**To the attention of the “Galliera Genetic Bank (GGB)” users**

Dear Researchers,

this is to inform you that during 2012 the biobanks associated to the “*Telethon Network of Genetic Biobanks (TNGB)*”, will activate the *cost recovery* system. In particular, the Galliera Genetic Bank, as a partner of TNGB, will start the *cost recovery* from 01.06.2012.

The *cost recovery* will be applied to those researchers who request services to the TNGB biobanks, aiming at recovering only the distribution costs of the samples at a minimal fare. We have enforced this plan in order to grant, even partially, the sustainability on the banks side.

The *cost recovery* system, as well as any other ongoing policy, will cover all the samples listed in our catalogue that are required for research projects.

This system has already been aprproved by both the Ethical Committees of the Bodies and Institutions where the biobanks operate, and the Medical Scientific Board of the Telethon Foundation that has patronized this initiative.

The list of services however includes all the biobanks associated to the TNGB and can be viewed on the dedicated web site (<http://www.biobanknetwork.org/pricelist.php>.).

The GGB staff will be at your disposal to give you all the information and the forms to fill in in order to access our services (email: ggb@galliera.it; chiara.baldo@galliera.it; phone +39 010 5634386/83; fax +39 010 5634381).

Thanks for your attention.

Best regards

The Galliera Genetic Bank