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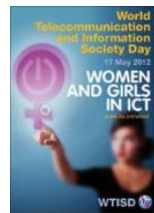
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16 May 2012 | General, ICT

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day



17 May is celebrated worldwide as World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD). Several COST Actions are making an invaluable contribution towards research in the field of ICT.

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14 May 2012 | General, ISCH

International Day of Families

The International Day of Families aimed to confront family poverty and social exclusion is observed on 15 May each year. This year's theme 'Ensuring work-family balance' highlights the importance of family-focused policies and programmes promoting work-family balance.

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09 May 2012 | General

Happy Europe Day!



9 May is 'Europe Day', celebrating the day that French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman presented his proposal on the creation of an organised Europe in 1950.

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07 May 2012 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

The latest issue of the COST Newsletter is now online



Stay up-to-date with COST's latest news and opportunities!

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07 May 2012 | General, ISCH

Media and Society: studying the transformation of European audiences

COST Action IS0906 shares best practices to manage particularly wide networks.

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07 May 2012 | General, ESSEM, FA

COST for Water



In answer to the pressing need to better manage the world's water resources and improve their quality, COST reaffirms its commitment to research in water-related issues.

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07 May 2012 | General

COST joins the celebration of science research innovation at ESOF 2012

From 11 to 15 July 2012, Dublin will host the EuroScience Open Forum.

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07 May 2012 | General, TUD

Enhancing sustainable mobility



COST Action TU0603 promotes new bus services to compete with car use.

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04 May 2012 | General, BMBS, CMST, ICT

Why another conference on personalised medicine?

Or even, why does COST organise a conference on personalised medicine? One of the upcoming issues of the Croatian Medical Journal will be devoted to the outcome of the COST conference 'Personalised Medicine: Better Healthcare for the Future - A Rational Approach Focusing on Bioinformatics, Medicinal Chemistry and Medicine' and we give you a sneak preview of their editorial that provides you with an answer!

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27 March 2012 | General, ESSEM

The voice of young researchers for our 'Planet Under Pressure'



COST is present at the 'Planet Under Pressure' conference being held in London until Thursday 29 March - where it is helping making young researchers' voices heard.

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26 March 2012 | General, President

COST has done much with little; imagine what it could do with more

COST position paper approved by the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO)

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26 March 2012 | General, FA

Early Stage Researchers lead workshop

'Feed your knowledge - Healthy feed for healthy food' to be organised by and focused on younger members of scientific community

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26 March 2012 | General, President

Towards a simpler, fairer, faster evaluation

Evaluating the evaluation procedures... time to assess, reflect and adapt where needed

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26 March 2012 | General, President

Welcome to the new 'COST News'!

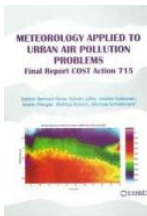


Dear readers, Welcome to a brand new 'COST News', the COST newsletter. The previous model underwent a thorough make-over to adapt our communication tools to the latest, dynamic media trends and channels.

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23 March 2012 | General, ESSEM

World Meteorological Day



23 March each year is World Meteorological Day – a day to commemorate the entry into force, in 1950, of the WMO Convention creating the World Meteorological Organization, a specialised agency of the United Nations. The theme for 2012 is 'Powering our future with weather, climate and water'. It highlights the critical roles, which weather, climate and water services have in powering a sustainable future.

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22 March 2012 | General, ESSEM, FA

Water is key to food security - World Water Day



22 March is celebrated as World Water Day focusing on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. The theme of this year's event is 'Water and Food Security', highlighting the crucial link between global food consumption and its demands on our water supply. This international day of observation is coordinated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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07 March 2012 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD, President

COST to receive additional EUR 10 million from European Commission!

COST and the European Science Foundation (ESF) have been informed by the European Commission Directorate-General for Research & Innovation of their decision to allocate an additional EUR 10 million to COST.

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28 February 2012 | General, BMBS, CMST

World Rare Disease Day



Rare Disease Day

29 February 2012 is the fifth World Rare Disease Day. The purpose of this day is to focus on diseases or disorders that affect fewer than 1 in 2 000. Rare Disease Day was first launched by the European Organisation for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS) in 2008 - but has since become a world event. 'Solidarity', the 2012 theme, focuses on the importance and the need for collaboration as well as mutual support in the field of rare diseases.

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20 February 2012 | General, FA

From early embryonic environment to sustainable food production

EU-funded networks of scientists cast light on the role of early life environment for sustainable food production at a major research workshop in Brussels

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19 February 2012 | General, ISCH

World Day of Social Justice



In 2007, 20 February was proclaimed World Day of Social Justice by the United Nations General Assembly. This day was chosen as a date to remind and encourage all Member States to promote national activities and enhance social justice. Several COST Actions in the scientific domain of Individuals, Societies and Health (ISCH), as well as initiatives set out by COST, underpin social justice and cohesion across Europe.

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14 February 2012 | General, TUD

COST TU0901 appears in El Mundo

A COST TUD Action on sound insulation has been quoted in the Spanish daily newspaper, thanks to its links to the University of Valladolid, Spain. Below is a translated summary of the article published on 6 February 2012.

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06 February 2012 | General, ISCH, ICT

Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day 2012 take places on Tuesday 7 February 2012 and focuses on the theme "Connecting generations and educating each other", by encouraging users young and old to "discover the digital world together...safely"! Helping science and research provide a safer Internet for young media users, COST actively supports the fight against cyberbullying.

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02 February 2012 | General, BMBS, CMST, MPNS

World Cancer Day



Discover how COST Actions are contributing to the fight against cancer. 4 February is World Cancer Day. This year's theme 'Together it is possible' reminds us that we all need to take responsibility for reducing the burden of this disease. Only together will we be able to reduce premature deaths from cancer and other Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) by 25 % by 2025. The global campaign is led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO). Above all, this day aims to raise awareness about cancer prevention and control on a global scale.

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02 February 2012 | General, CMST

EuroSchool on 'Intermetallic Compounds in Catalysis'

A training school on 'Intermetallic Compounds in Catalysis' will take place in the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Physics of Solids, Dresden, Germany, from 22 to 27 April 2012. This Training School is a joint initiative by COST Action CM0904 'Network for intermetallic compounds as catalysts for steam reforming of methanol (IMC-SRM)' and the European C-MAC Consortium.

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26 January 2012 | General, ISCH, ICT, TD

European Privacy and Data Protection Day



The Council of Europe has chosen 28 January as European Privacy and Data Protection Day. This day celebrates privacy and the autonomy of the individual – and gives us the opportunity to engage as citizens in timely debates of today's societies and to reflect on the issue of data protection and privacy. The day is aimed at giving European citizens the chance to understand what their rights are in respect of the collection and processing of their personal data; and also to increase awareness of the risks associated with the illegal mishandling and unfair processing of their personal data.

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23 January 2012 | General, ICT

Tribute to Dr Gerard Butler

COST is saddened to hear of the untimely passing of Dr Gerard Butler on 19 January 2012.

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05 January 2012 | General, BMBS, CMST

Debating bacterial adaptation to selection following antibiotic treatment

COST Actions in the field of Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences collaborate to investigate bacterial adaptation and resistance.

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06 December 2011 | General, MPNS

COST's Antibacterial Tiles presented at the Innovation Convention



Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, and Philippe Maystadt, President of the European Investment Bank, visited the work of COST Action 540 on antibacterial surfaces at the Innovation Convention Exhibition on 5 and 6 December 2011.

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20 November 2011 | General, FA

World Fisheries Day



21 November is World Fisheries Day. COST joins all fishing communities and those involved in the protection of our marine resources in celebrating



the 2011 World Fisheries Day!

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19 November 2011 | General, ISCH

Celebrating children



20 November is universal Children's Day, an occasion to promote the welfare of children and an understanding between children all over the world. It also marks the 22nd anniversary of the adoption of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

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18 November 2011 | General

Tackling the challenges of science communication



COST supports Actions in improving their communications output and impact

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09 November 2011 | General, FPS

Overcoming fossil fuel dependence and mitigating climate change



Leading scientists and young investigators open a debate on bioenergy drivers, options and impacts on future forest growing, management and production of traditional goods and services.

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21 October 2011 | General, President

Multimedia from the COST exhibition at the European Parliament available now!



Did you miss the COST exhibition at the European Parliament from 18 to 20 October? Or maybe you attended and would enjoy going through the event's highlights?

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14 October 2011 | General, FA

World Food Day



The aim of World Food Day is to heighten public awareness of the world food problem and strengthen solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty. In 1980, the General Assembly endorsed observance of the Day in consideration of the fact that "food is a requisite for human survival and well-being and a fundamental human necessity". The theme of the 2011 World Food Day is 'Food Prices – from Crisis to Stability'.

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04 October 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD, President

Networks of Science and Technology – COST exhibition at the European Parliament



From 18 to 20 October 2011, COST will organise a creative exhibition for its 40th birthday at the European Parliament in Brussels, hosted by MEP Pilar del Castillo Vera, member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). The exhibition will open with a reception on 18 October where Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament, will provide a message. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science and Dr Ángeles Rodríguez-Peña, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials, will deliver keynote addresses at that time.

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04 October 2011 | General, ICT, TUD

Smart mobility, smart energy grids, smart cities!



The presentations from the COST Strategic Workshop on Smart Cities held on 26 and 27 September 2011 are now available and include project presentations on smart mobility, urban security and the future of the cities from a Smart Cities perspective.

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03 October 2011 | General, TUD

Cities and Climate Change - World Habitat Day



The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day. The 25th World Habitat Day takes place on 3 October 2011 and the Global Celebration will be hosted by the Government of Mexico. The idea behind World Habitat Day is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities and the basic right of all, to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat.

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21 September 2011 | General, TUD

World Carfree Day



22 September 2011 is World Carfree Day – a day where people all over the world decide to leave their cars at home and to go about their daily lives by bike, on foot or by public transport.

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17 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: United Kingdom



The United Kingdom has been a COST country since the very beginning, joining at the start in 1971. The national COST Office is hosted by the Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS).

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16 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Turkey



Turkey is also one of the original COST Countries, joining at the start in 1971. The national COST Office is hosted by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey.

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15 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Switzerland



Switzerland has been a COST country for forty years, joining at the start in 1971. The national COST Office is hosted by the State Secretariat for Education and Research.

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14 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Sweden



Joining COST in 1971, Sweden has been a member of COST for its full forty year history.

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13 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Spain



Spain became a COST county in 1971 and has been a member for its entire forty year history. The national COST Office is hosted by the Ministry of Science and Innovation.

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12 September 2011 | General

Calling for a bottom-up approach towards a global forest governance



At a high level conference in the European Parliament - celebrating the 2011 International Year of Forests - distinguished speakers such as H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, Chris Vanden Bilcke, Head of UNEP Brussels and Dr Sjur Baardsen, Chair of the COST FPS Domain focused on sustainable management, conservation and development of forests in Europe and worldwide against climate change.

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12 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Slovenia



Slovenia has been an independent COST member since 1992 and was previously a member as part of then Yugoslavia since 1971. Both the Slovenian Research Agency (SRA) and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia (MHEST) are involved in COST.

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09 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Slovak Republic



The Slovak Republic has been an independent COST member since 1993 and was previously a member as part of then Czechoslovakia since 1991. The national COST Office is hosted by the Ministry of Education.

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08 September 2011 | General, ISCH

International Literacy Day



8 September 2011 is the International Day of Literacy. UNESCO uses this day to remind the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally. Currently, one in five adults is still not literate.

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08 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Serbia



The former Yugoslavia was one of the founding members of COST in 1971 and in 2007, Serbia became an independent member. The national COST Office is hosted by the Ministry of Science and Technological Development.

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07 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Romania



Romania has been a member of COST since 1991. The national COST Office is hosted by the National Office for Scientific Research.

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06 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Portugal



Joining COST in 1971, Portugal has been a member of COST for its full forty year history. The national COST Office is hosted by the Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia.

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05 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT,

MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Poland



Poland has been a member of COST since 1991. The national COST Office in Poland is hosted by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. Over the past 20 years Poland has been involved in over 500 COST Actions and has been particularly active in the FA, MPNS and ICT Domains.

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02 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Norway



Having joined COST in 1971, Norway has been a member of COST for its full forty year history. The national COST Office is hosted by the Research Council of Norway.

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01 September 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Netherlands



Joining COST in 1971, the Netherlands has been a member of COST for its full forty year history. The national COST Office is hosted by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.

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31 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Malta



Malta has been a member of COST since 1997 and has been involved in 76 COST Actions to date.

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30 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Luxembourg



Luxembourg has been a member of COST since 1971. The national COST Office in Luxembourg is hosted by the National Research Fund.

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29 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Lithuania



After receiving observer status in 1998, Lithuania became a full member of COST in 1999. The national COST Office in Lithuania is hosted by the Research Council of Lithuania.

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26 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Latvia



After receiving observer status in 1998, Latvia became a full member of COST in 1999. The national COST Office in Latvia is hosted by the Ministry of Education and Science.

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25 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Italy



Joining COST in 1971, Italy has been a member of COST for its full forty year history. The national COST Office is hosted by the Italian Ministry for University and Research.

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24 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Israel



Israel has been a COST Cooperating State since 2000, which gives them non-voting membership in the COST Committee of Senior Officials and in the Domain Committees as well as full member rights on the Action level. The national COST Office is hosted by the Ministry of Science and Technology

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23 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Ireland



Ireland has been a member of COST since joining in 1971. The national COST Office is hosted by Enterprise Ireland.

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22 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Iceland



Iceland has been a member of COST since 1991. The national COST Office is hosted by Rannís – The Icelandic Centre for Research.

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21 August 2011 | General, ESSEM, FA

Tapping into World Water Week...



21 August 2011 marks the start of World Water Week 2011. This year's theme is 'Responding to global Changes - Water in an Urbanising World' which looks at the potential and necessary responses in water policy, management and development to address pervasive and increasingly impacting global changes.

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18 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Hungary



Hungary has been a member of COST since 1991. The national COST Office is hosted by the National Office for Research and Technology (NKTH).

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18 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Greece



Greece has been a member of COST since becoming a COST country in 1971. The National COST Office in Greece is hosted by the General Secretariat for Research and Technology.

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17 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Germany



Germany became a member of COST in 1971. The National COST Office in Germany is hosted by the EUREKA/COST Bureau in Bonn.

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16 August 2011 | General, ICT

COST Action IC0905 TERRA puts smart and environment sensing Cognitive Radio (CR) on a trial



COST Action IC0905 'TERRA' works on the development of future regulatory framework for the Cognitive Radio (CR) technology – a new, more efficient way of providing wireless services by using smart (cognitive) analysis of the environment for dynamic allocation of available bandwidth. This science and technology network has turned to the possibilities of proof-of-concept testing.

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16 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia



The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has been a member of COST since 2002.

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15 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: France



France has been a member of COST since joining in 1971. The national COST Office is hosted by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research in Paris.

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12 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Finland



Finland has been a member of COST since it joined in 1971. The national COST Office in Finland is hosted by the Finnish funding agency for technology and innovation (Tekes).

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12 August 2011 | General, ISCH

International Youth Day



12 August 2011 is International Youth Day and the theme for this year is "Dialogue and Mutual Understanding". The aim of International Youth Day is to recognise the efforts of the world's youth in enhancing global society.

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11 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Estonia



Estonia has been a member of COST since joining in 1997. The national COST Office is hosted by the Research Cooperation Centre, which is a unit within the Archimedes Foundation based in Tartu.

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10 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Denmark



Denmark has been a COST country since 1971 and the national COST Office for Denmark is hosted by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation.

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09 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Czech Republic



The Czech Republic has been an independent COST member since 1993 and was already a member of COST as a part of Czechoslovakia since 1991. The Czech Republic hosted the COST Ministerial Council in Prague in 1997.

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08 August 2011 | General, MPNS

Tribute to Professor Zsolt Kajcsos



The COST community was saddened by the news that Professor Zolt Kajcsos, Vice-Chair of the Domain Committee for Materials, Physics and Nanosciences and Domain Committee Rapporteur for many COST Actions, passed away on 27 July 2011.

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08 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Cyprus



Having received observer status in 1998, Cyprus became a COST country in 1999. The National COST Office in Cyprus is hosted by the Research Promotion Foundation and is located in Lefkosia.

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05 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Croatia



Croatia has been an independent COST member since 1992 and was previously a member as part of then Yugoslavia since 1971. It was the host of the COST Ministerial Council in 2003, which took place in Dubrovnik.

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04 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Bulgaria



After receiving observer status in 1998, Bulgaria became a COST country in 1999. The national COST Office in Bulgaria is hosted by the National Science Foundation (Ministry of Education and Science) in Sofia.

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03 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD, President

COST country focus: Bosnia and Herzegovina



Bosnia is the latest country to join COST, having been a member since May 2009. The first proposal received from Bosnia and Herzegovina was submitted for the Open Call in March 2010.

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02 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Belgium



Joining COST in 1971, Belgium has been a member of COST for its full forty year history. The national COST Office is hosted by the Federal Science Policy Office in Brussels.

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01 August 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST country focus: Austria



This summer, the COST website visits all the COST countries one by one to highlight their achievements and contributions to the COST Programme. Today, Austria is the first country we visit.

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The 20th issue of the COST e-newsletter is now available.

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28 June 2011 | General, ESSEM

Preparing for the summer sun...



...also means being aware of the dangers of ultraviolet (UV) rays which can cause sunburn and skin cancer. It has been reported that parts of the world is going to experience extra high levels of UV this year, due to record levels ozone loss above the Arctic last winter.

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10 June 2011 | General, ISCH

Health, Humanities, Media, Technology, Political Science, Law, Economy and Business... all in one word? ISCH!

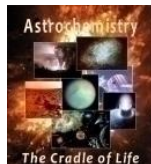


The COST Scientific Domain for Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health (ISCH) has held its annual progress conference in Brussels on 7 and 8 June 2011.

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08 June 2011 | General, CMST

Astrochemistry: The Cradle of Life



COST gives you the opportunity to learn more about the origins of life on Earth or other planets throughout the Universe while visiting ... dinosaurs!

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07 June 2011 | General, ESSEM

World Oceans Day



8 June 2011 is World Oceans Day (WOD), which has been organised by the World Ocean Network and The Ocean Project since 2003. This day celebrates and honours the body of water which links us all, for what it provides humans and what it represents.

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30 May 2011 | General, BMBS

Where there is smoke...



Tobacco kills one person every six seconds. Out of 6 million deaths a year, 600 000 are non-smokers who died from exposure to tobacco smoke. 31 May 2011, the World Health Organization's No Tobacco Day, is an excellent opportunity for smokers to reduce their risk of becoming a sad statistic.

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25 May 2011 | General, BMBS

World MS Day



Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, often disabling disease. It is one of the most common disabling neurological conditions amongst young adults in the northern hemisphere. According to World MS Day, over 2 000 000 people in the world have MS. COST Action BM0603 Inflammation in Brain Disease (NEURINFNET) contributes.

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24 May 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD, President

31 new COST Actions approved!



Whether it was the nice meeting location or the coincidence that the CSO was convened just



days after the announcement that the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation would make additional funding available for COST in FP7, fact remains that last week's CSO meeting had numerous positive outcomes.

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24 May 2011 | General, ICT

COST Action IC0905 'TERRA' recognised as a reference for a stakeholder platform on Cognitive Radio



The Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) of the European Commission's Information Society and Media Directorate-General has published an opinion on cognitive technologies, recognising COST-TERRA as a platform to coordinate research activities.

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22 May 2011 | General, FPS

International Day of Biological Diversity



22 May is the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB), which is intended to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. This year, the theme of IDB is Forest Biodiversity, and it will make up part of the International Year of Forests. COST has a designated Domain dealing with forestry which has facilitated, and continues to facilitate, many networks dealing with the issue of biodiversity.

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20 May 2011 | General, ICT

Exhibition on Sonic Interaction Design - You are invited!



Boom...stroke...aaaaaeeeehhhh...swing...crash...beep!
We struggle to put sonic interactions into words - and that is why an exhibition with real examples is the best way to experience this new field of research.

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19 May 2011 | General, FA

European Maritime Day

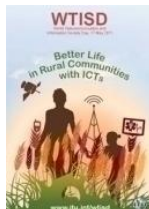


Every year on 20 May, European Maritime Day is celebrated across the European Union to showcase the importance of the sea and oceans for our everyday life. European Maritime Day celebrates European maritime identity and sea-related activities.

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17 May 2011 | General, ICT

Better Life in Rural Communities with ICT



The purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) on 17 May 2011 is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.

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12 May 2011 | General, ISCH

International Day of Families



The International Day of Families aimed to confront family poverty and social exclusion is observed on 12 May 2011.

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03 May 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD, President

COST to receive additional EUR 30 million from European Commission!

COST and the ESF have been informed by the European Commission Directorate-General for Research & Innovation of their decision to allocate an additional 30 million euro to COST. The additional funding raises the total budget for COST to 240 million euro for FP7.

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02 May 2011 | General, CMST, ESSEM

World Asthma Day



WORLD ASTHMA DAY 2011*

3 May 2011 is World Asthma Day, an annual event organised by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) to improve asthma awareness and care around the world.

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28 April 2011 | General, ISCH, TUD

Towards the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations - 2012



On 29 April 2011, an important milestone towards the 2012 European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations will take place in the form of a high level conference in Brussels. It is intended to mobilise stakeholders at every level and encouraging commitment on specific objectives and activities in 2012.

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27 April 2011 | General, CMST, MPNS

Quantitative Nanostructure Toxicity Relationships (QNTR): Outcome of the COST Exploratory Workshop of April 2011



The COST Exploratory Workshop on Quantitative Nanostructure Toxicity Relationships (QNTR) was held on 3 - 6 April 2011 near Maastricht in The Netherlands in order to explore the potential for computational modelling techniques to predict the biological effects of nanomaterials from their physical and chemical properties.

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21 April 2011 | General, TD

Discovering submerged archaeological treasures and landscapes



Prehistoric archaeological materials have been found off the coasts of almost every European country. Submerged prehistoric landscapes contain unparalleled information on early human populations and environmental change which have now found an integrated investigation approach – between research and management – in truly international cooperation.

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19 April 2011 | General, ICT, TUD

European Disability Strategy Conference



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Almost 80 million EU citizens experience difficulties in using public buildings, facilities and services such as shops, transport and websites because they have some kind of disability. To address this situation, the European Commission launched a 10-year strategy at the end of 2010 to improve accessibility and promote equality. As part of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, a high level conference on new challenges in the European Disability Strategy has been arranged and will take place on 19 and 20 April 2011 in Budapest, Hungary.

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15 April 2011 | General

Reflecting on Sustainable Energy



This week was the EU Sustainable Energy Week 2011 (EUSEW) and hundreds of events have been organised in 44 countries to mark this important part of the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign. COST reflects on its support...

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12 April 2011 | General, ESSEM

Did the first human in space wonder what the weather would be like?

50 years ago today, Russian Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space. Since COST has Actions on the topic of space weather, we cannot help but wonder if the weather was on his mind at the time.

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12 April 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

COST newsletter available - with extra supplement!



The 19th issue of COST News is available. This issue is accompanied by a supplement focusing on the activities of the MPNS Domain.

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03 April 2011 | General

The Mobile Phone turns 38



On 3 April 1973, Martin Cooper made a phone call, the impact of which has been so huge it is hard to quantify.

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25 March 2011 | General, ESSEM

COST ES0602 investigates the potential hemispheric dispersion of radioactive clouds

Action ES0602 'Towards a European Network on Chemical Weather Forecasting and Information Systems' share their model calculations of a potential release of nuclear constituents

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23 March 2011 | General, ISCH

Making a difference: COST Research Networks & Policy - Examples in the Social Sciences and Humanities

Curious about COST's concrete contribution to the Social Sciences and Humanities?

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16 March 2011 | General, ICT

Call for Papers for the Third International Workshop on Quality of Multimedia Experience (QoMEX)

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11 March 2011 | General

The COST Office is very saddened to hear about the biggest earthquake to hit Japan since 1707

Some resources which may help include...

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10 March 2011 | General, FA

Of bees and flowers!



Spring is around the corner - what's happening to bees? Learn more about global honeybee colony disorders and other threats to insect pollinators in the UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) Emerging Issues published on 10 March 2011. Scientists involved in COST Action FA0803 COLOSS' are among the science experts who contributed to this report!

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03 March 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD

COST Publications - Celebrating World Book Day!



World Book Day has been designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and is marked in over 100 countries around the globe.

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25 February 2011 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, TD

ESOF2012 - Call for Scientific Proposals!



The interdisciplinary, pan-European EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF2012) has opened a call for session proposals. Proposals are welcome in a wide range of scientific fields.

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30 January 2011 | General

Happy European Youth Day to all COST Early Stage Researchers!

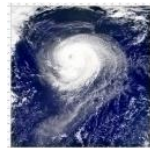


On 31 January 2011, European Youth Day, COST would like to celebrate Europe's young researchers

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23 September 2010 | General, ESSEM

COST-ESF High-level Research Conference on Extreme Environmental Events



From 13 to 17 December 2010, COST and ESF will gather leading scientists and young researchers in Cambridge, United Kingdom, to discuss extreme environmental events and the uncertainties inherent in their understanding. The goal of this event is to stimulate interdisciplinary research collaboration among climatologists, meteorologists, modellers, statisticians, and other environmental scientists, and to promote scientific excellence in these fields.

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18 June 2010 | General

"EU ups its stake in COST science programme"

That is the title of a CORDIS news release on COST earlier today. "The EU will add EUR 40 million to its contribution to the international Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) programme", the news release continues.

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16 June 2010 | General

COST Ministerial Conference reconfirms COST's key role in the European Research Area (ERA)



Representatives from COST Member State governments and the European Commission gathered at the COST Ministerial Conference in Palma de Mallorca, on 15 June 2010, at the invitation of the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation

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16 June 2010 | General, President

The COST CSO President reports to the COST Ministerial Conference

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), reported to the COST Ministerial Conference held on 15 June 2010 in Palma de Mallorca on progress made by COST since the COST Ministerial Conference held in Dubrovnik in 2003.

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27 May 2010 | General, President

COST elects new CSO President

With the unanimous election of Dr Angeles Rodríguez Peña as President of the COST CSO on 26 May 2010 in Riga, COST elected its first female President.

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20 May 2010 | General

Gender Equality and Research Funding: the COST contribution



Dr Martin Grabert, Director of the COST Office, presented COST as a networking tool towards gender equality at the first GENDERA roundtable meeting held in Bratislava on 18 May 2010. COST - which is already a frontrunner in the ERA with 35% female participation in COST Actions - encourages further concrete steps to improve gender balance in the near future.

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17 May 2010 | General, CMST

Communicating Science: an example from the field... literally!



In the latest YouTube video of COST Action CM0903, Professor Martyn Poliakoff explains the scientific challenges the Action addresses.

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07 May 2010 | General, ISCH

First COST Training School in Australia: an Outstanding success

Australia currently conducts leading research on the topic of cyberbullying. A training school on this topic was an outstanding success with the potential to lead to extra funding.

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30 April 2010 | General, BMBS, FPS, MPNS

Bio-inspired Materials: Learning from Mother Nature



COST welcomed 220 participants to the 3-day Strategic Workshop on Principles and Development of Bio-inspired Materials held in Vienna from 13 to 15 April 2010.

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23 April 2010 | General, ESSEM

Every dark cloud has a silver lining



Last week, as most flights in Europe came to a halt due to the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull in Iceland, members of COST Action ES0802 realised that this seemingly impossible situation could actually be an opportunity in disguise.

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15 April 2010 | General

COST News No 16 - March 2010



The 16th issue of the COST Office e-newsletter is now available.

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06 April 2010 | General, ESSEM, FA

Let's talk climate change!



Following the debates held at COP15 in December 2009, COST science officers discuss the impacts of climate change and the path towards sustainable development on the world's first Internet broadcaster dedicated entirely to climate change issues.

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19 March 2010 | General, BMBS, CMST, ESSEM, FA, FPS, ISCH, ICT, MPNS, TUD, President

COST switches to .eu!



COST is delighted to announce its new website address: www.cost.eu COST has opted to set up a customised and easy-to-remember Internet address, reflecting its dynamic and pan-European identity.

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03 February 2010 | General, BMBS

How to Protect Your Healthy Cells from Transforming into Cancer Cells

Every year 3.2 million Europeans are diagnosed with cancer, a figure that is expected to rise due to the aging European population. The good news is that approximately 40% of cancers are potentially preventable.

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26 January 2010 | General

Giving Science the Attention it Deserves

COST Action Chairs and Vice Chairs who could not attend the science communication training course at Technopolis now have the chance to take part in a second edition at the Arctic Centre in Finland.

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20 January 2010 | General

COST News No 15 - January 2010



The 15th issue of the COST Office e-newsletter is now available.

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12 January 2010 | General

COST Customer Satisfaction Survey 2009

The second Customer Satisfaction Survey emphasises COST's important role within the European science community and its support for young researchers.

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05 January 2010 | General

Chemistry Made Fun

COST scientists from the University of Nottingham have developed a periodic table of videos depicting each chemical element in a fun and interactive way.

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08 December 2009 | General, ESSEM

COP15 Welcomes COST to Copenhagen

An exciting line-up of activities involving COST is set to take place at the COP15 Conference.

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04 December 2009 | General

Making it Work: COST Family Friendly Policy

A recent decision from the CSO focuses on early stage researchers and their families.

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02 December 2009 | General

Higher Education Takes Centre Stage at next COST Seminar

The COST December seminar focuses on higher education and the European Research Area, with a guest speaker from the European University Association - Research and Innovation

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17 November 2009 | General

Climate Change in front of the Lens

Watch a short film on air quality and climate change produced by participants in COST Action C23 Strategies for a Low Carbon Built Environment.

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12 November 2009 | General, FPS

Register for COST Paper Week Webinar

COST is excited to participate in this year's Paper Week. An exploratory workshop of the future needs of the paper industry is taking place on 17

November 2009. If you can't make it, you can follow discussions straight from your desktop.

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09 November 2009 | General

Swiss COST Day 2009



The significance and impact of COST was the theme of the Swiss COST Day 2009 that took place at the College of Engineering and Architecture, Fribourg, Switzerland on 21 October 2009.

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05 November 2009 | General

Striking a Balance in the Gender Debate

In its support for gender equality in research, COST hosted a training session on increasing women's participation in science and promoting the gender dimension into research proposals.

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13 October 2009 | General

Updates to the COST Vademecum

Actions and interested parties are advised that some elements of the Vademecum, which compiles rules for the implementation of COST Actions, have been clarified.

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09 October 2009 | General

COST News No 14 - October 2009



The 14th issue of the COST Office e-newsletter is now available.

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08 October 2009 | General

Science Takes Centre Stage



After months of anticipation, COST Action Chairs joined science communication experts at Technopolis in Mechelen. They picked up the latest tricks to give their research results the attention they deserve.

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30 September 2009 | General

COST Training School Video Published on Athenaweb

The COST Training School video report focusing on Early-Stage Researchers is now available on Athenaweb, the European web and workstation for science professionals.

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29 September 2009 | General

First Results of September Open Call Reveal Proposals Are on the Up

COST announces a good response to the latest Open Call for Proposals.

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21 September 2009 | General

Annual Report 2008



The 2008 Annual Report is now available.

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18 September 2009 | General

Know your COST Acronyms

Acronyms will no longer be wrapped in mystery for COST website visitors as the meaning now pops up upon request – without having to consult the page of definitions.

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10 September 2009 | General

Regional Info Day in Serbia

On 2 September 2009, COST and the Serbian Ministry of Science and Technological Development jointly organised the regional COST information day in Belgrade which featured 12 speakers from COST, Serbia, as well as the national COST coordinators from the Balkan region.

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20 August 2009 | General

COST Goes to South Africa to Kick-Start Collaboration Agreement

The COST team is heading to the African continent to officially launch the reciprocal agreement which it recently signed with South Africa. Researchers from both countries can now collaborate on common research projects.

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31 July 2009 | General

Get Visual

A video on COST's exciting training opportunities for Early Stage Researchers has just been released.

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22 July 2009 | General

About COST 2009



The new COST pocket guide is available now.

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14 July 2009 | General

South Africa tightens links with Europe



South Africa is the latest country to have signed a reciprocal agreement with the COST Office to increase international cooperation between scientists.

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08 July 2009 | General

2009 Food and Agriculture Annual Progress Conference

An important event on the Food and Agriculture Domain calendar, the APC showcases results of the latest Actions.

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07 July 2009 | General, President

COST Participates in Launch Conference of EUREKA German Presidency



Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited and participated in the launch conference of the German EUREKA Presidency "World-Class Innovation through International Cooperation" held in Dresden, Germany, on 6 and 7 July 2009.

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06 July 2009 | General

COST News No 13 - July 2009



The 13th issue of the COST Office e-newsletter is now available

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29 June 2009 | General, President

COST in Belgrade for the Serbian Info Day: Towards Integration into the ERA

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited and participated in the Serbian Info Day in Belgrade on 29 June 2009. It was organised by the Serbian Ministry of Science and Technological Development and by the European Commission.

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29 June 2009 | General, President

COST Statement: the Role of COST in the ERA 2020

COST Vision 2020 is framed by the Strategic 2020 Vision for the European Research Area (ERA). There are several modes of cooperation and instruments to fulfil the mission of ERA. One of them is COST - "European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research" - with long and unique experience in the coordination of nationally-funded research activities.

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23 June 2009 | General

More New Zealand Exchanges Ahead



Dr Di McCarthy, CEO of the Royal Society of New Zealand, and Dr Martin Grabert, COST Office Director, signed a new reciprocal agreement on 5 June 2009 in Brussels. This means COST Actions involving partner institutions from New Zealand can continue to apply for special funding to collaborate in common fields of research.

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22 June 2009 | General

Supporting the Earthquake-Stricken University of L'Aquila

A COST Short-Term Scientific Mission means hope for the research community of L'Aquila in Italy.

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08 June 2009 | General, President

COST welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina among its Member States and Reinforces Cooperation with Australia, New Zealand and South Africa

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), recently welcomed the admission of Bosnia and Herzegovina as the 36th COST Country.

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01 June 2009 | General

Science – How to Get the Right Attention

Communicating research is often as important as carrying it out. Policy makers, captains of industry, journalists, and current and future researchers are eager to find out about the latest discoveries.

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13 May 2009 | General

Record Beaten

Thanks to the attention the March Open Call has generated, the number of submissions for COST Actions has increased.

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30 April 2009 | General

COST Launches Foresight Videos on YouTube

Watch the first series of Foresight 2030 testimonial videos on the new COST YouTube page. Experts describe their hopes and the potential impacts of ICT on their field of research.

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29 April 2009 | General

COST News Straight to Your Desktop

As of today, you will no longer need to regularly browse these pages to get the latest news. Subscribe to COST news alerts.

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12 April 2009 | General

COST News No 12 - April 2009



The 12th issue of the COST Office e-newsletter is now available

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31 March 2009 | General, President

COST presented to the EU Council

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited by the Czech Presidency to present on 30 March the state of the art of COST to the Research Working Party (RWP) of the Council of the European Union in Brussels.

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22 January 2009 | General

COST Office Newsletter No 11 - January 2009



The 11th issue of the COST Office e-newsletter is now available

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02 December 2008 | General, President

European Nuclear Medicine and European Surgery show interest in COST

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials, represented COST on two prestigious occasions.

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02 October 2008 | General

COST Office Newsletter No 10 – October 2008



The 10th issue of the COST Office e-newsletter is now available.

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26 September 2008 | General

Stakeholders and Researchers Gather to Discuss the Future of Humanities Research in Europe

Humanities scholars from across Europe will come together at the 4th HERA Conference "European diversities – European identities" in Strasbourg, on 8 and 9 October 2008. They will showcase some of the best collaborative work dealing with identity from different national, ethnic, religious or linguistic angles.

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25 July 2008 | General, President

COST participates in ESOF 2008

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), participated in the Euro Science Open Forum (ESOF) held in Barcelona from 18 to 22 July 2008. He was accompanied by Professor John Bartzis, Vice President of the COST CSO, by Dr Martin Grabert, Director of the COST Office, and by Ms Inge De Prins, COST PR and Communications Manager. The COST Science Officers took care of the interactive COST Exhibition stand, located next to EUREKA and the

European Science Foundation, and gave an overview of COST activities to the numerous visitors.

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09 July 2008 | General

COST Office Newsletter No 9 - July 2008



The 9th issue of the COST Office e-newsletter is now available.

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06 June 2008 | General, President

Global interest in COST

"COST does indeed contribute to increasing cooperation in research on a world basis" commented Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials, noting the ever-growing requests received by institutions from non-COST countries to take part in COST Actions.

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30 May 2008 | General

Early Stage Researchers' Interest in COST

The COST Office participated to the GRAD skills "Research Futures 2008" Conference which took place 30 May 2008 at St. Andrews University, Scotland.

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26 May 2008 | General, President

COST Days in Israel

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials, participated in the intense week of the COST DAYS in Israel organised from 19 to 23 May 2008 by Dr Husam Massalha, COST National Coordinator for Israel, and by Ms Ilana Lowi, Director, Division for International Relations, Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport of Israel. The COST Days were held at the Tel-Aviv University, at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, at the Technion Institute of Technology, Haifa and at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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08 May 2008 | General

Second COST Visit to Albania

Following Albania's association to the EU 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technology Development, the European Commission, COST and the Albanian Ministry for Science and Education organised a Research Information Event in Tirana on 6 May 2008.

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09 April 2008 | General

COST Office Newsletter No 8 April 2008



Download the eighth edition of the COST Office e-newsletter and find out about the latest COST news and stories.

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08 April 2008 | General

COST Considerations on the Results of the Consultation on the European Commission ERA Green Paper

The results of the public consultation on the European Commission's Green Paper on the European Research Area (ERA) "The ERA: New Perspectives", to which COST contributed, are now available on the European Commission's website.

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21 March 2008 | General

ESF Launches its First Call for Candidates for the Enhancement of the ESF/COST Information System

The Call for Candidates, launched on 14 March 2008 and published on

TED (Tenders Electronic Daily - Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union), concerns the provision for: - an Information System Integration Infrastructure, and - a Human Resources Management System, both including software licenses and all associated services.

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15 March 2008 | General, President

Assessment, Monitoring, Final Evaluation and Dissemination of Results of COST Actions

"I am particularly proud" said Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) "that - at its latest 170th meeting - the COST CSO approved the latest revision of the COST Guidelines for Assessment, Monitoring, Evaluation and Dissemination of Results of COST Actions.

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14 March 2008 | General

Broaden the Scope of your Research

Do you work in a research area which is interdisciplinary, yet does not find an outlet for development? Is your research agenda constrained by grant and funding opportunities that are too narrowly defined for your scientific networking purposes? Is an international network a potential solution? Thanks to a recent decision by the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), your research may find a home in one of our Trans-Domain Proposals (TDPs). TDPs offer scientists fertile ground for future networks across many scientific disciplines, by allowing unusually broad, interdisciplinary proposals to strike across the nine scientific domains currently offered.

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08 March 2008 | General, President

COST Day in Skopje

"I am extremely glad to be in Skopje again where, in March 2004, I was unanimously elected President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials for the first time" said Professor Francesco Fedi in his address to the large audience convened on 05 March 2008 in the Oval Conference Hall, Rectorate Building of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje for the Macedonian COST Day.

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31 January 2008 | General, President

COST CSO President meets ESF CEO

On 31 January 2008, Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) met with Professor Marja Makarow, the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the European Science Foundation in Strasbourg.

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10 January 2008 | General, President

COST and INDIA

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), took part in the series of meetings in India organised in December 2007 and January 2008 by the Indian Embassy in Italy under the "Distinguished Visitors Programme" of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) which partially sponsored the visits.

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01 December 2007 | General, President

COST-ESF Synergy

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited and attended the first Science Policy Conference organised by the European Science Foundation (ESF) in Strasbourg on 28 and 29 November 2007. The Science Policy Conference focused on the European Research Area and, in particular, on its global dimension with the title "Is the ERA a first step to GLOREA (Global Research Area)?".

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26 November 2007 | General

COST Approves 25 New COST Actions

The European scientific community again confirmed that COST offers an excellent platform for nationally funded research projects to create networks, known as COST Actions. The 25 new networks approved by the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) at its recent meeting in Vilnius on 15 and 16 November 2007 were the result of the 2nd collection date for which more than 400 Preliminary Proposals were received.

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23 November 2007 | General, President

COST in Tunisia

At the invitation of Professor Lazhar Bououny, Minister of Research and Technology of the Republic of Tunisia, Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials, participated in the "Assises Nationales de la Recherche" held in Tunis at El Kram International Fair on 19 and 20 November 2007.

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21 November 2007 | General, President

COST Statement on the Monfret Report

This Statement was approved unanimously by the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) during its meeting on 15 and 16 November 2007. It refers to the Report "Final Review of COST in the Sixth Framework Programme" of the Panel set up by the European Commission for the final review of the contract between the European Commission (EC) and the European Science Foundation (ESF) for COST in the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6).

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20 November 2007 | General, President

COST appoints Professor Kneucker as Rapporteur

During its 163rd meeting in November 2005, the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) decided that "considering the well functioning cooperation with the European Science Foundation (ESF) as the implementing agent for COST there was no urgent need to seek a legal personality for COST". On the basis of this decision COST designated the European Science Foundation in October 2006 as its implementing agent for the Seventh Framework Programme.

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19 November 2007 | General, President

COST gets rid of the "red ribbons"

"It is another milestone in the history of COST" said Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), commenting the latest decision of the Committee regarding the procedures for the approval of the Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) of COST Actions.

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02 November 2007 | General, President

COST participates in the Australian-European ICT Days in Piemonte

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited and participated in the Australian-European ICT Days organized in Turin from 29 to 31 October 2007 by the Polytechnic of Turin, the Piemonte Region, the Italian Embassy in Canberra and the Torino Wireless Foundation.

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26 October 2007 | General, President

Bulgarian COST National Conference 2007

A COST National Conference was held in Bansko City (Bulgaria) on 23-25 October 2007 organised by Mrs Albena Vutsova, Bulgarian COST National Coordinator and Director of the Scientific Research Directorate of the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science.

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22 October 2007 | General, President

COST participates in the Conference on "Cultural Diversity and Religious Pluralism"

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited and attended the Conference on "Cultural Diversity and Religious Pluralism: the possible Dialogue in Europe" held on 19-20 October 2007 at the Link Campus University of Malta in Rome.

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11 October 2007 | General, President

COST is present in the Debate on the Future of Science and Technology in Europe

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited and participated in the Conference "The Future of Science and Technology in Europe" held from Monday 8 to Wednesday

10 October 2007 at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon.

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02 October 2007 | General, President

A new success for COST: the overwhelming response of the European scientific community

"The almost 500 preliminary proposals submitted for the third collection date 30 September 2007 of the COST Open Call, from which some 25 new COST Actions will be selected, is a new overwhelming response of the European scientific community" said Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO). "Even if it was the first form of cooperation in Science and Technology launched in Europe some 40 years ago, COST demonstrates all its vitality. This result clearly shows that the European scientific community continues to look at COST as a flexible, fast, effective and efficient tool to network and coordinate nationally funded research activities at project level, bringing good scientists together under light strategic guidance and letting them work out their ideas, thus contributing to reduce fragmentation in research investments in Europe and to open the European Research Area to the cooperation on a world basis."

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01 October 2007 | General, President

The COST President attends the ESF Governing Council in Helsinki

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited to and attended the meeting of the Governing Council of the European Science Foundation (ESF) held in Helsinki on 28 September 2007.

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01 October 2007 | General

COST Customer Satisfaction Study 2007

The study conducted by Ipsos Belgium has achieved response rates ranging from 28% to 47% which can be considered as very high for the kind of customers targeted. Such a response, combined with an overall high satisfaction with the role played by COST confirms the high level of ownership by customers.

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21 September 2007 | General, President

COST participates in the EC Workshop "Strengthening the coordination of Community and Member States policies and programmes for international S&T cooperation: impediments and opportunities"

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Official, was invited and participated in the Workshop on "Strengthening the coordination of Community and Member States policies and programmes for international S&T cooperation: impediments and opportunities" organised by the European Commission in Brussels on 19 and 20 September 2007. In his presentation Professor Fedi stressed the contribution of COST both to reduce the fragmentation of national research efforts in the ERA and to increase the cooperation of Europe on a world basis.

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06 September 2007 | General, ESSEM

Another COST Success Story: Phenological Responses to Climate Change in Europe

"Establishing a European Phenological Data Platform for Climatological Applications" is the title of COST Action 725 which runs from 2004 to 2009 with 27 participating countries. The Action deals with "Phenology" i.e. the study of the timing of recurring biological events in the animal and plant world and the causes of their timing with regard to biotic and abiotic forces. The main objective of the Action is the establishment of a comprehensive European reference data set of phenological observations that could be used for climatological purposes, particularly climate monitoring and the detection of changes.

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05 September 2007 | General, MPNS

Conference on Computational Physics (CCP2007) – COST-ESF Involvement

COST and ESF (European Science Foundation) sponsor the Conference on Computational Physics (CCP2007). The annual event is organised in Europe every three years and this year's edition – organised in Brussels from 5 to 8 September 2007 – focuses on computational developments in

physics ranging from electronic structure computations to simulations in astrophysics.

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03 September 2007 | General, CMST

A New COST Success Story: Green Chemistry and Cooperation with African Countries

Green chemistry – the creation of sustainable processes to prevent the creation of hazardous waste – is one of the answers to the worldwide demand for environmentally friendly chemical processes and cost-effective approaches to pollution prevention. This new and important scientific frontier is addressed by a number of COST Actions.

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03 August 2007 | General, President

COST meets EANM

On 2 August 2007 in Naples Professor Francesco Fedi, President of COST CSO (Committee of Senior Officials) met Professor A. Cuocolo, Professor W. Knapp and Ms. A. Bauer, respectively President, President Elect and Executive Director of EANM (European Association of Nuclear Medicine).

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06 July 2007 | General, President

Joint Preliminary Statement of COST and ESF on the Panel Report on the Final Review of the EC-ESF Contract for COST in FP6

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), and Dr. John Marks, Chief Executive Officer of the European Science Foundation (ESF), released the following joint preliminary Statement.

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03 July 2007 | General, President

COST contributes to the consultation on the EC Green Paper on "the ERA: New Perspectives": the role of COST in the European Research Area

The COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) at its meeting at the end of June 2007 approved the Contribution of COST to the consultation on the Commission Green Paper on "The ERA: New Perspectives", entitled "The role of COST in the European Research Area".

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29 June 2007 | General

Kiwi and European Scientists Overcome Tyranny of Distance

New pilot scheme between COST and New Zealand boosts scientific exchange.

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29 June 2007 | General

Down Under Comes up North for Scientific Exchanges with Europe

New pilot scheme between COST and Australia announced

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27 June 2007 | General, MPNS

Tribology COST Action Brings Reduction in Fuel Consumption

The results of COST Action 532 were reported on at the International Tribology Conference ECOTRIEB 2007 held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, from 12 to 15 June 2007. The COST Action contributed jointly with the EUREKA ENIWEF (European Network for Industrial Wear Prevention) Umbrella also dealing with friction control and industrial wear prevention.

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16 June 2007 | General, President

COST in Italy

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials, was invited to open the Workshop on Nanotechnologies held on the 6th of June 2007 at the University of L'Aquila. Sponsored by internal funds of the University, the Workshop was a unique opportunity for scholars from a variety of disciplines and professional experiences to discuss work in progress in the various fields of Nanotechnologies.

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12 June 2007 | General

COST: Response to the First Open Call 2007

For the second time, the COST Open Call was successful in attracting a large response from a wide spectrum of the European scientific community. There were 406 eligible (pre-) proposals. The number of non eligible proposals was very low (< 20) as in the on-line submission tool an interlock tool minimized potential error and/or omission.

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04 June 2007 | General, President

COST in Croatia

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28 May 2007 | General, President

COST in Russia

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited and participated in the transdisciplinary Conference organised in Moscow on 23-25 May 2007 by COST Action 298 "The user and the future of information and communication technologies".

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08 May 2007 | General, President

COST Information Day in Armenia

A COST Information Day was organised in Yerevan on 8 May 2007 by the Armenian Ministry of Trade and Economic Development and it was attended by some 70 representatives of the Armenian scientific community. This COST Information Day was follow-up to the meeting between Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials, and the Armenian Ambassador Dr. Vigen Tchitetchian in Brussels on 1 March 2007.

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04 May 2007 | General, BMBS

CERN Hosts COST- Enlight Strategic Workshop on Hadron Therapy

The COST Strategic Workshop on "Cancer treatment and hadrons: Powerful tools for an advanced, effective treatment on cancer" took place in Geneva on 3 and 4 May 2007 at the "Globe of Science and Innovation" of CERN (Coopération Européenne pour la Recherche Nucléaire- European Cooperation for Nuclear Research).

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16 April 2007 | General, President

Report of the President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials on the Triennium 2004-2006

After the serious difficulties encountered in 2002 and 2003, COST experienced a period of "renaissance" in the subsequent three years. Now, there is renewed confidence and enthusiasm in the COST research community, further strengthened by the secured support from the EU RTD Framework Programme.

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21 March 2007 | General, President

Francesco Fedi confirmed President of COST for the next triennium

On 21 March 2007 the representatives of the 35 COST countries, during the meeting of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) convened in the European Parliament in Strasbourg, re-elected Professor Francesco Fedi as President of COST for the next triennium. The Italian Ministry of Universities and Research was encouraged to present the candidature of Professor Fedi by the many delegations of the COST CSO who had expressed the view that a continuity in the COST CSO Presidency was indeed necessary in this delicate moment for COST, had stated an open appreciation for the outstanding results obtained by Professor Fedi during his Presidency and for his efforts to make COST a very effective instrument in the ERA and had announced their support when in the latest CSO meeting they had "indicated that they would be favourably disposed towards a re-election of the President-in-office, were he willing to continue".

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16 March 2007 | General, President

COST participates in the Farewell Symposium to Professor Andersson

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited and participated in the Farewell Symposium to

Professor Beril Andersson “ Promoting Excellence in Science: a tribute to Bertil Andersson’s contributions to the European Research Area” organized by the European Science Foundation (ESF) in Strasbourg on 16 March 2007. Professor Andersson, Chief executive Officer of ESF, will leave the ESF at the end of March to take up the appointment as Rector of the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore as of 1 April 2007.

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14 March 2007 | General, President

COST Information Day in Serbia

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), participated in the COST INFORMATION DAY in Beograd organized by the Serbian National Coordinator Professor Biljana Stojanovic on 14 March 2007. Professor Fedi was accompanied by Dr. Martin Grabert, Director of the COST Office and by Dr. Kimmo Peippo, Head of the COST Secretariat.

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01 March 2007 | General, President

COST President meets Armenian Ambassador

On 1 March 2007 in Brussels Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior officials (CSO), accompanied by Ms Ulla Mesia of the COST Secretariat, met Dr Viguen Tchitetchian, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia and Mr Garegin Melkonyan, Trade Representative of the Republic of Armenia to EU Members States.

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27 February 2007 | General

The EC-COST High Level Strategic Group Meets for the Second Time

The new partnership between COST and the European Commission agreed in May 2004 established the set up of a high-level Commission/COST Strategic Group (HLG) which would regularly take stock of the development of the partnership, set out further strategic orientations for the joint work and report on achievements.

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26 February 2007 | General

COST Contributions in Saving Cultural Heritage

A special session on COST Research and Innovation for industries and SMEs will be organised in Tunis on 28 February 2007.

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17 February 2007 | General, President

COST in Sevilla

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), met Mr Peter Kind, Director of the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), and his collaborators in the IPTS premises in Sevilla on 12 February 2007. IPTS, one of the Institutes of the EC Joint Research Centre, provides customer-driven support to the EU policy-making process by researching science-based responses to policy challenges that have both a socio-economic as well as a scientific/technological dimension. The purpose of the meeting was to investigate about a potential involvement of IPTS in the Study of potential impact of COST and in the Survey of COST Customer Satisfaction.

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16 February 2007 | General, President

Strengthening the COST and ESF Synergy: “COST-ESF Frontiers of Science” and “COST-ESF Science Days”

With the objective of strengthening the COST and ESF synergy, a meeting between the Chairs of the COST Domain Committees and the Chairs of the ESF Scientific Committees was held in Sevilla on 15 February 2007. The meeting was organized and chaired by Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), and by Professor Bertil Andersson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the ESF. It was also attended by Professor Ian Halliday, ESF President, by Dr Martin Grabert, Director COST Office, by Dr John Marks, future CEO of ESF and by members of JAF, the executive Group of COST CSO.

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07 February 2007 | General, President

COST and Canada

A high level delegation of 32 participants from Canada attended the EU Science & Technology workshop “Canada – Europe: Partners in the world” that was organised in Brussels in the premises of the Mission of Canada to

the European Union on February 5-6, 2007. The aim of this workshop was to inform about the 7th Framework Programme and recent developments in the European Research Area (ERA).

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29 January 2007 | General

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08 January 2007 | General, President

The European Science Foundation and the European Commission Sign Contract for COST in FP7

On 31 July 2007, the European Commission (EC) and the European Science Foundation (ESF) signed the contract for ESF to continue to provide and manage the administrative, technical and scientific secretariat of COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

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05 January 2007 | General, President

A Success for COST of paramount importance: The financial support obtained in the Seventh Framework Programme

The Official Journal of the European Union of 30 December 2006 volume L 400, reported that on 19 December 2006 the Council of the European Union adopted a Decision concerning the Specific Programme "Cooperation" implementing the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community. The Decision stated that of the total "Cooperation budget" of 32413 EUR million at least EUR 210 million and up to EUR 250 million should be attributed to COST, subject to the mid-term evaluation. This financial support will be provided through a grant which will be paid on the basis of a grant agreement between the Commission and a legal entity designated by COST as its implementing agent and communicated to the Commission by the General Secretariat of the Council and identified in the Work Programme.

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