP6)

10:30-11:30 **Dr. Costin Ioan Popescu** (IB): Generation and characterization of novel HCV antigens (Data from WP1, WP4, WP5, WP6)

11:30-12:30 Discussion on project progress on design and production of HBV/HCV antigens; potential delays, backup plans.

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 **Dr. Andre van Eeerde** (NIBIO): Updates on HBV/HCV antigens expression in *N. benthamiana* and *L. sativa* (Data from WP2).

14:30-15:00 Discussion on WP2, future activities

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-16:15 **Alexander Hammel** (MPI-MP), Updates on HBV/HCV protein expression in microalgae (Data from WP3).

16:15-16:45 Discussion on WP3, future activities

16:45-17:45 **Dr. Crina Stavaru** (INCDMM Cantacuzino), Evaluation of the immunogenicity of HBV and HCV vaccine candidates expressed in plants and algae (Data from WP5).

17:45-18:15 Discussion on WP5, future activities

18:15-19:00 Roundtable conclusions and closing remarks

19:00-Dinner

**Tuesday June 14th**

9:00 Departure to Bucharest, via Otopeni Airport