



Second Meeting of the Steering Committee of COST-Action FP0802

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3a) Current status of acceptance of MoU

Signatures	MC members
Austria	Karin HOFSTETTER
	Stefanie TSCHEGG
Denmark	Staffan SVENSSON
	Lisbeth THYGESEN
Finland	Ritva SERIMAA
	Pekka SARANPÄÄ
France	Oliver ARNOULD
	Xavier FRANK
Germany	Michaele EDER
	Uwe SCHMITT
Hungary	Levente CSOKA
	Ilona PESZLEN
Italy	Marco FIORAVANTI
Lithuania	A. BALTRUSAITIS
	A. LAURINAVICIUS

Netherlands	Wolfgang GARD
	Andre JORISSON
Norway	Geir VESTOL
	Jan BRAMMING
Poland	Wieslaw OLEK
	Edward ROSZYK
Portugal	Jose LOPES MORAIS
Serbia	Ksenija RADOTIC
Spain	Teresa CUBERES
Sweden	Kristofer GAMSTEDT
	Lennart SALMEN
Switzerland	Parviz NAVI
	Peter NIEMZ
Turkey	Ibrahim TUMEN
United Kingdom	Michael JARVIS
	Callum HILL

Current participants

Signature procedure under way in **Czech Republic** and **Slovenia**

Non-COST participants:

- Scion (New Zealand Forest Research Institute), New Zealand
- University of Canterbury, New Zealand (DC approved, JAF approval early Nov)
- Hydro-Quebec Research Center, Canada

3b) Planned activities for 2010 & 2011

2010:

- Training School, March/April, 2010, Potsdam, Germany
- Joint WG3 and Action IE0601 Meeting, April 12-13, 2010, Krakow, Poland
- Joint WG1&WG2 Meeting and MC-Meeting, May 27-28, 2010, Biel, Switzerland
- Annual Workshop & MC-Meeting, October 2010, Hamburg, Germany

2011:

- Training school (Stockholm?, topic, date?)
- workshop (Helsinki, date??)
- WG meetings
- MC meetings

3c) Webpage, folder, promotion, dissemination

Webpage:

- online at <http://cost-fp0802.tuwien.ac.at>
- **internal area**
 - user name: **costaction**, password: **!fp0802!**
 - literature for Spring School
 - STSM reports *to be included*
 - documents of coordinated research efforts *to be included*
- **conferences of interest** – details of 8 events provided
- **methods & equipment database**
 - responsibility of Oliver Arnould
 - available at Google Docs

3d) Action budget (Dec 2009 – Nov 2010)

- offer by COST office: **€ 81,500 (including 15 % overhead for Grant Holder)**
 - only minimal reimbursement for planned activities possible
 - even not all MC- & WG-Members can be reimbursed
 - decision on selection on whom to reimburse
 - proposal: provide every MC- & WG-Member with a reduced reimbursement (\sim € 500) in order to get equality among all members

3d) Action budget (Dec 2009 – Nov 2010)

A. SUMMARY BUDGET

(1a) Travel/hotel costs for MC-, WG1-, WG2-Meeting, Biel	€ 12,600
(1b) Travel/hotel costs for WG3-Meeting, Krakow	€ 6,300
(1c) Travel/hotel costs for Annual Workshop/MC-Meeting, Hamburg	€ 28,000
(1d) Travel/hotel costs for Training School, Potsdam	€ 8,100
(2a) Workshop support grant, Hamburg	€ 3,000
(2b) WG-Meeting support grant, Biel	€ 2,000
(3) Short-term scientific missions	€ 9,000
(4) Training School support grant, Potsdam	€ 2,000
(5) Dissemination – publications	€ 0
TOTAL SCIENCE EXPENDITURE	€ 71,000
15 % (Grant Holder support)	€ 10,650
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€ 81,650

3e) Transition to Grant Holder System

- transition most probably on December 1, 2009
- training in Brussels on October 19, 2009
- News:
 - 65 % pre-finance of budget, remaining 35 % on demand
 - Grant Holder has to prepare detailed budget and bears financial risk of overspending
 - all members have to register themselves at e-cost
 - support grant for organisation of events: no fixed flat rate anymore → € 30 / participant & meeting(!)
 - reduction of standard accommodation rate € 120 (if no budget available anymore) ... MC-approval necessary

3f) Short Term Scientific Mission

- 7 applications/approvals so far:
 - Thomas Bader (AT), '*Mechanical properties of ancient wood*', report approved
 - Karin Fackler (AT), '*FT-IR imaging of spruce wood degraded by basidiomycetes*', report approved
 - Budi Hidayat (DK), '*The ultrastructure of dislocations studied using Polarized Infra Red Microspectroscopy*', STSM completed
 - Jasna Simonovic (RS), '*Polarized FT-IR study of cell walls of various plant origins and their organization of the constituents*', STSM in progress
 - Johannes Eitelberger (AT), '*Sorption behavior of wood studied by means of an improved cup method*', STSM in progress
 - David Auty (UK), '*Scots pine (Scotland): Analysis of wood and fibre properties using Silviscan-3*', STSM in progress
 - Laszlo Horvath (HU), '*Distribution of Syringyl and Guaiacyl type of lignin within the cell wall of transgenic aspen using*', application approved, STSM in Dec.

3f) Short Term Scientific Mission

- budget spent so far: 11.797 €
- call system?
- evaluation/ feedback
- minimum target figure – 10 % of Action budget (as approved at MC2-Meeting)

3g) Support of Young Researchers

- Training schools in 2010 & 2011(?) & 2012(?)
- Short Term Scientific Missions
- Action Think Tank
- Conference Grant (applications?)

3h) Coordination/interaction with other Actions

- **E50** 'Cell wall macromolecules and reaction wood' (2005-2009)
short presentation about FP0802 at final conference July 2009 in Wageningen, try to catch-up members looking for possibilities to continue their COST activities; no concrete outcome/ indications of interest
- **E54** 'Characterisation of the fine structure and properties of papermaking fibres using new technologies' (2006-2010)
*short presentation about FP0802 at workshop in Grenoble October 2009, very active interest, but only very short remaining duration of Action; possible contact persons Geoffrey Daniels, Tom Larsson, Paul Ander; plans for new proposal: **Determination of the impact of genetics, environment and manufacturing processes on wood cell ultra structure, biopolymer interactions and composition of ligno-cellulosic materials***
- **IE0601** 'Wood science for conservation of cultural heritage' (2007-2011)
*WG1: wood properties, particularly their changes due to ageing, degradation, transformation; possible contact person Joseph Gril
measures: joint meeting related to modeling activities in April*



3i) DC FPS report

- FPS Annual Progress Conference (Rome, March 3-4, 2010)
 - preparation of poster and presentation
 - suggestions for modification of presentation?
- Annual Progress Report

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4a-c) Joint Workshop of WG3 and Action IE0601

- Report by Kristofer Gamstedt
 - a) current state of planning
 - b) workshop format and topics
 - c) workshop budget

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5a-c) Joint Workshop of WG1&2 and MC-Meeting

- Report by Michaela Eder & Lisbeth Thygesen
 - a) current state of planning
 - b) workshop format and topics
 - c) workshop budget

- proposed dates (approved by Parviz Navi (local organiser), Michaela Eder, Lisbeth Thygesen): May 27-28, 2010

- MC-Meeting

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6a-d) Training School

- Report by Michaela Eder
 - a) current state of planning
 - b) lecturers, topics, kind of training
 - c) call and selection of participants
 - d) training school budget

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7) Annual Workshop

- Proposed dates: Sept 29 – Oct 1, 2010 or **Oct 6-8, 2010**
- Theme of Workshop: "Wood structure/function-relationships and modelling methods"
- Tutorial on X-ray and imaging? (Ritva Serimaa / Ingo Burgert / Oskar Paris / Rob Evans)

- MC-meeting to be organized?
- WG discussions?

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Steering Committee Meeting

Date/venue:

May 26, 2010, Biel, Switzerland
late afternoon before Joint WG1&2 and MC-Meeting

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