

## Minutes Management Committee Meeting

**COST Action no. FP1106**

**Action Title: STReESS - Studying Tree Responses to extreme Events: a Synthesis**

**Venue: Nesuchyně, Czech Republic, April 24, 2015 from 17.00 to 17.30**

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### 1. Adoption of agenda & approval of minutes:

a. Additional agenda points: none

b. Approval of minutes last MC meeting

→ Minutes of last MC meeting held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 in Estoril (PT) are approved

### 2. Update from the Action Chair

a. Status of Action, incl. participant count: No changes; no new countries allowed. Number of COST participants: 308.

b. Reflection on past COST activities and output

**Activities GP3 since Estoril meeting:** Training School (G. von Arx, K. Cufar, A. Crivellaro & M. Carrer): Quantitative Wood Anatomy: from Sample to Data, Birmensdorf (CH), 18-21.11.2014 (23p); Conference (P. Rozenberg): Natural and human-assisted adaptation of forests to climatic constraints: the relevance of interdisciplinary approaches, Orleans (FR), 18-19.11.2014; SC meeting, Wageningen (NL), 15.12.2014 (7p); SC meeting (on own expenses) Pisa (IT), 10-11.04.2015 (6 p); Combined TG1/TG6 workshop (G. Petit & J. Gričar) San Vito (IT), 19-23.01.2015 (10p);

**Output:** min. 12 papers (see <http://streess-cost.eu/publications>); 3rd instruction film in preparation (G. von Arx), based on Training School on Quantitative Wood Anatomy; 5 STSMs

→ Chair requests MC members to provide/update information on COST output (scientific papers with COST in acknowledgements, approved project proposals, cooperation between COST members, jobs achieved through COST network, etc.); the information will be used to update our webpage and create a survey for the final COST report. Chair will send out mail to collect information.

c. STSM status and new applications (Jozica Gricar):

In GP3 initially 12 STSMs were planned (total budget:20.000 EUR), but due to the high quality of applications SC approved 14 STSMs (total budget:25.530 EUR). All STSMs are now completed. Due to budget constraints no new STSMs could be granted for the second half of GP3. Quality of applications and results have improved. 17 Applying countries (new: CH, SL and SK) and 10 hosting countries (new: BE and AT). Most active in obtaining grants: SP and IT. Most active in hosting applicants: CH and FR. Excellent Gender-balance: 19 female applicants (out of 22=90.1 %) obtained a grant, against 20 male applicants (out of 35=54.3%).

GP4: due to (again) severe budget cuts the SC decided to give priority to invite ESRs to the meetings instead of doing STSMs. In GP4 only 4 STSMs can be financed with a maximum grant of 800 EUR each. Aim of the STSMs should be to finalise TG activities and should be finished before April 22, 2016. Only one collecting date: 01.07.2015.

→ MC members agreed with the decision of the SC to give in GP4 priority to ESR participation to meetings above doing STSMs by approval of work and budget plan.

→ The deadline for STSM submission is set to July 1<sup>st</sup> and will be announced at the STReESS webpage and by the STSM coordinator.



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#### d. ESRs– status and activities (Lies Robert)

Currently our COST Action has 308 registered participants, 153 (49.7%) are ESRs. Many new ESRs due to 14 STSMs and two Training Schools (34 p, of which 19p reimbursed). ESR participation to Action meetings has been the same since Estoril: 42, but number of reimbursed ESRs increased from 26 (61.9%) in Estoril to 35 (83.3%) in Nesuchyne. The ESRs highly appreciate the policy handled by the SC where (1) priority of reimbursement is given to ESRs to who are actively involved (scientific contributions to TGs/WGs) and (2) attention is given to selection of less expensive meeting locations.

### 3. Action finances & COST news

a. Evaluation of the Action: no evaluation, annual meeting, or reporting is needed.

#### b. Work and budget plan (WBP)

The format of the WBP changed; it now requires more detailed information about meeting place and timing as well as links to Action aims. The WBP for GP4 has been sent around to MC members 2 weeks ago and is meanwhile approved. The budget for our Action is strongly reduced with the consequence that we have limited money for workshops, meetings and STSMs (see under 2c). The following activities are planned for GP4: 4 STSMs, 2 WG/MC meetings (SI, DE) and 2 small writers meetings (or more if they are very cheap). The SC will ask extra money for dissemination (up to Euro 10.000,-) which will be used to pay for articles to be published in the planned special issue for *Frontiers in Plant Sciences*. Organisation of the final meeting in Berlin will require additional funds; the chair will discuss with the local organiser Andreas Bolte about sponsoring.

- Chair will send out mail to collect requests for small writers meetings, including information on deadlines (mid May)
- Chair will screen terms of condition for extra money for dissemination

#### c. Follow-up COST-STReESS

COST moved under the umbrella of H2020, which has led to changes in the organisation structure. Our old domain Forests, their Products and Services (FPS) does not exist any more under H2020. Instructions for submitting new COST proposals can be found under [http://www.cost.eu/participate/open\\_call](http://www.cost.eu/participate/open_call). You can submit your COST Action proposal at any time throughout the year via the new e-COST online submission tool. COST STReESS members can also consider joining other COST Actions such as FP1304 PROFOUND (<http://cost-profound.eu/site/>). For a survey on related COST Action in our domain see [http://www.cost.eu/COST\\_Actions/fps/Actions](http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/fps/Actions).

- Chair will inform via our Science officer Fatima BOUCHAMA about possibilities to continue with our Topic STReESS in a follow-up Action.

### 4. Scientific planning - follow-up of MoU objectives

#### a. STReESS roadmap until Berlin:

Between now and the Slovenia WG/TG meeting: TGs work towards their aims and outputs. Between the Slovenia WG/MC meeting and the final meeting in Berlin: All TG products are finalised and COST deliverables as formulated in the MoU, and COST main achievements for stakeholders are finalised and ready to be presented at the final COST meeting. During this meeting in Nesuchyne we already started discussion with COST members about 'core products' which are attractive for stakeholders (science, education, practice, politics) and can be presented in Berlin (e.g. TreeWatch.net).

- MC members are requested to come up with suggestions for attractive COST outputs to be presented to stakeholders.

#### b. Progress report of working groups

In the current COST meeting the SC decided to held discussion meetings with all COST participants about upscaling of TG output to final COST deliverables and output instead of WG meetings. The results of this discussion meetings will be further elaborated by the SC and presented at the next WG/MC meeting in Slovenia. As important output of our Action we plan a special issue in *Frontiers in Plant Sciences* (edited by A. Bräuning *et al.*). This special issue will include articles resulting from work carried out in different TGs of our Action and will include a n opinion paper written by the SC. TG leaders are asked for potential contributions for Special Issue (by filling in distributed form or by email).



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## 5. Long-term planning Action activities

### a. Planned meetings, activities

- IAWA/IUFRO meeting Tervuren (BE), not financially supported by COST, but by providing 5 key notes and invited talks by COST STReESS members.
- Training School Quantitative Wood Anatomy, San Vito (IT), 8-12 June 2015 (not financially supported by COST but based on a concept developed for a COST trainingschool (held in November 2014 in Birmensdorf by the same organisers).
- 7th COST WG/MC meeting Slovenia, 2-6 November 2015.
- Final COST meeting Berlin, Spring 2016 (date to be determined).

### b. Dissemination planning

Our COST Action has already lead to much output in form of publications, instruction films, approved projects, jobs for ESRs (see under 2b). We hope to accomplish this list with some major outputs from the TGs, like special issue IAWA on Functional Wood Anatomical Traits (edited by H. Beeckman), and the Special issue in Frontiers in Plant Sciences (edited by A. Bräuning *et al.*). The planning of Dissemination of main Action output during the Final meeting in Berlin will be discussed by the SC in the upcoming SC meeting and presented at the next COST WG/SC meeting in Slovenia.

→ **SC will develop plan for dissemination of main COST outcome to be presented at the next WG/MC meeting in Slovenia.**

## 6. AOB: Data ownership & co-authorship (Paolo Cherubini)

There are many different guidelines developed on this issues which are available at all universities and research institutes. If there is a conflict the SC is willing to help, but the SC will and cannot provide general rules for this COST Action. SC recommends: start discussion with data contributors and authors in an early stage. PC warns that there is no way to quantify the contributions of all separate authors.

## 7. Closing :17:30 hrs



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