

Bertinoro (I), 3 June 2015

Subject | Minutes of the Second Management Committee Meeting of COST Action ES1401 “Time Dependent Seismology (TIDES)”

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1. Welcome to participants

The Chair, Dr. Andrea Morelli, welcomes all participants to the meeting, taking place in the Frescos Room at the University Residential Centre of Bertinoro (I), during the First Training School hosted in the Rivellino lecture room at the same venue. The following participating countries are represented in the room (by the MC Members or Substitutes named hereinafter):

Austria	Dr Florian FUCHS
Bulgaria	Dr Gergana GEORGIEVA
Czech Republic	Dr Jaroslava PLOMEROVA
France	Prof Jean-Paul MONTAGNER
France	Dr Yann CAPDEVILLE
Germany	Prof Heiner IGEL
Germany	Prof Torsten DAHM
Ireland	Prof Christopher BEAN
Italy	Dr Lucia ZACCARELLI
Malta	Dr Matthew AGIUS
Malta	Dr Sebastiano D'AMICO
Netherlands	Prof Jeannot TRAMPERT
Norway	Prof Valerie MAUPIN
Poland	Dr Blanka NITA
Portugal	Prof Graça SILVEIRA
Portugal	Dr Carlos CORELA
Slovakia	Dr Jozef KRISTEK
Slovakia	Prof Peter MOCZO
Spain	Dr Martin SCHIMMEL
Sweden	Prof Olafur GUDMUNDSSON
Turkey	Prof Tuncay TAYMAZ
United Kingdom	Dr Ana FERREIRA
United Kingdom	Prof Karin SIGLOCH



In total, 17 (out of 20) participating countries are represented at the meeting. MC Observer Prof Dmytro Malytskyy, from the affiliated COST Near Neighbour Country Ukraine is also present at the meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The proposed agenda (attached) is read and approved with no comments or objections.

3. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting

The minutes of the First meeting of the MC, that took place at the COST building in Brussels on November 3rd, 2014 (attached) are approved with no comments or objections.

4. Update from the Action Chair

a. Status of Action, including participating countries

The Chair updates the MC about country participation to TIDES. Greece, Turkey and Poland joined the Action after the Action started. The Action now lists 20 participating countries, and one observer from NNC Ukraine.

b. Action budget status

As the events taking place during this week (this MC meeting, the First Training School, the Core-Group meeting, the meetings of all Working Groups) are the first activities actually supported by TIDES, all expenditures are still projected, and actual costs will be clear only when reimbursements will be worked out by the Grant Holder. However, with the help of the Grant Holder Scientific Representative (see point 6 below), the Chair explains that the location chosen for the meetings — being run by a non-profit organisation, on behalf of the University of Bologna — provided a very affordable and convenient location. The projected budget for the set of events in Bertinoro — including 54 trainees, 24 MC members, and 14 trainers — sums up to 70,324,000 EUR against the estimate from the Work and Budget Plan of 80,660,000 EUR. We are therefore running with some advantage with respect to the WBP, that will likely allow some further activity during the Grant Period.

c. STSM status and plans

The STSM Coordinator, Prof Graça Silveira, explains this point. Being in the first semester of the Action, no STSM has taken place yet, and the plan about how to manage them will be discussed and agreed here. Prof. Silveira outlines the rules of STSM from the Vademecum. The MC discusses and agrees that a call for applications will be issued in the upcoming weeks, for missions to take place in the second semester of the year. A committee is charged of the selection of the applications, composed by the STSM Coordinator (Prof. Silveira), the Action Chair (Dr. Morelli), the Action Vice-chair (Prof. Montagner), and two members chosen among Working Group Leaders (Dr. Schimmel and Prof. Sigloch). It is planned that the call, application, and selection process will take place in the coming few weeks, so that the deadline for applications will be set at June 30th, and the successful applicants will be notified by July 15th.

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

Participation to the Training School consists of 60 trainees, of which 54 (i.e. 90%) are supported by TIDES while the remaining 6 are paying for their own expenses. Looking at gender balance, it is in favor of females, with 31, i.e. 57%, participants. Among the 22 trainers of the school, 7 are Early-Stage Researchers (32%) whereas females are a little less than one third (6 out of 22). All things considered, the MC considers that a fair gender balance and ESR preference have been implemented. For future



events, the MC proposes that applications of women and early-stage researchers will be encouraged, but does not feel that specific selection or exclusion strategies need to be implemented.

6. Update from the Grant Holder

Dr. Zaccarelli, the Grant Holder Scientific Representative, updates the MC about Action implementation. Dr. Julie Baron has been nominated GH Manager.

The GH SR also informs the MC that to avoid some pre-emptive taxation on reimbursements not supported by expense receipts, the Italian fiscal law requires that foreign residents provide a certification of their current tax residence, in agreement with international treaties against double taxation. This is the reason why such a document (available at national tax agencies) has been requested to participants.

7. Update from the COST Association

The Chair informs the MC of the strong concerns about potential future COST budget cuts in the context of EFSI, that could impact on new and running COST Actions as well. The Chair informs the MC of the recent message of Angeles Rodriguez-Pena, President of the COST Association, and specifically places emphasis on the online petition “Engaging for COST”, encouraging all the MC members to sign it. The MC agrees about the very high value of the COST program for the whole European scientific community, and hopes for a small size of the impact on all Actions.

8. Follow-up of MoU objectives

a. Composition and activity of working groups

Working groups are having their foundation meetings during this week. The Chair prompts all WG Leaders to stimulate discussion among interested scientists, plan future activities, and improve and detail the description of the focus of their actions, with respect to what is written in the MoU. WG Leaders will maintain the lists of participants (the Chair recalls that all MC members must join at least one WG), and report in the future about their activity.

9. Scientific planning

a. Scientific strategy

The Chair briefly recalls the scientific objectives of the Action. The MC agrees that the current planning agrees well with the scopes of the Action.

b. Action Budget Planning

See point 4b. For the time being, this item has already been discussed, for the moment there is no need to change the budget planning. However, it is anticipated that this point may be influenced by the discussion of following point 13, so it may be re-considered shortly.

c. Long-term planning (including anticipated locations and dates of future activities)

The MC agrees on an outlook for the second Grant Period (i.e. calendar year 2016) similar to the first year. There is great value on holding the various meetings overlapping in time and location: this is efficient both money- and time-wise, but it is also important that MC members and early-stage scientists (as trainees) have a chance to meet and interact. The Chair, with support from the Core Group, will explore possible venues in other countries to organize a week with multiple meetings in 2016. A venue in a small village, or otherwise somehow isolated from other distractions, proves to be a great opportunity



for off-time interactions and will be favored. The MC also agrees that the best time of the year appears to be in May, June or September.

d. Dissemination planning (Publications and outreach activities)

The MC discusses about how to acknowledge support from TIDES. Acknowledgement of funding agencies providing salaries or funding for actually conducting research (such as equipment or consumables) is obviously a clear duty of the scientist involved. However, also an opportunity to learn something new or to start a collaboration – very possible outcomes of COST-supported activities – should be acknowledged. The MC therefore invites scientists who benefit from TIDES for their work to include the following sentence in the acknowledgements at the end of their papers: *we acknowledge support from/discussions within TIDES COST Action ES1401*. Publication of papers referring to TIDES should be notified to the GH and publicised on the TIDES web site.

The Chair proposes that the TIDES Action and the current Training School will be described in an article to be published on EOS (a typical vector of such information) or another journal. The Chair will collect contributions from trainers, and will work on this project in the fall.

The MC agrees that organisation of a session at the next conference of the European Geosciences Union (that will take place in Vienna in April 2016) will be an exceptional occasion of visibility for the Action. The MC agrees that such a session should be proposed to the EGU at due time (by July 2015).

10. Requests for new members

The Chair informs the MC that some interest in the Action has been expressed by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. There are no pending requests to be discussed.

11. Non-COST applications to the Actions

The Chair is aware of an expression of interest from Albania (a NNC). There are no pending requests to be discussed.

12. AOB

There is no other business.

13. Location and date of next meeting

The WBP for 2015 includes another meeting of the MC, planned in order to discuss and agree on next year activity and WBP. However, after some previous informal contacts with MC Members, the Chair feels that another such meeting may not be considered necessary by most members, and could be carried on by written procedure and e-vote. Therefore, the Chair proposes to cancel the next planned meeting of the MC, such as to free some financial resources to support WG activities during this Grant Period. The MC agrees with this proposal. In case more money will be left available beyond WG activities, there may also be some added support to STSMs with a second call.

14. Summary of MC decisions

The Chair summarizes the main decisions that have been taken during this meeting:

- minutes of the 1st MC meeting in Brussels have been approved
- the plan for STSM (call, publicity, selection committee, procedure, and timeline) has been approved



- applications to all activities will be encouraged to maintain/achieve fair gender and age balance
- WG Leaders will define participation and plan future activity
- the budget plan has been updated, re-allocating the budget foreseen the fall 2015 MC meeting (cancelled) to WG activities and, if necessary, to additional STSMs
- long-term planning will be constructed with an expenditure structure similar to the first Grant Period (a school with MC, CG, and WG meetings in May, June or September 2016, candidate hosts to be evaluated by the Core Group)
- for dissemination planning, an article on EOS or another journal will be prepared, and a special session will be organized at the EGU conference
- a next MC meeting will not take place physically, but will be based on written procedures and will be prepared by work of the Core Group; the next physical meeting of the MC will take place at the next joint event in May/June/September 2016.

15. Closing

With no other business left for the day, the Chair thanks all the people intervened and closes the meeting.

