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### MedPlant latest news - June 2016

**Remember to sign up for Cagliari and the Summer School before July 10**  
Summer is upon us and the meeting in Cagliari is coming up in September, and so the planning of the 6th Supervisory Board meeting and 3rd Summer School is continuing. The invitation has been sent out and you are expected to arrive in Cagliari Monday the 19 Sept. As described in the work program, there will be several partners and associated partners involved in the Plant to product course. The planning of the career course and workshop is almost done and will include both introduction to different tools and theory, which will hopefully be helpful in the fellows future job search and career. The preliminary program for the meetings, course and workshop is expected to be available online in July. Contact Nina or Mette if you have any questions.

**Link to registration <http://medplant.eu/cagliari-registration/>**

Also please remember that each partner institution must email Hotel Italia directly to book your rooms at [info@hotelitaliacagliari.com](mailto:info@hotelitaliacagliari.com) with the code 'Medplant Summer School 20-25 September 2016'!

**9th Joint Natural Products Conference 2016 in Copenhagen**  
The JNPC will take place in Copenhagen from July 24-27 with a broad range of scientific disciplines within natural products research. The Natural History Museum of Denmark will host an event in the Garden Monday 25 July [www.jnpc2016.dk](http://www.jnpc2016.dk)

**Attention please!**  
It is important that you remember to inform us about any new articles and outreach, so we can include it at the website.

**Updates from fellows and partners**

Irene Teixidor, ESR6, attended a course on methods for cultural evolution in the Max Planck Institute in Jena, Germany, in May. Also, the booklet about medicinal plants to give back to the community as part of the ethics protocol is almost ready and will be launched and used by the provincial Education Department.

Astrid Henz, ESR1, Anders Backlund, Madeleine Ernst ESR5, Karen Martinez ESR3, Natalie Iwanycki ESR4, Maonian Xu ESR2, Sesselja Omarsdottir, Jürg Gertz and Nina Rønsted will attend JNPC in Copenhagen.

- Both Astrid, Anders and Madeleine have been accepted for short talks. Karen and Maonian will present posters.
- Jürg will be leading the Young Researchers Workshop and Nina will give a lecture on 'The Quest for Cinchona'.

- Also rumor has it that Nina and Natalie will be acting as mermaid commentators at the opening ceremony...

Peter Staub, ERS8, has a new paper out about the herbal drugs described in De Materia Medica: P.O. Staub, L. Casu, M. Leonti, Back to the roots: A quantitative survey of herbal drugs in Dioscorides' De Materia Medica (ex Matthioli, 1568), Phytomedicine (2016), doi: 10.1016/j.phymed.2016.06.016

Anders Backlund participated, and 'flashed' the MedPlant + EU logos, at the 16th "International Conference of Ethnopharmacology" in Yulin, China together with Marco Leonti. Anders' talk title there was 化学性质空间中的生物活性导航 -在传统药理学研究之应用 (Bioactivity mapping of chemical property space – possible applications in ethno-pharmacological research).

Natalie Iwanycki, ESR4, completed her second research stay at ArcticMass (AC6) this May. The Plantago leaf chemical analyses are now complete for global samples collected from a selection of 50 worldwide localities. Thank you Finnur and Margret! The extensive metabolomic data we now have is being processed and analysed. Genetic sequencing data has been completed for 40% of the global samples, and soil analyses are currently underway.

In Bern they now have a functional BSL3 lab to work with Trypanosoma cruzi, giving Andrea Salm, ESR10, the possibility to start working on this human pathogen directly in Bern.

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