



PRESS CONFERENCE

VENOMICS PROJECT CONCLUSIONS Is animal venom a source of future drugs?

Dear Sir, Madam,

The European project VENOMICS, an initiative composed of eight private and public partners, and partly funded by the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7 HEALTH), has been searching for the answer to this question since 2011 and is now ending.

The VENOMICS project has identified and characterised toxins of which no prior information was available, opening the door to the discovery of new drugs. In total, samples from 203 animal species from around the world and varying in size (from millimetre-sized insects to big lizards) were analysed, and a database with more than 25,000 toxin sequences was created. The project has generated the world's largest library of venoms' molecules, since a collection of more than 5,000 toxins, which have been selected and produced during the project, is available. Those have been tested in a preclinical phase by the consortium's pharmaceutical company.

To present the conclusions of this project, developed by a consortium of universities and biotech companies specialising in different fields, we wish to invite you to a press conference that will take place on the next **Friday 16th of October 2015 at 11h at the national Natural History Museum in Paris** (France) and during which the coordinators of the project will intervene.

Press conference

Date: Friday 16th October 2015

Time: 11 h

Place: Muséum national d'Histoire Naturelle (Salle des Conseils)
57 Rue Cuvier - 75005 Paris, France

We are looking forward to your participation. Best regards.

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