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CTLS 2025 Congress website launched!

Click [here](#) to visit the new CTLS 2025 Congress website!



Have a look at the short programme with session topics, get to know the venue and the city of Brno, meet the members of the Steering Committee and much more.

Registration for the Congress will open in August 2025, so stay tuned.

Updates from the CTLS Shadowing and Staff Exchange Programme

Read below to learn all about the new members of this focus group, the 2024 programme dates and the new available hosts for this programme.

New members of the Focus Group:

Three very experienced scientists have joined as new members of the CTLS Shadowing and Staff Exchange focus group. Already familiar with CTLS, they believe in shadowing as a unique opportunity to promote professional development, training, and networking within the core facility community.

Meet the new members....



AINA RODRIGUEZ, Scientific director of core facilities and biobank scientific director, IDIBAPS, Spain

[Aina Rodríguez Vilarrupla | Clínic Barcelona \(clinicbarcelona.org\)](https://clinicbarcelona.org)



NATHALIE AULNER, Manager of Photonic bioimaging core facility, Institut Pasteur, France

[Nathalie Aulner – Research – Institut Pasteur](#)



JACOPO ZASSO, Senior Technician, National Facility for Genome Engineering & Disease Modelling, Human Technopole, Italy

[Jacopo Zasso – Human Technopole](#)

Call for applications:

The [CTLS Shadowing and Staff Exchange Programme](#) is open for Expressions of Interest until 30th June 2024 and for full applications until 31st August 2024. The Programme provides successful Applicants with a CTLS Award to fund a visit to a different core facility with priority given to mobility between countries. Visits should be completed by 1st December 2024.

Please contact Ilaria Guerini (CTLS Training Working Group Lead for the Shadowing and Staff Exchange Focus Group) at shadowing@ctls-org.eu if you have any questions or wish to discuss your plans.

Looking for an available host?

If you wish to apply to the Shadowing Programme but you don't have a host in mind, please find below a list of available hosts with very different backgrounds. Contact the focus group on shadowing@ctls-org.eu to find out more.

- TRACEY DAVEY, Manager – Electron Microscopy Core Facility, Newcastle University, UK. *"As a core facility we can offer an insight on Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and sample preparation, including using the Pelco Microwave for resin processing. We can teach ultramicrotomy and allow the visitor a few days on ultramicrotomes to get to grips with the technique. Other techniques are: (i) Negative staining on TEM (ii) Sample preparation for Scanning electron Microscopy (SEM) and use of SEM (iii) Serial Block face 'mega metal' sample prep and how to prep samples for the Gatan 3view, including some basic image reconstruction. We use PPMS for booking and billing so we can share our knowledge on this."*
- JAMES MARVIN, Director Flow Cytometry Core Facility, University of Utah, US. *"We are a large core facility that does everything from sample prep of drop off services, 30 color immunophenotyping, as well as provide training and services on 20 different instruments from a variety of vendors"*
- ANA MARGARIDA BISCAIA SANTOS, Comparative Pathology Unit

Area Manager and Histotech Specialist, Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes, Portugal. *"We have experience on Histology, Immunohistochemistry/ Immunofluorescence, RNAscope, Stereology and Management".*

- ALEXANDRE JESUS, Head of Purchasing and Procurement, Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes, Portugal. *"We are responsible for accounting, project management, purchases and budget for the whole institute, including facilities".*

CTLS Seminars

The CTLS Seminars Steering Committee (part of the CTLS Community Engagement Working group) met recently and decided that the CTLS Seminars series will encompass not only TechWatch series but also seminars covering more general issues such as career development, the soft skills required in managerial and staff positions in Core Facilities and financial matters including service pricing policies, sustainability, and sources of investments.



The Steering Committee is looking for more volunteers to participate in their committee and to generate more ideas about possible subjects for both TechWatch and general seminars. Please contact [Krzysztof](#) if you would like to join the committee or want to share your seminar ideas.

The first seminar (to be held before the summer holidays) will be devoted to orientation/onboarding of new CTLS members regarding CTLS structure and Working group activities so they can join the working group of their choice and become more involved in CTLS activities. In 2024 we plan to have at least two more seminars after the summer. The first one will be a TechWatch showcasing several new developments in Next Generation Sequencing...

Look out for details coming soon!

CTLS membership

Remember to invite your colleagues and friends to join us!



CTLS membership has many benefits including:

- Reduced rates and priority registration at CTLS congresses and events
- Access to CTLS sponsored trainings at preferred rates
- Networking opportunities with other core facility staff
- Access to CTLS webpages with news, job listings and event

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