EMIF SYMPOSIUM

LIBERATING EVIDENCE FROM EUROPEAN HEALTH DATA

THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES OF A FIVE-YEAR IMI PROJECT: EMIF

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Hotel Bloom, Brussels, Belgium

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The combination of rapidly increasing medical knowledge and advances in information technology is allowing researchers to use human health data in ways that were previously unimaginable. Increasingly, the challenge is to find sufficient data to fuel this research. At the same time, huge volumes of suitable data are already being collected and stored electronically, in routine Electronic Healthcare Record (EHR) databases, research-driven cohort studies associated with biobanks and other sources.

However, because this data exists in disparate locations and systems, it is generally used in isolation. It is rarely aggregated into larger datasets, meaning its full potential is not being realised. Additionally, privacy, legal and ethical issues related to data use also need to be properly addressed.

To help improve access to these patient-level data, the **European Medical Information Framework (EMIF)** was launched in January 2013. The EMIF project is a five-year project and during this time it will develop common technical and governance solutions and improve access and use of health data. To this aim, a common Information Framework (EMIF-Platform) will link up and facilitate access to diverse medical and research data sources.
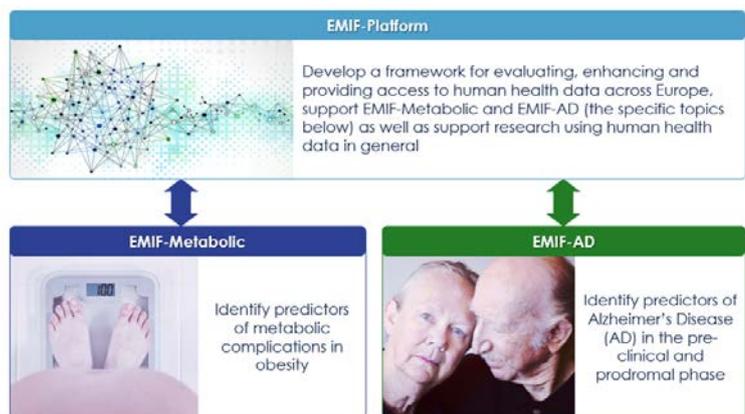
To ensure immediate applicability, the EMIF project includes two specific therapeutic research topics that will help guide the development of the Information Framework: the onset of Alzheimer's disease (EMIF-AD) and metabolic complications of obesity (EMIF-Metabolic).

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MEETING AGENDA

9h00		**Welcome**	
9h05		**A high-level overview of EMIF**	
	15	**Bart Vannieuwenhuyse**	
		"An introduction to the EMIF project."	
	20'	**Johan van der Lei and Nigel Hughes**	
		"Technical data liberation with appropriate governance – has EMIF provided a new operating system for Europe?"	
	20'	**Pieter-Jelle Visser & Johannes Streffer**	
		"Re-use of data for translational research in Alzheimer's Disease"	
	20'	**Dawn Waterworth**	
		TBD (Overview of the EMIF-Metabolic achievements)	
10h20		**Coffee break**	
10h50		**Shaping the European health data ecosystem.**	
	20'	**Peter Rijnbeek**	
		"Large-Scale Federated Data Analysis Using the OMOP Common Data Model."	
	20'	**Nemanja Vaci**	
		"Real world evidence for investigating dementia outcomes: utilising platform resources"	
	20'	**Adil Mardinoglu**	
		"Integration of large biological databases to understand health and disease."	
	20'	**Gerald Luscan**	
		"EPAD register: Federating existing datasets while maintaining participant privacy."	
	20'	Q&A	
12h30		**Lunch + Poster Session**	
13h30	15+5'	**Valentina Strammiello**	
		"Re-use of health data to the benefit of patients and civil society- The patient perspective"	
	15+5'	**Nikolaus Forgo**	
		"Data protection under GDPR"	
	45'	**Panel discussion**	**Moderator: Simon Lovestone**
		"Past, present and future of the European health data ecosystem"	
14h55		**Coffee break**	
15h25	30'	**Bo Saxberg**	
		"Real World Data: An Evolution in Value"	
	20'	**Pierre Meulien**	
		TBD (The IMI Office)	
	20'	**Bart Vannieuwenhuyse & Simon Lovestone**	
		Learnings & conclusions of the EMIF project	
	5'	**Bart Vannieuwenhuyse & Simon Lovestone**	
		Goodbye	
16h40		**Networking reception**	

MEETING VENUE

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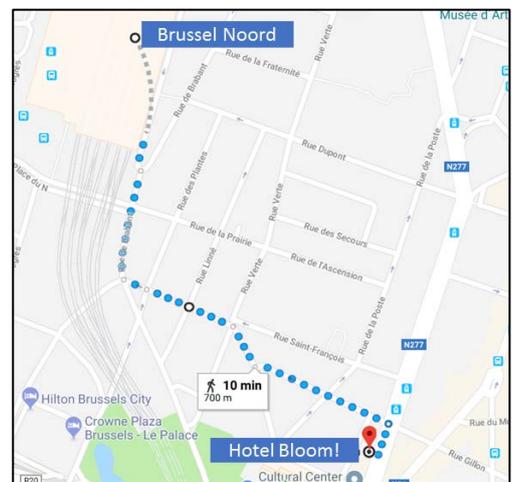Closest metro station: Botanique

DIRECTIONS FROM THE **AIRPORT (BRUSSELS NATIONAL AIRPORT)** TO HOTEL BLOOM.

You can find all the information on public transport from/to the airport with detailed explanations here.

By Taxi: It's a 30-minute trip and is around €40.

By Public Transport: At Brussels Airport, transfer to the airport train station which is located below the terminal (basement level-1). Take the train to **Brussels North Station**. It's a 12-minute trip. A single ticket for the train is around €8.80 one way. From here it's a 10-minute walk or 5-minute taxi ride to the hotel.


DIRECTIONS FROM THE **BRUSSELS SOUTH TRAIN STATION (GARE DU MIDI)** TO HOTEL BLOOM.

You can find all the information on public transport from/to the **Brussels South station** with detailed explanations here.

By Taxi: Taxi ranks are located near the Tour du Midi and in Place Victor Horta (Rue Ernest Blerot). Some taxis also stop in Rue Couverte. All Brussels taxis accept credit cards and are available 24/7.

By Subway: Take line 2 or 6 up North and get off at the 'Botanique' stop. From Botanique, it's a 3-minute walk to Hotel bloom.
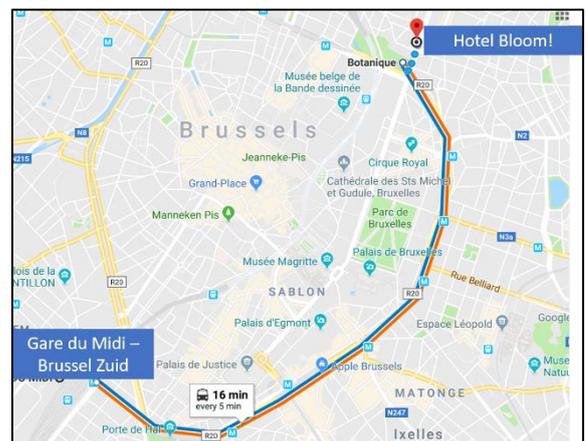
ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTION

Important: Besides your registration for the meeting, **everyone is expected to book their own accommodation** and cover the corresponding costs.

It is possible to book rooms in Hotel Bloom, thus at the meeting venue. See below for a short description and a few pictures of Hotel Bloom.

HOTEL BLOOM!

Hotel Bloom is a unique art-themed hotel conveniently situated in the lively Botanique area of the city. Decorated with work by artists from all over the world, this creative, contemporary setting is a destination in itself. The hotel is located next to the Botanique concert venue and the beautiful Botanical Gardens and has plenty of off-the-beaten path restaurants and bars nearby.

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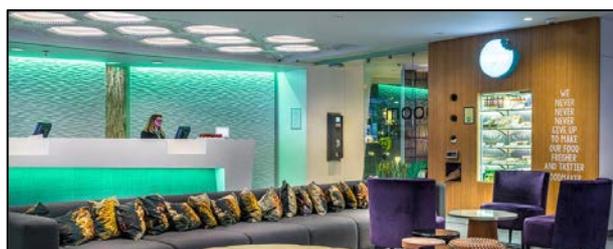

EXPLORING BRUSSELS

RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS

Reservations are generally not obligatory in Belgian restaurants, but if you are planning to have dinner in smaller groups (more than 6-8 persons), reservations are highly appreciated.

As the hotel is within walking distance of the city centre (see below), there are plenty of culinary options both in terms of cuisine and price ranges.
- A selection of restaurants can be found here.
- A selection of bars can be found here.

- A selection of places to have breakfast can be found [here](#).
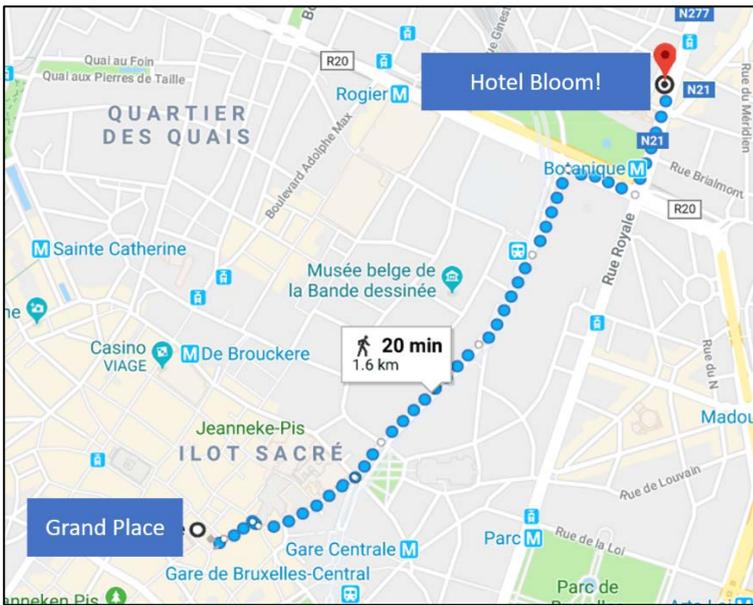
Hotel Bloom is just 1.6 km away from the Grand place (20 min walk), in the historic city centre. The area surrounding the Grand place has many pubs, bars and restaurants for you to discover.

INFORMATION ON THE CITY OF BRUSSELS AND THINGS TO SEE/DO

More information on the beautiful city of Brussels can be found on the following website: https://visit.brussels/en