



COST ACTION FA1103

Endophytes in Biotechnology and Agriculture

Minutes of the 2nd Management Committee Meeting

15. November 2012

Fondazione Edmund Mach, S. Michele, Italy

1. Welcome of participants

The participants of the 2nd meeting of COST Action FA1103 MC were welcomed by Chair Carolin Schneider

2. Adoption of Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

3. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

4. Matters arising

No matters were arisen. Website, dissemination activities and meetings were adopted

5. Report from COST Office

- Short Report was accepted. Replacement of Ioanna Stavridou (maternal leave) by Ilias Papadopoulos as Science Officer was announced.
- Status of the Action: two COST countries and one non-COST country institution were accepted in the Action. Five additional applications (DZ, UA, IN, TN, AR) are pending
- Budget of 2012 was described and explained by Dr Schneider. There may be some funds left to be spent on decided activities.

6. Progress report of working groups

No publications are available as yet but there are already established collaborations that will soon lead to common reports.

There is a change of leadership of Working Group 4: Anna Maria Pirtilla replaces Gerald Bills
A discussion on a "endophytes definition" paper took place. Marc Stadler suggested publication in Mycology but there was no agreement on that. A more general journal was suggested instead. Marc Stadler offered to present the Action in the 2014 Symposia on Mycology- Microbiology in Montreal, Canada.

WG2 reported the need to compare and catalogue methods of endophyte isolation. This standardization protocols will be further discussed and presented in the Berlin meeting.

WG3 reported the need to further address regulation issues as regards the formulation of endophytes.

WG4 has a "deficit" as regards the participation of members. Topics to be addressed (e.g. target organisms, the "unculturable" problem) need further to be specified.

7. Action Planning, Place and date of next meeting

Dr Schneider reported on the Annual Progress Conference

Next meetings were agreed: MC meeting and WG1-4 meeting in Berlin on 27-29/5/2013.

WG3 meeting and Core Group Meeting will be attempted to be linked for October- November 2013.



A training school in Braunschweig, Germany will be organized by Marc Stadler (late 2013)
A statistics, computing and graphics meeting in Portugal was agreed

The 2013 Budget Plan was presented by Dr Schneider

8. STMS status, applications

4 STMS were already subsidized. More applications are expected for the following year.

9. Dissemination and outreach

Common publications are expected. It was reminded that Simone Radutoiu is responsible to collect all outreach activities of COST members.

10. Promotion of gender balance and ESR

The Action has a 50 % female representation and 50 % ESR participation

11. Web News

11,000 visits. A new logo is presented.

12. Any other business, Closing

No other matters. Closing at November 15th, 19:00 Action Chair Carolin Schneider expressed her gratitude to the members of the Management Committee for their active participation in the meeting.

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Participants

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DE	Carolin	Schneider	Action Chair
DE	Heinz-Martin	Schumacher	MC Substitute Member
DE	Peter	Schröder	MC Member
DE	Marc	Stadler	WG Leader
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