

**Minutes of the Management Committee meeting  
COST Action BM1005  
Gasotransmitters: from basic science to therapeutic applications  
(ENOG: European Network on Gasotransmitters)**

**3<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Athens, Greece**

**1. Welcome to participants**

The participants were welcomed by Prof. Andreas Papapetropoulos, who chaired the meeting. Prof. Papapetropoulos thanked all of the members of the network for their continuous support of the ENOG network and for their interest and hard work over the past 4 years in order to make this Action a successful one.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The draft agenda for this Management Committee (MC) meeting was adopted.

**3. Approval of the minutes and matters arising for the last meeting**

The minutes of the previous (Ghent) meeting were approved unanimously without amendment.

**4. Update from Action Chair**

***a. Status of the Action, including participant countries***

The Action consists of 24 countries 19/24 countries were represented at the meeting (UK, CZ, DK, BE, GR, IT, AU, PT, PL, TR, NL, NO, SE, ES, DE, FR, SI, SK, HU).

***b. Action budget status***

The Action will end on 5th May 2015. So far about 30K has been spent on the two meetings supported by BM1005 in year 4 (Ghent, Lake Garda). Since this is the last activity of the network, any leftover amounts from different categories (such as STSM, dissemination, etc) will be moved to the meetings' budget to cover as many participants of the meeting in Athens as possible.

***c. STSM status and new applications***

4 STSM have been planned and approved within the current financial year in year 4.

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

The Action has promoted gender balance and ESR throughout its course. In this last meeting 1 ESR lecture has been scheduled.

## **6. Update from the grant holder**

It was noted that everybody should send in their TRR as soon as possible since there is a need to close the budget and prepare the final report that is due by July 4.

## **7. Update from the COST Office**

No representative from the COST Office was present.

## **8. Final report of the Action**

Prof. Papapetropoulos asked the participants to send in their activities that are relevant to the Action so that they are included in the final report.

## **9. Follow-up of MOU objectives. Progress report by WG leaders**

A brief overview of the activities of the WG was given by WG leaders.

## **10. Scientific Planning, the future of BM1005**

Prof. Papapetropoulos asked whether the members of the network felt the network should continue to exist after funding ends, or whether it should be dissolved. The participants unanimously agreed to keep the network alive and maintain the website. Activities will obviously be less frequent, but the network might join or contribute to scientific events by co-organizing sessions, or have a meeting after a year or two if funding is available. The existence of the network will be useful in grant proposals by individual participants or by smaller groups of members who are encouraged to mention ENOG in their grant applications if they feel this will help the proposal get funded. Prof. Papapetropoulos expressed his willingness to step down as the Chair of the network and asked for volunteers that would be willing to serve as Chair so that elections could be held. No such volunteers were found and the members proposed that Prof. Papapetropoulos continues to serve as the Chair of ENOG. Prof. Papapetropoulos accepted this position on a temporary basis and will initiate in due course the election process for a new Chair.

## **11. New members**

None

## **12. Non-COST applications to the Action**

None.

## **13. AOB**

None.

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

To be determined in the future depending on funding.

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

These were discussed and agreed unanimously by the MC.

#### **16. Closing remarks**

Prof. Papapetropoulos thanked the members for their participation. The members thanked Prof. Papapetropoulos for his effective leadership and constant dedication along the Action.



