Danish Udder Health Center – merging people and knowledge

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From an industry point of view

- **Strategic and coordinated research**
  - Need to identify priority areas: what is ”need to know”?
  - Fewer but larger projects
  - Link with strategy of funding bodies, e.g. Milk Levy Fund (MAF), GUDP and EU

- **Better link between research and the dairy farmer**
  - Secure that new knowledge is implemented at the farm
  - Feedback from farm to university: future needs of application-oriented studies

- Holistic approach if possible – consider everything
- Mastitis research should be seen in international context

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Historical approach

- Many projects with a 1-year period
- Lack of coordination between applications = competition for funding
- Implementing gained knowledge typically not part of the project

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Brainstorm autumn 2017

- The research environment was unstable
- Current research projects ending 2018
- Closer cooperation between key actors was needed

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Moving forward – joining people

- Few people working with research in mastitis and udder health in DK
- Coordination and collaboration is essential
- Support from SEGES and reaching out to stakeholders

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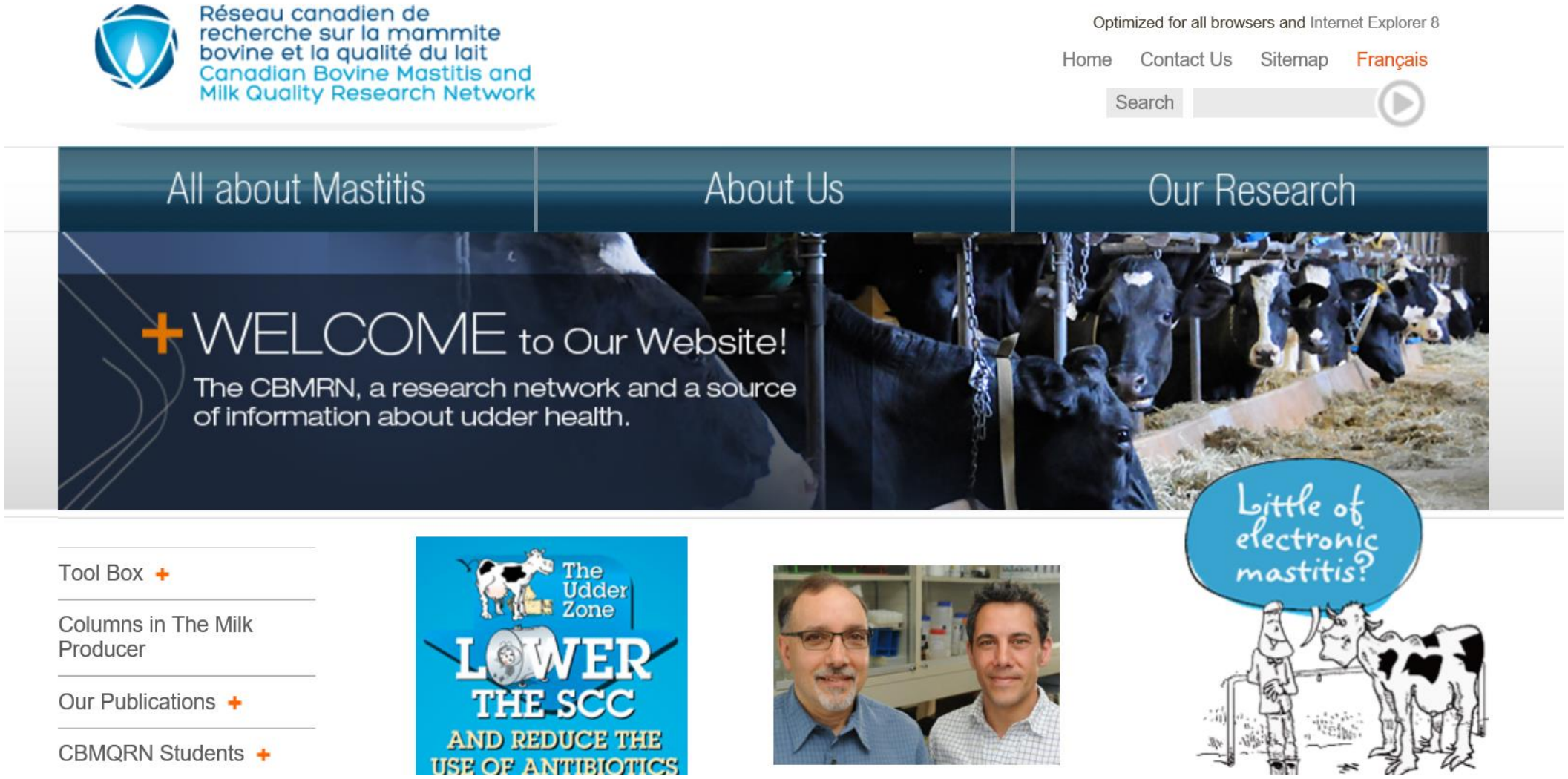
Reinventing the wheel?



Workshop – international resources

- Brainstorm January 2018 - Axelborg
- Ideas for new projects
- “This is what you need to do”
- “We already tried this”

Structure – framing the Center

- The participants work on their own institution
- Annual assessment workshop with international participation
- Industry advisory board
- Common goals

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Activities

- Involved in all major projects and resource groups with regard to public bodies, commercial companies e.g.
- Organizing the IDF Mastitis Conference 2019
- Annual assessment workshop with international participation
- Industry advisory board

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”Brothers in arms”

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