

### **MelaNostrum Membership Criteria**

- A.** For a new PI, who would not be part of a group already working in the consortium and potentially bringing with him/her other people from their group:
- 1.** The candidate must contribute data and /or biospecimens from melanoma patients (sporadic and/or familiar and possibly healthy controls) for the consortium's projects. A brief description of the studies and related material that the candidate can contribute should be made available to all MelaNostrum PIs for their consideration.
  - 2.** The candidate must respect absolute confidentiality about any discussion of data/projects within the Consortium. Failure to observe this requirement may result in the exclusion from the consortium.
  - 3.** The candidate can be introduced by an existing member of MelaNostrum who can speak for his/her high quality of work and discretion. Or a candidate may approach the consortium directly with the request to participate, in which case the decision to accept will be determined by the MelaNostrum PIs.
  - 4.** The candidate or a person from his/her group should strive to participate in person in each annual meeting.
  - 5.** The decision on whether to accept a new member or not should be made collegially by the MelaNostrum PIs. The decision can be communicated to Maria Teresa Landi and Arcangela De Nicolo privately by email and if consensus is not reached and more discussion is required, we could postpone the decision to our annual meeting.
- B.** If the candidate is a member of a group already working in MelaNostrum, it is enough if the PI who invites the person explains why he/she wants to bring this person and the type of expertise that this candidate can bring (e.g., in genetics, or statistics, or molecular biology, etc.).