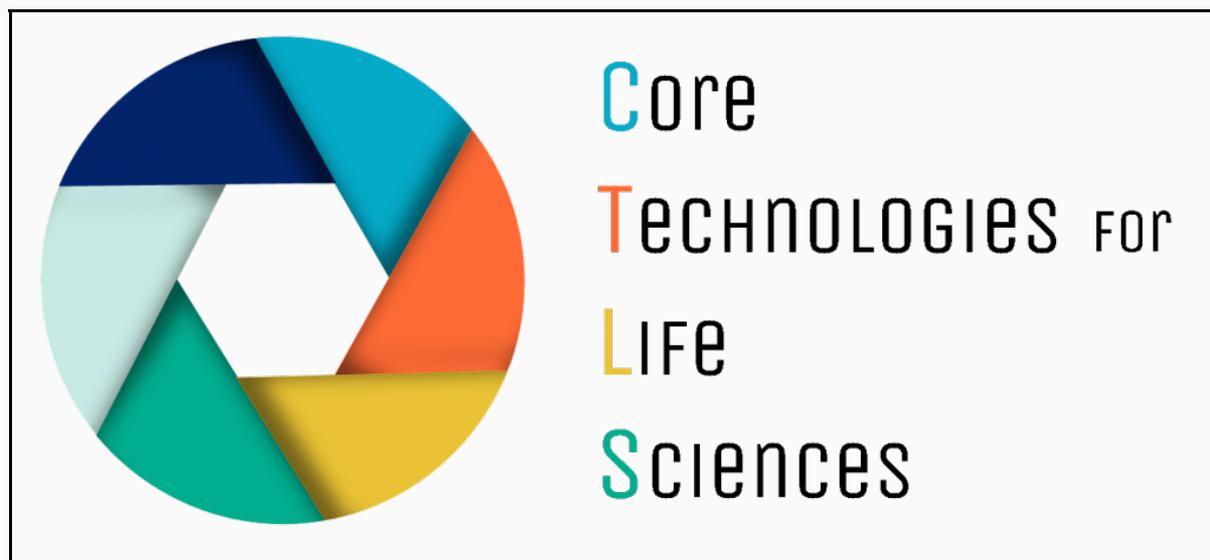
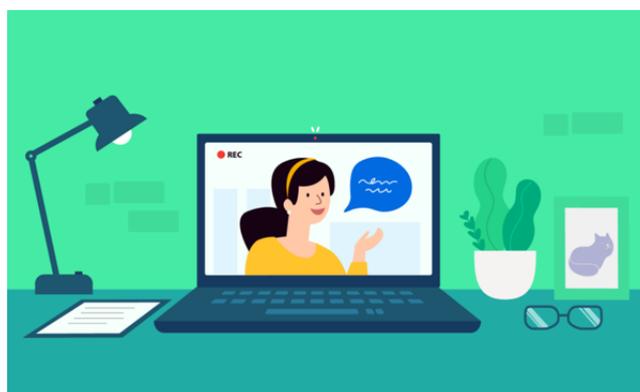


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## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

### CTLS MONTHLY WEBINARS

Since September 2020, CTLS has been organising monthly webinars. The last webinar took place on June 22nd, and the topic was focused on sustainability and decreasing of "carbon footprint". Altogether, nine webinars have been organised with a wide range of very interesting speakers. We would like to thank all of the speakers and our moderators for these great events which attracted hundreds of participants not only from Europe but from all over the world!



In case you missed any of these webinars, video recordings are available for all CTLS members by clicking [here](#) (after logging onto the website).

After the well-deserved summer break and CTLS2021 Congress, we plan to restart the Monthly webinar series taking into consideration all the valuable feedback received from surveys after sessions. If you want to become a part of the organising committee, please contact our Vice-Secretary, [Katerina Hoskova](#). Thank you.

### CTLS2021 ONLINE CONGRESS

We look forward to welcoming many of you to the CTLS2021 Online Congress to be held 13th to 15th September. Thank you to the many of you who have registered already. Remember that registration closes on 31st August and if you are a CTLS member you can attend for free!



**How about submitting an abstract?** The closing date for abstract submission is 31st July. Most of the community workshops are now full but more discussion rooms are being opened. Check out the [CTLS2021 website](#) for all the details regarding abstract submission, registration and the agenda.

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## NEWS FROM THE CTLS WORKING GROUPS

### Community Engagement WG

To ensure that new members benefit fully from their membership, the Community Engagement WG will be launching a series of “Welcome events” this autumn. During these small group events, new members will get to know more about the activities of various working groups and also learn about ways they can contribute to the association. If you would like to contribute to this initiative, please [email us](#).

We are pleased to report that there are now 210 members at CTLS. There is also a new [Members directory](#) on the CTLS website to make searching for fellow members easy.

### Training WG

CTLS is a partner of the H2020 RITrain Plus project, which has the overarching goal of *design and delivery a training programme to fulfill the competency requirements for the current and future managers of European RI and Core Facilities*. The kick-off meeting was conducted on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021, with the presentation of the six work packages, and the welcome and introduction of important guests: Giovanna Iannantuoni, UNIMIB Rector; Cristina Messa Italian Minister of University and Research; Jimena Arango, European Commission; And two Keynote speakers: Carlo Rizzuto, Chair GA CERIC-ERIC and Francisco Colomer, Chair ERIC Forum. We will keep our CTLS members updated on the progression of the project!

A new Training Focus Group was set up that will be dedicated to the RITrain Plus activities. We encourage any members interested in working on this project to [contact us](#) to join this Focus Group.



## Communications WG

We are pleased to have launched the new [website](#) in June, including [CTLS Community](#), a members forum where members can share information and ask each other questions.

If you haven't already, please could all members click [here](#) to update their profile, thank you. Technical expertise, Scientific Expertise, Country and City are visible to members in the [Members Directory](#) in the Members Area of our CTLS website, and Country information will also automatically populate our [map](#) of CTLS members on our website. Let's see where we are and how we can support each other!

We have also been working hard to build our social media presence and it is great to see many new followers. Remember to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!

## Thank you to Christine Detchepare

Christine Detchepare retired from her role as CTLS Administrative Assistant in May 2021. She dedicated approximately 10% of her time to CTLS since the creation of the association. We thank her very much for all her hard work and wish her all the very best for her retirement.



Here is her farewell message to CTLS:

*I was hired in 2007 in the Institut Pasteur as an administrative assistant for diverse research units. In 2017 I began to work for technological platforms and also was involved in CTLS association, in charge of the follow-up of the memberships and daily accountings. During those 4 years I really appreciated the diversity of tasks and the nice exchanges I had with CTLS members.*

*For my part in the next future I plan to get involved again in some associations in different fields of activities.*

*Until then I wish CTLS much deserved success in the continuation of its activities and projects.*

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## Thank you to Anna Kamenskaya

All the members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of CTLS wish to heartily thank Anna for all the hard work she has accomplished between April 2019 and June 2021 as Administrative Director for the benefit of CTLS, principal contact for the CatRIS project, chair of the Community Engagement WG and active member of the Communications WG. Her cheerful contribution has been invaluable in many respects, and has helped significantly to consolidate the CTLS association and to increase its visibility and credibility all over Europe, notably through the close partnership established with the European Science Foundation. With the end of CatRIS, Anna is moving towards new responsibilities unrelated with CTLS. We wish her every possible success in tackling these new challenges.




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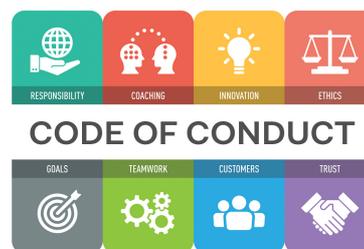


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## CTLS Code of Conduct

The CTLS Board of Directors is pleased to share the new CTLS Code of Conduct with everyone.

It is on the footer of the homepage of the website so is available to members and no-members alike, click [here](#) to read it.




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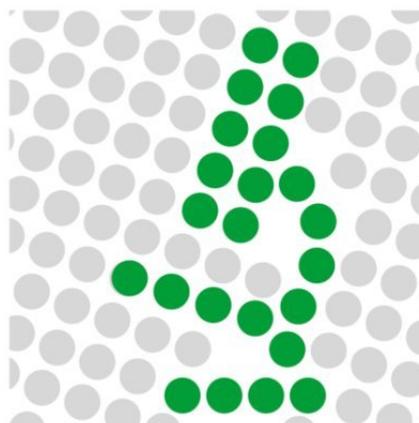
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## GerBI-GMB 'CORE FACILITY LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT' COURSE

The CTLS BoD is happy to announce that there are three bursaries available (worth 500 EUR each) for CTLS members to apply for to attend the 2021 'Core Facility Leadership and Management' course run by GerBI-GMB and hfb consulting. Please [email the BoD](#) for more details on how to apply if you are interested.

Click [here](#) to learn all about this course. This course will be held as eight half-day online sessions from 29th September to 15th October 2021.

Registration closes on 31st August.




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## Italian Core Facilities meeting

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, the first Italian Meeting of Core Facilities took place online. The meeting, endorsed by CTLS and organised by CTLS active members Dr. Valentina Adami, Dr. Marco Borra,

Dr. Veronica De Sanctis and Dr. Valentina Palmieri, aimed to lay the groundwork for the creation of the first Italian network of Core Facilities.

The experience has been extremely stimulating and, as a demonstration of the strong need for this kind of events, over 100 participants have attended.

Data on Italian organization of Core Facilities were collected by a pre- and post-survey to attendees. Trying to draw a first sketch of the Italian Core Facility scene, approximately half of the Facilities involved in the meeting were small sized with an average of 30 users per year and 2 to 4 people as staff. The most addressed requests were about Facility organization models, funding and self-sustainability.

Italian Core Facilities are incredibly diverse in terms of personnel. Notably, half of the Heads of Core Facilities are Technologists or Technicians.

The major driver of the large participation has been the strong interest in learning and sharing practices and hence we expect a vivid discussion for the next meeting scheduled on July the 8th at 3 p.m. CET. Register [here](#) for this second meeting!



And before we close this newsletter, we wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break wherever you are.... and look forward to meeting up for the CTLS congress in September!



#### REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR CTLS MEMBERSHIP!

And remember to invite your colleagues and friends to join too!



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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