



COST

**Draft Agenda
Management Committee Meeting**

**COST Action FP1202
Name of the Action**

**Strengthening conservation: a key issue for adaptation of marginal/
peripheral populations of forest trees to climate change in Europe
(MaP-FGR)**

Eger (Hungary), 11th - 12th September 2013

0. Welcome to participants
1. Adoption of agenda: the Chair calls the attending members and recognizes the legal number.
2. Minutes of last meeting:
3. Matters arising:

- The geographic balance of applications for STSMs and TS should be improved .
- Steering Committee needs to be nominated.

The core group proposes to invite to join the Steering Committee:

- Mr. Albert Nikiema, FAO, as expert of Forest Genetic Resources
- Mr. Inazio Martinez de Arano, EFIMED Head of Office,
- IUCN director
- a representative of Model Forest Network
- a representative of Forest Europe

There is a request from the WG leaders to have also Deputy Leaders as part of the Steering Committee. The Chair clarified that when votes will be necessary each working group will be allowed to express only one vote.

4. Report from the COST Office:

- A new Rapporteur has been nominated by the Cost Office, Prof. Margarida Tome, who will replace Antonio Gascó Guerrero.
- The MC suggests to contact national representatives of Cost Action to inform them about Cost FP1202 activities.
- New countries joined the FP1202 Action:
 - Croatia
 - Czech Republic



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- Cyprus
- Ireland
- The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Lithuania
- Slovenia
- Turkey
- Ukraine as Observer

5. Progress report of working groups:

Concerning the WGs midterm reports (see attached PPT or word files) about decisions taken in the Plenary meeting, following items have been also discussed and approved:

- Mid-term reports of WG 1, 2, 3 and 4 (attached) were approved.

Important dates fixed for monitoring are:

- 7 November 2013 deadline to close all annual activities;
- 31 December 2013 closing of the administrative year;
- by 10 December 2013 submission of WG annual report to the Chair
- 31 January 2014 submission of the 2013 Cost Action report;

6. Action planning

6.1 Annual Progress Conference (preparation and/or feedback from DC)

The Chair presents in detail the consumed budget in 2013. and Wg leaders were requested to propose actions (mainly in form of workshops and seminars or other networking activities to use the remaining part of the 2013 budget. Indeed it remained because of MC and WG members or, delegates, TS Trainees and STSM researchers renounced to attend their activities/journeys.

The proposed final networking activities are:

- WG2 and 3 (France, Aix en Provence, 10-12 people for 3 days), 15 000 Eur
- WG 1 (Spain, 12-15 people) 12 000 Eur
- WG4 : travel from Rome to Ljubljana (2 000 Eur), publication of the newsletter (2 500)
- Travel to Portugal to promote Cost Action FP1202 (proposed by Portuguese colleagues) (1 000 Eur)

MC members ask to organize meetings in cities near major airports

Workplan Budget (WB) 2014 (attached)

WG leaders and deputy leaders ask to have the possibility to revise the WBP 2014 as confusion were made on the concept of “WG workshop” and “WG conferences”.

They ask to have at least one WG meeting per year to discuss their timetable and implement activities.



The Chair suggests to contact the Cost Office to obtain its explanations and final authorisation on it and modify the WBP submitted (attached are documents related to the following email exchanges).

6.3 Action Planning (including meetings)

6.3.1 Location and date of next meeting

The Chair asked the MC if there is any voluntary hosting country for the next Plenary meeting to be organised in 2014.

proposed location to have next meetings:

- Azores in may 2014

6.3.2 Long-term planning (including anticipated locations and dates of future meetings)

The Chair ask the MC to decide to have next Plenary meeting: (MC + WG/ WGs only) at the proposed locations:

- Romania in September 2014
- Canary Islands in 2015.

7. STSM status, applications:

The Chair proposes to nominate substitutes for the Scientific Committee in case of conflict of interest and/or other commitments, to evaluate next applications for STSMs and TS grantees.

Any voluntary proposal was received, as a consequence the Scientific Committee will be composed by the Core Group, Valentina Garavaglia and the local organizer

Valentina Garavaglia, Scientific Secretary of the Action, will remain at disposal to coordinate the calls, the selection of candidates, evaluation of reports and organisation of TS/workshops etc.

For details about the STSM, please see the mid-term report of WG 4 including detailed funds spent and required for 2014.

7.1 Training School:

Proposed location for the next 2014 Training School:

Title “*Adaptation and evolution at the leading edge – Populations at the northern limit*”

Location: Edinburgh (Scotland)/Scandinavia (to be confirmed after the MC in Eger)

Date: July, August 2014 (To be fixed in Eger)

Number of Trainees to be reimbursed: 25

Trainees Grants: 25 x 800 = 20000

Number of Trainers to be reimbursed: 5

Travel costs: 5000

Organisational support: 3000



8. Publications, dissemination and outreach activities

From the WBP 2014:

Title: WEB-site maintenance
Cost: 2000

Title: Publications (considering the Proceedings of WG workshops)
Cost: 7000

Title: Gadgets (considering the number of events)
Cost: 4000

The Slovenian Forestry Institute will modify the webpage in collaboration with Valentina Garavaglia and Christophe Besacier (2014) by November 2014. They will meet in Rome and then in Ljubljana to prepare also the first Newsletter of the Cost Action to be published online by the end of 2013.

9. Request for new members

All pending members have been officially included.

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

- 25 Women + others Women involved in WG activities/84 participants to the Meeting (>25%).
- TS in Chania: 3 men and 18 women attended.
- STSMs: 5 men and 10 woman have been selected as grantees in 2013.

Women in the Management Committee: 23

11. Non-COST country participations

Women of Non-COST Participants: 3

Women of European/International Bodies Participants: 1

12. Web news (see also the PPT presentation attached)

To be activated accordingly the Cost Roles (WG4), The core Group will discuss the main characteristics. Please see at the point 5.



13. AOB

- **National reports:** will be published on the website after revision of authors.
Power-point presentations prepared for the Plenary meeting will be published also on the website.

14. Closing

The Meeting was closed at 14H08

ANNEXES

- Minutes of MC meeting in Rome, 22-25 January 2013;
- Budget Work Plan 2014.
- WG Midterm reports
- TS and STSM Coordinators reports

Eger, 13th September 2013

The Chair
Dr. Fulvio DUCCI

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fulvio Ducci', is placed below the printed name.