



# NECOBELAC Project

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A network of collaboration  
between Europe and Latin American Caribbean countries  
to spread know-how in scientific writing and provide the best tools  
to exploit open access information for the safeguard of public health

## **Deliverable 2.2** **Report of Sao Paolo Meeting** **April 16, 2010**

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Organisation name of WP lead: ISS

## NECOBELAC Partners

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## INTRODUCTION

The Project partners meeting in Sao Paolo in April 2010 had been already planned in the Description of Work. According to the initial vision of the NECOBELAC project it represented the first opportunity for all partners to meet again after the project kick off meeting in Rome held in February 2009.

Contrary to initial previsions, partners had (and will have) different opportunity to meet and discuss the progress of work *vis à vis*.

The Sao Paolo Meeting was scheduled soon after the first NECOBELAC training activity (Sao Paolo Course for trainers, NECOBELAC T1), and it proved extremely useful also to collect immediate feedback from the course.

Following the positive experience of a project meeting after a training course gathering most partners in the same place, it was decided that each of the NECOBELAC training courses for trainers would be followed by a project meeting.

This is extremely useful to discuss feedback from the training activity in order to improve the following courses (organization and contents) already envisaged in the project schedule and to present the progress of the work of each WP and accordingly adjust the project strategy. A new design of the project website was also a consequence of the Sao Paolo discussions.

This deliverable, referring the results of the project meeting held in Sao Paolo, is produced with some delay. Such delay in presentation is due to the intense activity of all partners involved in the organization of the training activity and in the preparation of the training material to be distributed in the coming NECOBELAC courses (in particular referring to the use of Topic maps and other promotional material).

Two training courses and subsequent project meeting were realized in the same year, after the Sao Paolo course and project meeting: the training course in Rome, on 18-20 October, 2010 and the training course in Bogotà, on November 9-11, 2010.

The delay in the presentation of this deliverable, however, permits us to stress the usefulness of the first project meeting in Sao Paolo which opened the way for a regular *vis à vis* discussion after each training event among the project partners in order to improve the training program, and adjust the project schedule for the benefit of the entire project strategy.



## PROJECT WORK PACKAGES

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# AGENDA OF THE SAO PAOLO PROJECT MEETING

April 16, 2010 – h. 9.00- 17.00 at BIREME

*All partners are requested to attend*

**9.00-13.00**

## **Session 1 NECOBELAC Training Activity**

1. Feedback on the first NECOBELAC training course (Sao Paolo course)
2. Second NECOBELAC training course in Latin America. Participants from Andean countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Bolivia, Chile. This course will be held in Colombia, Bogotá in November 2010 dates to be established (CRIC conference in Chile?)
3. Schedule of the other NECOBELAC training courses in LAC and Europe

**11.00- 11.15** *Coffee break*

4. Production of a Book as useful tool for NECOBELAC training sustainability

**13.00-14.00** *Lunch*

**14.00-17.00**

## **Session 2 NECOBELAC Working packages: State of the art and future plans**

*(15 minutes per WP)*

**14.00-15,30**

1. **NECOBELAC Working Package 1: ISS**  
schedule for the First Project Activity Report. Deliverable 1.2
2. **NECOBELAC Working Packages 2: ISS - Strategic actions**
  - Organization of the Second Meeting ISS- IILA (Istituto Italo Latino Americano) will be held in Rome, October 19, 2010 (16,30-19,30) within the International Open Access Week (18-22 October, 2010). (Contents and Attendants/project Partners)
  - Support for OA publication fees
  - Promoting NECOBELAC through the participation in conferences and meeting (EAHIL, ICORD 2010, MET, CRIS, etc.)
  - Dates of the final Project meeting and International Conference on OA
3. **NECOBELAC Working Package 3: UNOTT** (Report of the WP lead)
4. **NECOBELAC Working Package 4: CSIC** (Report of the WP lead)
5. **NECOBELAC Working Package 5: UMINHO** (Report of the WP lead)
6. **NECOBELAC Working Package 6: BIREME** (Report of the WP lead)
7. **NECOBELAC Working Package 7: ISP** (Report of the WP lead)

**15.30** *Coffee break*

**15.45 -17,00** **Final discussion**



## REPORT OF THE SAO PAOLO PROJECT MEETING 16 APRIL 2010

Location: BIREME, Rua Botucatu, Sao Paolo (Brazil)

Time: 9.00-17.00

The meeting was attended by:

- all NECOBELAC partners
  - Paola De Castro (Project coordinator),  
Daniela Marsili, Elisabetta Poltronieri  
*Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy*
  - Carlos A. Agudelo, Diony Pulido, Gloria Vasquez  
*Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia*
  - Chloe Furnival on behalf of Bill Hubbard  
*The University of Nottingham, United Kingdom*
  - Reme Melero  
*Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Spain*
  - Abel L. Packer, Lilian Nassi Calo  
*BIREME, Brasil*
  - Eloy Rodrigues  
*Universidade do Minho, Portugal*

Some collaborators of BIREME attended the meeting as well; for the University of Nottingham, a report of activity was presented by Chloe Furnival on behalf of Bill Hubbard (UNOTT). The meeting took place in Sao Paolo soon after the first third-day NECOBELAC training course (T1).



These are the main points of discussion arisen during the Project meeting:

## **SESSION 1.**

### **Feedback of the 1<sup>st</sup> NECOBELAC training course and future actions**

The feedback following the first training initiative and the necessary future actions are summarized below:

#### 1. *Feedback of the 1<sup>st</sup> NECOBELAC training course for trainers (T1)*

After discussion among partners, and careful consideration of the course outcome, the main decisions taken for the organization of the future training courses T1, regard the following points:

- *Duration of the course*  
3 whole days, instead of 2 and a half days (see new course draft structure below)
- *Inclusion of two Parallel sessions within the Course*  
Scientific publication and open access (see new course draft structure below), so as to provide homogeneous interest groups (mainly editors and librarians)
- *Course objectives*
  - Stress the concept of course replication (T2) by participants in T1, during the first and final sessions of the T1 and make groups working in view of replicating the methodology in T2.
  - Conceptual maps will be a core element of the course scheme above (Reme Melero will develop a basic guide to work with the maps within coming May 10)
- *Course programme*
  - The course programme agreed upon by all partners before the course cannot be changed.
  - The inclusion of contributions by local experts added value to the course and will be included in the next T1 (see new course draft structure below).
  - Group work added value and will be improved thus representing a crucial part of the next courses.
  - It is necessary to use a standardized methodology for content design of T1 courses.
  - It is advisable to foresee initiatives of Project advocacy through the invitation/involvement of selected local authorities.
- *Teaching material*  
Partners agreed on the need (raised up by course participants) to make available useful tools (conceptual maps in particular) to facilitate their work as trainers in T2s.
- *Course participants*
  - Selection of participants: Participants in the T1 will be selected by an ad hoc local management groups. Selection should be very accurate, according to professional positions and real capacity/availability (institution support) to replicate the NECOBELAC (T2s)
  - It is necessary to have a major interaction with participants: need to know their background and expectations, informal discussions, etc.
  - Awareness of Project objectives: provide from the very beginning of the course detailed information on their commitment to replicate the courses at local level (T2s)



<p><b>NECOBELAC training T1 NEW COURSE DRAFT STRUCTURE</b></p> <p><i>Course duration: 3 days</i></p> <p><b>DAY 1 (morning)</b></p> <p><b>Module 1. Introduction to NECOBELAC project</b> <b>Module 2. The scientific communication system</b> <b>Module 3. Journals and other communication channels</b></p> <p>Creation of working groups on scientific publication or Open Access, according to the participants' interests</p> <p><b>DAY 1 (afternoon), DAY 2 (all day), DAY 3 (morning)</b> <b>PARALLEL SESSIONS including the contributions by local experts</b></p> <p><b>1 - Scientific publication</b> Creation and management of a scientific journal Article Peer-review Dissemination Evaluation and impact <i>Including hints to OA</i></p> <p><b>2 – Open access</b> Introduction to OA OA Journals Repositories Policies <i>Including hints on scientific publication</i></p> <p><b>DAY 3 (afternoon)</b></p> <p><b>Final Discussion</b> <b>Evaluation Questionnaire</b> Conclusions</p>
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2. *Planning of the Second T1 course in 2010*

The next T1 course will be in **Colombia** (Bogotá): participants will be preferably from Colombia and the other Andean Countries (Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile) + other countries (probably).  
Dates: **November 16,17, 18**. A feed back meeting after the course will take place on November 19 (Bogotá).

Soon after the course, some partners (ISS, ISP and BIREME) will take part in the in 9<sup>o</sup> Regional Congress on Health Sciences Information (CRICS9) to be held in Santiago (Chile), 21-24 November 2010.

3. *Next T1 Courses EU and LAC in 2010-2011*

Possible dates to be confirmed

**Italy** (Rome): attendants from Italy  
*Dates:* either during the open access week (18-23 October 2010)  
or 23-25 February 2011

**Spain** (Madrid): attendants from Spain  
*Dates:* February 28 - March 1-2, 2010.

Although the OA weeks is full of commitments, it is not advisable to plan two T1 courses (Rome and Madrid) so close which would result in no useful feedback between them and consequent adjustments.

In 2011, two T1 courses will take place in Latin America (Mexico? Cuba? Costa Rica? English speaking Central American countries?). Dates and places are still to be decided.

4. *NECOBELAC training sustainability – production of a book*



A basic short Guide on conceptual maps is expected by May 10 (see above); it is desirable to produce a more comprehensive document including teaching material (descriptions of the single headings shown on the maps – 200 words max), by June 2010.

## SESSION 2. NECOBELAC Working packages

The second session of the Project meeting was devoted to the presentation of the activities of each WP:

### 1. WP1 ISS

First Project activity report – Deliverable 1.2.

Instructions on how to provide financial data and narrative part of each working package were illustrated (basic info in PPT were distributed among partners during the meeting and are already available on the Project Web site reserved area, under *Deliverables*)

ISS proposal for a sort of a NECOBELAC declaration: *NECOBELAC Manifesto - building up networks to foster good practice in scientific communication* focussing on NECO specific foreground resulting in the sustainability of its output (see slides attached). Partners are invited to think about it and give their feedback .

### 2. WP2 ISS

The project strategy mainly focuses on the training activity which was widely discussed in the first session of the Project meeting, as feedback of the course. The necessity for a close collaboration among partners was pointed out in order to better achieve the project goals. In particular, UNOTT and UMINHO should cooperate more closely as regards the implementation of advocacy programmes. All partners are requested to give their full support for the achievements of the project goals, even if these are not directly included in their WPs, in fact, the strategy is that all partners participate in all WP activities. Support is required for the implementation of conceptual maps and advocacy plans. Collaboration to the wiki by each partner will help providing an outlook of the local approach to scientific writing and open access in the different countries.

### 3. WP3 UNOTT

Chloe Furnival a future new collaborator of UNOTT reported the synthesis of document signed by Bill Hubbard and summarising the WP3 Progress report, in particular she pointed out:

D3.1. NECOBELAC wiki. Partners agreed on the feasibility of an implementation of wiki resources with contents pertaining the conceptual maps.

D3.3. Due to UNOTT lack of staff the deliverable has not been produced yet. The advocacy programme to be carry on has been just illustrated (see UNOTT document attached)

### 4. WP4 CSIC

Conceptual maps (see attachment) were illustrated in detail in Session 1. Referring to the facilities to be provided to the participants in NECO T1, CSIC underlines the usefulness of creating a sort of help-desk service available on the Project web site (through the setting up of a forum). All partners agreed on this initiative and, in particular, UMINHO committed itself to working on this point.

### 5. WP5 UMINHO

Deliverable 5.1 needs to receive more feedback by partners, so that UMINHO will circulate it in order to obtain comments and implement it. (The deliverable was already sent to the commission). Working closer with UNOTT was considered most advisable and fruitful. The *Openaire* Project was mentioned in order to find useful material to implement the NECO Project wiki.

### 6. WP6 BIREME

BIREME proposals were reported on a slide shown below, regarding new initiatives within the networking activity.

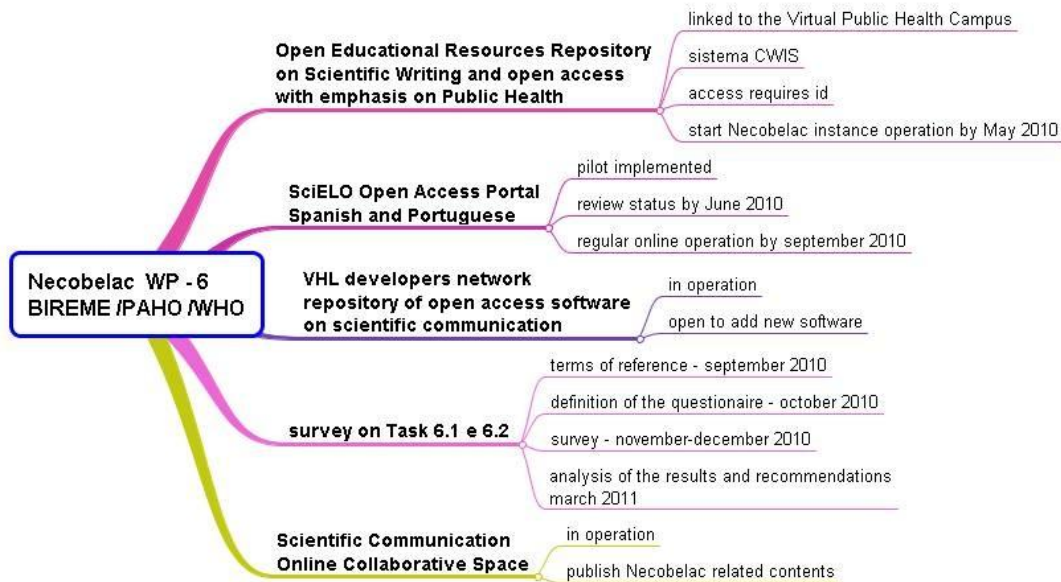
With reference to the first line (*Open educational resources...*) UMINHO reacted to the proposal of creating a new centralized repository, as users can rely on the existence of interoperable repositories already free accessible (without no login) also in the public health domain. BIREME clarifies that user identification is required just for data entry and not for browsing the archive.



As regards the second point (*SciELO OA Portal*) BIREME suggests that NECOBELAC could act as an aggregator of resources.

Concerning the fourth point (*Survey on Task 6.1 and 6.2*) there will be the opportunity to meet the scientific editors during the CRICS conference in November 2010. They could be committed to develop the concept of a network (RedDes: Redes de Desarrolladores).

BIREME collaborators delivered presentations on 1) *Campus virtual de salud publica* and 2) Draft of the *Portal Acceso abierto*. Both these products can include links to NECOBELAC in order to best benefit of NECOBELAC network and related resources.



BIREME informs that the journal *Annali dell'Istituto Superiore di Sanità* (official scientific journal published by ISS) is now appearing in SciELO.

7. WP7 ISP


ISP illustrated a detailed document envisaging the activities carried out from November 2009 to April 2010, as well as those planned for the period May-October 2010 concerning the spread of the Project objectives and activities among the Caribbean and Central American institutions (see attached document). ISP has also prepared a preliminary list of institutions to be involved in the NECOBELAC training course T1 planned in November 2010 (Bogotá). Finally ISP informed partners on its initial work in developing a network of Colombian journals.

Generally, all partners agreed upon the necessity to:


- focus on flexibility in training modules both as regards the T1 and the T2 activities on the basis of feedback from participants to the T1 and T2 courses;
- produce promotional material in the 4 project languages (posters, booklets, guide for trainers to be distributed in national and international events in the project areas);
- develop the NECOBELAC community (made of institutions attending T1 and T2 and answering the online questionnaire);
- make the website more user friendly;
- provide special offers to publish on OA journals to EU-LAC co-authors;
- provide comprehensive and authoritative resources available from NECOBELAC topic maps;
- monitor the new initiatives undertaken (in terms of set up of digital archives OA compliant and production of journal articles on OA journals in the Project involved countries).



# ANNEX 1. Programme of the Sao Paulo NECOBELAC Training Course for trainers



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**Scholarly outputs  
in health sciences:  
publication process  
and open access**


*First NECOBELAC training course  
for trainers to foster collaboration  
between Europe and LAC countries*

**Sao Paulo (Brasil),  
13-15 April, 2010**


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*State your name, role, institution/agency and confirm that you intend to cascade the course information onwards in support of scientific writing and the growth of Open Access to Health Care information.*

**Deadline:** February 28, 2010  
Acceptance will be communicated by March 7, 2010

Attendance is free, with attendees only having to pay their own travel and accommodation costs.

Attendants will receive training materials and a Certificate allowing them to replicate NECOBELAC training at local level.

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## ANNEX 2. Abstracts of the training Modules presented in the Sao NECOBELAC Training Course for trainers

The Abstract book was intended to provide summary information on the 13 training modules presented in Sao Paolo Course (April 2010) including also and a list of selected online resources. The Abstract book was produced in Spanish, Portuguese and English since it was deemed that the Italian version would not be useful for the Sao Paolo Training Course and that an up-dated version would be produced for the Course in Italy.

The 13 modules are reported below:

- M1.** Presentation of the NECOBELAC project and the training program .....
- M2.** Introduction to knowledge dissemination through journals .....
- M3.** How to use conceptual maps in NECOBELAC training .....
- M4.** The scientific publication process: the actors of the editorial chain .....
- M5.** Creation of a document, formats and scientific writing .....
- M6.** Evaluation, certification and new metrics for scholarly outputs .....
- M7.** Distribution, dissemination, access to information in public health .....
- M8.** Introduction to Open Access .....
- M9.** Open Access repositories: technologies, standards and platforms .....
- M10.** Open Access repositories: current status and best practices .....
- M11.** Open Access journals. Economic models .....
- M12.** Cultural differences in the approach of scientific writing  
and open access publication model .....
- M13.** The role of NECOBELAC local trainers: expected results and future actions

The full text of the Abstracts of the Training modules is available online on the project website in three languages.

[http://www.necobelac.eu/documents/necobelac%20abstract%20book\\_EN\\_LAST.pdf](http://www.necobelac.eu/documents/necobelac%20abstract%20book_EN_LAST.pdf)

Here follow the title pages of the abstract book in English, Spanish and Portuguese.



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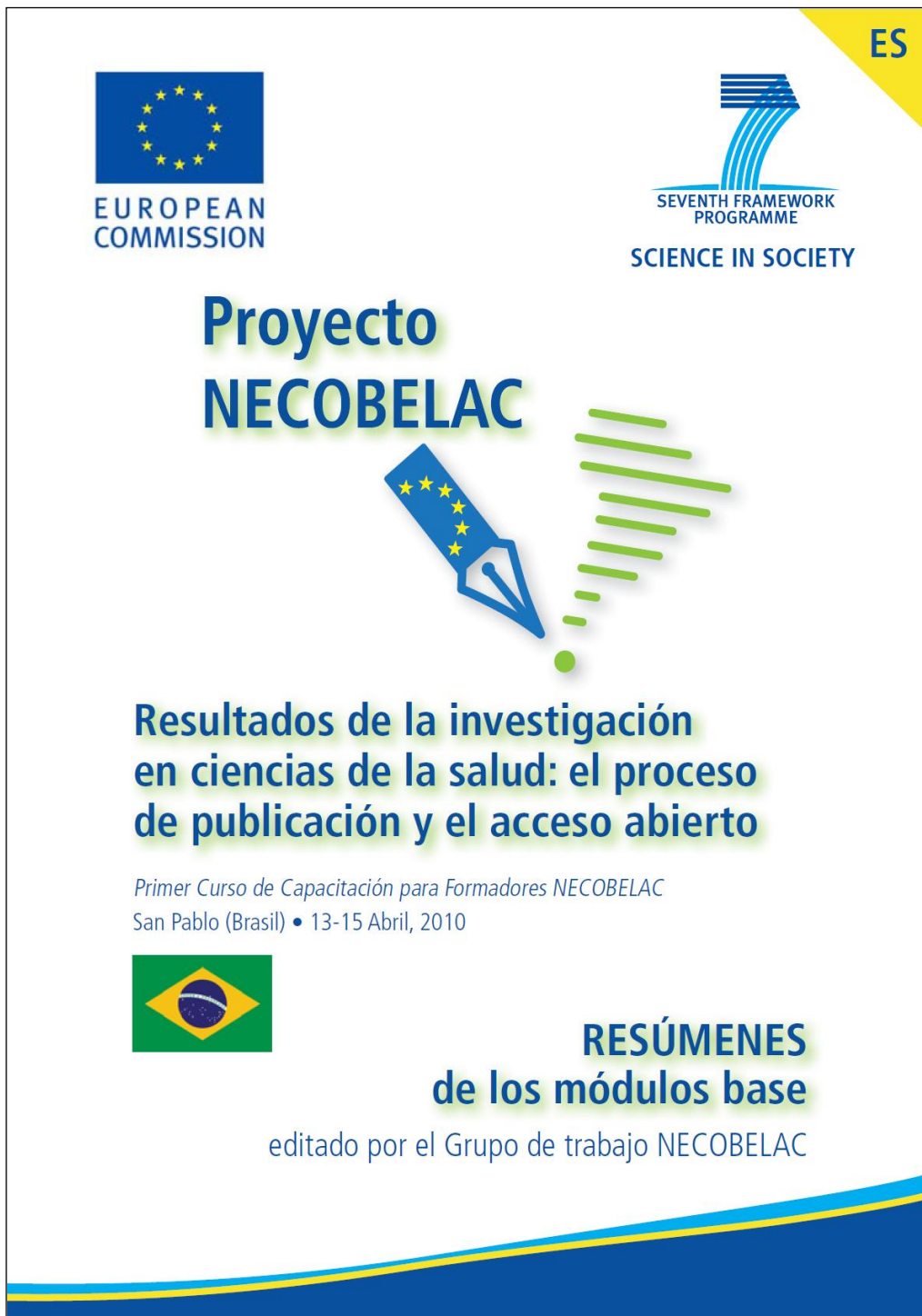
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### ABSTRACTS of the basic modules

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## RESUMO dos módulos básicos

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