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- **TEDxMedUniGraz – call for application as speaker for 11 March 2022**
– May 2021
- **Video „EFRE success stories from Styria (Austria)“** – May 2021
- **New Legal Officer: Ilaria Colussi (IT)**- May 2021
Her key responsibility is to revive the code of conduct

Global Biobanking News



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- **Trust-based not-for-profit biobank platform will offer left-over biosamples to biotech and Pharma researchers** - Labnews (28 Apr 2021)
This material is research treasure and needed by researchers [...] One approach is to consult a biobank directory, but these are difficult for non-specialists to navigate, given all the medical terminology. Also, many biobanks listed do not want to supply industry, which gives rise to false leads and wasted time. Another approach is to use a commercial broker, many of whom are based in [...]



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- **Pet dog biobanking could well support aging research**
By Biobanking.com (May 2021)
Two recent papers highlight the so far underrated relevance of pet dog biobanking in molecular research and introduce their initiative to make pioneering steps in this field. The Hungarian Canine Brain and Tissue Bank (CBTB) was established by [...]



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- **The reformation of biobanks: From siloed repositories to collaborative powerhouses** - ddw-online (6 May 2021)
Erik Steinfelder on the importance of cross-collaboration, adapting to regulatory requirements, driving sample quality, and ethical and legal considerations in biobanking [...]



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- **Challenges in biobanking: Underutilization of samples** - Biobanking.com/Daniel Simeon-Dubach (May 2021)
When it comes to predictions, I agree with Nobel Prize winner Niels Bohr: “Prediction is very difficult, especially if it’s about the future”. Nevertheless, I dare to predict that there will be some consolidation in biobanks in the next few years. How do I get this idea? A few thoughts on this. The underutilization of [...]



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- **New Biosample Hub created** – Health Tech World (May 2021)
80 % of companies in the UK found accessing patient samples unexpectedly difficult – an issue which also translates onto a global scale. Biobanking pioneer Robert Hewitt has therefore created a not-for-profit Biosample Hub in 2020 [...]



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- **10 years BBMRI.nl – celebratory magazine** (May 2021)
In the past 10 years, BBMRI.nl has made great progress in fulfilling its mission to maximize the use of biomaterial, images and clinical data for health research. The celebratory BBMRI-magazine [...]



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- **European project to harness biobanks, EHRs to develop precision psychiatry tools**
– Genome Web (May 2021)
A new European project aims to combine real-world electronic health records with genomic data from biorepositories and clinical trial data to develop new tools to help guide treatment selection for patients with severe mental disorders [...]

Upcoming Events



- **How to build a biobank** | 16-17 Sep 2021 | Med Uni Graz, AT
- **How to operate a biobank** | 20-24 Sep 2021 | Med Uni Graz, AT