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187th MEETING OF THE COST COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS¹² BRUSSELS, 15-16 MAY 2013

The 187th meeting of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) was held in Brussels on 15-16 May 2013. The meeting was chaired by Dr Angeles Rodríguez-Peña (ES), President of the CSO.

Election of the new CSO President

The Committee elected Dr Angeles Rodríguez-Peña as its new president for her second and final mandate, which will begin on 22 June 2013. Dr Rodríguez-Peña has held the CSO Presidency since June 2010 and will complete her second mandate in June 2016. (For more information see Annex 1)

Approval of the COST Actions

The COST Actions were approved from the Open Call 2012-2. (For more information see Annex 2)

COST Open Call

The next Collection date for proposals for new COST Actions is envisaged for 27 September 2013.

Joint session with DC Chairs

The DC Chairs presented their DC reports for the period 2010 – 2012. Each DC Chair included a SWOT analysis in their presentations. Successful Actions and events were showcased and the CSO was provided with the opportunity to ask questions of each DC Chair following their presentations.

¹ COST, established in 1971, is an intergovernmental framework for cooperation and networking of European research activities. COST does not fund research itself, but supports networking activities such as meetings, conferences, short term scientific exchanges and outreach activities. COST receives financial support for its coordinating activities from the EU RTD Framework Programme (FP).

² Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Republic of Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom; Israel (cooperating state).



Approval of NIS Statutes

The Statutes of the New Implementing Structure (NIS) were approved by the CSO at the 187th CSO Meeting. Steps can now be taken towards the next stage of the process which is the establishment of the NIS. A task force has been established to bring the NIS Internal Rules in line with the new NIS Statutes. Dr Primož Pristovšek, the Vice-Chair of the CSO, will chair the task force and present the updated document at the next CSO meeting in November 2013.

Approval of COST Implementation Rules

A set of documents concerning the COST Implementation Rules have been approved. This comprise of four documents: “Rules for Participation in and Implementation of COST Activities”; “COST Action Proposal Submission, Evaluation, Selection and Approval”; “COST Action Management, Monitoring and Assessment of COST Actions”; and “COST International Cooperation Rules”. These documents aim to harmonise, streamline and facilitate the understanding and implementation of the overall COST rules that apply in the management and execution of COST Actions.

Next CSO meeting

The next meeting of the CSO is scheduled for 13 – 14 November 2013.

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Annex 1 – CV of Dr Angeles Rodríguez-Peña:

Dr. Ángeles Rodríguez-Peña Curriculum vitae

She has a Master degree in Biology (1977) and a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology by the Autonoma University of Madrid, Spain (1980). Her post-doctoral training was in the former Imperial Cancer Research Foundation – now Cancer Research UK – in London, United Kingdom (1981-1984) where she was Associated scientist from 1984-1986. In 1987 she won the competition for tenured scientist at the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC).

Hers and her group's work has focused on the Molecular action of the nuclear receptors on nerve cell proliferation and differentiation. Major contributions is the description of several genes whose expression is controlled by thyroid hormone during brain development, in particular the myelin protein genes and the neurotrophin receptor trkB. She has published more than 80 papers in peer-review journals, with 32 invited conferences.

She has been Head of the Cell Signaling Department at the Biomedicine Institute of Madrid (1997-2002) and President of the Spanish Glial Network (1997-2002) and has been a visiting scientist at Harvard Medical School in Boston, USA (1999-2000) and at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden.

From 2002 to 2007, she held scientific management responsibilities at the European Commission (as seconded national expert at the Research Directorate-General of the European Commission, 2002-2004) and as deputy head of the International Cooperation Unit of the CSIC responsible for implementing bilateral and multilateral relations of this organization (2005-2007).

In 2007 she was appointed Deputy Director General for International Relations under the Ministry of Education and Science until 2008 when the Ministry of Science and Innovation was created and she became Deputy Director of European Affairs.

She has been Spanish delegate to the Strategic Forum of International Cooperation, SFIC (2009-2010), head of the Spanish delegation in the Scientific and Technical Research Committee of the Council of the European Union (CREST) and as a member of the newly named European Research Area Committee (ERAC). She was appointed Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) member in COST in 2007 until 2010 when she was elected President of the COST CSO. In May 2013 she was re-elected for a second mandate.

Currently, Dr. Rodríguez-Peña is special Advisor to Deputy Director General of International Cooperation and Europe under the Secretary of State for Research and Innovation at the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness.



Annex 2 – Approved COST Actions:

Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences (BMBS)

- BM1301 Aldosterone and mineralocorticoid receptor: Pathophysiology, clinical implication and therapeutic innovations (ADMIRE) (FR proposal)
- BM1302 Joining Forces in Corneal Regeneration Research (DE proposal)
- BM1303 A systematic elucidation of differences of sex development (DSDnet) (DE proposal)
- BM1304 Applications of MR imaging and spectroscopy techniques in neuromuscular disease: collaboration on outcome measures and pattern recognition for diagnostics and therapy development (UK proposal)
- BM1305 Action to Focus and Accelerate Cell-based Tolerance-inducing Therapies (A FACTT) (ES proposal)

Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies (CMST)

- CM1301 Chemistry for EElectron-Induced NANofabrication (CELINA) (DE proposal)
- CM1302 European Network on Smart Inorganic Polymers (SIPs) (DE proposal)
- CM1303 Systems Biocatalysis (IT proposal)
- CM1304 Emergence and Evolution of Complex Chemical Systems (NL proposal)

Earth System Science and Environmental Management (ESSEM)

- ES1301 Impact of Fluid circulation in old oceanic Lithosphere on the seismicity of transform-type plate boundaries: new solutions for early seismic monitoring of major European Seismogenic zones (FLOWS) (PT proposal)
- ES1302 European Network on Ecological Functions of Trace Metals in Anaerobic Biotechnologies (ES proposal)
- ES1303 Towards Operational ground based PROFiling with ceilometers, Doppler lidars and microwave radiometers for improving weather forecasts (TOPROF) (UK proposal)
- ES1304 European network on invasive parakeets: Understanding invasion dynamics and risks to agriculture and society (ParrotNet) (UK proposal)
- ES1305 European Network for the Radar surveillance of Animal Movement (ENRAM) (UK proposal) (subject to minor modification)

Food and Agriculture (FA)



- FA1301 A network for improvement of cephalopod welfare and husbandry in research, aquaculture and fisheries (CephInAction) (IT proposal)
- FA1302 Large-scale methane measurements on individual ruminants for genetic evaluations (NL proposal)
- FA1303 Sustainable control of grapevine trunk diseases (FR proposal)

Forests, their Products and Services (FPS)

- FP1301 Innovative management and multifunctional utilization of traditional coppice forests; an answer to future ecological, economic and social challenges in the European forestry sector (EuroCoppice) (DE proposal)
- FP1302 WOOD MUSICK (FR proposal)
- FP1303 Performance of bio-based building materials (SE proposal)

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

- IC1301 Wireless Power Transmission for Sustainable Electronics (WiPE) (PT proposal)
- IC1302 Semantic KEYword-based Search on sTructured data sOurcEs (KEYSTONE) (IT proposal)
- IC1303 Algorithms, Architectures and Platforms for Ambient Assisted Living (AAP for AAL) (PT proposal)
- IC1304 Autonomous Control for a Reliable Internet of Services (ACROSS) (NL proposal)

Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health (ISCH)

- IS1301 New Communities of Interpretation: Contexts, Strategies and Processes of Religious Transformation in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe (NL proposal)
- IS1302 Towards an EU research framework on Forensic psychiatric care (NL proposal)
- IS1303 Citizen's Health through public-private Initiatives: Public health, Market and Ethical perspectives (CHIP ME) (IT proposal)
- IS1304 Expert Judgment Network: Bridging the Gap Between Scientific Uncertainty And Evidence-Based Decision Making (UK proposal)
- IS1305 European Network of e-Lexicography (ENeL) (NL proposal)
- IS1306 New Speakers in a Multilingual Europe: Opportunities and Challenges (UK proposal)

Materials, Physical and Nanosciences (MPNS)



- MP1301 NEW GENERation Biomimetic and Customized Implants for Bone Engineering (NEWGEN)
- MP1302 NanoSpectroscopy (DE proposal)
- MP1303 Understanding and Controlling Nano and Mesoscale Friction (IT proposal)
- MP1304 Exploring fundamental physics with compact stars (NewCompStar) (DE proposal)

Transport and Urban Development (TUD)

- TU1301 NORM for Building materials Network (NORM4BUILDING) (BE proposal)
- TU1302 Satellite Positioning Performance Assessment for Road Transport (SaPPART) (FR proposal)
- TU1303 Novel structural skins: Improving sustainability and efficiency through new structural textile materials and designs (BE proposal)

Trans-Domain Proposals (TDP)

- TD1301 Development of a European-based Collaborative Network to Accelerate Technological, Clinical and Commercialisation Progress in the Area of Medical Microwave Imaging (BMBS, MPNS, CMST, ICT) (PT proposal)
- TD1302 European Network on Taeniosis/Cysticercosis (FA, BMBS, ISCH) (BE proposal)
- TD1303 European Network for Neglected Vectors and Vector-Borne Infections (EURNEGVEC) (BMBS, FA) (RO proposal)
- TD1304 The Network for the Biology of Zinc (Zinc-Net) (FA, BMBS, CMST) (UK proposal)