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CHECK OUT THE NEW CTLS LOGO!

As you'll have seen at the top of this newsletter, we have a new CTLS logo! CTLS is updating its visual identify with this new digital logo, which will work better in digital and print contexts.

Advantages include:

- New logotype for digital/print channels, with less detail, optimised for small sizes
- Updated colour palette with better contrast and readability
- New single and modern typeface to be used in all channels
- Different orientations available – and greyscale/black versions available for monochrome usage

We are in the process of updating the logo everywhere where it is featured. Please [email](#) the Communications Working group if you need access to the logos or have any questions.

CTLS2023 CONGRESS

We are pleased to announce that registration for [CTLS2023](#) is now OPEN.

CTLS2023, the 5th CTLS Congress will be hosted in Dublin, Ireland from 27th

to 29th June 2023.

Dublin is a friendly, historic, and lively city where delegates are sure to enjoy the location as well as the Congress itself.

The CTLS Congresses are international events that provide opportunities for networking as well as current updates on emerging technologies, best practices and career development in shared resource/core facility settings.



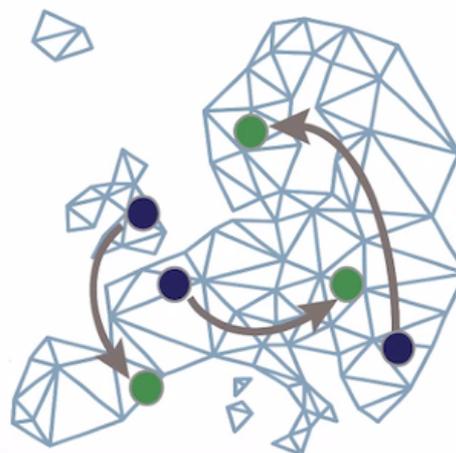
Visit the [CTLS2023](https://www.ctls2023.com) website and register now!

CTLS SHADOWING AND STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAMME RENEWS FOR 2023

We are delighted to announce that [the Programme](#) will run again in 2023. Expressions of Interest will open from **3 January 2023 until 30 April 2023** with and the deadline for full applications will be **30 June 2023**.

Shadowing involves a successful Applicant visiting a Host core facility and spending time with another individual or team, learning new management skills and developing professional networks. Visits usually involve mobility between European countries from Monday to Friday. Staff Exchange is similar but entails a two-way process with two individuals visiting each other's core facilities.

Please contact Ian Brewis (Lead for the Shadowing and Staff Exchange Focus Group which is part of the Training Working Group) at shadowing@ctls-org.eu if you have any questions or wish to discuss your plans.



The 2022 Programme has been successful with a total of seven applications receiving **CTLS Awards for Shadowing Visits** (up to a maximum of 1,000 EUR). In future newsletters we will highlight the range of Visits undertaken with colleagues from England, France, Italy, Portugal and Scotland visiting England, Germany and Sweden but for now let's start with the first visit that was completed.... please

read on below!

Shadowing experience of Ana Margarida Biscaia Fernandes dos Santos visiting the Cellular Imaging Core Facility, University of Gothenburg, Sweden (October 2022)

Let me start by saying: The CTLS Shadowing Programme was an amazing learning experience.



For the last 3 years, from the 10 that I've been working in a Core Facility, I've been managing the **Comparative Pathology Unit (Instituto de Medicina Molecular - Lisbon, Portugal)**. I really think that this Programme has helped me become a more efficient and productive Area Manager, while developing my network and career.

Visiting the Centre for **Cellular Imaging Core Facility at the Sahlgrenska Academy (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)** and meeting **Dr. Julia Fernández-Rodríguez** (Head of Facility) and her team was really important for my development as a manager, and now, all I want is to apply everything I've learned, become a better manager and push forward my team and facility.

Learning new skills and methods, while developing my professional network was something I gained from the programme and all the shared knowledge on operational, quality and financial management during my stay was very helpful and some of the methods are already being implemented. Going abroad and meeting a different scientific community and a different reality also added value to my network and that was one of the aspects that the programme that most appealed to me.

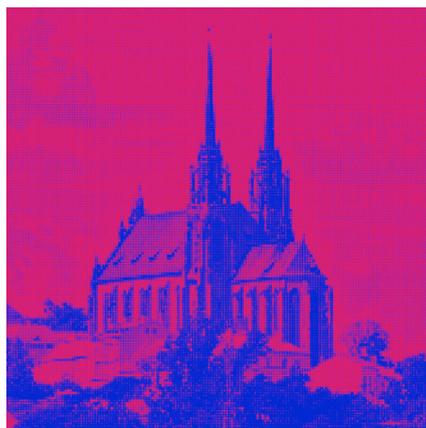
In conclusion, I really think that the CTLS Shadowing and Staff Exchange Programme leveraged my knowledge and experiencing a new framework will for sure help me pursuing my goals as a Core Facility Manager.

ICRI CONFERENCE

The International Conference for Research Infrastructures (ICRI) held [ICRI2022](#), their hybrid conference, in October to provide an opportunity for strategic discussions about international cooperation in research infrastructures. A variety

of experts and stakeholders discussed the challenges and emerging trends, highlighting the essential role of research infrastructures.

CTLS member Ondřej Hradil was the lead organiser of this event, with many CTLS members presenting and attending, including the CTLS President, Julia Fernandez Rodriguez, who spoke on behalf of CTLS on 'Multi-scale Ecosystem - Fostering Cooperation between Facilities at Different Scales'. Further CTLS participation included Josh Rappoport, CTLS Secretary, speaking at 'Toolbox session - Examples of Good Practices for Research Infrastructures Ecosystem Focused on Smaller Scale Facilities' and Patrick England, former CTLS President, running a side event entitled 'Long Term Sustainability of Small and Mid-scale distributed RI projects'.



Input from Josh Rappoport:

'Examples of Good Practices for Research Infrastructures Ecosystem Focused on Smaller Scale Facilities' was VERY well organized by Frédéric Sgard, from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The speakers came from a wide range of disciplines and different international perspectives. The moderated discussions were very lively with all in attendance agreeing that the head of small core facilities require better support for training, in particular in management skills, and that associations like CTLS are ideally poised to support the professional development of core facility scientists and administrators.

Input from Patrick England:

For more than 20 years, the European Commission has funded pan-European Research Infrastructures (thematic networks of core facilities). At [ICRI2022](#), Patrick England, former CTLS president and current scientific coordinator of the Molecular-Scale Biophysics Research Infrastructure ([MOSBRI](#)) co-organised a [side event](#) focusing on the mid and long-term sustainability of distributed research infrastructures (RIs). This interactive session, bringing together more than 150 onsite & online participants, explored a large diversity of potential sustainability avenues for these RIs to follow once their initial European Commission funded has ended.

UPDATE FROM PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING WORKING GROUP

The Partnership and Funding working group, chaired by Emanuele Palessandolo, is pleased to welcome Lavanya Premvardhan as their new vice-chair.



Remember the CTLS AGM!

The CTLS AGM will be held as a Zoom meeting on Monday 5th December 3 – 5pm CET. All members are invited. If you have not got the Zoom meeting details, please [email](#) the Community Engagement working group.

We look forward to you joining the meeting to learn all about CTLS actions and plans!

New candidacies for the CTLS Executive Council are welcome!

All active CTLS members can apply to join the Executive Council by [emailing](#) their motivational letter to the CTLS BoD by 29th November 2022. The email should include a statement of motivation and experience explaining why you want to do it and what you can bring to the role.

BRING US YOUR NEWS!

We always welcome your news to share with fellow CTLS members. Please start thinking now about news you'd like to share with the CTLS community in the next CTLS newsletter in January. We also welcome news at any time for the Latest News section of the website.



Please [email](#) the Communications Working group with any content you'd like to share, thank you!

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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