



COST ACTION FA1103

Endophytes in Biotechnology and Agriculture

Minutes of the 3rd Management Committee Meeting

29.5.2013, meeting room 113, 8:00-9:20
Humboldt-University, Berlin, Germany

1. Welcome to participants

Chair Carolin Schneider welcomed the participants

2. Adoption of agenda

Agenda was adopted

3. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting

Minutes of last meeting were adopted

4. Update from the Action Chair

a. Status of Action, including participating countries

Estonia joined Action (partner 21)

Hungary has intention to join

3 non-COST institutions approved: US Geological Survey, Faculty of Science de Sfax, Tunisia, Univ Buenos Aires > can be host for STSM

8 applications are pending: Algeria, Ukraine, India, 2 x Australia, US company, New Zealand, South Africa

b. Action budget status

Budget 2013:141.750 €, biggest part is for Meetings 89.000€; 2 training schools are planned (25.900 €); STSMs (12.000 €)

c. STSM status and new applications

9 approved in total (6 in 2012; 3 in 2013);

next call 15 September deadline

5 working days until 2-3 (ESR) months

5. Promotion of gender balance and of Early Stage Researchers (ESR)

33 – 48% females in the different WGs, 43 – 52% ESRs

6. Update from the Grant Holder

nothing important to report

system of re-imburement changed last year to online upload of receipts

7. Update from the DC Rapporteur

Report from last year:

Good dissemination outreach

5 industrial partners

impressing list of publications

minor weakness: small website with no social network





8. Annual Progress Conference (preparation and/or feedback from DC)

Annual Progress Conference of COST domain Food & Agriculture in July 2013 in Jerusalem

9. Follow-up of MoU objectives and

10. Scientific planning

WG1: session on cultivation; exchange tool for sequence data, shared library, bioinformatics tools for metagenomics, definition paper (with WG2)

WG2: database workshop, compare methods for isolation, HT technology for endophyte collection, select model plants/pathogens/endophytes, catalogues of standard methods, definition paper (with WG1); inoculum quality and application technology (2014, with WG3); Barbara Schulz stressed the importance to discuss how we should select certain endophyte strains; H.-M. Schuhmacher stressed the importance of addressing safety aspects

WG3: specific workshop on long term cultivation and preservation of endophytes; maybe by using plant extracts (cooperation possible with company - Dr. Aletta Nieuwenhuijs (www.hollandbiodiversity.com)); How is patenting process

WG4: Fungal Diversity special issue; Training School on Natural Products end of 2013 or beginning 2014

11. Requests for new members

Hungary: MC welcomes participation of Hungary

12. Non-COST applications to the Actions

See 4.

13. AOB

No AOB

14. Location and date of next meeting

in app one year; to be decided later

15. Summary of MC decisions

MC welcomes participation of Hungary

16. Update from the COST Office Science Officer Ioanna Stavridou

- Last year 16% underspent; important not to be below 10% this year

- If more activities are planned, COST may have more budget

- Berlin meeting: webpage; COST Action No. is not mentioned – COST should not be interpreted as sponsor; if there is a combined event of 3 organizations like in Berlin at least 33% of COST members to be involved in scientific committee; MC members not sufficiently involved in oral presentations

- Joint organization with an international symposium: a specific session should be organized for the COST Action

17. Closing

Angela Sessitsch
Carolin Schneider
May 2013



Participants

CTRY	Firstname	Lastname	Position
AT	Angela	Sessitsch	MC Member
BE	Jaco	Vangronsveld	MC Member
DE	Matthias	Döring	WG Leader
DE	Carolin	Schneider	Action Chair
DE	Heinz-Martin	Schumacher	MC Substitute Member
DE	Peter	Schröder	MC Member
DE	Barbara	Schulz	MC Substitute Member
DE	Marc	Stadler	WG Leader
DK	Hans Jørgen	Jørgensen	MC Substitute Member
EE	Bellis	Kullman	MC Member
EL	Nektarios	Kavroulakis	MC Member
ES	Iñigo	Zabalgogeaazcoa	MC Member
ES	Angeles	Prieto-Fernandez	MC Substitute Member
FI	Anna Maria	Pirttilä	MC Member
FI	Kari	Saikkonen	MC Member
FR	Stephane	Compant	MC Member
IL	David	Ezra	MC Member
IT	Bruno	Biavati	MC Member
IT	Andrea	Campisano	MC Member
IR	David	Dowling	MC Member
NL	Leo	van Overbeek	MC Member
NL	Ronald	De Vries	MC Substitute Member
PL	Katarzyna	Hrynkiewicz	MC Substitute Member
PL	Teresa	Orlikowska	MC Member
PL	Katarzyna	Turnau	MC Member
PT	Paula	Baptista	MC Substitute Member
SI	Polona	Kogovsek	MC Member
TR	Hatice	Ozaktan	MC Member
TR	Berna	Tunali	MC Member
TU	Lotfi	Fki	Non-COST participant

