Session 1: SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF GRANT WRITING, Tuesday 15 Sept at

12 noon GMT, 2pm CAT (<u>your time here</u>) **& Wednesday 16 Sept** 2020 starting at 12 noon GMT (<u>your time here</u>)

Learning outcomes:

- What happens after you secure a grant
- Is an amendment to the proposal allowed after you secured the grant
- What are some of the rules, regulations and required activities associated with grants
- When it is appropriate to repurpose a grant proposal
- When is it appropriate to reapply for the same grant call
- When to request and what can you learn from reviewers notes.
- When is it appropriate to request feedback from the committee chair

Trainers:



Gerald Mboowa; I completed my PhD in August 2019 and he is currently a bioinformatics scientist passionate about genomics, bioinformatics, microbiology, antimicrobial resistance and working with the Infectious Diseases Institute, Makerere University. Gerald is the principal investigator of the project: Understanding Transmission Dynamics and Acquisition of Antimicrobial Resistance at Referral Hospitals and Community Settings in

East Africa. This work is funded by the Grand Challenges Africa and the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation under the African Academy of Sciences (AAS).

Victor Jongeneel is a consultant to the H3ABioNet, having retired from the University of Illinois in 2018. He received his PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California, San Francisco and at the Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research. Dr Jongeneel's career spans multiple domains of science. He was trained as a biochemist at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland), worked on mechanisms of viral DNA replication and transcription as a graduate student and a postdoctoral fellow, participated in the testing of the first antiviral drug (acyclovir) by the pharmaceutical company Burroughs-Wellcome, then became interested in the structure, genetics and regulation of the tumor necrosis factor loci when he became a group leader at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research in Lausanne (Switzerland). In parallel to his experimental work, Dr Jongeneel has had a life-long interest in the application of computational techniques to biological research. In 1997 he became a full-time computational biologist, taking responsibility for the Swiss node of the EMBnet bioinformatics network, and then for worldwide support for the research activities of the Ludwig Institute including a number of international genomics projects. He was one of the founders and the first director of the Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics (SIB), where he is a



lifetime member of the Board of Trustees. He was the founding director of the Vital-IT high-performance computing center of the SIB, a collaborative venture between the Universities of Lausanne and Geneva, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Intel and Hewlett-Packard. From 2007 to 2009 Dr Jongeneel was the Vice-President for Research of the Cyprus Institute in Nicosia, Cyprus, and from 2010 to 2018 he was a Senior Research Scientist at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications and the Institute for Genomic Biology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He has published over 120 peer-reviewed articles."

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