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It was started in 2003 and nowadays is formed by 17 Spanish leading research groups in the field of Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology; however, REIPI projects may include collaborations with many other sites in Spain and all over the world.

Research in REIPI is focused in improving the outcomes of infections due to resistant organisms, complex infections and infections in immunocompromised hosts by generating basic and translational knowledge through basic research, intervention studies, randomized trials and development of guidelines to improve patients’ outcomes. REIPI also works on generating patents whenever appropriate and establishing links with companies interested in further development and commercialization of research products. This is achieved by high quality, collaborative and internationalized research for which the network provides clear added value.

REIPI also serves as hub in Spain for CLIN-Net, LAB-Net and EPI-Net (www.combacte.com), as strategies to facilitate the development of randomized trials in infectious diseases our country.

Translation of research into clinical practice improving the outcomes of patients with Infectious Diseases

The Governance structure of REIPI includes an Executive Board, chaired by the Scientific Coordinator of REIPI (Jesús Rodríguez-Bañó) and formed by the Scientific Coordinators of the 3 Research Programmes (see below) and representatives from the research groups; and a Scientific Board, formed by the Scientific Coordinators of the Research Programmes and the leaders and co-leaders of their different Work Packages.

REIPI is developing more than 200 collaborative research projects including basic microbiological studies, animal models of infections, epidemiological and observational studies and randomized controlled trials integrated in three Research Programmes:

1. Antimicrobial resistance: knowledge for action.
   Scientific coordinator: Germán Bou

2. Treatment and management of antimicrobial resistance organisms and complex infections.
   Scientific coordinator: Jesús Rodríguez-Bañó

3. Infections in the non-HIV immunocompromised host.
   Scientific coordinator: José María Aguado