

COST ACTION FA0804

Molecular farming: plants as a production platform for high value proteins

Minutes of the 2nd Management Committee Meeting

**Athens, Greece
5 March 2009 at 16.00 o'clock**

1 Welcome to participants

The chair of the Action welcomed all the MC members and opened the meeting (list of participants, appendix 1).

2 Adoption of the agenda

Agenda was accepted.

3 Presentation of the delegations

The participants shortly introduced themselves and their research interests.

4 Minutes of the last MC meeting

The minutes of the 1st MC meeting (Brussels 27.11.2008) were approved by the COST office and accepted by the participating MC members.

5 Status of the Action

- Official starting date of the Action was 27.11.2008 and it will end 26.11.2012.
- 18 countries have accepted the MoU and 3 more are in process. Romania has not responded at all.
- MC members are encouraged to get more laboratories involved from their respective countries.
- MC members should take care that the national representative has nominated also the substitute MC members.

6 Designation of Grant Holder

- VTT will not act as Grant Holder of this Action. Also this is not possible for IME.
- University of Lleida (UdL), Spain showed the interest to act as Grant Holder, and UdL was unanimously nominated.

7 Budget and reimbursements

- The budget of the Action is approximately 50 k€ to be used by the end of May 2009
- Albino Maggio (Scientific Officer of this Action) has informed the Chair that it is possible to get more money to be allocated to STSMs and small WG meetings with focused topics if needed.
- The estimated budget for the period June-December 2009 is 50 k€; preliminary it was planned that a combined MC and WGs will be arranged in October-November 2009.

8 Working plan of the Action

Confirmation of WG leaders and election of vice-leaders

- The WG leaders preliminary nominated in the kick-off meeting in Brussels were confirmed and the vice-leaders were nominated as follows:
- WG1: leader Prof. Paul Christou, Spain; vice-leader Dr Bart Van Droogenbroeck, Belgium.
- WG2: leader Dr Stefan Schillberg, Germany; vice-leader Dr Einar Mäntylä, Iceland.
- WG3: leader Dr Dirk Bosch, The Netherlands; vice-leader Dr Arjen Schots, The Netherlands.
- It was discussed that the vice-leaders could take over the leadership after two years.

WG meetings

- After discussion it was agreed that depending on the budget big meetings for all three WGs in connection to MC meeting will be organized twice a year in a similar way as the current meeting.
- Next WG1 meeting will be arranged in Lleida towards the end of May 2009 (later it was confirmed to take place May 27-28).

- WG2 and WG3 meetings could possibly be arranged as a satellite meeting of PBVA (Verona, June 15-18). Julian Ma will find out if it is possible to get the reduced registration fee for PBVA conference for COST members.

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM)

- Participants were encouraged to send STSM applications (Tomas Vanek, Czech Republic). The STSMs should be realized during April-May.

Public Engagement Committee (PEC)

- George Sakellaris is the Chair of PEC. Julian Ma (UK), Paul Christou (Spain) and Atanas Atanassov (Bulgaria) were invited to act as PEC members.
- One of the tasks of PEC is to collect the data from public opinion surveys related to plant molecular farming, to evaluate and to elaborate them in order to disseminate to different audiences (internet, newspapers etc.).

Internet/Web site

- Basic structure of the web pages has been established by the post-doc of Tomas Vanek. Bart Van Droogenbroeck promised to consult Tomas Vanek.
- The contents of the web pages are basically the responsibility of the members of PEC, Action Chair and WG leaders. Ann Depicker and Jihong Liu Clark volunteered to assist as well.

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9 Place and date of future meetings

- Next WG1 meeting will be in Lleida (27-28 May 2009)
- Possible WG2 and WG3 meetings will be in Verona (14 June 2009)
- Joint MC and WGs meeting will be organized in October-November. The place and date will be decided as soon as possible. Prag, Wageningen and Lleida were discussed as possible venues.

10 Miscellaneous

- There were no other issues to be discussed.

11 Closing of the meeting

- The chair thanked all the members for constructive discussion and closed the meeting at 17:45.

List of participants

Name	Country
1. Abranches Rita	(PT)
2. Atanassov Atanas	(BG)
3. Basinskiene Loretta	(LI)
4. Bosch Dirk	(NL)
5. Brinch-Pedersen Henrik	(DK)
6. Buh Gasparic Meti	(SLO)
7. Castilho Alexandra	(A)
8. Cerovska Noemi	(CZ)
9. Christou Paul	(ES)
10. Clarke Jihong Liu	(NO)
11. Conrad Udo	(DE)
12. Cusido Rosa	(ES)
13. Depicker Ann	(BE)
14. Gal-On Amit	(ISR)
15. Gueguen Jacques	(FR)
16. Häkkinen Suvi	(FI)
17. Juodeikiene Grazina	(LI)
18. Korbin Malgorzata	(PL)
19. Ma Julian	(GB)
20. Mäkinen Kristiina	(FI)
21. Mäntylä Einar	(ICE)
22. Oksman-Caldentey Kirsi-Marja	(FI)
23. Poggendorf Iris	(CH)
24. Ritala Anneli	(FI)
25. Sakellaris George	(GR)
26. Sirko Agnieszka	(PL)
27. Schillberg Stefan	(DE)
28. Schots Arjen	(NL)
29. Tomasson Thorsteinn	(ICE)
30. Torrence Lesley	(UK)
31. Van Droogenbroeck Bart	(BE)
32. Voloudakis Andreas	(GR)