MetaHIT

Research Areas

- Tool Development
  Innovation
- Biomarker Research
  Diagnostic
- Basic Research
- Product Development
  Data

At a Glance

- Status: Completed Consortium
- Year Launched: 2008
- Initiating Organization: European Commission
- Initiator Type: Government
- Location: Europe

Abstract

MetaHIT gathers 13 partners from academia and industry, a total of 8 countries. Its total cost has been evaluated at more than 21.2 million € and the funding requested from the European Commission has been set with an upper limit of 11.4 million €. The project will last from January 1, 2008 until June 30, 2012. The project studies the metagenomics of the human intestinal tract in order to better understand disorders of IBD and Obesity.

Mission

The central objective of the project is to establish associations between the genes of the human intestinal microbiota and our health and disease. MetaHIT focused on two disorders of increasing importance in Europe, Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and obesity. The incidence of IBD has been increasing constantly during the past decades in Western Europe, and this dramatic trend is now
observed in Eastern Europe as well. The global epidemic of obesity is well recognized and imposes a huge and rapidly growing challenge for the public health services.

Consortium History

The project lasted from January 1, 2008 until June 30, 2012.

Structure & Governance

MetaHIT is part of another consortium group: International Human Microbiome Consortium (IHMC). It is also a project of the European Commission Under the 7th PF program.

Financing

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