

**Minutes of the 3rd Management Committee meeting
COST Action BM1005
Gasotransmitters: from basic science to therapeutic applications
(ENOG: European Network on Gasotransmitters)**

1st June 2012, Frankfurt, Germany

0. Welcome to participants

The participants were welcomed by Prof. Andreas Papapetropoulos, who chaired the meeting.

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

3. Matters arising

Prof. Papapetropoulos noted that a number of participating countries were only represented by one member on the MC. He stated this poses problems if that individual is not able to attend a MC meeting, since no substitute is available to represent that country. It was agreed that countries with only one representative should encourage a second individual to join the action as a MC member.

Prof. Papapetropoulos also reported that he had received a number of requests from journals to submit papers for a special issue on gasotransmitters, either original research or review articles. Specifically, from Biol. Chem. for which the deadline would be Sept/Oct. Leo Otterbein (colleague from Harvard) offered the opportunity to publish in a Medical Gas journal for which he is an Editorial Board member. The group was also addressed by Anthony Newman (Elsevier) who canvassed opinion as to the benefits of widening the remit of the NO journal to include papers on

CO and H₂S (i.e. gasotransmitters). Whilst the MC agreed that a special issue might be beneficial for dissemination & joint publishing, there was no strong desire at present.

It was also highlighted that 3 jointly authored manuscripts arising from this COST Action had been published to date. More collaborative publications are encouraged and the COST Action should be mentioned in such reports, if the authors felt the activities of the COST network critically contributed towards the joint publication.

The 2011-12 budget was revised as follows: the budget for meetings was increased to 55,000€ (from 52,000€) to make sure that participation of all of the attendees of the WG meeting in Glasshutten will be covered, the STSM budget was reduced from 17,000€ to 7,000€ as only 2 STSM have been approved for the first year and the budget for publication and dissemination activities was increased by 7,000€ to a total of 13,600€.

The 2012-13 budget and work plan was changed according to the attached file following

(1) MEETINGS

Workshops and Conferences

Title: COST BM1005 2nd Workshop:

Location: Budapest, Hungary

Date: 18-19 October 2012

Number of participants to be reimbursed: 30

Travel costs: 23,600

Organizational support: 3,000

Management Committee Meetings

4th MC meeting

Location: Budapest

Date: 18 or 19 October 2012

Number of participants to be reimbursed: 30

Travel costs: 0 (will be held with conference)

Organisational support: 0

5th MC meeting

Location: Smolenice, Slovakia

Date: April 11-12

Number of participants to be reimbursed: 30

Travel costs: 0 (will be held with WG meeting)

Organisational support: 0

Working Group Meeting

Location: Smolenice, Slovakia

Date: April 11-12, 2013

Number of participants to be reimbursed: 31

Travel costs: 24,000

Organisational support: 3,000

(2) SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS (STSMs)

Number: 8

Cost: 25,000

(3) TRAINING SCHOOLS

Location: Maastricht, Netherlands

Date: October 2012

Number of Trainees to be reimbursed: 7

Trainees Grants: 10500

Number of trainers: 3

Travel costs: 2500

Organisational support: 2000

(4) PUBLICATIONS, DISSEMINATION, OUTREACH, WEBSITE

Title: Website

Cost: 1,500

Title: Open access publications (research manuscripts, reviews)

Cost: 4,500

Title: Outreach (signs, booths in international meetings)

Cost: 2,000

(5) Other Expenses Related to Scientific Activities (OERSA)

(e.g. bank charges)

1,000

4. Presentation by the COST office

The COST office was not represented at this meeting. However, Prof. Papapetropoulos presented a report on 31/5 providing feedback from the Annual Progress Conference, held in Zagreb, 29th-30th May 2012. Prof. Papapetropoulos was informed that this COST Action was considered to be in line with previous Actions at the end of the first year.

Prof. Papapetropoulos also reported that this Action would be returning ~€15K of unspent funds this financial year. This was predominantly due to the lack of STSMs taken up.

5. Progress report from working groups

The first formal meeting of the working groups (WG) took place in Frankfurt. This involved two sessions of individual WG and a communal discussion. Each WG leader will put together a work plan that each group discussed and felt feasible within the next 12 months of the Action. These are to be sent to individual group members by email, comments/suggestions integrated, and then posted to the webpage.

6. Action planning

6.1. This COST Action was represented by the Chair, Prof. Papapetropoulos, at the Annual Progress Conference in Zagreb. He provided feedback to the MC as above.

6.2. It was agreed that in 2012-2013, each working group should undertake at least two and up to four STSMs within their domain (i.e. 8-16 in total). The budget was amended to reflect this change.

Prof. Schmidt offered to run an *in vivo* training school in Maastricht (possibly in October 2012). The format would follow that of a similar successful training school that has been run in previous years. Expressions of interest from the MC members were high, and it was agreed that the WG leaders would decide the individuals that could attend if the school is oversubscribed. Prof. Schmidt intimated that numbers would likely be limited to 10, although he will report back to the MC with a final schedule once he has consulted colleagues in Maastricht. The budget was amended to incorporate the attendance of 7 ESR to this training school.

6.3.1. The next meeting will be in Budapest, Hungary October 18th/19th 2012. This will be organized by Prof. Ferdinandy and include both MC and WG meetings. It was agreed that sequential sessions would be held such that participants could attend any of the WG they wished to be involved with.

The following meeting will be held April 11th/12th 2013 in Smolenice, Slovakia. Here, there will be a MC meeting and workshop; the local organizer will be Prof. Pechánová.

The subsequent meeting was offered to be held in Turkey, autumn 2013, by Prof. Yetik-Anacak.

6.3.2. The 2012-2013 objectives were compiled by Prof. Papapetropoulos and discussed and agreed by the MC. One of the principal aims for the coming year is to attract more medicinal chemistry expertise to the group to aid in the identification, generation and characterization of novel pharmacological tools for dissecting the (patho)physiological roles of gasotransmitters.

7. STSM status

One STSM has been completed and one is ongoing at present. There will be only 2 STSM during the first year of the Action. MC members committed to actively support STSM and to encourage their team members to engage in STSM.

8. Publications, dissemination and outreach activities

It was agreed that methodological consensus papers should be published by the COST Action to represent the expertise of its members. Joint reviews and development of common tools were also advocated; these would be discussed further in the next WG meetings.

9. Request for new members

It was noted by Prof. Papapetropoulos that he had received requests from 4 additional groups to join this COST Action. These were located in Israel, France, Austria and Russia. It was agreed that the Chair, Co-chair and WG leaders would decide on suitability and whether to accept their requests. This process would be expedited as much as possible in an attempt to include new members within the first year of the Action.

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

It was agreed that women were relatively well-represented in this COST Action; nonetheless, recruitment of new members would focus on the enlistment of female researchers. It was also hoped that ESR would accompany their PI to future meetings. The training school to be held autumn 2012, and the additional STSMs in 2012-2013, would greatly facilitate the involvement and education of ESR.

11. Non-COST country participations

It was suggested that specific individuals from Argentina & Australia might be interested in joining this COST Action, but the MC questioned whether they would attend the meetings based on distance and cost. The MC thought that guest lectures from individuals from non-COST countries would be valuable in the future. Such individuals would be invited as expert speakers rather than to join the COST Action formally.

12. Web news

Prof. Papapetropoulos reported that the site received ~750 hits per month in the last year.

13. AOB

The next meeting of the Management Committee would be held in Budapest in October 2012. There was no other business.

14. Closing remarks

Prof. Papapetropoulos thanked the members for their participation. A special note of appreciation was given to Prof. Fleming & Ilona Greuel for their excellent organization of the meeting.