

Minutes of 7th Management Committee Meeting

COST Action no. BM1005

Action Title: Gasotransmitters: from basic science to therapeutic applications (ENOG:
European Network on Gasotransmitters)
Messina, Country Italy May 2, 2014

1. Welcome to participants

The participants were welcomed by Prof. Andreas Papapetropoulos, who chaired the meeting. Participants were from the following Countries: IT, NL, DE, HU, TR, SK, FI, UK, NO, ES, FR, DK, BE, RS, PT, PL, AU, GR.

2. Adoption of agenda

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

3. Intervention of Dr Dambrova from Latvia, Action Rapporteur

- Dr Dambrova praised the work of Prof Papapetropoulos as an active coordinator of the COST action and as an enthusiastic chair and concluded that BM1005 has been so far a very successful action
- 1 year left for this action which has united research on gasotransmitters in Europe
- Suggestion for last meeting of this action: come up with a '**piece of art**' which should be a visual piece of the three gases that also emphasizes the interaction of the different participating countries. Current design has the C for CO in black and it is difficult to see
- Very good that a special issue is in preparation for BJP
- No real issues or weaknesses in the action. Before there was the lack of training school but now this has been addressed (Capri training school)
- Newcomers are always welcome. Prof Papapetropoulos intervened with the example of Russian scientists who have expressed an interest at intermittent stages but have not taken action to provide the documentation required for joining COST. With only one year left it is perhaps too late to welcome new people
- Final evaluation of Action in 2015: Dr Dambrova+another expert either from Domain committee or external expert
- Brief explanation of new COST actions within Horizon 2020. A prolongation of Gasotransmitters action in COST is not possible, a new thematic has to be proposed. New Cost Actions will be judged according to two criteria: 1) inclusiveness policy and 2) excellence. Not much is known at present but by November 2014 new rules should be finalized. Dr Dambrova suggests keeping in touch with national representatives to have updates about progress. There will be no calls in Sept 2014 and new calls are expected for the spring 2015 when double the amount of actions will be approved

- Dr Dambrova share some of the highlights of the abstract she prepared summarizing basic information of the Action. The correct number of participants (closer to 150) has to be communicated by Prof Papapetropoulos.

4. Update from the Action Chair

a. Status of Action

Recent training school in Capri

b. Action budget status

Current budget for 2014 is 136,660 euros but request for increase by Prof Papapetropoulos has gone through and final budget should be ~150,000 euros. There could be a potential problem with this year's budget as funding for meetings should be no more of a certain % of the budget. It is possible that with the Messina meeting we will go overbudget. If it happens, Prof Papapetropoulos will email with potential solutions (for example, a flat rate of 110 euros/night instead of 120 euros or similar so that everybody will be covered for their expenses, considering that the Hotel in Messina is charging less than the flat rate). The budget for the training school was increased to fully cover the expenses of the attendees and the trainers. All agree

c. STSM status

4+1 more happening in 2014

5. Promotion of Early Stage Researchers (ESR)

The meeting in Messina includes presentations of many ESR and we should do the same at the next meeting in 2015

6. Scientific planning

- The last meeting of this COST action will be in Athens (possibly 2-4 of May 2015, at the very end of the COST action time) and will be integrated into the H2S international meeting
- European Council for Cardiovascular Research (ECCR) has approached COST action to join activities and invited us to have a short session within their meeting. COST can put 7,000-10,000 into this activity and it will be good for interaction. All agree
- Dissemination planning: COST office can offer 10,000 euros for final publication of action. Prof Papapetropoulos asked if we want to take advantage of that and all agree. Book is first suggested for articles but more difficult to get it published and no impact factor. Therefore, a special issue in a journal was the preferred option. Journals to be considered:
 - 1) ARS (Andreas will make initial contacts with editor?)
 - 2) Redox Biology (Santiago Lamas is associate editor and will get in touch with editor for proposition)
 - 3) Nitric Oxide journal

7. Non-COST applications to the Actions

Interest from Russian scientists but intermittent contacts (see above within intervention of Dr Dambrova)

8. Location and date of next meeting

Next working group will be in Ghent-from Wed noon Oct 8th to Friday noon Oct 10th- date at the end of October is also discussed but early October is preferred

9. Summary of MC decisions

- a. Additional expenses of training school in Capri-March 2014. Local organizer (Giuseppe Cirino) had to add an additional 4,000 of his own money to cover cost associated with occupancy of space dedicated to the school. Prof Papapetropoulos notes that this is unfair and that COST should cover this expense. All agree
- b. Taxis cannot be reimbursed even though many people had to take them to arrive at the Capo Peloro resort in Messina. The same is for car rentals, although a fixed amount/mileage is reimbursed. The only possibility is to claim the full 25 euros/day for public transport which should cover some travel costs.

10. Closing remarks

Prof Papapetropoulos reminded all to sign the attendance list and to send the completed and signed reimbursement forms to him in Greece.