

COST veiklos Nr. TD1403 „Dangaus ir Žemės stebėjimo didelės apimties duomenų era“ (Big Data Era in Sky and Earth Observation, BIG-SKY-EARTH) atstovės veiklos valdymo komitete **Olgos KURASOVOS** dalyvavimo veiklos trečiajame valdymo komiteto posėdyje, vykusio 2016 m. balandžio 15 dieną Brno (Čekijos Respublika),

ATASKAITA

Trečiajam valdymo komiteto posėdžiui pirmininkavo komiteto pirmininkas Dejan Vinkovič. Posėdžio dienotvarkė pateikta ataskaitos pabaigoje.

Valdymo komiteto posėdyje:

- Komiteto nariai supažindinti su veiklos būkle bei naujai prisijungusiomis šalimis. Po antrojo valdymo komiteto posėdžio prisijungė Suomija, Austrija, Bosnija ir Hercegovina. Šiuo metu prie veiklos yra prisijungusios 27 šalys.
- Aptarta biudžeto būklė. 2015 m. vasarą buvo pakeistas finansavimo periodas, todėl tenka keisti biudžeto planą.
- Pristatyta ir aptarta pirmosios organizuotos mokyklos ataskaita.
- Aptarti trumpųjų mokslinių stažuočių (STSM) šaukimai ir kandidatai. Dėl mažo kandidatų skaičiaus nutarta neriboti šaukimų datų, t. y. šaukimą padaryti nuolatiniu.
- Perplanuotos valdymo komiteto, darbo grupių ir seminarų datos ir vietos.
- Aptartos veiklos rezultatų viešinimo galimybės. Valdymo komiteto nariai paraginti teikti su veikla susijusią informaciją veiklos svetainėje. Yra inicijuota LinkedIn grupė, į kurią jungtis raginami visi besidominantys vykdoma veikla.
- Diskutuota, kokia informacija turi būti talpinama veiklos interneto svetainėje.
- Nuspręsta, kad ketvirtąjį veiklos valdymo komiteto posėdis vyks 2017 m. balandžio 6-7 d. Kembridže (Didžioji Britanija).

3-ojo veiklos valdymo komiteto posėdžio dienotvarkė



Brno, 15 April 2016

Subject | Minutes of the Third Management Committee Meeting of COST Action TD1403 “Big data Era on Sky and Earth Observation (BIG-SKY-EARTH)”

*Brno, Czech Republic
Faculty of Information Technology, Brno University of Technology, 15 April 2016*

Meeting starts at 11:30.
Uroš Kostić is taking minutes.

1. Welcome to participants

The participants were welcomed by dr.Dejan Vinkovic, Action Chair, who chaired the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda for the 3rd MC meeting was described and adopted (Annex 1).

15 COST countries are present at this meeting. The list of names is:

Austria (Javad Zarbakhsh), Bulgaria (Ognyan Kounchev, Nikolay Kirov), Croatia (Dejan Vinkovic, Sven Loncaric), Czech Republic (Petr Skoda, Pavel Smrz), Finland (Maria Gritsevich, Jouni Peltoniemi), FYR Macedonia (Blagoj Delipetrev, Atanas Hristov), Germany (Gottfried Schwarz), Hungary (Gyula Szabo), Ireland (Bianca Schoen-Phelan, Robert Ross), Italy (Giovanni Nico), Lithuania (Olga Kurasova, Viktor Medvedev), Serbia (Darko Jevremovic), Slovenia (Uros Kostic), Spain (Marco Quartulli), United Kingdom (Victor Debattista)

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting and e-votes since the last meeting

The minutes from the 2nd MC meeting are approved by the MC.

Before this meeting the MC members received a repository of all CG and WG minutes and all e-votes since the last MC meeting. The MC approves the e-votes.

4. Update from the Action Chair

a. Status of Action:

We have new members: Finland, Austria, and Bosnia and Herzegovina

In total we have 27 countries in our Action.

Since the last MC meeting, we have had WG meetings in Lyon (France) and Dubrovnik (Croatia), STSMs and the first Training School.

We had an entire session at IGARSS 2015, published articles in the IGARSS 2015 proceedings and GeoScienceEEEE magazine, and materials from the Training School are posted on GitHub

b. Action budget status

in the summer 2015, the Grant Period was changed to 1 Sept 2015 -- 30 April 2016. Consequently, the money had to be spent by 30 April 2016. Our budget was 143,545.28 EUR. The structure of spending was as follows: 8760EUR for the Dubrovnik meeting, 5798.95EUR for the Lyon meeting, 3000EUR for STSMs, 60EUR for website operation and then we have two events that are still in the proces of reimbursemnts - Training School will cost 29500EUR for trainees, about 8000EUR for trainers and about 4000EUR for LOS, and the Brno meeting will probably require about 25000EUR.

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

For every call for reimbursements for the WG meetings, workshops, STSMs, and the Training School, the priority was given to participants from COST Inclusiveness Target Countries, Early Stage Researchers and women.

5. Report on the 1st Training School (by Marco Quartulli)



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See Annex 2.

6. Report on STSMs and suggestions for changes in the new Grant Period (by Uros Kostic)

We have published 3 calls for STSMs, with the following deadlines: 30 Mar 2015, 15 Oct 2015, 7 Mar 2016.

For the first call, we received 5 applications: 1 from Armenia to Italy, 3 from Sweden to UK, 1 from Italy to Macedonia. The application from Armenia was rejected by the STSM Committee. The criticism made by the STSM Committee was that the description of work to be carried out during the two week visit is poorly defined (for instance which 'observing data will be exchanged?'), and no mention is made of a short report of the visit activities. The 3 applications from Sweden were rejected by the STSM Committee because Sweden was not a member of the BigSkyEarth COST action. The application from Italy was accepted by the STSM Committee, however, due to some unexpected events, the candidate cancelled the STSM before he accepted the COST invitation. So, for the first call, no STSMs have been carried out.

For the second call, we received 3 applications: 1 from Serbia to Belgium, 1 from Armenia to Italy, 1 from Slovenia to Germany. All three applications have been accepted by the STSM Committee and were successfully completed.

For the third call, we have not received any applications.

In total we have spent only 3000 EUR from the STSM budget.

Since the number of applications is much lower than expected, the MC decided to make a continuously open call for STSMs (no deadlines) and to increase the financial support to max 2000EUR per STSM in the new Grant Period.

7. Scientific planning

7.1. Action Budget Planning

The proposed Action Budget is in Annex 3.

7.2. Selection of dissemination meetings

7.2.1. Astronomical Data Analysis Software and Systems (ADASS) conference,
Trieste, Italy, Oct 16-20, 2016

7.2.2. ???

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

In the next Grant period, the following meetings are planned:

7.3.1. WG1&3 meeting: July 4-6, 2016

University Politehnica, Bucharest, Romania
(jointly with Quantum Technologies Summer School)

7.3.2. WG2&4 meeting: September 15-16, 2016 (we can change dates later if needed)

Finnish Geospatial Research Institute, Helsinki, Finland

7.3.3. WG1,2,3,4 meeting & Conference: Oct 2&25, 2016

in conjunction with Astro-Info16 (IAU) conference, Sorrento, Italy

7.3.4. Workshop: Feb 2-4, 2017

Sopron, Hungary

7.3.5. Training School: April 3-8, 2017

Cambridge, UK

Organized by the Cambridge Big Data (<http://www.bigdata.cam.ac.uk>) and



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hosted by the British Antarctic Survey at their new Aurora Cambridge facility:

<https://www.bas.ac.uk/science/science-and-innovation/aurora-cambridge/hire-space-at-aurora-cambridge/>

7.3.6.MC Meeting: April 6-7, 2017
Cambridge, UK

7.4. We plan to support at least 4 STSMs.

7.5. Dissemination planning (Publications and outreach activities)

- The MC members were invited to submit any appropriate content to the Action's website (<http://bigskyearth.eu>).
- We opened a linkedIn group for this Action. We invited all who are interested in BigSkyEarth Action to join the group and discuss big data topics.
- Presentations from WG meetings will be available online on Action's website.
- The trainees of the Training School will write papers on the results of the Training School.

7.6. Voting on the next Grant Period budget

The MC voted on and approved the next Grant Period budget.

8. AOB

The MC Chair and GH grant administrator (N. Jones, joined via teleconference) presented some problems with e-cost that slowed down preparation of some events and complicated reimbursements for some individuals. .

9. Summary of MC decisions

- D1: The MC approved the minutes from the 2nd MC meeting.
- D2: The call for STSMs will be open continuously (i.e. no deadlines).
- D3: The STSM grants are increased to 2000EUR per STSM.
- D4: The MC agreed on the proposed meetings.
- D5: The MC approved the next Grant Period budget.

10. Closing

MC Chair closes the meeting at 14:30.

List of Annexes

- Annex 1:** meeting agenda
- Annex 2:** report from the Training School
- Annex 3:** proposed budget



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