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European Research Infrastructure
on Highly Pathogenic Agents

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Dear Colleagues,

The 2019 with large outbreaks of Ebola virus, Lassa fever and many other emerging diseases across the world showed the necessity to further reinforce the efforts in research and innovation to prevent and respond to epidemics of deadly diseases.

The [Global Health Security Index](#) published in 2019 found that no country is currently fully prepared for high-consequence infectious disease outbreaks. Moreover, the [WHO Urgent Health Challenges](#) for the next decade issued in January 2020, point out that the world spends more responding to disease outbreaks, than it does preparing for and preventing them.

*However, 2019 was also the year of **tremendous achievements** in high-consequence pathogens medical countermeasures research and development. Thanks to the global collaborative research, including the involvement of ERINHA members, two investigational Ebola vaccines were approved in 2019 and are now being used in the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

*On **ERINHA's operational level**, 2019 was the year of the consolidation of ERINHA services offer and successful European and international projects. As a fully operational research infrastructure, ERINHA provides now access to its full range of services to perform research including its state-of-art high containment facilities.*

First transnational call to access ERINHA's services was successfully launched and the evaluation process of applications is ongoing. The access to the services is managed by the ERINHA [Central Coordinating Unit \(CCU\) team](#).

An international project under the European Space Agency contract was successfully performed and five European large-scale projects are ongoing. Collaboration between the European Vaccine Initiative, coordinator of TRANSVAC, and ERINHA was successfully launched to accelerate vaccine development research in the field of highly pathogenic agents through strategic planning, alignment of calls for services and information sharing.

The momentum created in 2019 should be further maintained in the new decade with necessary investment on the European and global levels in full chain of research and innovation from basic research on the pathogenicity of the highly infectious viruses to developing medical countermeasures.

Beginning of 2020 with an outbreak of new coronavirus in China shows worldwide vulnerability towards infectious diseases treats with a clear understanding that an outbreak anywhere is a treat everywhere.

2020 should be the year of new achievements, new commitments and new partnerships to advance research and innovation protecting European citizens and ensuring Global Health Security.

I wish you a very happy 2020, full of health, success and ambitious scientific achievements!

Dr Hervé RAOUL
ERINHA Acting Director General





Full time Data Manager / Data Scientist at ERINHA AISBL

Location: CCU Headquarters, Paris, France

Conditions: Full time contract under French Labour Law, competitive salary and benefits package

Deadline: 31 January, 2020

For the full vacancy note and recruitment modalities check the [link](#).

Full time Administrative and Financial Officer at ERINHA AISBL

Location: CCU Headquarters, Paris, France

Conditions: Full time contract under French Labour Law, competitive salary and benefits package

Deadline: 31 January, 2020

For the full vacancy note and recruitment modalities check the [link](#).

Events

ERINHA-Advance Annual Consortium Meeting 26-27 February 2020, Lisbon, Portugal

ERINHA will gather all the members of the ERINHA-Advance's Consortium on 26-27 February, 2020 in Lisbon to discuss the progress achieved during the first year of operation of the project, identify potential issues and their solutions, and plan the upcoming actions to achieve the project's goals.



The project aims to continue supporting the successful operation of the ERINHA Research Infrastructure to ensure its long-term sustainability.

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Africa-Europe Symposium on Research Infrastructures, 22- 24-March 2020, Cape Town, South Africa



The RI-VIS Africa-Europe Symposium will be held on 23-24 March, 2020, in the Wolfson Pavilion and foyer on the Health Sciences Campus of the University of Cape Town.

The two day symposium will bring together participants from European, including ERINHA, and African research infrastructures to foster collaborations in the field of research and innovation. Representatives from relevant funding agencies as well as policy makers are invited to join the meeting.

Free registration is open on the [RI-VIS website](#) while the agenda and speakers will be published soon.

RI-VIS, a Horizon 2020-funded project aims to expand the visibility of European research infrastructures to new communities, and new target regions forming strategic partnerships with infrastructures in third countries.

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