

## INVITATION

# ELISPOT PROFICIENCY PANEL

This is an invitation to participate in the Elispot Proficiency Panel 2014.

This is your chance to test your lab's proficiency in performing the Elispot assay.

You may register at [www.proficiencypanel.com](http://www.proficiencypanel.com). A limited number of participants can be accepted in this panel; the participants will be included on a first come, first serve basis.

- **Who can participate?** Any lab with a need to perform reliable immune monitoring can participate.
- **What will happen?** i) Immudex will send out identical and pretested PBMC samples and peptide pools to all participants including instructions, ii) Each participating lab will perform the Elispot assay following their own SOP and report the result back to Immudex, iii) Each participant will receive a report detailing the participant's performance. The other participants' individual performance data will be held confidential.
- **When?** Cell samples will be sent out April/May 2014.
- **What does it cost to participate?** Participation fee is 350 EUR/425 USD (academia, non-profit organizations), 750 EUR/900 USD (zero revenue small companies), 1000 EUR/1200 USD (positive revenue small companies), and 2000 EUR/2500 USD (pharmaceutical companies). Participation fee includes cell samples, peptide pools, shipping, and the final report.

## DEADLINES

Deadline for registration: April 7, 2014.

Delivery of reagents and cell samples: April/May, 2014.

Deadline for data submission: June 27, 2014.

Performance report back from Immudex: September, 2014.

**Any laboratory, independent of affiliation, geographic location or area of interest, is invited to participate in the Elispot Proficiency Panel**

## REGISTRATION

– Sign up on [www.proficiencypanel.com](http://www.proficiencypanel.com)

### PANEL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- 2 cell samples
- 2 peptide pools
- Detailed instruction sheets and data templates for reporting back to Immudex

Participants must determine the number of antigen-specific T cells in the cell samples using the CEF peptide pool and the CMV peptide pool.

The cell samples and peptide pools must be stored in liquid nitrogen upon delivery.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the past, the CIC [the US Cancer Immunotherapy Consortium of the CRI] and CIMT [the European Association for Cancer Immunotherapy] have been in charge of the proficiency panels. Immudex is now continuing the service.

Immudex welcomes any lab with an interest in performing proficient immune monitoring assays to participate. The Proficiency Panels are open for participation by any laboratory, independent of affiliation, geographic location or area of interest.

If you have questions or comments, please contact the organizers at [proficiencypanel@immudex.com](mailto:proficiencypanel@immudex.com)

JPT Peptide Technologies sponsors the peptide pools used in the Elispot assay; Cryoport sponsors temperature loggers and provides shipping at a reduced price; Mabtech provides quality control and Elispot assay testing of cell samples; and Precision Bioservices provides cell samples at a reduced price.

