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1st MuscleTech Network Workshop on Muscle and Tendon: Research Strategies and Wellness Trends

September, 21st and 22nd 2009 - Barcelona
Welcome!
Dear colleague,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 1st MuscleTech Network Workshop on Muscle and Tendon: Research Strategies and Wellness Trends.

This meeting is organized by Biocat together with Leitat Technological Center, in collaboration with the Fundació FC Barcelona and the General Secretariat for Sport of the Catalan Government with the support of Obra Social “la Caixa”.

By organizing this activity, Biocat, the biocluster organisation that dynamizes and promotes biotechnology and biomedicine in Catalonia, wishes to support the research on muscle and tendon both from international and local groups, by helping them to promote the technology transfer to the industry and creating synergies with international experts. Thus, we hope that this workshop is going to set the grounds for MuscleTech Network - a platform to conduct research on muscle and tendon with impact on industry and society.

We are proud to welcome you to Barcelona and wish you a fruitful stay.

Mr. Manel Balcells
President of the Executive Committee,
Biocat.
The General Secretariat for Sport of the Government of Catalonia is working towards the objective of transforming **sports** into a generator for change. Their actions are focused on the motto *L’esport mou Catalunya*, or *Sport moves Catalonia*. Sport as a movement for change towards a healthier life, a better education, a fuller integration, and equality between people.

In the same direction, the Fundació FC Barcelona aims to promote an emblematic social model through the development of solidarity, cultural, educational and research activities to enable the consolidation of Barça’s social commitment to being *Més que un Club*, *More than a club* in Catalonia, Spain and the world.

Similar to the objectives of both institutions, Leitat Technological Center, founded in 1906 has service as its vocation. It strives to provide services, increase technological value and manage Research, Development and Innovation (R+D+I) under the maxim: *Managing your technologies*. Leitat has always lent a keen hand to the Catalan industry network.
The clear objectives and joint efforts of those three institutions have forged MuscleTech Network as a platform for conducting research on muscle and tendon, which aims to have an impact beyond the scientific community.
About MuscleTech
MuscleTech Network has the objective of generating improvements in the field of health and sports performance by achieving cutting edge research on skeletal muscle and tendons.

MuscleTech Network aims to build knowledge, achieve technological progress and scientific improvements by promoting state-of-the-art research amongst Catalan R&D groups and by coordinating cooperation and synergies amongst its members and the international scientific community.

The objectives MuscleTech Network strives for are to be achieved through an aggregated management model of the initiatives from the research groups involved; achieving a critical mass in research, greater international visibility and a higher impact of the results.
September 21st
8:30 Registration

8:45 – 9:00 Welcome
Ms Anna Pruna - The General Secretariat for Sport, Government of Catalonia.
Mr Manel Balcells - President of the Executive Committee, Biocat, the BioRegion of Catalonia.
Ms Marta Segú - General Director, Fundació FC Barcelona.
Mr Albert Matarodona - Executive Director, Leitat Technological Centre.

9:00 – 9:15 Presentation of MuscleTech Network
Mr Joan Parra - Managing Director, Leitat Technological Centre.

9:15 – 11:15 Keynote speeches
Muscles are still our movers!
Mr Ilkka Vuori

Changes in muscle morphology, neuromuscular capacity and tendon function with training: implications for athletic performance, patient rehabilitation and aging individuals.
Mr Per Aagaard

Stem cells: new tools for regenerative medicine.
Mr Agustín Zapata
11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45 Panel discussion
*Muscle and tendon: Scientific knowledge - Clinical practice.*
Chair: Mr Enric Càceres
Panel members: Mr Ramon Segura
Mr Ramon Cugat
Mr Xavier Mir
Mr Javier Valle
Mr Ricard Pruna

12:45 – 13:15 Visit to the workshop venue

13:15 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:30 Research group 1:
*The importance of human anatomy. Macro and microscopic anatomical studies.*
Ms Isabel Miguel-Pérez
14:30 – 15:00 Research group 2:  
*Ultrasonography and magnetic resonance diagnostic tools: evaluation and treatment of musculotendinous pathologies and injuries.*  
Mr Ramon Balius  

*Overuse injuries in tendons - from basic science to rehabilitation.*  
Guest speaker: Mr Henning Langberg  

15:00 – 15:30 Research group 3:  
*Determination of specific markers from muscle serum of athletes muscle fibres and injured tendons.*  
Ms Roser Cussó  

*Metabolic modulation of skeletal muscle $Ca^{2+}$ handling and excitability.*  
Guest speaker: Mr Niels Ørtenblad  

15:30 – 16:00 Research group 4:  
*Non direct muscle effects of nutritional factors on physical performance.*  
Mr Ramon Segura  

*Post-exercise recovery and performance.*  
Guest speaker: Mr Clyde Williams
16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 16:45 Research group 5:
*Can intermittent hypoxia exposure improve the recovery after induced muscle damage?*
Mr Ginés Viscor

*AMP-activated protein kinase phosphorylation (AMPK) in skeletal muscle, training adaptation and inflammation.*
*Guest speaker:* Mr José A. L. Calbet

16:45 – 18:15 Research group 6, 7 and 8:
GIRSANE - Performance and Health Research Group for High Level Sports.
High Performance Centre (CAR) & Terrassa Health Consortium (CST)

*Overview of the muscle and tendon research related activities at the GIRSANE Research Group.*
Mr Franchek Drobnic
Mr Xavier Balius
Mr Lluís Til
Potential application of stem cell therapy in sports medicine.
Guest speaker: Mr Johnny Huard

Evaluation of the mechanical load applied on the musculoskeletal system. Use of “in vivo” experimental techniques and modelling methodologies.
Guest speaker: Mr António Prieto Veloso

Eccentric exercise and delayed onset muscle soreness – myofibrillar damage or remodelling.
Guest speaker: Mr Lars-Eric Thornell

20:30 Visit to FC Barcelona: Museum and Medical Facilities
Welcomed by Mr Ramón Canal - Medical Services General Manager, Futbol Club Barcelona.

21:30 Official dinner
Restaurante Loidi - c/ Mallorca 248-250, Barcelona
9:00 – 9:30 Research group 9:
*Neuromuscular adaptations: a lifespan approach.*
Ms Rosa M. Angulo-Barroso

*Neuromuscular plasticity to training: spinal and supraspinal adaptations.*
*Guest speaker:* Mr Per Aagaard

9.30 – 10:00 Research group 10:
*The primate shoulder muscles: a morphologic and molecular study.*
Mr Josep Potau

*In vivo assessment and plasticity of human neuromuscular function.*
*Guest speaker:* Mr Nicola A. Maffiuleti
10.00 – 10:30 Research group 11:  
*ITRT projects in regenerative therapy with stem cells and PRP.*  
Mr Lluís Orozco

*Mesenchymal stem cells and bone morphogenetic proteins (BMPs).*  
Guest speaker: Mr Agustín Zapata

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 Panel discussion  
*Muscle injuries: Socio-economic aspects.*  
Chair: Mr Ramon Besa  
Panel members: Mr Marc Soler  
Mr Angel Ruiz Cotorro  
Mr Manel Estiarte  
Mr Joan Boix  
Mr Iván De la Peña  
Mr Carles Puyol  
Mr Pere Arch
12:15 – 12:45 **Workshop conclusions / MuscleTech Network presentation**

- **Ms Mariona Violan** - *Codirector of the Plan of Physical Activity, Sport & Health, General Secretariat for Sport, Government of Catalonia.*
- **Mr Ramon Canal** - *Medical Services General Manager, Fútbol Club Barcelona.*
- **Mr Joan Parra** - *Managing Director, Leitat Technological Centre.*

12:45 – 13:30 **Closing remarks**

- **Mr Josep-Lluís Carod-Rovira** - *Vice-president, Government of Catalonia.*
- **Ms Anna Pruna** - *General Secretariat for Sport, Government of Catalonia.*
- **Mr Manel Balcells** - *President of the Executive Committee of Biocat, the BioRegion of Catalonia.*
- **Mr Jaume Lanaspa** - *Executive Director of Obra Social “la Caixa”.*
- **Mr Joan Laporta** - *President of Futbol Club Barcelona.*
- **Mr Ramon Segura** - *Emeritus Professor of Physiology at the Medical School of the University of Barcelona.*
- **Mr Eusebi Cima** - *President of Leitat Technological Centre.*

13:30 **Cocktail reception**
Who is who?
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See You soon!
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