



**COST Action CM1405**  
**Action Title: Molecules in motion (MOLIM)**

**Minutes of the**  
**Management Committee Meeting**  
**Dubrovnik, Croatia**  
**October 10, 2016**

- 1. Welcome to participants (A. G. Császár)**
  - 2 new countries (Estonia and Iceland) joined the Action
  - now there are 27 participating countries
  - NNC countries, just as at the start
- 2. Verification of the presence of two-thirds of the Participating COST Countries or, if applicable, a quorum (A. G. Császár)**
  - according to the count, there are 19 representing countries present out of the 27 total.
- 3. Adoption of agenda (A. G. Császár)**
  - unanimous approval
- 4. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting (A. G. Császár)**
  - unanimous approval
- 5. Update from the Action Chair (A. G. Császár)**
  - a) Status of Action: start and end dates of Action, participating COST countries, participating NNC/ IPC institutions and Specific Organisations.  
3 task groups already formed  
15 publications in 2015  
25 publications in 2016 (the expectation is 35-40 publications)
  - b) Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM): detailed review of the completed reports and the new applications (S. Grubisic)  
10 STSMs during Year 1: total of 18.850€ (2NNC, 2ITC, only ECIs and PhD students supported)  
5 STSM at the moment for Year 2: 2 female and 3 male, ECIs and PhD students
- 6. Update from the Grant Holder: Action budget status (M. Hochlaf)**
  - no question about the budget and the money spent on a WG1 meeting held in Helsinki
- 7. Update from the COST Association, representative present is Dr. L. Forzi, the Action's scientific officer**
  - 20/03/2017 Monitoring Progress Report.
  - Final Action Dissemination budget possible (10.000€)

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- New « one stage evaluation » process for the new proposals.

#### **8. Monitoring of the Action (A. G. Császár)**

- No overall problems, the Action progresses as planned

#### **9. Implementation of COST policies on: (A. G. Császár)**

- a) Promotion of gender balance and Early Career Investigators (ECI)
  - slight problems with the participation of females in certain activities of the Action
  - the STSMs so far supported more PhD students than ECIs
- b) Inclusiveness and Excellence (see below list of Inclusiveness Target Countries)
  - more active participation of researchers from ITC countries is needed
  - STSMs from non-ITC countries to ITC countries should be promoted and preferred

#### **10. Follow-up of MoU objectives: progress report of working groups (WG heads: L. Halonen, M. Quack, P. de Lara-Castells, S. Yurchenko)**

- WG1: Helsinki meeting of WG1 in August 2016 was a success; active participation of 12 PhD and 3 MSc students and ECIs, partly supported by money raised locally
- WG2: the planned meeting in Athens might possibly be moved to a place in Switzerland
- WG3: successful meeting in Bratislava; Task Group meeting proposed to be held in October 2017 in Santiago de Compostela
- WG4: S. Yurchenko is not present, his report is presented by A. G. Császár ; WG4 meeting held in Windsor was a success, increasing the number of WG4 participants; a website about potential energy and property surfaces will be made available soon

#### **11. Scientific planning (A. G. Császár and M. Hochlaf)**

- a) Scientific strategy (MoU objectives, GP Goals, WG tasks and deliverables)
  - MOLIM Training School (MTS1) in Curia: 35 young researchers from around 11 different countries and 12 women, a highly successful TS involving three external experts
  - Next Training School (MTS2) to be held in Saclay: next March (around March 6-10) with lab visits and practical courses
  - 3rd Training School will be combined with that of COST Action CM1401, planned in September 2017 in Belgrade (presentation by S. Grubisic about the location and the finances)
- b) Action Budget Planning
  - will be discussed when the finances of the MGM2 will be available
- c) Long-term planning (including anticipated locations and dates of future activities)
  - Next MOLIM General Meeting is planned to be held in Budapest, in March 2018
  - Final MGM is still planned to be held in Bologna or at least in Italy
- d) Dissemination planning (Publications and outreach activities)
  - the website of the Action contains all the relevant information

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## **12. Requests to join the Action from :**

- a) COST countries
  - No new countries will be accepted after November 1, 2016, unless the Core Group proposes an exception in an extremely well justified case
- b) Institutions in Near Neighbouring Countries, International Partner Countries, and/or Specific Organisations : EU agencies, European RTD Organisation, International Organisations
  - no new plans

## **13. AOB**

- none brought up by the participants

## **14. Location and date of next meeting**

- 2nd MOLIM Training School: March 6 – 10, 2017, accepted with unanimous support
- next MC meeting will be held in 2018 in Budapest, late March – early April

## **15. Summary of MC decisions**

## **16. Closing**

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