

Resolution to adjust the regional call for programmes to drive biomedical research for 2020, in order to adapt to SARS-CoV-2 and CoVid-19 research

The regional call for programmes to drive biomedical research for 2020, was approved by the resolution of December 17th 2019, published in the December 27th 2019 Cantabria's Official Bulletin.

IDIVAL distributes its budget according to pre-established strategic goals among the different programmes of the Line 2 of the original Call. We have recently been forced to reconsider the strategic goals for research and the subject of the projects funded by IDIVAL, because of the consequences of CoVid-19 health crisis. The health crisis importance requires every research is dedicated to coronavirus. This way, IDIVAL follows Instituto de Salud Carlos III path, since they have already open Calls to fund research projects about SARS-CoV-2 and CoVid-19.

These circumstances indicated are closely linked to the facts justifying of the alarm status, so the section 4 of the Third Additional Provision of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, one that declares the state of alarm for the management of the situation of health crisis caused by COVID-19, must be applied.

Given this background, the regional call for programmes to drive biomedical research for 2020 is modified in the following terms:

1.- The following programmes will change:

- Programme 5: Innovation Support Programme ("Inn-Val").
- Programme 7: (Modality A) "Int-Val" Researcher Intensifying Programme ("Int-Val").
- Programme 10: Primary Care Support Programme ("Prim-Val").

2.- All programmes from point 1 will fund projects which execution will allow to have a better understanding of SARS-CoV-2 and CoVid-19, from all possible points of view, including clinical, diagnostics, epidemiologic, pathogenic, virological, immunological, logistic, ethic, legal or economic, multidisciplinary projects will be rewarded.

In addition, the subject of the projects of Programme 10 which supports primary care ("Prim-Val"), must be related to primary care.

3.- The following programmes will be canceled:

- Programme 4: Programme to Support New Researchers "Next-Val".
- Programme 6: National Plan Projects Transition Program. "Trans-Val".
- Programme 8: Mentoring Programme.
- Programme 9: "Inplant" Introduction Programme.

4.- The previous paragraph canceled programs' funding will be for increasing the Innovation Support Programme "Inn-Val" budget, which will be of € 360.000 from now.

The greatest amount to be awarded per Project of the Innovation Support Programme "Inn-Val" is €25,000.

5.- The first paragraph of the point 20.2.2 of the Call is amended as follows:

"The project's Principal Investigator will be working within the Public Cantabrian Healthcare System. Trainee specialists are excluded."

6.- The new application submission dates of the programmes mentioned in point 1, will be the following:

- Programme 5, Innovation Support Programme "Inn-Val": 1 to 31 May.
- Programme 7 (modality A) - Researcher Intensifying Programme "Int-Val": 15 May to 15 June.
- Programme 10: Primary Care Support Programme "Prim-Val": 15 April to 15 May.

7º.- Any terms in the original Call which are incompatible with this resolution, will now be disregarded.

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