

Paterna, 26/09/17

Subject | Minutes of the Third Management Committee Meeting of COST Action CA15128 “Molecular Spintronics (MOLSPIN)”

Bucharest, Romania

30/08/2017 – 17.00 to 20.00

1. Welcome to participants

The Chair welcomes the participants. Prof. Coronado chaired the meeting. The general presentation is attached as **Annex 4**.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda (**Annex 1**) for the 3rd Management Committee meeting was adopted.

3. Status of the COST Action

CSO Approval: **30/10/2015**

Start of the Action: **11/04/2016**

End of Action: **10/04/2020**

Total number of COST Countries having accepted the MoU: **24 + 1**

NNC (Rep. Moldova)

New COST country Republic of Macedonia

The budget communicated to the Action for the 2nd GP by the COST Association was 116.000 euros.

The COST Association has been granted extra budget (EUR 6.67 million) from the European Commission.

The COST Association has increased the budget of this Action to 130,000€.

The extra budget will be allocated to the new Networking Tool “Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference Grants” since this tool was not available at the time of preparation of the Work and Budget plan.

The MC has been required to approve the new Work and Budget plan (deadline 2017-08-16).

4. Tour de table/ introduction of the MC members

The list of officially nominated delegates and the participants of the meeting is presented in **Annex 2**.

5. Establishment of quorum

The quorum (2/3 of COST Countries participating in the Action) was not reached: 13 countries are represented out of 24 (COST doc. 134/14 B.2 "COST Action Management Monitoring and Final Assessment" Annex I, Article 8).

6. Approval of past e-votes

e-vote March 28 2017- approved

Approval of Republic of Macedonia to participate in COST Action CA15128 with nomination of Dr Irina Petreska.

e-vote June 14 2017 - approved

Approval to invite to participate in our Action the following researchers from International Partner Countries:

- Danna Freedman, Department of Chemistry, Northwestern University (USA)
- Steve Hill, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (USA)
- Enrique del Barco, Department of Physics, University of Central Florida (USA)
- Sally Brooker, Department of Chemistry, University of Otago (NZ)
- Cameron Kepert, School of Chemistry, University of Sydney (AU)
- Andrea Morello, University of Sidney (AU)
- Masahiro Yamashita, Department of Chemistry, Tohoku University (JP)
- Seiji Miyashita, Department of Physics, University of Tokyo (JP)

Approved IPC Institutions:

- MC Observers (not eligible to be reimbursed at MC meetings)
- Trainers at Training schools (although they cannot send trainees)
- Hosts in STSMs

7. Draft Work and Budget (W&B) Plan for the second Grant Period (GP) evolution

WGs STATISTICS

WG1: 20 countries/48 acad./20PhDs

WG2: 14 countries/24 acad./9PhDs

WG3: 12 countries/22 acad./37PhDs

Working Group leaders' reports

The different working group representatives gave a report on the evolution of their respective WGs (included in Annex 4).

During the presentation of WG1, Alek Dediu, WG1 leader, proposed to

create a group of researchers representing this COST Action, to give more visibility and impact to molecular spintronics with the final goal of getting it in the European research road maps.

1st GP W&B plan - Description of the Activities and Budget

Activities Reports (more information in annex 4)

MEETINGS

CO-LOCATED MEETINGS

- 1) European Conference on Molecular Magnetism – August 27th-31st, 2017
- 2) WGs 2+3 workshop – August 31st / September 1st, 2017
- 3) 3rd MC Meeting – August 30th, 2017

Attendants ECMM (206):

70 PhD/Master students

35 Postdocs

95 senior researchers

Financial Support: 39.000 €

TRAINING SCHOOLS

ESMOLNA (European School on Molecular Nanoscience) 2017

El Escorial (Madrid, Spain) 7th – 12th May 2017

SHORT TRAINING SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS

1st period

23 STSMs = 37,980.00€

13 males / 10 females

16 PhD students / 4 ECIs / 3 senior researchers

2nd period

BUDGET 34,000.00€

1st call – DEADLINE June 13th 2017

Only one person has applied

2nd call: deadline 01/09/17 for stays from 02/09/17 to 31/12/17

3rd call: deadline 20/12/17 for stays from 01/01/18 to 30/04/18

The MC discussed the need of having a more flexible use of the STSMs with calls that can be opened on demand to effectively use the budget. The first consequence of this flexibility will be that of extending the current call two more weeks in order to allow the researchers to apply.

DISSEMINATION

Action web page: <http://www.icmol.es/molspin/>

Updated comprehensive list

Updated information on events (meetings, training schools)

Updated information on STSM calls

31 Acknowledged publications

Young Researchers section

A Mailing list has been created for Action dissemination
 New Dissemination Assistant: Dr. Maria Monrabal (maria.monrabal@uv.es)
 Remember to acknowledge related publications
 MC members and Working Group Leaders are encouraged to promote the participation in STSM calls and Young Researchers section

Budget Report

1st period budget 106,000€. 1st Yearly Financial Report:

	Contract Budget	Expenditure
Meetings	43,000.00	33,750.18
STSMs	24,000.00	37,980.00
Training Schools	17,500.01	16,946.40
Dissemination	5,500.00	3,000.00
OERSA	2,173.90	38.12
FSAC	13,806.09	13,757.21
TOTAL	106,000.00	105,471.91

2nd period budget 130,000€. Work and Budget Plan

	Contract budget
Meetings	46,000.00
STSMs	34,000.00
Training Schools	19,387.62
ITC Conference Grant	11,800.00
Dissemination	1,500.00
OERSA	503.31
FSAC	16,808.85
TOTAL	129,999.78

8. Long-term planning (including anticipated locations and dates of future activities)

Esmolna 2018 – May 20th-25th 2018 – Tenerife (+WG3 meeting)

ECMols 2018 – October 21st-25th 2018, Peñíscola
 (+4th MC meeting + join workshop WG1 and WG2)

9. Location and date of next meeting

ECMols 2018 – October 21st-25th 2018, Peñíscola

11. Motions and queries

Dr. Lapo Bogani will be in charge of the creation of a group of industrial partners who will be involved in the Action. Their data will be included in the COST Action. The idea is that these partners strongly participate in the COST meetings.

12. Closing

The proposals presented during the meeting have not been approved by the MC due to the lack of quorum.

List of Annexes

Annex 1- Agenda 3rd MC meeting

Annex 2- Signed attendance list 3rd MC meeting

Annex 3- Action Fact Sheet

Annex 4- MC Chair presentation

Annex 5- Work and Budget Plan 2nd period

Annex 6- CA15128 First Financial Report

Annex 7- COSTVademecum updated version