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**Report
Management Committee Meeting**

COST Action no. FP1302

WOOD MUSICK

London (UK) from September 10th 14:30 to September 10th 16:30 2015

1. Welcome to participants by the Chair of the Action FP-1302, Sandie Le Conte
2. Adoption of agenda
 - 2.1. *General consensus*
3. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting
 - 3.1. *General consensus*
4. Update from the Action Chair
 - a. Status of Action, including participating countries
23 participants.
For Israel, no contact email!
Iceland and Sweden told their intention to sign the MoU
The MC members are encouraged to invite people from these countries or even from other countries who have not been involved so far.
 - b. Action budget status
Rearrangement of COST -> disruption of the e-cost platform => big problem for the organisation of this conference. However, we have the guaranty that the budget established at the beginning of the year will not change.
We have about 17000 euros to spend before the end of the year (November!).
2 propositions to spend this money:
Print a book with selected papers from the London conference
Focused meeting on wood ageing by Joseph Grill (the action could support 10 participants)
Third proposition by Patricia Bastos: a book is currently prepared on the basics of dendrochronology for musical instruments in Portuguese. It could be translated in other languages and be a COST output from the dendro training school.

Discussion about the book:
Renato Meucci suggests that more interactions are needed between the different communities. Claudia Fritz suggests to apply the CIM 09 rule: 2 speakers of different communities per paper. Nice idea but maybe not practical for the book (not enough time), but it should be a strong encouragement for the next conference.
 - c. STSM status and new applications
Updated information about STSM applications by STSM Manager.
5 applications received; 4 accepted; only 3 refunded as 1 didn't give his report
Johanna Pflaum from Germany to Switzerland; Romain Viala from France to Switzerland; José Xavier from Portugal to the UK.
3790 euros spent; 7310 euros remaining to be spent knowing that the STSM should be fully completed by the 10th of November!
5. Promotion of gender balance and of Early Stage Researchers (ESR)
 - 5.1. *Reference to the importance of the gender and ESR balance in all the activities proposed by this COST-Action.*
Invitations to proposals for STSM and journal dissemination plans, having in mind both gender balance and ESR participation.
6. Update from the Grant Holder
 - 6.1. *Cergy University, Isabelle Hoefkens has replaced Claire Carapezzi*

7. Update from the COST Office
 - 7.1. *Information about the difficulty to communicate with COST office. Grant period was cut in 2 this year so it will hopefully be better next year!.*
8. Update from the DC Rapporteur
 - 8.1. *No feedback from DC Rapporteur. No DC rapporteur has been assigned to our Action.*
10. Follow-up of MoU objectives
 - a. *Progress report of working groups*
Synthesis after the training school on dendrochronology.
Synthesis of the workshops organised by M. Kaliske (Mechanics applied to musical instruments) and by F Bar (through standard for X ray tomography of musical instruments).

Synthesis of the working groups planning expected is still needed and dissemination section need to be completed. The STSM reports will be uploaded.

Status of the JCH special issue: selected papers from the first (Paris) and second (Cremona) conferences (list of contributions given in Annexe)
11. Scientific planning
 - a. Scientific strategy
Training school on wood identification to learn the basis, the methods and one day applied to musical instruments.

Suggestions of focus meetings on risk management by Vera de Bruyn, on moisture diffusion by Marco Fioravanti, to be decided by electronic vote.

Suggestion of a training school on organology: state of art and some focus on particular musical instrument to be precised[P Bastos contribution]
 - b. Action Budget Planning
The new budget was not yet available. Chairwoman will send to MC members more information about budget when available and it will be voted electronically according to COST rules.
12. Requests for new members
Everybody agrees with Ukraine joining.
13. Non-COST applications to the Actions
14. AOB
 - 14.1. *Suggestion of a practical conference regarding the conservation / restoration / intervention / reproduction.*
15. Location and date of next meeting
 - 15.1. *Next general meeting planned to be held during the next Action FP-1302 Conference, in Barcelona, September of 2016.*

16. Summary of MC decisions

16.1 *Validation for using the amount budget not spent during this period on a journal special issue.*

16.2 *Training school about dendrochronologists and dendroanalysts in Slovenia in 15th – 18th June 2015.*

16.3 *Next congress and meetings will be held in London, United Kingdom, the 9th - 10th September of 2015.*

16.4 *Budget vote will be done electronically.*

17. Closing