



# EuroBioBank/TREAT-NMD Annual Meeting 2008

« Membership to the EuroBioBank Network »

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# Who can join the EuroBioBank network ?



## a **BRC/ BioBank (?)**

- Human biological resources collections
- Quality assurance
- Aim to facilitate access to samples

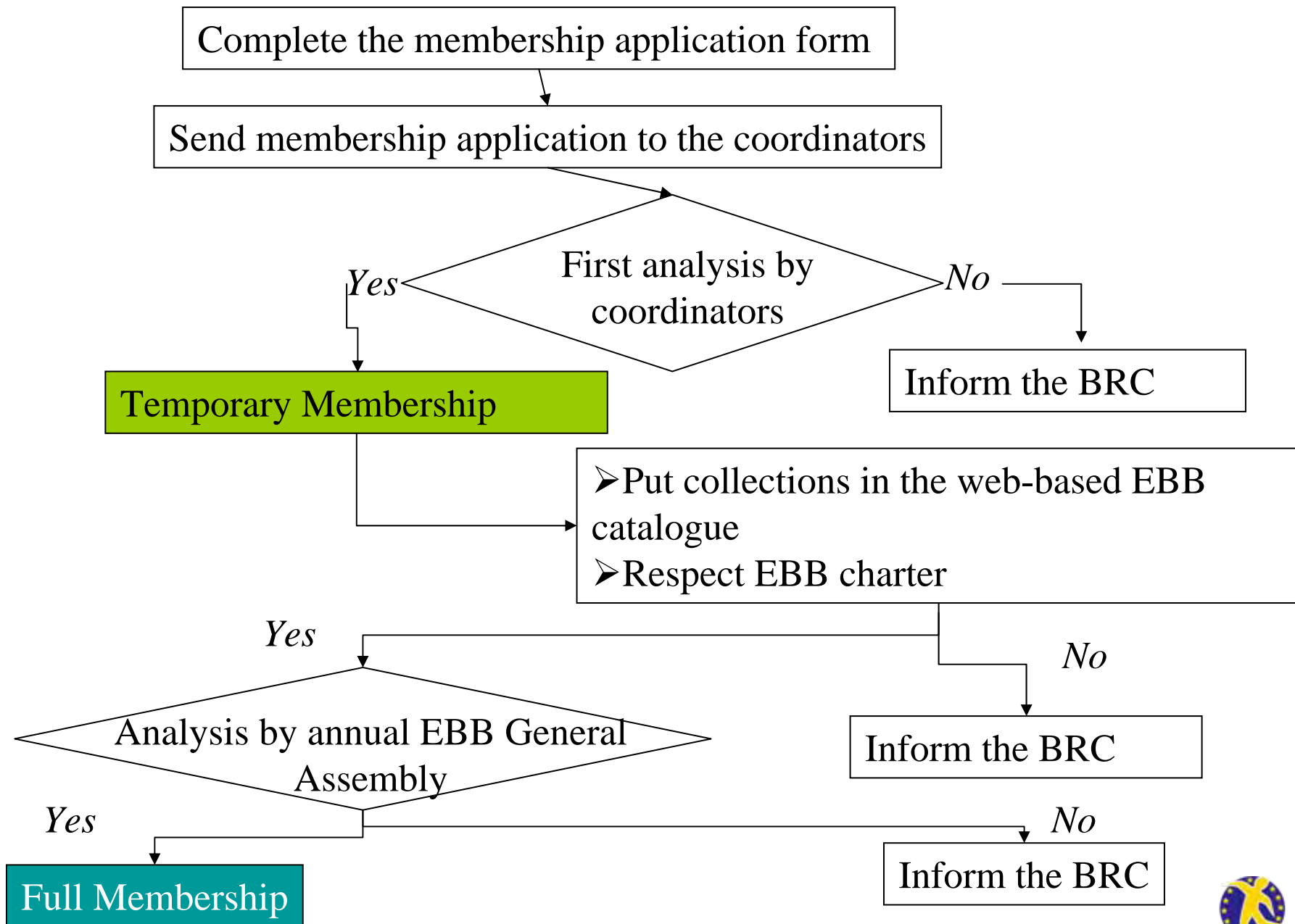
With a rare disease thematic

Established in Europe

# OECD Definition of Biological Resource Centres (BRCs)



« **Biological Resource Centres are an essential part of the infrastructure underpinning biotechnology. They consist of service providers and repositories of the living cells, genomes of organisms, and information relating to heredity and the functions of biological systems.** BRCs contain collections of culturable organisms (*e.g.* micro-organisms, plant, animal and human cells), replicable parts of these (*e.g.* genomes, plasmids, viruses, cDNAs), viable but not yet culturable organisms cells and tissues, as well as data bases containing molecular, physiological and structural information relevant to these collections and related bioinformatics. **BRC must meet the high standards of quality and expertise demanded by the international community** of scientists and industry for the delivery of biological information and materials. **They must provide access to biological resources** on which R&D in the life sciences and the advancement of biotechnology depends. »



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## Membership of the EuroBioBank Network

- ***Eligibility***
- ***Benefits of membership***
- ***Procedure***

# Membership section of the EBB website



## **1) Eligibility**

**The EuroBioBank Network welcomes new members !**

Any private or institutional Biological Resources Centres (BRCs) which collect and distribute rare disease biomaterials for research, using a procedure of high quality, may apply for membership. The applicants should agree with the principles defined in the network Charter and be willing to put their collections of samples (or part of them) on the web-based catalogue.

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## 2) ***Benefits of membership*** (from the EBB charter)

- Being involved in a highly visible and reputed European Network of biobanks dedicated to Rare Diseases;
- Displaying collections in the general EuroBioBank Network catalogue published on the EuroBioBank Network website;
- Being listed on the EuroBioBank Network website;
- Using the EuroBioBank name and logo, in accordance with the rules established by the General Assembly ;
- Accessing the EuroBioBank Network intranet;
- Having a privileged access to know-how and services provided by other Members;
- **Working towards the harmonisation of biobanking practices;**
- **Mentoring for new biobanks that are in the set-up phase, to assist their alignment with high quality standards.**

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## 3) Procedure

- Please download the [application form](#) and complete it.
- Return the form to the EuroBioBank coordinators :  
[contact@eurobiobank.org](mailto:contact@eurobiobank.org)
- Once approved by the coordinators, a temporary membership is conferred to the applicant
- Until a full membership is confirmed by the General Assembly, at the EuroBioBank Network Annual Meeting.

*For further information, please email us at: [contact@eurobiobank.org](mailto:contact@eurobiobank.org)*



# Membership Application Form



## **Sections of the application form:**

**Part I: General Information on your BRC**

**Part II: Organisation of your BRC**

**Part III: Collections of biological resources**

**Part IV: Reasons for joining EuroBioBank**

**Part V: Declaration**

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## Part I: General Information on your **BRC/BioBank**

### 1. BRC

Name :

Acronym :

Website:

Status of your BRC:

(e.g. independent, charity, affiliated to university or private company)

Address:

### 2. Head of the BRC

Name :

Email:

Tel:

Fax:

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## Part II: Organisation of your BRC

### 3. Funding

Source(s) of Funding :

Does your Biobank have a requirement for cost recovery?

### 4. Access to collections

Do you place restrictions on who may access your samples?

yes  no

If Yes, please specify : \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have approval from a Research Ethics Committee for distributing your samples?

yes  no

If No, who approves access by researchers to biomaterials from your BRC? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part II: Organisation of your BRC (continued)

### 5. Quality assurance

Do you have a Quality Assurance system?: yes  no

(i.e. ISO 9001, OECD BRC guidelines, other specific guidelines)

if Yes, what standard do you use?: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Data

Do you have a catalogue of collections? yes  no

If Yes, is it published on a web site yes  no

Please specify: www. \_\_\_\_

Do you have a database? yes  no

Which software do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

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## 6. Data (continued)

For the purposes of the EuroBioBank catalogue, could you easily extract a text file from your database with the following data :

For DNA collections:

ICD-10 identifier; ICD-10 Name; MIM number; MIM name; Number of families; Number of Persons; Number of patients; Bank Contact; Last Update

For tissues collections :

ICD-10 identifier; ICD-10 name; MIM number; MIM name; Anatomic origin; Number of Persons; Number of samples; Bank Contact; Last Update

For primary cell lines collections :

ICD-10 identifier; ICD-10 name; MIM number; MIM name; Anatomic origin; Type of cells; Number of Persons; Bank Contact; Last Update

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## Part III: Collections of biological resources

### 7. Origin and use of samples

In what context were your collections sampled/used (*more than one option possible*)?

#### Origin:

- Research
- Diagnosis
- Therapeutics
- Other:\_\_\_\_\_

#### Use:

- Research
- Diagnosis
- Therapeutics
- Other:\_\_\_\_\_

### 8. Scientific thematics

What are your main scientific domains ? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the 5 last scientific publications based on samples from your BRC?

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## 9. Pathologies

What pathologies do you collect?

## 10. Type of Biological resources

### Do you collect?

Blood                                    yes             no

Other fluids                            yes             no

Cells                                      yes             no

Tissues                                yes             no

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Do you prepare?

Cells                                    yes             no

Cell lines                            yes             no

DNA                                     yes             no

RNA                                     yes             no

Protein                                yes             no

Paraffin embedded tissue        yes             no

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## 11. Quantification of collections

Number of total collections managed by your BRC:

### For DNA collections :

- Total numbers of Families :
- Total numbers of persons (patient and control) :
- Total number of patients :

### For tissue collections :

- Total number of persons :
- Total number of samples :

### For primary cell lines :

- Total number of persons :
- Total number of cultures :



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## 12. BRC activities

Number of collections available for publication on the EBB catalogue:

Number of new patients per year:

Number of samples distributed per year:

## 13. Associated data

What type of data could you easily provide with the samples?

Do you have a link to clinical data?      yes       no

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## **Part IV: Reasons for joining EuroBioBank**

Please write a few lines explaining why your BRC would like to join EuroBioBank :

## **Part V: Declaration**

As a Member of the EuroBioBank Network, your BRC is willing to accept the terms of the Eurobiobank Charter

and in particular:

- to publish your available collections on the web-based EBB catalogue
- to contribute to any project that the EuroBioBank Network is involved in

**Date:**

**Signature:**