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**Executive Summary**

Biobanks have become the fundamental resource for large scale epidemiology and medical research, in order to develop precision/personalized medicine and optimize public health strategies. Yet, still it is enormously difficult and time intensive to find relevant samples across the thousands of biobanks, due to incompatible sample and data description semantics, data fragmentation and gaps, and heterogeneity in quality and regulations. In this paper we hypothesize that the biobanking community, united in BBMRI-ERIC, can learn from distributed data infrastructure in computer science to deliver a scalable distributed inventory for bioresources, to achieve truly FAIR samples and data: findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable. We demonstrate proof of concept where various national biobank inventories have been integrated using symmetric and easy to implement IT protocols that allow data to flow back and forth between the central biobank organizations and the individual biobanks/networks. All software and interfaces are open-source and we invite the wider community to join the BBMRI-ERIC Directory network of biobanks.

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## 1 Introduction

Biobanks<sup>1</sup> are well-organized repositories of biological material that have become an indispensable resource to better understand the epidemiology and biological mechanisms of disease and the fundamental resource for advancing medical research. Many of these collections have now grown to include data from over 100,000s of individuals,<sup>2</sup> but still many research questions require samples and data from multiple collections to reach sufficient statistical power or to achieve sufficient numbers of subjects having particular characteristics; while this has been mostly the domain of rare diseases in the past, with the ongoing development toward more personalized precision medicine the detailed stratification of patients results in similar problems with finding sufficient set of research participants with the same characteristics. Yet biobanks still face large challenges to become more findable and accessible by users on the national and global scales. These challenges range from fragmentation of data structure, lack of availability of data,<sup>3-5</sup> lack of consistent quality management and traceability,<sup>6-9</sup> to fragmentation of privacy protection regulations<sup>10-14</sup> and challenges of scalable secure storage and processing of privacy-sensitive big data.<sup>15-17</sup>

In this paper we address these challenges by providing a scalable inventory on these bioresources called BBMRI-ERIC Directory, describing availability of various resource types such as biological material, data types, expertise, and offered services, as a basis sample/data access interactions between the biobanks as resource/service providers and their users/collaborators. There have been various terms used for this type of services, including sometimes generic overloaded words “catalogs” and “registries”. In general, these systems cover various types of information that cannot be considered privacy-sensitive and thus can be shared in a open access mode, with limitations only imposed by the given bioresource business model and not privacy concerns.

For resources to be findable and usable, it is essential that samples and data are described using comparable (harmonized) semantics, so that it is possible to implement efficient search and filtering. There have been a number of attempts to improve the situation with availability and consistency of the inventory data about the infrastructures themselves in the last decade both internationally and nationally. Prominent international examples include P<sup>3</sup>G Observatory,<sup>18</sup> BBMRI Preparatory Phase Catalogue,<sup>4</sup> ISBER Resource Locator,<sup>a</sup> Maelstrom Repository,<sup>b</sup> BBMRI-LPC catalogs,<sup>c</sup> or RD-CONNECT Catalogue<sup>d</sup> on rare diseases.<sup>19</sup> Within more localized scope, some BBMRI-ERIC National Nodes have built their own catalogs which required manual insertion of data, such as Deutsches Biobanken-Register<sup>e</sup> by TMF. While being very valuable for helping to organize biobanking and bioresources communities, these tools also demonstrate the *key deficiency of such centrally-built and managed systems: because of the lack of automated data updates, the information becomes sooner or later obsolete and thus of limited use* for the users. Moreover, users interested in large collections or rare samples still need to utilize multiple inventories at the same time to find relevant materials, as none

<sup>a</sup> <https://www.irlocator.isber.org/> and information on IRL Working Group at <http://www.isber.org/page/IRL>

<sup>b</sup> <https://www.maelstrom-research.org/repository>

<sup>c</sup> <http://www.bbmri-lpc-biobanks.eu/catalogue.html>

<http://bbmri-lpc.iarc.fr/mica/?q=variable-search>

<sup>d</sup> <http://catalogue.rd-connect.eu/>

<sup>e</sup> <http://www.biobanken.de/>

of the previous ones seemed to have ambition to integrate other inventories. Currently the BBMRI-ERIC Directory is Europe-wide in terms of its content but architecturally and technologically it is ready to scale up to global level and it is capable of aggregating data from various sources.

Meanwhile, successful distributed information systems are well-known in the domain of distributed computer infrastructures, such as distributed grid computing systems,<sup>20</sup> with various architectures have been explored, ranging from client-server communication schemes<sup>21,22</sup> to peer-to-peer systems.<sup>23-25</sup> The biobanking community and bioresources communities in general have to learn from these endeavors and take a similar approach with (a) distributed architecture that allows for information flow from the original sources to the inventory services (and back), using (b) well-defined stable application programming interfaces (APIs) that allow for their implementation in the biobank information management systems, (c) clear component-based architecture that allows for simple implementation of relevant data extraction and processing components as close to the original information sources as possible, while also (d) allowing for efficient aggregation of the data to avoid overloading of the infrastructure. With such a structure, the IT systems can behave as a multi-cellular organism, not just as isolated islands often with more or less obsolete information. From the organizational perspective, this needs to be accompanied by a long-term infrastructural commitment of the biobanks as well as their funding organizations, otherwise the initial investment into connecting to such infrastructure may not be justifiable, albeit the costs may be relatively low.

## 2 Methods

### 2.1 Use Cases

In order to address these challenges, BBMRI-ERIC has started to develop BBMRI-ERIC Directory as a its first tool, with the following use cases in mind:

[UC-1] *Finding samples and/or data by biomedical and bioinformatics researchers..*

Most common search criteria include material type and diagnosis.<sup>26</sup> This use case involves various accompanying data (e.g., clinical information) and data generated from samples (e.g., genomic data).

[UC-2] *Finding services to host samples/data by biomedical and bioinformatics researchers.*

This includes search for various services offered by the biobanks: sample and data hosting and long term  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  storage, laboratory facilities for sample processing, expertise in molecular data generation from samples and their interpretation.

[UC-3] *Industrial researchers looking for biobanks with sufficient standards of operations for providing services for industry or to implement joint research.*

Industrial researchers have often more stringent requirements related to intellectual property rights protection and following particular standard operating procedures (SOPs) as a part of quality management. On the other hand, many academic and non-for-profit biobanks have self-imposed or externally imposed restrictions on the collaboration with commercial companies.

[UC-4] *Participants (donors/patients) and their organizations interested to see where their samples might be used and for what purposes.*

Trust of research participants is very important for development of biobanks and being able to demonstrate how the samples and data are used is one of cornerstones of building trustworthy infrastructures. The insights are, however, limited by the requirements on privacy protection.

[UC-5] *Biobank operators to figure out similar biobanks (experience sharing, collaboration, etc.) and to promote their visibility.*

Biobanking is an expensive endeavor and biobank operators can greatly benefit from economies of scope and scale when collaborating. In addition, research requires increasingly large collections for which pooling of data across biobanks is of great added value and biobanks need to support this process consistently.

[UC-6] *Policy makers and funding bodies looking into the extent and use statistics of funded infrastructures.*

Many biobanks are publicly funded and are perceived as very valuable for society. To underline this importance funders and policy makers are looking for data to justify their further investments.

## 2.2 Data Model

To enable samples and data to be searched in a comparable way, the first development step was designing an extensible data model, that covers all three key components of biobanks: (a) *biological material and associated physical storage facilities*, (b) *data and associated data storage facilities*, and (c) *expertise of the biobankers*.

The core of the data model for the Directory 2.0 relies on to MIABIS 2.0,<sup>27</sup> a standard data model for biobanking, which is evolution of the previously published MIABIS model.<sup>28</sup> As shown in Figure 1, this includes the following basic entities:

- **biobanks** are the institutional units hosting collections of samples and data, as well as providing expertise and other services to their users. This entity does not contain directly any attributes related to the samples or data, which are implemented via links to the collections that are available in the given biobank.
- **collections** are containers for sample sets and/or data sets, with support for recursive creation of sub-collections (of arbitrary finite depth); here properties of the samples and data can be described in aggregated form such as sample counts, diseases, material types, data types, gender, etc.;
- **networks of biobanks** (not defined in the MIABIS 2.0), which may include either whole biobanks or even individual collections inside the biobanks;
- auxiliary **contact information** contact information attached to biobanks, collections and networks needed to get access to samples or data (which is defined centrally to minimize redundancy in the information model).

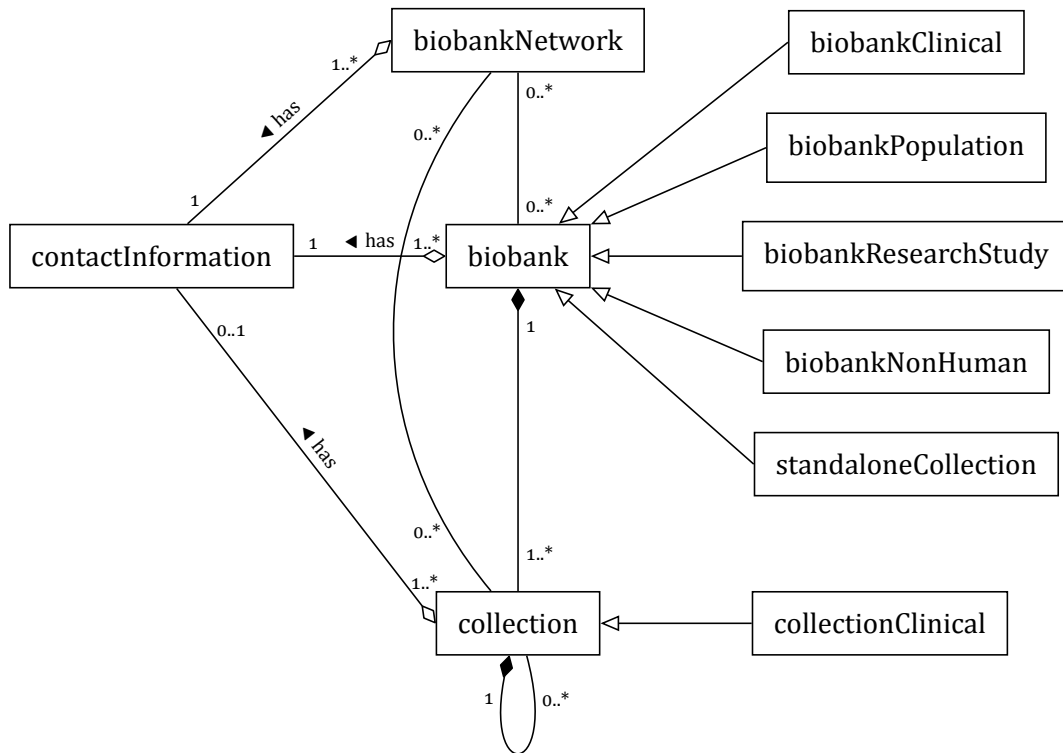


Figure 1: UML class diagram of the BBMRI-ERIC Directory Data Model.

Note that specialized biobank classes biobankClinical, bioboankPopulation, biobankResearchStudy, and biobankNonHuman come as a legacy of collection-less Directory 1.0 and need to be reconsidered in the future development of the model, since these has become properties have been moved to the level of collections in MIABIS 2.0.

The data model has been defined in a modular way such that auxiliary classes can be added to suit the needs of biobank (sub)communities, such as to describe clinical, population, research study based, non-human, and standalone collections. Particularly clinical collections are used to enforce existence of attributes describing available diagnoses (which is optional for other types), as it is among the most common search criteria.<sup>26</sup> Standalone collections are used in the countries with legal requirements on institutionalized biobanks, if there are some collections that do not meet these requirements (yet).

**Collections.** To enable deterministic counts for samples we followed recommendation of MIABIS 2.0<sup>27</sup> that (sub)collections are strictly based on the concept of *set partitioning*: for any collection containing countable (discrete) elements (such as samples/aliquots, images), each element must be exactly in one collection (partition) on the given level of recursion, and there must be no empty collections. This allows for straightforward aggregation: content of each parent entity, be it a collection or a biobank, is a sum of child entities – collections, sub-collections, etc.

The two main groups of material in the collections are *physical material (samples)* and *data*. While samples without data rarely make any sense, the opposite situation with biobanks storing only data is common in many fields, such as imaging biobanks in radiology. In practice, collections are most often created based on (a) purpose of collected material, or (b) life-cycle of the collected material, or (c) funding sources supporting the biobank.

**Attributes of entities.** Each of the entities have several sets of attributes, as detailed in Section 4: (a) mandatory vs. optional parameters, (b) publicly visible parameters vs. parameters restricted for internal use by BBMRI-ERIC and its National Nodes.

Overall, the attributes can be summarized as follows:

- The attributes for biobanks focus on describing institutional aspects of biobanks, and are anticipated to be extended for other attributes such as available expertise and provided services. The attributes can be grouped into: (a) biobank ID (with possible support for mapping of various types of identifiers in the future), (b) type of the biobank,<sup>4</sup> (c) contact information (via link to contactInformation object with assigned contactPriority, as well as URL), (d) head of the biobank and its institutional affiliation, (e) information about available information systems (restricted to internal purposes of BBMRI-ERIC and its National Nodes), (f) collaboration types supported.
- Attributes describing collections can be divided into:
  - organizational attributes: (a) collection ID (with possible support for mapping of various types of identifiers in the future), (b) contact information (via link to contactInformation object with assigned contactPriority, as well as URL), (c) head of the collection, (d) sample and data access policies.
  - attributes describing available physical material and its storage: (a) high-level view of stored material types (DNA, plasma, serum, urine, saliva, feces, RNA, blood, frozen tissue or equivalent, FFPE tissue or equivalent, immortalized cell lines), (b) type of collection (case control, cohort, cross sectional, longitudinal, twin study, quality control, population based, disease specific, birth cohort, other), (c) size of the collection (mandatory  $10^n$  order of magnitude of collected discrete elements – typically samples,<sup>f</sup> with optional exact size with time stamp), (d) storage temperatures (based on SPREC 2.0 standard<sup>g</sup>).
  - attributes describing available data: (a) available data types (genealogical records, physiological/biochemical measurements, survey data, imaging, medical records), (b) access to other data sources (e.g., national registries).
  - attributes describing research participants: (a) sex and age of participants, (b) available diagnoses (with support for ? and \* wildcard characters replacing exactly one

<sup>f</sup> We consider the search for exact number of samples meaningless before there is consensus on *sample and aliquot definition*, or having these terms standardized possibly as a part of ISO TC 276. We would also advise against abandoning these terms and using number of participants, as has already happened in some Nordic population biobanks, since such approach does not allow to differentiate between a biobank that collects one sample per participant and a time-consistent series of samples per each participant.

<sup>g</sup> <http://www.isber.org/?page=SPREC>

and zero or more characters respectively, to allow specification of whole classes of diagnoses, with appropriate search functionality in the Directory user interfaces).

- Biobank networks use attributes describing their institutional aspects as well as commonalities shared by the biobanks/collections participating in the given network.

Participation of biobanks and collections in biobank networks is implemented via reference attributes from the biobanks and collections. Note *m:n* mapping between biobanks/collections and biobank networks, as one biobank/collection can participate in several biobank networks, and vice versa, each biobank network typically has more than one biobank/collection.

The attributes can be grouped into: (a) biobank network ID (with possible support for mapping of various types of identifiers in the future), (b) contact information (via link to contactInformation object with assigned contactPriority, as well as URL), (c) commonalities of biobanks participating in the network (collection focus, charter, SOPs, data and sample access policies, MTA/DTA, URL, or even complete representation where participating biobanks are only reachable via biobank network), (d) head of the biobank network and its institutional affiliation.

**Properties of a flat data model.** Similar to the other aggregate biobank inventory systems mentioned above, the Directory also uses a flat data model, inherent to systems not having access to the level of individual samples or data sets about individual persons. This can be perceived as a trade-off between simplicity of implementation (including issues related to protection of information that can be considered personal) and acceptable level of semantic capabilities. The flat data model *prevents a user from asking true “AND questions”*: the user can search for the biobanks that have samples/data for certain diagnosis and certain material type, but there is no guarantee there is a combination of these two, i.e., material type for the given diagnosis. Therefore the search using this data model can be understood as filtering out biobanks that certainly do *not* have samples or data relevant for the given search criteria. The result of the search is a set of candidate biobanks, i.e., *biobanks that potentially might have samples for the given purpose*; it is necessary to follow up with these biobanks using per-sample search services of individual biobanks or direct communication (or via planned BBMRI-ERIC Sample Locator and Negotiator systems in the future).

**History of the data model.** Directory 1.0 was released in July 2015 with basic support for biobank entities in the data model with contact information embedded for each biobank, particularly because at the time of implementation, revisions of the MIABIS 2.0 Core<sup>27</sup> were still ongoing and the semantics and properties of collections were not clear. The data model has been extended to full MIABIS 2.0 Core compliance in Directory 2.0 in December 2015, supporting biobanks, collections, and biobank networks. These first two versions aim at the following use cases: [UC-1], [UC-3], [UC-5], and [UC-6] (partially, no resource usage information yet).



## 2.3 Architecture

We early on learned that previously centralized solutions did not scale. So the Directory must operate as a truly distributed network for biobank data aggregation, where new sources and intermediate nodes can be quickly added without central coordination. Conceptually, we followed the proven distributed model of directory services, such as implemented by LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol<sup>29</sup>): multiple biobanks can connect to a shared directory instance, for example all Dutch biobanks can aggregate to the BBMRI.nl national biobank directory.<sup>h</sup> Then again, Directory instances can connect to a more aggregated Directory instance, for example the BBMRI.nl directory is aggregated into BBMRI-ERIC Directory. This model allows for multiple layers without losing locality on who is in charge of maintaining the data so consistency is ensured. For example, some biobanks may want to first aggregate into an institute/university directory before moving national/European, or for example in Rare disease there are already networks like RD-Connect that can be added as separate directory Node.

We also learned that to motivate local biobank catalogue owners, networks or national nodes to share their data they should be immediate benefit. This led to the core idea that data sharing must be symmetric from the start, i.e., existing biobank inventories that share data into the Directory network can also immediately access data shared by others.

Figure 2 summarizes the resulting distributed system having a multi-layer configuration, with three layers being the default for BBMRI-ERIC member countries: (a) biobanks, (b) BBMRI-ERIC National Nodes (countries), (c) central BBMRI-ERIC infrastructure. To proof that interoperability concept can be easily implemented we created two implementations using LDAP with a LifeRay user interface and using MOLGENIS scientific data platform.<sup>30</sup> In addition we implemented connections to automatically load data from national nodes. Currently we have three data exchange flavors available relying on LDAP<sup>29</sup> or REST/JSON<sup>31</sup> interface for Directory 1.0/2.0, but supporting batch data sharing in tabular formats (e.g., less technical networks can provide collection descriptions via automatic upload of Microsoft Excel and CSV files).

The National Node level and the central level are shown together with user interfaces in the Figure 2. The number of layers can be dynamically adjusted: National Nodes with internal hierarchical structure may introduce additional layers, while may even choose the central layer of the Directory to host the data directly or install a Directory within a hospital for local Directory services.

## 2.4 Data Quality Checks

In order to maximize usability of the Directory for its users, a data quality check tool has been implemented with support for the following types of checks in LDAP:

- *Identifier consistency checks* for checks that are beyond the capability of LDAP schema, including checks for proper format of identifiers and existence of identifiers cross-referenced by entities (contactIDRef, biobankNetworkIDRef).

<sup>h</sup> <http://catalogue.bbmri.nl>

<sup>i</sup> <https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/geocoding/>

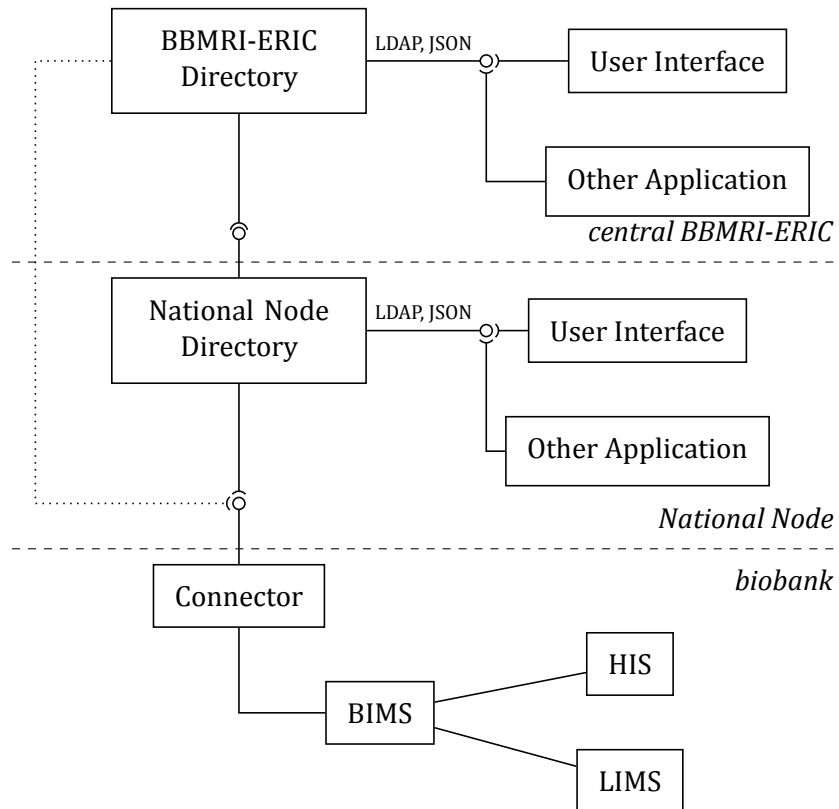


Figure 2: BBMRI-ERIC Directory architecture.

Legend: BIMS ... biobank information management system, LIMS ... laboratory information management system, HIS ... hospital information system.

- *Data syntax checks* for data structures beyond the capability of LDAP schema, including (a) compliance of phone numbers to the prescribed format based on E.164 standard and compliance of format of email addresses to RFC 822, (b) compliance of URL (c) compliance of advertised available diagnoses to the specification (urn: prefix followed by ontology specification, e.g., urn:miriam:icd: for ICD-10<sup>j</sup>).
- *Data semantics checks* including (a) test of reachability of URLs and (b) test of reachability of email addresses.<sup>k</sup>
- *Suspicious data checks* including checking (a) similarity of data in the directory to the example data (provided to national nodes to simplify initial adoption), (b) suspiciously broad specification of available diagnoses (such as advertising availability of all the diagnoses urn:miriam:icd:\* – which may be however still an acceptable initial approximation for large clinical biobanks), (c) sample collections without any material types

<sup>j</sup> Other ontologies are supported in the Directory 1.0/2.0. Particularly SNOMED CT is formally supported, but not used in practice because of problems related to transitive licensing requirements of SNOMED CT and lack of support for semantic translation, planned for future releases of the Directory.

<sup>k</sup> This test is based on Mail::CheckUser Perl module, which attempts direct contact to SMTP servers and uses combination of MAIL and RCPT commands to check for existence of the mailbox. This test is not always reliable as some servers confirm non-existent mailboxes (false positives), but it is still a valuable test to point out some non-existent mailboxes without actually sending unsolicited emails to addresses advertised in the Directory.

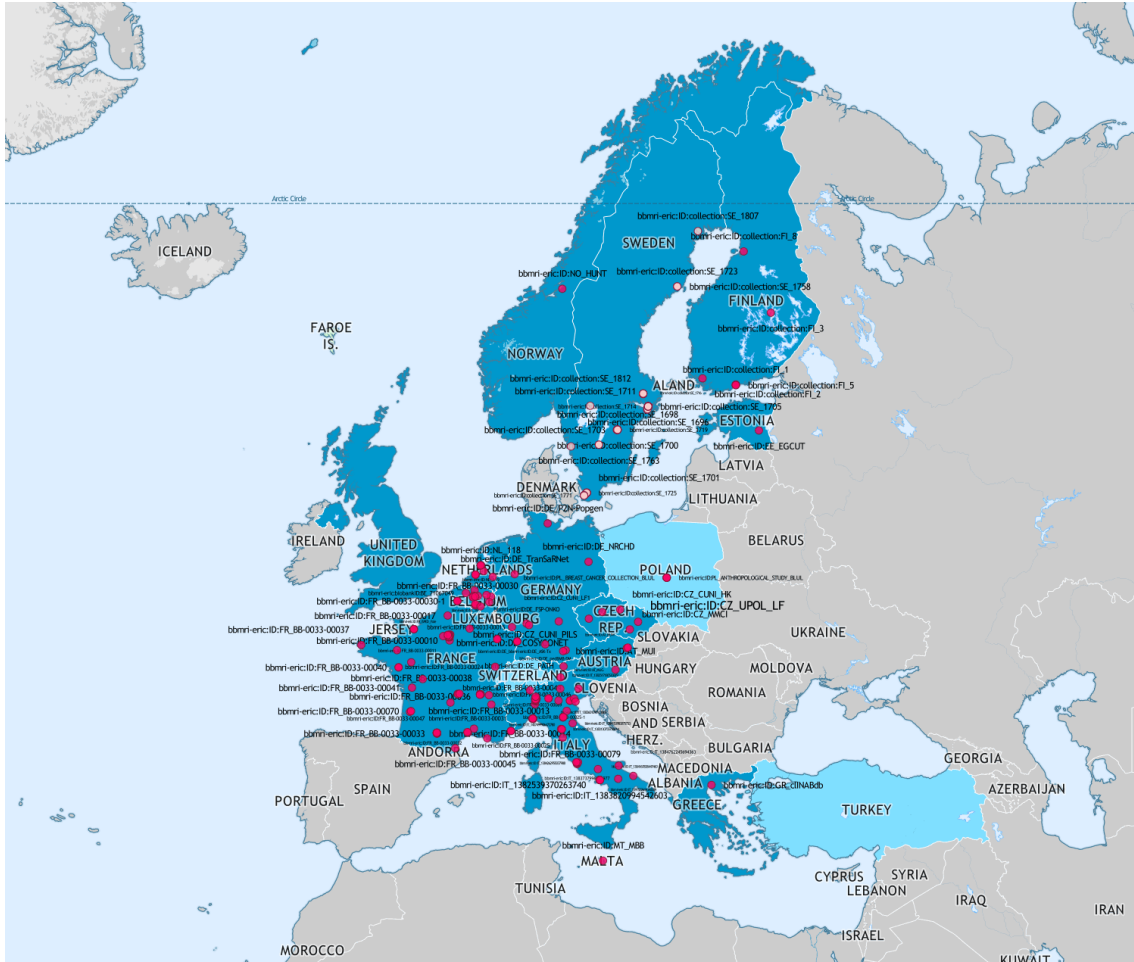


Figure 3: Map visualization of biobanks BBMRI-ERIC Directory the either provided their geographical coordinates or that provided an address resolvable via Google Geocoding API.<sup>i</sup>

available and use of deprecated material types (coming from pre-MIABIS 2.0 data structure in Directory 1.0), (d) occurrence of suspicious strings in fields (such as “N/A” in mandatory fields).

- *Checks for missing recommended data*, which is implemented as optional data in the LDAP schema, such as biobank description and acronym.

Results of the data checks are provided on regular basis to the BBMRI-ERIC National Node directors (as guarantees of data) or directly to data contributors (if outside of National Node responsibility) for their consideration.

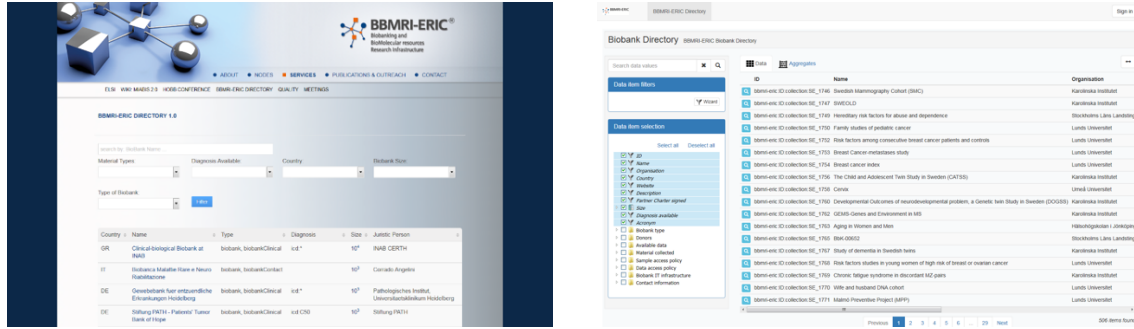


Figure 4: LifeRay and MOLGENIS based user interfaces of Directory 2.0/1.0 (MOLGENIS is not yet implemented for 2.0).

### 3 Results

Researchers, biobankers and other users can now access the top level Directory within the website of BBMRI-ERIC,<sup>l</sup> see Figure 4. However, the modular component architecture allows also for other user interfaces as well. To demonstrate that this indeed works, we have connected multiple national biobank directories and also various separate software implementations of data model and programmatic interfaces. This functionality has been demonstrated for the Directory 1.0 release in July 2015, with the BBMRI.nl implementing an interface to the global BBMRI-ERIC data integrated into their national BBMRI.nl Catalogue<sup>m</sup> using MOLGENIS scientific data platform.<sup>30</sup> This software is also available for interested readers to download as open source to start their own, local Directory instance.<sup>n</sup>

At the time of release in December 2015, the Directory 2.0 included 515 biobanks and standalone collections, with estimated number of samples exceeding 60,000,000.<sup>o</sup> This covers 136 clinical or disease-specific biobanks and 189 population biobanks, based on the classification proposed in the paper from BBMRI Preparatory Phase.<sup>4</sup> Other biobanks are of mixed type, they might have opted not to provide their classification, or they may be of another specialized type, such as 2 veterinary biobanks (used for human medicine research purposes) or a biobank specializing on fetal samples.

Directory user interface on the BBMRI-ERIC web pages has generated 505 unique page views a month and 961 page views a month on average during August 1 (a week after the release of Directory 1.0 to let the statistics stabilize) to December 31, 2015.

<sup>l</sup> <http://bbmri-eric.eu/bbmri-eric-directory>

<sup>m</sup> <http://directory-molgenis.bbmri-eric.eu/>

<sup>n</sup> <http://molgenis.github.io>

<sup>o</sup> Estimate based on mandatory  $10^n$  order of magnitude information in Directory 2.0. We consider the search for exact number of samples meaningless before there is a common consensus on *sample and aliquot definition*, or having these terms standardized possibly via ISO TC 276. We would also advise against abandoning these terms and using number of participants, as has already happened in some Nordic population biobanks, since such approach does not allow to differentiate between a biobank that collects one sample per participant and a time-consistent series of samples per each participant.

## 4 Detailed Description of LDAP Object Classes and Attributes

This section provides detailed overview of LDAP object classes defined in the BBMRI-ERIC Directory LDAP schema, together with description of their attributes. The tables with attribute description use the following shorthand notation:

*Type* Data type, where mapping to LDAP OID types is as follows:

<i>OID</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Note</i>
1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15	string	case-insensitive substring search applied
1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7	boolean	
1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.27	integer	
1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.50	phone	phone number
1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.11	country	two letter country code

- C* Cardinality, meaning how many times the attribute may be present. LDAP supports single-value and multi-value attributes (giving the upper limit on cardinality to 1 or *n* respectively), which may be further combined mandatory and optional status (giving the lower limit on cardinality to 1 or 0 respectively).
- V* Visibility, which can be (i) P ... public, (ii) R ... restricted to BBMRI-ERIC internal purposes.

### 4.1 contactInformation

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Mandatory</i>				
contactID	string	1	P	Contact identifier.
contactEmail	string	1..n	P	Email according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-07-D.
contactCountry	country	1	P	Country according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-07-H.
<i>Optional</i>				
contactFirstName	string	0..1	P	First name according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-07-A.
contactLastName	string	0..1	P	Last name according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-07-B.
contactPhone	phone	0..n	P	Phone number according to MIABIS 2.0 including international prefix (+9999999999 form with no spaces) compliant also to E.123 norm – MIABIS-2.0-07-C.
contactAddress	string	0..n	P	Address according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-07-E.
contactZIP	string	0..1	P	ZIP according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-07-F.

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<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
contactCity	string	0..1	P	City according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-07-G.

## 4.2 collaborationStatus

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Optional</i>				
collaborationPartners-Commercial	boolean	0..1	P	Biobank/collection can be used for collaboration with commercial partners.
collaborationPartners-Nonforprofit	boolean	0..1	P	Biobank/collection can be used for collaboration with non-for-profit partners.

## 4.3 biobank

Description of attributes also includes attributes of the superior objectClasses:

- collaborationStatus

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Mandatory</i>				
contactIDRef	string	1..n	P	Reference to a contact ID.
contactPriority	integer	1	P	Priority of the contact 1..n (i.e., non-negative integer), where the highest priority should be used for contacting about given set of samples. E.g., if a collection has contactPriority=3, the biobank in which the collection resides has contactPriority=10, and the biobankNetwork to which the collection or biobank belongs has contactPriority=7, the biobank contact should be used.
biobankID	string	1	P	Unique biobank ID withing BBMRI-ERIC based on MIABIS 2.0 standard (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 + underscore + biobank national ID or name), prefixed with bbmri-eric:ID: string – MIABIS-2.0-01.

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<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
biobankName	string	1	P	Biobank name according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-03.
biobankJuridicalPerson	string	1..n	P	Juristic person of a biobank according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-05.
biobankCountry	country	1..n	P	Country hosting the biobank according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-06.
biobankPartnerCharter-Signed	boolean	1	P	Biobank has signed BBMRI-ERIC Partner Charter.
<i>Optional</i>				
bioresourceReference	string	0..n	P	Bioresource reference to be cited when the bioresource (biobank/collection) is used for research.
biobankNetworkIDRef	string	0..n	P	Reference to a biobank network ID, to which the collection or biobank belongs; this attribute can also be used for biobank network, where it refers to the superior biobank network).
geoLatitude	string	0..1	P	Latitude of the biobank in the WGS84 system (the one used by GPS), positive is northern hemisphere.
geoLongitude	string	0..1	P	Longitude of the biobank in the WGS84 system (the one used by GPS), positive is to the East of Greenwich.
collaborationPartners-Commercial	boolean	0..1	P	Biobank/collection can be used for collaboration with commercial partners.
collaborationPartners-Nonforprofit	boolean	0..1	P	Biobank/collection can be used for collaboration with non-for-profit partners.
biobankITSupport-Available	boolean	0..1	R	Is IT support available at the biobank?
biobankITStaffSize	integer	0..1	R	Size of the biobank dedicated IT staff measured as 2 <sup>n</sup> .
biobankISAvailable	boolean	0..1	R	Has the biobank a computer-based Information System (IS)?
biobankHISAvailable	boolean	0..1	R	Has the biobank on-line or off-line connection to a Hospital Information System (HIS)?
biobankAcronym	string	0..n	P	Biobank acronym – MIABIS-2.0-02.
biobankDescription	string	0..n	P	Biobank description – MIABIS-2.0-08.

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<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
biobankURL	string	0..n	P	Biobank URL – MIABIS-2.0-04.
biobankHeadFirstName	string	0..n	P	First name of a person in charge of the biobank.
biobankHeadLastName	string	0..n	P	Last name of a person in charge of the biobank.
biobankHeadRole	string	0..n	P	Official role of the person in charge of the biobank: typically PI or Director.

#### 4.4 biobankClinical

No attributes available for this object class.

#### 4.5 biobankPopulation

No attributes available for this object class.

#### 4.6 biobankResearchStudy

No attributes available for this object class.

#### 4.7 biobankNonHuman

No attributes available for this object class.

#### 4.8 standaloneCollection

No attributes available for this object class.

#### 4.9 collection

Description of attributes also includes attributes of the superior objectClasses:

- collaborationStatus

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Mandatory</i>				

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<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
collectionID	string	1	P	Unique collection ID withing BBMRI-ERIC based on MIABIS 2.0 standard, constructed from biobankID prefix + :collection: + local collection ID string – MIABIS-2.0-01.
collectionName	string	1	P	Collection name according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-03.
materialStoredDNA	boolean	1	P	DNA: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredPlasma	boolean	1	P	Plasma: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredSerum	boolean	1	P	Serum: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredUrine	boolean	1	P	Urine: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredSaliva	boolean	1	P	Saliva: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredFaeces	boolean	1	P	Faeces: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredOther	string	1..n	P	Other: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredRNA	boolean	1	P	RNA: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredBlood	boolean	1	P	Blood: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredTissue-Frozen	boolean	1	P	Frozen Tissue without formalin fixation or equivalent: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredTissueFFPE	boolean	1	P	Tissue, formalin fixated and paraffin preserved or equivalent: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStored-ImmortalizedCellLines	boolean	1	P	Immortalized cell lines: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).
materialStoredIsolated-Pathogen	boolean	1	P	Isolated Pathogen: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).

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<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
collectionTypeCase-Control	boolean	1	P	A case-control study design compares two groups of subjects: those with the disease or condition under study (cases) and a very similar group of subjects who do not have the disease or condition (controls). – EMBL (EFO) – MIABIS-2.0-19.
collectionTypeCohort	boolean	1	P	A form of longitudinal study for the analysis of risk factors following a group of people who do not have a disease, and uses correlations to determine the absolute risk of subject contraction. – Wikipedia (rewritten) – MIABIS-2.0-19.
collectionTypeCross-Sectional	boolean	1	P	A type of observational study that involves data collection from a population, or a representative subset, at one specific point in time. – Wikipedia – MIABIS-2.0-19.
collectionType-Longitudinal	boolean	1	P	Research studies involving repeated observations of the same entity over time. In the biobank context, longitudinal studies sample a group of people in a given time period, and study them at intervals by the acquisition and analyses of data and/or samples over time. – P3G – MIABIS-2.0-19.
collectionTypeTwinStudy	boolean	1	P	Twin studies measure the contribution of genetics (as opposed to environment) to a given trait or condition of interest. – MIABIS-2.0-19.
collectionTypeQuality-Control	boolean	1	P	A quality control testing study design type is where some aspect of the experiment is quality controlled for the purposes of quality assurance. – EMBL (EFO) – MIABIS-2.0-19.

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<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
collectionTypePopulation-Based	boolean	1	P	Study done at the population level or among the population groups, generally to find the cause, incidence or spread of the disease or to see the response to the treatment, nutrition or environment. – Wikipedia (rewritten) – MIABIS-2.0-19.
collectionTypeDisease-Specific	boolean	1	P	A collection for which material and information is collected from subjects that have already developed a particular disease. – EMBL (EFO) – MIABIS-2.0-19.
collectionTypeBirth-Cohort	boolean	1	P	A cohort study for which the subjects are followed from the time of birth usually including information about gestation and follow up. – MIABIS-2.0-19.
collectionTypeOther	string	1..n	P	Other type of collection text specified (MIABIS-2.0-19).
collectionOrderOf-Magnitude	integer	1	P	Size of the collection measured as 10 <sup>n</sup> samples.
<i>Optional</i>				
bioresourceReference	string	0..n	P	Bioresource reference to be cited when the bioresource (biobank/collection) is used for research.
contactIDRef	string	0..n	P	Reference to a contact ID.
contactPriority	integer	0..1	P	Priority of the contact 1..n (i.e., non-negative integer), where the highest priority should be used for contacting about given set of samples. E.g., if a collection has contactPriority=3, the biobank in which the collection resides has contactPriority=10, and the biobankNetwork to which the collection or biobank belongs has contactPriority=7, the biobank contact should be used.
biobankNetworkIDRef	string	0..n	P	Reference to a biobank network ID, to which the collection or biobank belongs; this attribute can also be used for biobank network, where it refers to the superior biobank network).
geoLatitude	string	0..1	P	Latitude of the biobank in the WGS84 system (the one used by GPS), positive is northern hemisphere.

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<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
geoLongitude	string	0..1	P	Longitude of the biobank in the WGS84 system (the one used by GPS), positive is to the East of Greenwich.
collaborationPartners-Commercial	boolean	0..1	P	Biobank/collection can be used for collaboration with commercial partners.
collaborationPartners-Nonforprofit	boolean	0..1	P	Biobank/collection can be used for collaboration with non-for-profit partners.
collectionAcronym	string	0..1	P	Collection acronym according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-02.
collectionDescription	string	0..1	P	Collection description according to MIABIS 2.0 – MIABIS-2.0-08.
collectionSexMale	boolean	0..n	P	The sex of the individuals in the sample collection. – MIABIS-2.0-09.
collectionSexFemale	boolean	0..n	P	The sex of the individuals in the sample collection. – MIABIS-2.0-09.
collectionSexUnknown	boolean	0..n	P	The sex of the individuals in the sample collection. – MIABIS-2.0-09.
collectionSex-Undifferentiated	boolean	0..n	P	The sex of the individuals in the sample collection. – MIABIS-2.0-09.
collectionAgeLow	integer	0..1	P	Age of youngest sample donor at time of sample donation – MIABIS-2.0-10.
collectionAgeHigh	integer	0..1	P	Age of oldest sample donor at time of sample donation – MIABIS-2.0-11.
collectionAgeUnit	string	0..1	P	Unit defining Age Low and Age High. Can be one of the following values: years, months, weeks, days – MIABIS-2.0-08.
collectionAvailable-BiologicalSamples	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether biological samples are available (MIABIS-2.0-13).
collectionAvailableSurvey-Data	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether survey data are available (MIABIS-2.0-13).
collectionAvailable-ImagingData	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether imaging data are available (MIABIS-2.0-13).
collectionAvailable-MedicalRecords	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether medical records are available (MIABIS-2.0-13).

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<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
collectionAvailable-NationalRegistries	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether register data is associated to the participants in the sample collection/study (MIABIS-2.0-13).
collectionAvailable-GenealogicalRecords	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether genealogical records are available (MIABIS-2.0-13).
collectionAvailablePhysio-BiochemMeasurements	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether physiological/biochemical measurements are available (MIABIS-2.0-13).
collectionAvailableOther	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether other samples/data is available (MIABIS-2.0-13).
temperatureRoom	boolean	0..1	P	Sample storage temperature – Room temperature – SPREC 2.0 (MIABIS-2.0-15).
temperature2to10	boolean	0..1	P	Sample storage temperature – between 2 and 10°C – SPREC 2.0 (MIABIS-2.0-15).
temperature-18to-35	boolean	0..1	P	Sample storage temperature – between -18 and -35°C – SPREC 2.0 (MIABIS-2.0-15).
temperature-60to-85	boolean	0..1	P	Sample storage temperature – between -60 and -85°C – SPREC 2.0 (MIABIS-2.0-15).
temperatureLN	boolean	0..1	P	Sample storage temperature – liquid nitrogen, -150 to -196°C (MIABIS-2.0-15).
temperatureOther	string	0..n	P	Sample storage temperature – other, text specified (MIABIS-2.0-15).
diagnosisAvailable	string	0..n	P	Diagnosis available in the collection, with the ontology prefix, possibly using * and ? wildcards, and prefix notation to denote diagnosis nomenclature – so far urn:miriam:icd: prefix for ICD-10, and urn:miriam:snomedct: prefix for SNOMED CT (examples being urn:miriam:icd:C*, urn:miriam:snomedct:25*) – MIABIS-2.0-17, adapted.
collectionHeadFirstName	string	0..n	P	First name of a person in charge of the collection.
collectionHeadLastName	string	0..n	P	Last name of a person in charge of the collection.

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<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
collectionHeadRole	string	0..n	P	Official role of the person in charge of the collection: typically PI or Director.
collectionSampleAccess-Fee	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether access to samples may be obtained on fee-based basis.
collectionSampleAccess-JointProjects	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether access to samples may be obtained on joint project basis.
collectionSampleAccess-Description	string	0..n	P	Short description of access rules.
collectionDataAccessFee	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether access to data may be obtained on fee-based basis.
collectionDataAccessJoint-Projects	boolean	0..1	P	Denotes whether access to data may be obtained on joint project basis.
collectionDataAccess-Description	string	0..n	P	Short description of access rules.
collectionSampleAccess-URI	string	0..n	P	URI describing access policy for the samples.
collectionDataAccessURI	string	0..n	P	URI describing access policy for the data.
collectionSize	integer	0..1	P	Exact size of the collection to the given date.
collectionSizeTimestamp	integer	0..1	P	Date to which the size of the collection was valid, absolute time in ISO 8601 format.

#### 4.10 collectionClinical

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Mandatory</i>				
diagnosisAvailable	string	1..n	P	Diagnosis available in the collection, with the ontology prefix, possibly using * and ? wildcards, and prefix notation to denote diagnosis nomenclature – so far urn:miriam:icd: prefix for ICD-10, and urn:miriam:snomedct: prefix for SNOMED CT (examples being urn:miriam:icd:C*, urn:miriam:snomedct:25*) – MIABIS-2.0-17, adapted.

#### 4.11 biobankNetwork

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Mandatory</i>				
contactIDRef	string	1..n	P	Reference to a contact ID.
contactPriority	integer	1	P	Priority of the contact 1..n (i.e., non-negative integer), where the highest priority should be used for contacting about given set of samples. E.g., if a collection has contactPriority=3, the biobank in which the collection resides has contactPriority=10, and the biobankNetwork to which the collection or biobank belongs has contactPriority=7, the biobank contact should be used.
biobankNetworkID	string	1	P	Unique ID of a biobank network within BBMRI-ERIC based on MIABIS 2.0 standard (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 + underscore + biobank national ID or name), prefixed with bbmri-eric:bbnet:ID: string; if biobank network is on European or higher level, EU_ prefix is to be used instead of country prefix.
biobankNetworkName	string	1	P	Biobank network name.
biobankNetworkCommon-CollectionFocus	boolean	1	P	All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same focus with which the samples are collected (e.g., disease specific). Further details of the focus should be provided in the biobankNetworkDescription attribute.
biobankNetworkCommon-Charter	boolean	1	P	All the biobanks/collections in the network have to have a network charter signed.
biobankNetworkCommon-SOPs	boolean	1	P	All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same SOPs.
biobankNetworkCommon-DataAccessPolicy	boolean	1	P	All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same data access policy.
biobankNetworkCommon-SampleAccessPolicy	boolean	1	P	All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same sample access policy.

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<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Description</i>
biobankNetworkCommon-MTA	boolean	1	P	All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same MTA.
biobankNetworkCommon-Representation	boolean	1	P	All the biobanks/collections in the network are represented using the network only.
biobankNetworkCommon-URL	boolean	1	P	All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same web presentation on the common URL.
<i>Optional</i>				
biobankNetworkIDRef	string	0..n	P	Reference to a biobank network ID, to which the collection or biobank belongs; this attribute can also be used for biobank network, where it refers to the superior biobank network).
geoLatitude	string	0..1	P	Latitude of the biobank in the WGS84 system (the one used by GPS), positive is northern hemisphere.
geoLongitude	string	0..1	P	Longitude of the biobank in the WGS84 system (the one used by GPS), positive is to the East of Greenwich.
biobankNetworkAcronym	string	0..1	P	Biobank network acronym.
biobankNetwork-Description	string	0..1	P	Biobank network description.
biobankNetworkURL	string	0..1	P	Biobank network URL.
biobankNetworkJuridical-Person	string	0..n	P	Juristic person of a biobank network according



## 5 Listing of biobank.schema

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1 # BBMRI-ERIC Directory 2.1 Schema
2 # $Id: biobank.schema 187 2016-03-14 10:07:00Z hopet $
3 #
4 # 1.3.6.1.4.1.45510
5 # .1 = biobank/standalone collection
6 # .1.1 = attributes
7 # .1.2 = objectclass
8 # .1.3 = syntax (probably never used)
9 #
10
11 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryRoot 1.3.6.1.4.1.45510
12 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryCommon BBMRIERICDirectoryRoot:1
13 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr BBMRIERICDirectoryCommon:1
14 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonObj BBMRIERICDirectoryCommon:2
15 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryBB BBMRIERICDirectoryRoot:2
16 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr BBMRIERICDirectoryBB:1
17 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryBBObj BBMRIERICDirectoryBB:2
18 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryColl BBMRIERICDirectoryRoot:3
19 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr BBMRIERICDirectoryColl:1
20 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryCollObj BBMRIERICDirectoryColl:2
21 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNet BBMRIERICDirectoryRoot:4
22 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNet:1
23 objectIdentifier BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetObj BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNet:2
24
25 #
26 # Bioresource Reference
27 #
28
29 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:1
30 NAME 'bioresourceReference'
31 DESC 'Bioresource reference to be cited when the bioresource (biobank/collection) is
32 used for research.'
33 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
34 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
35 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')
36
37 #
38 # Contact info
39 #
40
41 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:2.1
42 NAME 'contactID'
43 DESC 'Contact identifier.'
44 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
45 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
46 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)
47
48
49 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:2.2
50 NAME 'contactFirstName'
51 DESC 'First name according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-07-A.'
52 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
53 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
54 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)
55
56
57 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:2.3
58 NAME 'contactLastName'
59 DESC 'Last name according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-07-B.'
60 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
61 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
62 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)
63
64
65 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:2.4
66 NAME 'contactPhone'
67 DESC 'Phone number according to MIABIS 2.0 including international prefix (+999999999999
68 form with no spaces) compliant also to E.123 norm - MIABIS-2.0-07-C.'
69 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.50')
70
71
72 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:2.5
73 NAME 'contactEmail'

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71  DESC 'Email according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-07-D.'
72  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
73  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
74  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

75  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:2.6
76  NAME 'contactAddress'
77  DESC 'Address according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-07-E.'
78  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
79  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
80  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

81

82  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:2.7
83  NAME 'contactZIP'
84  DESC 'ZIP according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-07-F.'
85  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
86  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
87  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)

88

89  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:2.8
90  NAME 'contactCity'
91  DESC 'City according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-07-G.'
92  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
93  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
94  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)

95

96  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:2.9
97  NAME 'contactCountry'
98  DESC 'Country according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-07-H.'
99  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.11' SINGLE-VALUE)

101 objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonObj:1
102 NAME 'contactInformation'
103 DESC 'Contact Information Object - MIABIS-2.0-07.'
104 MUST ( contactID $ contactEmail $ contactCountry )
105 MAY ( contactFirstName $ contactLastName $ contactPhone $ contactAddress $ contactCity $
106     contactZIP ) )

107
108 #
109 # Contact references
110 #

111

112  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:3.1
113  NAME 'contactIDRef'
114  DESC 'Reference to a contact ID.'
115  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
116  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
117  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

118

119  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:3.2
120  NAME 'contactPriority'
121  DESC 'Priority of the contact 1..n (i.e., non-negative integer), where the highest
122     priority should be used for contacting about given set of samples. E.g., if a
123     collection has contactPriority=3, the biobank in which the collection resides has
124     contactPriority=10, and the biobankNetwork to which the collection or biobank
125     belongs has contactPriority=7, the biobank contact should be used.'
126  EQUALITY integerMatch
127  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.27' SINGLE-VALUE)

128

129 #
130 # References for implementation of mapping between biobankNetworks and
131 # (biobanks, collections)
132 #

133  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:4
134  NAME 'biobankIDRef'
135  DESC 'Reference to a biobank ID.'
136  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
137  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
138  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

139  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:5

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139  NAME 'collectionIDRef'
140  DESC 'Reference to a collection ID.'
141  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
142  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
143  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

145  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:6
146  NAME 'biobankNetworkIDRef'
147  DESC 'Reference to a biobank network ID, to which the collection or biobank belongs;
148  this attribute can also be used for biobank network, where it refers to the superior
149  biobank network).'
150  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
151  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
152  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

153  #
154  # Georeferencing attributes
155  #

157  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:7.1
158  NAME 'geoLatitude'
159  DESC 'Latitude of the biobank in the WGS84 system (the one used by GPS), positive is
160  northern hemisphere.'
161  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
162  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
163  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)

165  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:7.2
166  NAME 'geoLongitude'
167  DESC 'Longitude of the biobank in the WGS84 system (the one used by GPS), positive is to
168  the East of Greenwich.'
169  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
170  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
171  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)

173  #
174  # Collaboration options
175  #

177  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:8.1
178  NAME 'collaborationPartnersCommercial'
179  DESC 'Biobank/collection can be used for collaboration with commercial partners.'
180  EQUALITY booleanMatch
181  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

183  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonAttr:8.2
184  NAME 'collaborationPartnersNonforprofit'
185  DESC 'Biobank/collection can be used for collaboration with non-for-profit partners.'
186  EQUALITY booleanMatch
187  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

189  objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCommonObj:2
190  NAME 'collaborationStatus'
191  DESC 'Abstract class describing collaboration status, to be used for biobanks and
192  collections.'
193  ABSTRACT
194  MAY ( collaborationPartnersCommercial $ collaborationPartnersNonforprofit ) )

197  #
198  # Biobank definition
199  #

201  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAAttr:1
202  NAME 'biobankID'
203  DESC 'Unique biobank ID withing BBMRI-ERIC based on MIABIS 2.0 standard (ISO 3166-1
204  alpha-2 + underscore + biobank national ID or name), prefixed with bbmri-eric:ID:
205  string - MIABIS-2.0-01.'
206  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
207  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
208  SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)

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207 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:2
    NAME 'biobankName'
209 DESC 'Biobank name according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-03.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
211 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
    SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)
213
214 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:3
    NAME 'biobankJuridicalPerson'
215 DESC 'Juristic person of a biobank according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-05.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
217 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
219 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')
221
222 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:4
    NAME 'biobankCountry'
223 DESC 'Country hosting the biobank according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-06.'
    SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.11')
225
227
229 # IT availability
231
232 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:5.1
    NAME 'biobankITSupportAvailable'
233 DESC 'Is IT support available at the biobank?'
    EQUALITY booleanMatch
235 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
237
238 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:5.2
    NAME 'biobankITStaffSize'
239 DESC 'Size of the biobank dedicated IT staff measured as 2^n.'
    EQUALITY integerMatch
241 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.27' SINGLE-VALUE)
243
244 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:5.3
    NAME 'biobankISAvailable'
245 DESC 'Has the biobank a computer-based Information System (IS)?.'
    EQUALITY booleanMatch
247 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
249
250 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:5.4
    NAME 'biobankHISAvailable'
251 DESC 'Has the biobank on-line or off-line connection to a Hospital Information System
    (HIS)?.'
    EQUALITY booleanMatch
253 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
255
257 # Partner charter
259
260 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:6
    NAME 'biobankPartnerCharterSigned'
261 DESC 'Biobank has signed BBMRI-ERIC Partner Charter.'
    EQUALITY booleanMatch
263 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
265
266 # Additional biobank-level attributes from MIABIS
268
269 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:7
    NAME 'biobankAcronym'
270 DESC 'Biobank acronym - MIABIS-2.0-02.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
271 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
    SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' )
273
274 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:8
    NAME 'biobankDescription'
275 DESC 'Biobank description - MIABIS-2.0-08.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
277 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
    SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' )

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279 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:9
281 NAME 'biobankURL'
283 DESC 'Biobank URL - MIABIS-2.0-04.'
285 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
287 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
289 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' )

287 # Biobank head

289 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:10.1
291 NAME 'biobankHeadFirstName'
293 DESC 'First name of a person in charge of the biobank.'
295 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
297 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
299 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

295 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:10.2
297 NAME 'biobankHeadLastName'
299 DESC 'Last name of a person in charge of the biobank.'
301 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
303 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
305 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

303 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBAttr:10.3
305 NAME 'biobankHeadRole'
307 DESC 'Official role of the person in charge of the biobank: typically PI or Director.'
309 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
311 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
313 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

311 # Definition of various biobank types - using object classes allows us to
313 # create various combinations of mandatory/optional info

313 objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBObj:1
315 NAME 'biobank'
317 DESC 'Biobank (or standalone collection) Object'
319 SUP collaborationStatus
321 MUST ( biobankID $ biobankName $ biobankJuridicalPerson $ biobankCountry $
323 biobankPartnerCharterSigned $ contactIDRef $ contactPriority )
325 MAY ( biobankITSupportAvailable $ biobankITStaffSize $ biobankISAvailable $
327 biobankHISAvailable $ biobankAcronym $ biobankDescription $ biobankURL $
329 biobankHeadFirstName $ biobankHeadLastName $ biobankHeadRole $ bioresourceReference
331 $ biobankNetworkIDRef $ geoLatitude $ geoLongitude ) )

321 objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBObj:2
323 NAME 'biobankClinical'
325 DESC 'Clinical biobank Object.'
327 AUXILIARY )

325 objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBObj:3
327 NAME 'biobankPopulation'
329 DESC 'Population biobank Object'
331 AUXILIARY )

331 objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBObj:4
333 NAME 'biobankResearchStudy'
335 DESC 'Research/study-based biobank Object'
337 AUXILIARY )

337 objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBObj:5
339 NAME 'biobankNonHuman'
341 DESC 'Non Human biobank Object'
343 AUXILIARY )

343 objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBObj:6
345 NAME 'standaloneCollection'
347 DESC 'Standalone collection Object standing outside of a biobank'
349 AUXILIARY)

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349 # Adding support for embedded collections
351 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:1
      NAME 'collectionID'
353   DESC 'Unique collection ID withing BBMRI-ERIC based on MIABIS 2.0 standard, constructed
      from biobankID prefix + :collection: + local collection ID string - MIABIS-2.0-01.'
      EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
355   SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
      SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)
357
358 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:2
359   NAME 'collectionAcronym'
      DESC 'Collection acronym according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-02.'
361   EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
      SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
363   SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)
365
366 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:3
367   NAME 'collectionName'
      DESC 'Collection name according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-03.'
369   EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
      SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
      SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)
371
372 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:4
373   NAME 'collectionDescription'
      DESC 'Collection description according to MIABIS 2.0 - MIABIS-2.0-08.'
375   EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
      SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
377   SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)
379 # Expanded Sex from text list to booleans
381 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:5.1
382   NAME 'collectionSexMale'
383   DESC 'The sex of the individuals in the sample collection. - MIABIS-2.0-09.'
      EQUALITY booleanMatch
385   SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7')
387
388 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:5.2
389   NAME 'collectionSexFemale'
      DESC 'The sex of the individuals in the sample collection. - MIABIS-2.0-09.'
      EQUALITY booleanMatch
391   SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7')
393
394 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:5.3
395   NAME 'collectionSexUnknown'
      DESC 'The sex of the individuals in the sample collection. - MIABIS-2.0-09.'
      EQUALITY booleanMatch
397   SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7')
399
400 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:5.4
401   NAME 'collectionSexUndifferentiated'
      DESC 'The sex of the individuals in the sample collection. - MIABIS-2.0-09.'
      EQUALITY booleanMatch
403   SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7')
405 # Age-related specs
407
408 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:6.1
409   NAME 'collectionAgeLow'
      DESC 'Age of youngest sample donor at time of sample donation - MIABIS-2.0-10.'
      EQUALITY integerMatch
411   SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.27' SINGLE-VALUE)
413
414 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:6.2
415   NAME 'collectionAgeHigh'
      DESC 'Age of oldest sample donor at time of sample donation - MIABIS-2.0-11.'
      EQUALITY integerMatch
417   SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.27' SINGLE-VALUE)
419
420 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:6.3
      NAME 'collectionAgeUnit'

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421  DESC 'Unit defining Age Low and Age High. Can be one of the following values: years,
      months, weeks, days - MIABIS-2.0-08.'
      EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
423  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
      SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)
425
426  # sample/data types available
427
428  attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:7.1
429  NAME 'collectionAvailableBiologicalSamples'
      DESC 'Denotes whether biological samples are available (MIABIS-2.0-13).'

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493 DESC 'Serum: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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494 EQUALITY booleanMatch
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495 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
496
497 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:8.4
498 NAME 'materialStoredUrine'
499 DESC 'Urine: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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500 EQUALITY booleanMatch
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501 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
502
503 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:8.5
504 NAME 'materialStoredSaliva'
505 DESC 'Saliva: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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506 EQUALITY booleanMatch
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507 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
508
509 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:8.6
510 NAME 'materialStoredFaeces'
511 DESC 'Faeces: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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512 EQUALITY booleanMatch
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513 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
514
515 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:8.7
516 NAME 'materialStoredOther'
517 DESC 'Other: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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518 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
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519 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
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520 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' )
521
522 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:8.8
523 NAME 'materialStoredRNA'
524 DESC 'RNA: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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525 EQUALITY booleanMatch
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526 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
527
528 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:8.9
529 NAME 'materialStoredBlood'
530 DESC 'Blood: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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531 EQUALITY booleanMatch
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532 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
533
534 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:8.10
535 NAME 'materialStoredTissueFrozen'
536 DESC 'Frozen Tissue without formalin fixation or equivalent: collection contains
537 material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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538 EQUALITY booleanMatch
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539 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
540
541 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:8.11
542 NAME 'materialStoredTissueFFPE'
543 DESC 'Tissue, formalin fixated and paraffin preserved or equivalent: collection contains
544 material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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545 EQUALITY booleanMatch
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546 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
547
548 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:8.12
549 NAME 'materialStoredImmortalizedCellLines'
550 DESC 'Immortalized cell lines: collection contains material of this type
551 (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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552 EQUALITY booleanMatch
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553 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
554
555 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:8.13
556 NAME 'materialStoredIsolatedPathogen'
557 DESC 'Isolated Pathogen: collection contains material of this type (MIABIS-2.0-14).'
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558 EQUALITY booleanMatch
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559 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
560
561 # Storage temperatures
562
563 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:9.1
564 NAME 'temperatureRoom'
565 DESC 'Sample storage temperature - Room temperature - SPREC 2.0 (MIABIS-2.0-15).'
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563 EQUALITY booleanMatch
563 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
565
565 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:9.2
567 NAME 'temperature2to10'
567 DESC 'Sample storage temperature - between 2 and 10 deg C - SPREC 2.0 (MIABIS-2.0-15).'
569 EQUALITY booleanMatch
569 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
571
571 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:9.3
573 NAME 'temperature-18to-35'
573 DESC 'Sample storage temperature - between -18 and -35 deg C - SPREC 2.0
575 (MIABIS-2.0-15).'
575 EQUALITY booleanMatch
575 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
577
577 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:9.4
579 NAME 'temperature-60to-85'
579 DESC 'Sample storage temperature - between -60 and -85 deg C - SPREC 2.0
581 (MIABIS-2.0-15).'
581 EQUALITY booleanMatch
581 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
583
583 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:9.5
585 NAME 'temperatureLN'
585 DESC 'Sample storage temperature - liquid nitrogen, -150 to -196 deg C (MIABIS-2.0-15).'
587 EQUALITY booleanMatch
587 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
589
589 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:9.6
591 NAME 'temperatureOther'
591 DESC 'Sample storage temperature - other, text specified (MIABIS-2.0-15).'
593 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
593 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
595 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')
597
597 # Collection types
599
599 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:10.1
601 NAME 'collectionTypeCaseControl'
601 DESC 'A case-control study design compares two groups of subjects: those with the
603 disease or condition under study (cases) and a very similar group of subjects who do
603 not have the disease or condition (controls). - EMBL (EFO) - MIABIS-2.0-19.'
603 EQUALITY booleanMatch
603 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
605
605 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:10.2
607 NAME 'collectionTypeCohort'
607 DESC 'A form of longitudinal study for the analysis of risk factors following a group of
609 people who do not have a disease, and uses correlations to determine the absolute
609 risk of subject contraction. - Wikipedia (rewritten) - MIABIS-2.0-19.'
609 EQUALITY booleanMatch
609 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
611
611 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:10.3
613 NAME 'collectionTypeCrossSectional'
613 DESC 'A type of observational study that involves data collection from a population, or
615 a representative subset, at one specific point in time. - Wikipedia - MIABIS-2.0-19.'
615 EQUALITY booleanMatch
615 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
617
617 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:10.4
619 NAME 'collectionTypeLongitudinal'
619 DESC 'Research studies involving repeated observations of the same entity over time. In
621 the biobank context, longitudinal studies sample a group of people in a given time
621 period, and study them at intervals by the acquisition and analyses of data and/or
621 samples over time. - P3G - MIABIS-2.0-19.'
621 EQUALITY booleanMatch
621 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
623
623 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:10.5
625 NAME 'collectionTypeTwinStudy'

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DESC 'Twin studies measure the contribution of genetics (as opposed to environment) to a
627   given trait or condition of interest. - MIABIS-2.0-19.'
EQUALITY booleanMatch
629 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:10.6
631 NAME 'collectionTypeQualityControl'
DESC 'A quality control testing study design type is where some aspect of the experiment
   is quality controlled for the purposes of quality assurance. - EMBL (EFO) -
   MIABIS-2.0-19.'
633 EQUALITY booleanMatch
SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

635 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:10.7
637 NAME 'collectionTypePopulationBased'
DESC 'Study done at the population level or among the population groups, generally to
   find the cause, incidence or spread of the disease or to see the response to the
   treatment, nutrition or environment. - Wikipedia (rewritten) - MIABIS-2.0-19.'
639 EQUALITY booleanMatch
SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

641 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:10.8
643 NAME 'collectionTypeDiseaseSpecific'
DESC 'A collection for which material and information is collected from subjects that
   have already developed a particular disease. - EMBL (EFO) - MIABIS-2.0-19.'
645 EQUALITY booleanMatch
SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

647 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:10.9
649 NAME 'collectionTypeBirthCohort'
DESC 'A cohort study for which the subjects are followed from the time of birth usually
   including information about gestation and follow up. - MIABIS-2.0-19.'
651 EQUALITY booleanMatch
SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

653 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:10.10
655 NAME 'collectionTypeOther'
DESC 'Other type of collection text specified (MIABIS-2.0-19).'
657 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
659 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

661 # note that clinical collection types are implemented as a separate auxiliary object
   class in order to enforce diagnosisAvailable

663 # This is diagnosis attributes, expected in the ontology:code form (e.g., SNOMED:25*)

665 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:11
667 NAME 'diagnosisAvailable'
DESC 'Diagnosis available in the collection, with the ontology prefix, possibly using *
   and ? wildcards, and prefix notation to denote diagnosis nomenclature - so far
   urn:miriam:icd: prefix for ICD-10, and urn:miriam:snomedct: prefix for SNOMED CT
   (examples being urn:miriam:icd:C*, urn:miriam:snomedct:25*) - MIABIS-2.0-17,
   adapted.'
669 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

671 # Collection head

673 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:12.1
675 NAME 'collectionHeadFirstName'
DESC 'First name of a person in charge of the collection.'
677 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
679 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

681 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:12.2
683 NAME 'collectionHeadLastName'
DESC 'Last name of a person in charge of the collection.'
685 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
687 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

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689 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:12.3
    NAME 'collectionHeadRole'
    DESC 'Official role of the person in charge of the collection: typically PI or Director.'
691 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
    SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
693 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

695 # Other attributes

697 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:13.1
    NAME 'collectionSampleAccessFee'
699 DESC 'Denotes whether access to samples may be obtained on fee-based basis.'
    EQUALITY booleanMatch
701 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

703 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:13.2
    NAME 'collectionSampleAccessJointProjects'
705 DESC 'Denotes whether access to samples may be obtained on joint project basis.'
    EQUALITY booleanMatch
707 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

709 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:13.3
    NAME 'collectionSampleAccessDescription'
711 DESC 'Short description of access rules.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
713 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
    SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

715 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:13.4
    NAME 'collectionDataAccessFee'
717 DESC 'Denotes whether access to data may be obtained on fee-based basis.'
    EQUALITY booleanMatch
719 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

721 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:13.5
    NAME 'collectionDataAccessJointProjects'
723 DESC 'Denotes whether access to data may be obtained on joint project basis.'
    EQUALITY booleanMatch
725 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)

727 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:13.6
    NAME 'collectionDataAccessDescription'
729 DESC 'Short description of access rules.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
731 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
733 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

735 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:13.7
    NAME 'collectionSampleAccessURI'
737 DESC 'URI describing access policy for the samples.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
739 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
    SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

741 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:13.8
    NAME 'collectionDataAccessURI'
743 DESC 'URI describing access policy for the data.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
745 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
747 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')

749 # Size of the collection

751 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:14.1
    NAME 'collectionOrderOfMagnitude'
753 DESC 'Size of the collection measured as 10^n samples.'
    EQUALITY integerMatch
755 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.27' SINGLE-VALUE)

757 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:14.2
    NAME 'collectionSize'
759 DESC 'Exact size of the collection to the given date.'
    EQUALITY integerMatch
761 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.27' SINGLE-VALUE)

```

```

763 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollAttr:14.3
    NAME 'collectionSizeTimestamp'
765 DESC 'Date to which the size of the collection was valid, absolute time in ISO 8601
    format.'
    EQUALITY integerMatch
767 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.27' SINGLE-VALUE)

769 # Definition of collection object class
771
772 objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollObj:1
773 NAME 'collection'
    DESC 'Collection (embedded) Object'
775 SUP collaborationStatus
    MUST ( collectionID $ collectionName $ materialStoredDNA $ materialStoredPlasma $
        materialStoredSerum $ materialStoredUrine $ materialStoredSaliva $
        materialStoredFaeces $ materialStoredOther $ materialStoredRNA $ materialStoredBlood
        $ materialStoredTissueFrozen $ materialStoredTissueFFPE $
        materialStoredImmortalizedCellLines $ materialStoredIsolatedPathogen $
        collectionTypeCaseControl $ collectionTypeCohort $ collectionTypeCrossSectional $
        collectionTypeLongitudinal $ collectionTypeTwinStudy $ collectionTypeQualityControl
        $ collectionTypePopulationBased $ collectionTypeDiseaseSpecific $
        collectionTypeBirthCohort $ collectionTypeOther $ collectionOrderOfMagnitude )
777 MAY ( collectionAcronym $ collectionDescription $ contactIDRef $ contactPriority $
        collectionSexMale $ collectionSexFemale $ collectionSexUnknown $
        collectionSexUndifferentiated $ collectionAgeLow $ collectionAgeHigh $
        collectionAgeUnit $ collectionAvailableBiologicalSamples $
        collectionAvailableSurveyData $ collectionAvailableImagingData $
        collectionAvailableMedicalRecords $ collectionAvailableNationalRegistries $
        collectionAvailableGenealogicalRecords $
        collectionAvailablePhysioBiochemMeasurements $ collectionAvailableOther $
        temperatureRoom $ temperature2to10 $ temperature-18to-35 $ temperature-60to-85 $
        temperatureLN $ temperatureOther $ diagnosisAvailable $ collectionHeadFirstName $
        collectionHeadLastName $ collectionHeadRole $ collectionSampleAccessFee $
        collectionSampleAccessJointProjects $ collectionSampleAccessDescription $
        collectionDataAccessFee $ collectionDataAccessJointProjects $
        collectionDataAccessDescription $ collectionSampleAccessURI $
        collectionDataAccessURI $ collectionSize $ collectionSizeTimestamp $
        bioreferenceReference $ biobankNetworkIDRef $ geoLatitude $ geoLongitude ) )

779 objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryCollObj:2
    NAME 'collectionClinical'
781 DESC 'Clinical collection Object'
    AUXILIARY
783 MUST ( diagnosisAvailable ) )

785 # Biobank network definition
787
788 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:1
789 NAME 'biobankNetworkID'
    DESC 'Unique ID of a biobank network within BBMRI-ERIC based on MIABIS 2.0 standard (ISO
        3166-1 alpha-2 + underscore + biobank national ID or name), prefixed with
        bbmri-eric:bbnet:ID: string; if biobank network is on European or higher level, EU_
        prefix is to be used instead of country prefix.'
791 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
    SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
793 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)

795 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:2
    NAME 'biobankNetworkName'
797 DESC 'Biobank network name.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
799 SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
    SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)

801
802 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:3
803 NAME 'biobankNetworkAcronym'
    DESC 'Biobank network acronym.'
805 EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
    SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
807 SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)

```



```

809 | attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:4
      | NAME 'biobankNetworkDescription'
811 | DESC 'Biobank network description.'
      | EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
813 | SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
      | SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)
815 |
      | #
817 | # Attributes describing commonalities in biobank networks
      | #
819 |
      | attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:5.1
821 | NAME 'biobankNetworkCommonCollectionFocus'
      | DESC 'All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same focus with which the
      | samples are collected (e.g., disease specific). Further details of the focus should
      | be provided in the biobankNetworkDescription attribute.'
823 | EQUALITY booleanMatch
      | SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
825 |
      | attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:5.2
827 | NAME 'biobankNetworkCommonCharter'
      | DESC 'All the biobanks/collections in the network have to have a network charter signed.'
829 | EQUALITY booleanMatch
      | SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
831 |
      | attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:5.3
833 | NAME 'biobankNetworkCommonSOPs'
      | DESC 'All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same SOPs.'
835 | EQUALITY booleanMatch
      | SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
837 |
      | attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:5.4
839 | NAME 'biobankNetworkCommonDataAccessPolicy'
      | DESC 'All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same data access policy.'
841 | EQUALITY booleanMatch
      | SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
843 |
      | attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:5.5
845 | NAME 'biobankNetworkCommonSampleAccessPolicy'
      | DESC 'All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same sample access policy.'
847 | EQUALITY booleanMatch
      | SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
849 |
      | attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:5.6
851 | NAME 'biobankNetworkCommonMTA'
      | DESC 'All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same MTA.'
853 | EQUALITY booleanMatch
      | SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
855 |
      | attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:5.7
857 | NAME 'biobankNetworkCommonRepresentation'
      | DESC 'All the biobanks/collections in the network are represented using the network
      | only.'
859 | EQUALITY booleanMatch
      | SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
861 |
      | attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:5.8
863 | NAME 'biobankNetworkCommonURL'
      | DESC 'All the biobanks/collections in the network share the same web presentation on the
      | common URL.'
865 | EQUALITY booleanMatch
      | SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7' SINGLE-VALUE)
867 |
      | #
869 | # Other attributes
      | #
871 |
      | attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:6
873 | NAME 'biobankNetworkURL'
      | DESC 'Biobank network URL.'
875 | EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
      | SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
877 | SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15' SINGLE-VALUE)

```

```

879 attributetype ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetAttr:7
      NAME 'biobankNetworkJuridicalPerson'
881   DESC 'Juristic person of a biobank network according'
      EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
883   SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
      SYNTAX '1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15')
885
887 # Definition of biobankNetwork object class
889 objectClass ( BBMRIERICDirectoryBBNetObj:1
      NAME 'biobankNetwork'
891   DESC 'BiobankNetwork Object'
      MUST ( biobankNetworkID $ biobankNetworkName $ contactIDRef $ contactPriority $
              biobankNetworkCommonCollectionFocus $ biobankNetworkCommonCharter $
              biobankNetworkCommonSOPs $ biobankNetworkCommonDataAccessPolicy $
              biobankNetworkCommonSampleAccessPolicy $ biobankNetworkCommonMTA $
              biobankNetworkCommonRepresentation $ biobankNetworkCommonURL )
893   MAY ( biobankNetworkAcronym $ biobankNetworkDescription $ biobankNetworkIDRef $
           geolatitude $ geoLongitude $ biobankNetworkURL $ biobankNetworkJuridicalPerson )

```

## 6 Example of Data in LDIF Format

### 6.1 Example of biobank, collection, and contact information

Standard LDIF file with non-7-bit ASCII values encoded in Base64 encoding:

```

1  dn: dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
   objectClass: domain
3  objectClass: top
   dc: directory
5
7  dn: ou=contacts,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
   objectClass: organizationalUnit
   objectClass: top
9  ou: contacts
11 dn: ou=biobanknetworks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
   objectClass: organizationalUnit
13 objectClass: top
   ou: biobanknetworks
15
17 dn: ou=biobanks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
   objectClass: top
   objectClass: organizationalUnit
19 ou: biobanks
21 dn: c=cz,ou=contacts,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
   objectClass: country
23 objectClass: top
   c: cz
25
27 dn: c=cz,ou=biobanknetworks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
   objectClass: country
   objectClass: top
29 c: cz
31 dn: c=cz,ou=biobanks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
   objectClass: country
   objectClass: top
   c: cz
35
37 dn: biobankID=bbmri-eric:ID:CZ_MMCI,c=cz,ou=biobanks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eri
   c,dc=eu
   biobankID: bbmri-eric:ID:CZ_MMCI
39 biobankName: Bank of Biological Material, Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute
   biobankJuridicalPerson: Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute

```



```

115 diagnosisAvailable: urn:miriam:icd:C*
    collectionOrderOfMagnitude: 4
117 dn: contactID=bbmri-eric:contact:CZ_MMCI,c=cz,ou=contacts,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
119   contactID: bbmri-eric:contact:CZ_MMCI
121   objectClass: contactInformation
    contactEmail: nenutil@mou.cz
123   contactCountry: CZ
    contactFirstName: Rudolf
125   contactLastName: Nenutil
    contactPhone: +420543133411
127   contactAddress:: xb1sdXTDvSBrb3BLYyA3
    contactZIP: 653 53
129   contactCity: Brno

```

The same data decoded<sup>p</sup> from Base64 for readability reasons:

```

1 dn: dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
  objectClass: domain
3 objectClass: top
  dc: directory
5
7 dn: ou=contacts,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
  objectClass: organizationalUnit
  objectClass: top
9 ou: contacts
11 dn: ou=biobanknetworks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
  objectClass: organizationalUnit
13 objectClass: top
  ou: biobanknetworks
15
17 dn: ou=biobanks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
  objectClass: top
  objectClass: organizationalUnit
19 ou: biobanks
21 dn: c=cz,ou=contacts,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
  objectClass: country
23 objectClass: top
  c: cz
25
27 dn: c=cz,ou=biobanknetworks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
  objectClass: country
  objectClass: top
29 c: cz
31 dn: c=cz,ou=biobanks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
  objectClass: country
  objectClass: top
33 c: cz
35
37 dn: biobankID=bbmri-eric:ID:CZ_MMCI,c=cz,ou=biobanks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
  biobankID: bbmri-eric:ID:CZ_MMCI
39 biobankName: Bank of Biological Material, Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute
  biobankJuridicalPerson: Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute
41 biobankCountry: CZ
  objectClass: biobank
  objectClass: biobankClinical
43 biobankPartnerCharterSigned: FALSE
  biobankAcronym: MMCI
45 biobankURL: http://www.recamo.cz/en/bbmri/

```

<sup>p</sup> The conversion can be implemented, e.g., as follows:

```

cat input.ldif | \
  perl -MMIME::Base64 -MEncode=decode -n -00 \
    -e 's/\n//g;s/(?<=:)(\S+)/decode("UTF-8",decode_base64($1))/eg;print'

```



```

47 biobankDescription:: Biobank at MMCI was established to preserve patient-derived
    specimens such as tumours and blood-derived samples . Its structure comprises of a
    "long-term storage repository" designed to store a comprehensive set of patient
    samples such as tumours, adjacent tissues, genomic DNA and serum at surgery, and the
    "short term storage repository" designed to store serum aliquots from periodic
    determination of soluble blood tumour markers. Comprehensive clinical data are
    available through the hospital information system to enable further translational and
    clinical research.
    geoLatitude: 49.19426448
49 geoLongitude: 16.5890801
    contactIDRef: bbmri-eric:contact:CZ_MMCI
51 contactPriority: 2

53 dn: collectionID=bbmri-eric:ID:CZ_MMCI:collection:all_samples,
    biobankID=bbmri-eric:ID:CZ_MMCI,c=cz,ou=biobanks,dc=directory,
55 dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
    objectClass: collection
57 collectionID: bbmri-eric:ID:CZ_MMCI:collection:all_samples
    collectionName: Main collection of Bank of Biological Material, Masaryk Memorial Cancer
    Institute, comprising of all the samples.
59 contactIDRef: bbmri-eric:contact:CZ_MMCI
    contactPriority: 1
61 materialStoredDNA: TRUE
    materialStoredPlasma: FALSE
63 materialStoredSerum: TRUE
    materialStoredUrine: FALSE
65 materialStoredSaliva: FALSE
    materialStoredFaeces: FALSE
67 materialStoredOther: FALSE
    materialStoredRNA: FALSE
69 materialStoredBlood: TRUE
    materialStoredTissueFrozen: TRUE
71 materialStoredTissueFFPE: TRUE
    materialStoredImmortalizedCellLines: FALSE
73 materialStoredIsolatedPathogen: FALSE
    collectionAvailableBiologicalSamples: TRUE
75 collectionAvailableSurveyData: FALSE
    collectionAvailableImagingData: FALSE
77 collectionAvailableMedicalRecords: TRUE
    collectionAvailableNationalRegistries: FALSE
79 collectionAvailableGenealogicalRecords: FALSE
    collectionAvailablePhysioBiochemMeasurements: TRUE
81 collectionAvailableOther: FALSE
    collectionSampleAccessFee: FALSE
83 collectionSampleAccessJointProjects: TRUE
    collectionSampleAccessDescription: Further access details available upon request.
85 collectionDataAccessFee: FALSE
    collectionDataAccessJointProjects: TRUE
87 collectionDataAccessDescription: Further access details available upon request.
    collectionSampleAccessURI: http://www.recamo.cz/en/bbmri/
89 collectionDataAccessURI: http://www.recamo.cz/en/bbmri/
    collectionSexMale: TRUE
91 collectionSexFemale: TRUE
    collectionTypeCaseControl: FALSE
93 collectionTypeCohort: FALSE
    collectionTypeCrossSectional: FALSE
95 collectionTypeLongitudinal: FALSE
    collectionTypeTwinStudy: FALSE
97 collectionTypeQualityControl: FALSE
    collectionTypePopulationBased: FALSE
99 collectionTypeDiseaseSpecific: FALSE
    collectionTypeBirthCohort: FALSE
101 collectionTypeOther: FALSE
    diagnosisAvailable: urn:miriam:icd:D*
103 diagnosisAvailable: urn:miriam:icd:C*
    collectionOrderOfMagnitude: 4

105 dn: contactID=bbmri-eric:contact:CZ_MMCI,c=cz,ou=contacts,
    dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
107 contactID: bbmri-eric:contact:CZ_MMCI
109 objectClass: contactInformation
    contactEmail: nenutil@mou.cz
111 contactCountry: CZ
    contactFirstName: Rudolf

```

```
113 | contactLastName: Nenutil  
    | contactPhone: +420543133411  
115 | contactAddress:: Žlutý kopec 7  
    | contactZIP: 653 53  
117 | contactCity: Brno
```

## 6.2 Example of referral

```
2 | dn: c=ee,ou=biobanks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu  
  | objectClass: referral  
  | objectClass: extensibleObject  
4 | c: ee  
  | ref: ldap://193.40.12.248/c=ee,ou=biobanks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu  
6 |  
8 | dn: c=ee,ou=biobanknetworks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu  
  | objectClass: referral  
  | objectClass: extensibleObject  
10 | c: ee  
   | ref: ldap://193.40.12.248/c=ee,ou=biobanknetworks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu  
12 |  
14 | dn: c=ee,ou=contacts,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu  
   | objectClass: referral  
   | objectClass: extensibleObject  
16 | c: ee  
   | ref: ldap://193.40.12.248/c=ee,ou=contacts,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu
```



## 7 Recommended Configuration of OpenLDAP Server

### 7.1 OpenLDAP Cookbook for National Node

This is a very simple deployment guide which should be valid for Ubuntu/Debian distros. It is intended to be simplest config for the BBMRI-ERIC national directory, without any fancy stuff nor integration with any existing systems.

1. install OpenLDAP server and take it down for configuration

```
apt-get install slapd  
/etc/init.d/slapd stop
```

2. get your TLS/SSL key and certs ready – in the worst case if you don't have access to commonly accepted certificates (such as ones provided by Terena Certificate Service), just generate a snakeoil ones:

```
mkdir /etc/ldap/ssl  
cd /etc/ldap/ssl  
openssl genrsa -out cert.key 1024  
openssl req -new -key cert.key -out cert.csr  
openssl x509 -req -in cert.csr -days 4096 -signkey cert.key -out cert.crt  
chown openldap:openldap *  
chmod 600 cert.key
```

3. enable LDAPS in /etc/default/slapd

```
SLAPD_SERVICES="ldap:///_ldap::///_ldapi::///_ldaps:///
```

4. remove the default config directory out of the way

```
mv /etc/ldap/slapd.d /etc/ldap/slapd.d-default
```

5. create new config file (we will use this for simplicity reasons, it can be easily converted to the more modern LDAP-based config later on) as shown in Section 7.2.2.

What this config does is

- a) sets up a OpenLDAP server with all the schemas we need at the moment (and even a few we may need in the future)
  - b) enables server to listen at ports 389 (plain LDAP) and 636 (LDAP with SSL/TLS)
  - c) requires authentication to use SSL/TLS
  - d) creates local database, in this case for the bbmri.cz
  - e) requires authentication in order to enable writes into the database, while reads are also supported for anonymous users over unencrypted connection
6. put the biobank.schema into /etc/ldap/schema/
  7. start OpenLDAP slapd server  

```
/etc/init.d/slapd start
```
  8. if something goes wrong, you can debug the slapd by running it with `-d -1` in the command line:

```
/usr/sbin/slapd -g openldap -u openldap -f /etc/ldap/slapd.conf -d -1 -h "ldap:///_
ldapi:///_ldaps://"
```

9. you can fill the data in using slapadd (you need to stop slapd first in this case) or ldapadd
10. inform BBMRI-ERIC headquarters (or CS IT) where your server is running and which domain it is serving; we will add appropriate referral into the `directory.bbmri-eric.eu` so that your biobanks can be looked up from it

11. once everything is done, try searching through the directory:

```
ldapsearch -v -x -h directory.bbmri-eric.eu -p 389 -b
'dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu' -s sub -C
```

(-C is important at the moment to make ldapsearch from OpenLDAP 2.x chase (= follow) referrals if in place) or using LDAP Admin tool<sup>q</sup>

12. you can also test your own server in a similar way

## 7.2 slapd.conf

For simplicity reasons, we use an older approach to configuring OpenLDAP server using as single `slapd.conf` configuration file.

### 7.2.1 Central BBMRI-ERIC server with chaining support

```
1 # enterprise directory
2 include /etc/ldap-devel/schema/core.schema
3 include /etc/ldap-devel/schema/cosine.schema
4 include /etc/ldap-devel/schema/inetorgperson.schema
5 include /etc/ldap-devel/schema/nis.schema
6 include /etc/ldap-devel/schema/openldap.schema
7
8 # biobank specific schema
9 include /etc/ldap-devel/schema/biobank.schema
10 include /etc/ldap-devel/schema/eduPerson201310.schema
11
12 # modules
13 modulepath /usr/lib/ldap/
14 moduleload back_bdb
15 moduleload back_hdb
16 moduleload back_ldap
17
18 # runtime options
19 pidfile /var/run/slapd-devel/slapd.pid
20 argsfile /var/run/slapd-devel/slapd.args
21
22 # TLS
23 TLSCertificateFile /etc/ldap-devel/ssl-new/servercert.pem
24 TLSCertificateKeyFile /etc/ldap-devel/ssl-new/serverkey.pem
25 TLSCACertificateFile /etc/ldap-devel/ssl-new/chain_TERENA_SSL_CA_3.pem
26
27 sizelimit 10000
28 timelimit 60
29
30 access to
31     attrs=biobankITSupportAvailable,biobankITStaffSize,biobankISAvailable,biobankHISAvailable
32     by users write
33     by * none
```

<sup>q</sup> <http://www.ldapadmin.org/>

```

33 access to *
34     by users write
35     by * read
36     by peername.regex=10\.*\.*\.* write
37     by peername.regex=127\.*\.*\.* write
38
39 # biobank database definition
40 database hdb
41 suffix "dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu"
42 rootdn "cn=root,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu"
43 rootpw {SSHA}**PASSWORDREMOVED**
44 directory /var/lib/ldap-devel
45 #index objectClass pres,eq
46 index default pres,eq,sub,approx
47
48
49 overlay chain
50
51 chain-max-depth 2
52 chain-return-error FALSE

```

## 7.2.2 Example of National Node server

```

# enterprise directory
2 include /etc/ldap/schema/core.schema
3 include /etc/ldap/schema/cosine.schema
4 include /etc/ldap/schema/inetorgperson.schema
5 include /etc/ldap/schema/nis.schema
6 include /etc/ldap/schema/openldap.schema
7
8 # biobank specific schema
9 include /etc/ldap/schema/biobank.schema
10
11 # modules
12 modulepath /usr/lib/ldap/
13 moduleload back_bdb
14 moduleload back_hdb
15
16 # runtime options
17 pidfile /var/run/slapd/slapd.args
18 argsfile /var/run/slapd/slapd.pid
19
20 # TLS
21 security simple_bind=128
22 TLSertificateFile /etc/ldap/ssl/www.bbmri.cz-1376563249.cer
23 TLSertificateKeyFile /etc/ldap/ssl/bbmri.cz.key.pem
24 TLSCertificateFile /etc/ldap/ssl/chain_TERENA_SSL_CA_2.pem
25
26 # biobank database definition
27 database hdb
28 suffix "c=cz,ou=biobanks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu"
29 rootdn "CN=root,c=cz,ou=biobanks,dc=directory,dc=bbmri-eric,dc=eu"
30 rootpw {SSHA}**PASSWORDREMOVED**
31 directory /var/lib/ldap
32 index objectClass pres,eq
33
34 access to
35     attrs=biobankITSupportAvailable,biobankITStaffSize,biobankISAvailable,biobankHISAvailable
36     by users write
37     by * none
38
39 access to *
40     by ssf=128 users write
41     by users write
42     by * read
43     by peername.regex=10\.*\.*\.* write
44 #

```

### 7.3 Configuration of backend databases

```
set_cachesize 0 2097152 0
2 set_lk_max_objects 1500
  set_lk_max_locks 1500
4 set_lk_max_lockers 1500
  set_lg_regionmax 1048576
6 set_lg_max 10485760
  set_lg_bsize 2097152
```



## 8 Changes from Directory 1.0 to 2.0

This section is intended for ADOPT BBMRI-ERIC project to clarify development of the Directory toward Deliverable D3.1.

Directory 1.0 (released in July 2015) has been developed as a pre-ADOPT tool, while Directory 2.0 (released in December 2015) has been implemented within the ADOPT project.

### 8.1 Change of Data Model

Directory 1.0 used a simplified model based on pre-release MIABIS 2.0: because of uncertainties in semantics of collection entity at the time of release of Directory 1.0, the biobank and collection were merged into a single biobank entity.

For Directory 2.0, the following changes were implemented:

- Introduction of collection entity:
  - samples and data related information was moved from biobank entity to the collection entity,
  - collections were defined as partitions of a parent set (a biobank or a collection), where each countable element (typically sample, but can be also extended to images for imaging biobanks, etc.) participates in exactly one collection on the given level of recursion,
  - partitioning-based collections follow recommendation of the MIABIS 2.0,<sup>27</sup>
  - biobank entity now covers only attributes related to the institutional aspects of biobanks.
- Introduction of standalone auxiliary contact information entity, which is a result of normalization of the data model after introduction of collection entity, as several collections may share the same contact information. This concept has been propagated also to biobank and biobank network entities.
- Addition of head person of biobanks, collection, or biobank network: this extends previously available contact information.
- Introduction of biobank networks with  $m:n$  mapping between biobanks/collections and biobank networks.
- Support for improved estimates of size of biobanks: beyond the mandatory order of magnitude, the collections can be reported with exact number of samples stored and a time stamp (note the uncertainty related to sample/aliquot definition discussed earlier in the paper).

## 8.2 Change of User Interfaces

Directory 2.0 user interface based on LifeRay content managements system (used for managing BBMRI-ERIC website) has been updated to reflect changes in the data model described in the previous section.

The update of the user interface has also been used to improve search in diagnosis field, which now supports limited semantic search for ICD-10 codes (searching for more generic as well as more specialized diagnoses relative to the user-requested one(s)).

## 8.3 Data Curation

Considerable effort has been invested into updating data to the new structure of Directory 2.0. In the first stage, this upgrade has been automated by creating one collection of all the samples in each biobanks, in order to facilitate the upgrade process. Afterwards the National Nodes have been invited to update their data, in order to improve their value for the users: introducing their existing collections and biobank networks. Another important aspect was review of existing standalone collections, if the new semantics of biobanks and collections allows for embedding standalone collections into biobanks (previously the standalone collections were used for two purposes: to describe collections that stand outside of institutionalized biobanks in the given country, and collections that required their own visibility in the Directory 1.0 – the second reason is no longer valid in Directory 2.0 as collections are already visible for the Directory users).

Data curation effort has also led to reimplementing of the data quality check tool, bringing it in line with updated data structures, as well as implementing new quality checks specific to the updated structure (e.g. checks for broken links between entities, checks of newly introduced attributes).



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