

ESOF2008 Early Stage Researchers Workshops

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Workshop I Fat: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly



Workshop II Digital Television: Users, Markets and Policies



Workshop III Decision Analysis for a Better and Safer World





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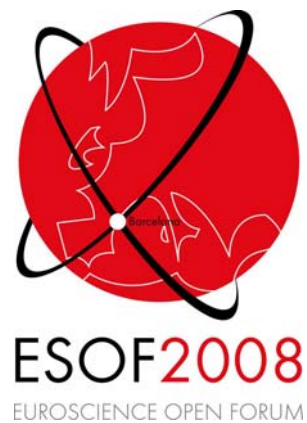


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Workshop I
Saturday 19 July 2008

FAT: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly



The “Fat: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly” workshop looks at the intricate network of neural, humoral and hormonal factors that control appetite and food intake and the damaging roles of lipids and free radicals causing life threatening diseases. Talks also focus on how food and endogenous antioxidants can prevent the pathological process. ESR and experienced researchers will provide an interdisciplinary scientific overview on the positive and negative aspects of fat consumption to generate discussions.



Neven Žarković

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Research Activities	Oxidative stress, lipid peroxidation, molecular medicine, biochemistry, experimental oncology
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	M.D., Medical Faculty, Zagreb (1984) M.Sc., Faculty of Natural Sciences, Zagreb (1986) Ph.D., University in Zagreb (1989)
COST Activities/Involvement	COST B35 Action Chair DC CMST Member DC BMBS Expert MC Member of CM0602 Action Member of the former Ad Hoc Group for Interdisciplinary proposals COST/ESOF 2008 Workshop Chair
Publications	128 peer reviewed publications, 200 conference abstracts and 700 citations
Interests	Medicine, life sciences, education, project management, biotechnology

Dimitrios Anagnostopoulos

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Research Activities	<p>- Ph.D. Project: Fatty Acid Amide Hydrolase in Tetrahymena. Kinetic study, endogenous substrates, identification of the corresponding gene. (currently)</p> <p>- Synthesis of trans polyunsaturated fatty acids, and their N-acyl ethanolamine derivatives. (2004-2006)</p> <p>- Endocannabinoid system in Tetrahymena. Identification of endogenous substrates with APCI LC-MS/MS. (2007)</p>
Education (degrees, dates, universities)	<p>Masters degree in Biochemistry (M.Sc.), University of Athens, Department of Chemistry (Biochemistry) (2000)</p> <p>Degree in Chemistry, University of Athens, Department of Chemistry (2003)</p> <p>PhD Candidate, University of Athens, Department of Chemistry (Biochemistry) (current)</p>
COST Activities/Involvement	<p>Member of Dr. A. Sifaka-Kapadai's laboratory (COST CM0603 WGI management committee)</p> <p>Collaboration with Dr. Chatgililoglu and Dr. Ferreri in COST CM0603 WGI management committee.</p> <p>Project performing biological experiment in Athens</p>
2 selected Publications	<p>- V. Karava, M.P. Zafiriou, L. Fasia, D. Anagnostopoulos, E. Boutou, C.E. Vorgias, M. Maccarrone and A. Sifaka-Kapadai. (2005) [3H] Anandamide metabolism by Tetrahymena pyriformis in vitro. Characterization and identification of a 66kDa FAAH. Biochimie. 87: 967-974</p> <p>- D. Anagnostopoulos, C. Chatgililoglu, C. Ferreri, A. Samadi and A. Sifaka-Kapadai. (2005) Synthesis of all-trans arachidonic acid and its effect on rabbit platelet aggregation. Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. 15: 2766-70</p>
Interests	<p>Mass spectrometry applications in life sciences, Biochemistry of fatty acids and their derivatives, Signal transduction mechanisms</p>



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Research Activities	Immunology: Phagocytosis and Complement
Education (degrees, dates, universities)	MSc Biochemistry, University of Turku (2008)
COST Activities/Involvement	Phagocytosis workshop in Brno 2008
Interests	Microbiology



Jordi Boada

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Research Activities	Diabetes, bioenergetics, mitochondria
Education (degrees, dates, universities)	Pharmacy degree, University of Barcelona (1997) Ph.D., University of Barcelona (2005)
2 Selected Publications	- Rejuvenation Res 2007;10(4):473-84 - Mol Ther 2006;13(2):401-10 - Free Radic Biol Med 2004;36(12):1555-65 and 2002;33(10):1409-18
Interests	Mitochondrial physiology, high resolution respirometry



Chrissyostomos Chatgililoglu

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Research Activities	Free radical chemistry with current interests in mechanistic studies of biological processes
Education (degrees, dates, universities)	Doctor degree, University of Bologna (Italy) (1976) Postdoctoral Fellow, University of York (UK) (1979) Postdoctoral Fellow, NRCC, Ottawa (Canada) (1982)
COST Activities/Involvement	Chair of CM0603 on Free Radicals in Chemical Biology
Publications	220 papers, 3 books and 7 patents
Conferences and Seminars	Over 45 congresses and 80 institutions
Management	President and co-founder of the spin-off company Lipinutragen



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Research Activities	LIPIDOMIC
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Degree in Biology (University of Naples "Federico II") (2002) Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology (University of Naples "Federico II") (2007)
COST Activities/Involvement	Early Stage Researcher
2 Selected Publications	- De Lorenzo C., Arciello A., Cozzolino R., Palmer D.P., Laccetti P., Piccoli R., and D'Alessio G. A Fully Human Anti-tumor ImmunoRNase Selective for ErbB2-positive Carcinomas. - De Lorenzo C., Tedesco A., Terrazzano G., Cozzolino R., Laccetti P., Piccoli R., and D'Alessio G. British Journal of Cancer 91, 1200-1204 Cancer Research 64, 4870-4874, (2004). A human, compact, fully functional anti-ErbB2 antibody as a novel antitumor agent.
Interests	Free radicals in chemical biology



Kristin Eckardt

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Research Activities	Insulin signalling, Endocannabinoid system
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Dipl.-Biol., University of Jena (2002)
COST Activities/Involvement	Active participation in COST Action BM0602
Publications	Eckardt K. et al., Diabetologia, 2007 Dec; 50(12):2534-2543.
Interests	Type 2 Diabetes, Endocannabinoid system



Juergen Eckel

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Research Activities	Mechanisms of insulin resistance; molecular basis of cardiometabolic syndrome; adipose tissue inflammation
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Ph.D., University of Bonn (1976) Professor of Clinical Biochemistry, University of Düsseldorf (1992)
COST Activities/Involvement	Vice-Chair COST B5 and B17 Chair COST BM0602 MC member COST CM0602
Publications	More than 120 publications in peer reviewed journals



Anna Elgart

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Research Activities	Lipid based Formulations for improved bioavailability of lipophilic molecules
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	B. Sc. Pharm. School of Pharmacy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2004) M.Sc. Clinical Pharmacy. School of Pharmacy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2007)
COST Activities/Involvement	ESR
Interests	Lipid based formulations, Pharmacokinetics of lipophilic molecules, Oral availability of poorly water-soluble molecules



Helena Feldmann

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Research Activities	Diet-induced thermogenesis in mice models.
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	BSc (Hons) Nutrition from the University of Surrey, Guildford, United Kingdom, (2007)
COST Activities/Involvement	Participated, as a listener, in the COST action (MITOFOOD) in Stockholm in April 2008
Publications	Lelliott C, Medina-Gomez G, Petrovic N, Kis A, Feldmann HM, et al. (2006). PloS Biol. 4(11): e369
Interests	Nutrition, Public Health Nutrition



Carla Ferreri

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Research Activities	Free radicals in chemistry and biology, Lipidomics
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Laurea degree in Pharmacy University of Napoli (1979) Specialization post lauream, University of Napoli (1981) Postdoc, University of California, San Diego (1983)
COST Activities/Involvement	WG1 Leader COST Action CM0603 "Free Radical in Chemical Biology"
Publications	100 papers, 7 book chapters, 2 patents



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Research Activities	Ageing and Oxidative stress
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	University of Valencia Faculty of Pharmacy, Degree (2001) Faculty of Medicine, Ph.D. (2007)
2 selected Publications	- Viña J, Sastre J, Pallardó FV, Gambini J, Borrás C. Modulation of longevity-associated genes by estrogens or phytoestrogens. Biol Chem. 2008 Mar; 389(3):273-7. Review. - Vallés SL, Borrás C, Gambini J, Furriol J, Ortega A, Sastre J, Pallardó FV, Viña J. Oestradiol or genistein rescues neurons from amyloid beta-induced cell death by inhibiting activation of p38. Aging Cell. 2008 Jan;7(1):112-8. 2007 Nov 21.
Interests	Ageing, oxidative stress, longevity, nutrition



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Research Activities	Adipose tissue biology
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	MSc., The Institute of Chemical Technology in Prague (2005)
COST Activities/Involvement	BM0602; Adipose Tissue: A Key Target for Prevention of the Metabolic Syndrome
Interests	Mechanism of action of n-3 PUFA (involvement of AMPK-activated protein kinase), hyperinsulinemic-euglycemic clamp technique



Jaap Keijer
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Research Activities	Physiology, Energy Metabolism, Nutrigenomics
COST Activities/Involvement	Chair of Cost Action FA0602 Mitofood. Food Bioactives, Mitochondrial Function and Health
2 Selected Publications	- Keijer J, Van Schothorst EM (2008). Adipose tissue failure and mitochondria as a possible target for improvement by bioactive food components. Current Opinion in Lipidology, 19:4-10. - Wang P, Mariman E, Renes J, Keijer J (2008). The secretory function of adipocytes in the physiology of white adipose tissue. The Journal of Cellular Physiology, 216: 3-13
Interests	Modulation of energy metabolism by bioactive food components Functional Role of Adipose Tissue



Daniel Koller
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Research Activities	Research on the role of ceramidase and oxidised lipids on apoptosis.
Education (degrees, dates, universities)	Diplom-Ingenieur; 26.2. Graz University of Technology
Interests	Fat metabolism and diseases



Toke Krogager

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Education (degrees, dates , universities)	BSc. Nanoscience, University of Aarhus (2006) Received a 4 years Ph.D. student grant at the iNANOSchool, University of Aarhus.
Publications	- K Sanggaard, C Sonne-Schmidt, T Krogager, K Lorentzen, H Wisniewski, I Thøgersen, J Enghild. J. Biol. Chem. (2008) The transfer of heavy chains from bikunin proteins to hyaluronan requires both TSG-6 and HC2. - K Sanggaard; C Sonne-Schmidt; T Krogager; H Wisniewski; I Thøgersen; J Enghild. Submitted to J.Biol. Chem (2008) TSG-6 transfers proteins between glycosaminoglycans via a Ser11-mediated covalent catalytic mechanism.
Interests	Proteomic investigations of trans fatty acid adverse effects on human health



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Research Activities	Studies of adipocyte biology in obesity and it's associated metabolic complications
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Diploma from Vilnius University, Lithuania (1994) Doctoral thesis at Karolinska Institutet, Sweden (2004)
COST Activities/Involvement	New member, participating in COST activities for the first time
2 selected Publications	- Thorhallur Agustsson, Mikael Rydén, Johan Hoffstedt, Vanessa van Harmelen, Andrea Dicker, Jurga Laurencikiene, Bengt Isaksson, Johan Permert, Peter Arner. Mechanism of increased lipolysis in cancer-cachexia. Cancer Research, 2007, Jun 1, 67(11):5531-7. - Jurga Laurencikiene, Vanessa van Harmelen, Elisabet Arvidsson Nordstrom, Andrea Dicker, Lennart Blomqvist, Erik Naslund, Dominique Langin, Peter Arner, Mikael Ryden. NF-kappa B is important for TNF-alpha -induced lipolysis in human adipocytes. J Lipid Res.; 2007, May, 48(5): 1069-77. [Epub ahead of print, 2007 Feb 1].

Tomislava Lovaković

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Research Activities	Research assistance in the laboratory for oxidation stress Research assistance in the laboratory of plant cell and molecular biology Research assistance on the program of monitoring and research of mosquitoes
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	B. Sc. in biology and chemistry, (1994) University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek (2000)
Interests	Oxidative stress in plant and animal cells, tissue, organs and organisms under impact of extrinsic and intrinsic factors
Publications	- Merdić, E., Sudarić M., Lovaković T., & Boca I. (2004). Check list of mosquitoes (Diptera, Culicidae) of Croatia, European Mosquito Bulletin 7:8-13. Merdić, E. Boca, I. Sudarić M. Lovaković T. (2003) Abundance and mosquito activity in Slavonski Brod (Eastern Croatia) with special attention to breeding sites in and out of the city. Periodicum biologorum 105 2:181-187. - Merdić, E. & Lovaković, T. (2001) Population dynamic of <i>Aedes vexans</i> and <i>Ochlerotatus sticticus</i> in flooded areas of the river Drava in Osijek., Croatia. Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association 17(4):275-280.



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Research Activities	Role of free radicals in human disease and ageing Determinants of free radical production and response Nutritional modulation of oxidative damage in neurodegeneration
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	MD, Universitat de Lleida (1994) Ph.D., Universitat de Lleida (1997)
COST Activities/Involvement	Vicechair of WG 1 in COST B-35 Action
2 selected Publications	- Human Molecular Genetics. June 2008. 17(12):1762-73 - Rejuvenation Res. December 2007. 10(4):473-84 111-23



Lukasz Piotrowski

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Research Activities	Antioxidants recycling, interactions of antioxidants
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Master of Science in biology, University of Lodz (2004)
COST Activities/Involvement	WG4: Development and validation of antioxidants
Publications	- Piotrowski L., Bartosz G.; Adverse interactions of antioxidants in the protection against lipid peroxidation (submitted) - Grzelak A., Macierzynska E., Piotrowski L., Pulaski L., Rychlik B., Bartosz G., Kruszewski M.; Enhanced oxidative stress and decreased survival of erythrocytes of sod1-deficient mice (submitted)
Interests	Antioxidants recycling, synergistic effects of antioxidants, liposomes, ABC proteins



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Research Activities	Cell cultures in research laboratory for molecular biosciences
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	M.D., University of Zagreb (2006) Ph.D. student, postgraduate study "Molecular biology of tumours", University of Split. Mentor: Neven Zarkovic (current).
COST Activities/Involvement	Student of professor Neven Zarkovic M.D.Ph.D., Institute of Ruder Boskovic, Zagreb
Interests	Medicine , oncology, molecular biology ,oxidative stress



Ofer Shamni

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Research Activities	Developing of Antihyperglycemic Therapy for Type 2 Diabetes.
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	B.Sc in Chemistry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2005) M.Sc in Pharmacology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2007)
Interests	Metabolism, drug development, cell signalling.



Sasson Shlomo

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Research Activities	Diabetes Research, Pharmacology
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	B.Sc. (cum laude) in Biology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1976) Ph.D. in Biochemistry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1981)
COST Activities/Involvement	Delegate to COST Actions B17 & B35, Vice chair of COST Action BM0602. Scientific coordinator of ESR Workshop "FAT: The good, the bad and the ugly". Barcelona, Spain, July 2008.
2 Selected Publications	-Totary-Jain, H. Naveh-Many, T. Riahi, Y. Kaiser, N. Eckel, J. and Sasson, S. (2005). Calreticulin destabilizes glucose transporter-1 mRNA in vascular endothelial and smooth muscle cells under high glucose conditions. <i>Circ. Res.</i> 97:1001-8. - Altman, H. Alpert, G. Totary, H. and Sasson S. (2005). Do glucose-derived reactive oxygen species contribute to the autoregulation of glucose transport in vascular endothelial and smooth muscle cells? <i>In: Cellular Dysfunction in Atherosclerosis and Diabetes- Reports from Bench to Bedside.</i> (eds. Simionescu, M., Sima, A., and Popov, D.) Romanian Academy Publishing House, Bucharest. pp. 274-8.



Jozef Ukropec

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Research Activities	<p>The role of adipose tissue and skeletal muscle in balancing the metabolic health.</p> <p>The role for adipokines in the obesity, insulin resistance and atherosclerosis.</p> <p>Mitochondrial bioenergetics in obesity.</p>
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	<p>- Masters degree (magister of pharmacy), Faculty of Pharmacy, Comenius University Bratislava, Slovakia (1997)</p> <p>- Doctoral degree (PhD in animal physiology), Faculty of natural Science, University of PJ Safarik, Kosice, Slovakia (2001)</p>
COST Activities/Involvement	<p>Short Term Scientific Mission, Institute for Nutrition Research, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, (November – December) 1999, supported by the European Commission, COST B-17 action.</p>
2 selected publications	<p>- Klimeš I, Mitková A, Gašperiková D, Ukropec J, Líška B, Bohov P, Stanek J, Šeböková E (1998): The effect of the new oral hypoglycemic agent A-4166 on glucose turnover in the high fat diet-induced and/or in the hereditary insulin resistance of rats. Arch Physiol Biochem 106: 325-332.</p> <p>- Ukropec J, Šeböková E, Klimeš I (2001): Nutrient sensing, leptin and insulin action. Arch Physiol Biochem 109: 38-51</p>



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Research Activities	<p>Currently work on PhD thesis: "Effects of L-buthionine-SR-sulfoximine, selective inhibitor of γ-glutamylcystein syntethase, on glutathione metabolism, redox homeostasis and antioxidative defense in rat tissues"</p>
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	<p>- BSc. Faculty of Science (Molecular Biology and Physiology), University of Belgrade, Serbia (2004)</p> <p>- MSc. Faculty of Science (Molecular Biology and Physiology), University of Belgrade, Serbia</p> <p>- PhD student from 2006, Faculty of science (Animal and Human physiology), University of Belgrade, Serbia (2006)</p>
COST Activities/Involvement	<p>2007 - 2011, COST B35</p> <p>2007 - 2011, COST BM0602</p> <p>2007 - 2011, COST FA0602</p>
2 Selected Publications	<p>- Vasilijevic A, Buzadžić B, Korać A, Petrović V, Janković A, and Korać B. (2007) Beneficial effects of L-arginine-nitric oxide-producing pathway in rats treated with alloxan. J. Physiol., 584: 921-933.</p> <p>- Vasilijevic A, Buzadžić B, Korać A, Petrović V, Janković A, Mićunović K and Korać B. (2007) The effects of cold acclimation and nitric oxide on antioxidative enzymes in rat pancreas. Comp. Biochem. Physiol. C, 145: 641-647.</p>



Mika Venojärvi

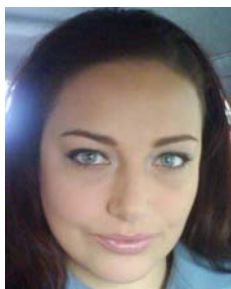
- Finland -

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Research Activities	Exercise, nutrition and metabolic disorders
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	M. SC, University of Kuopio (2000)
COST Activities/Involvement	Ph.D. student on the Dr Mustafa Atalay's group, Visiting PhD student in The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, USA
2 selected Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Venojärvi M et al. Exercise training with dietary counselling increases mitochondrial chaperone expression in middle-aged subjects with impaired glucose tolerance. BMC Endocrine Disorders 2008, 8:3, - Venojärvi M et al. Skeletal muscle HSP expression in response to immobilization and remobilization. Int J Sports Med. 28: 281-286, 2007, - Venojärvi M. Metabolism of oxygen. In Physiology and Maintenance; Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS).
Interests	Exercise, nutrition, metabolic disorders and oxidative stress



Alexandra Wimmer

- Hungary -

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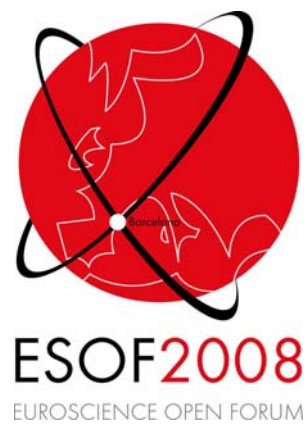
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Research Activities	Student in the field of hepatology and hepatitis C virus infections
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	<p>Diploma of computer operator- programmer (2003)</p> <p>Faculty of Medicine –cum laude, Semmelweis University of Budapest (2007)</p> <p>Faculty of Economics- Health Care Management, Medical Economics, University of West Hungary (current)</p>
2 selected Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aloe Vera (Barbadensis Miller) the medical plant, Family Health Magazine (2008) - Hepatic steatosis is associated with increased frequency of hepatocellular carcinoma patients with hepatitis C-related cirrhosis. Orvosi Hetilap (149/5, page 234) (2008)
Interests	Fatty liver disease, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, infectious diseases especially hepatitis viruses



Workshop II
Sunday 20 July 2008

Digital Television: Users, Markets and Policies



Digital television has seen an important development in Europe over of the last decade. It has had several market and business implications, as well as some regulatory/policy questions. This workshop mainly focuses on the changing viewing practices, business models and challenges for policy making in this evolving environment The “Digital Television: Users, Markets and Policies” workshop is expected to foster communication between ESR and experienced researchers.



Bartolomeo Sapiro

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Research Activities	Scenario analysis, user aspects of Information and Communication Technologies
Education (degrees, dates, universities)	Doctor Laurea Degree in Electronic Engineering summa cum laude at the University of Rome “La Sapienza” (1990)
COST Activities/Involvement	COST 269 (MC member) COST 298 (Chair) COST A22 (WG2 Chair) COST IS0605 (MC member)
Publications	- Loos E., Mante E., Pierson J. And Sapiro B. (Eds.) (2008), Innovating with users, forthcoming with Opoce - Sapiro B., Fortunati L., Haddon L., Kommonen K-H., Mante-Meijer E., Turk T. (Eds.) (2008), Proceedings of COST 298 conference The Good, The Bad And The Unexpected - The user and the future of information and communication technologies - Haddon L., Mante E., Sapiro B., Kommonen K.H., Fortunati L., Kant A. (Eds.) (2005), Everyday Innovators: Researching the Role of Users in Shaping ICTs, Springer, Dordrecht



Borislav Antic

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Current position: Teaching and Research Assistant, Ph.D. Student
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Research Activities	Digital Image Processing, Computer Vision
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Diplom-Ingenieur in Electrical Engineering University of Novi Sad, Serbia (2005)
COST Activities/Involvement	Participated in 11 th MCM and 3 rd workshop of the COST 289 Spectrum and Power Efficient Broadband Communications, 12-14 July 2006, Aveiro - Portugal
Publications	- B. Antic, V. Crnojevic. (2007) Joint Domain-Range Modeling of Dynamic Scenes with Adaptive Kernel Bandwidth, <i>Lecture Notes in Computer Science</i> , vol.4678, pp.777-788. - B. Antic, D. Radic (2006) Algorithm for Segmentation of Moving Objects in Outdoor Environment" (in Serbian), Proceeding of <i>the 50-th ETRAN Conference</i> , Belgrade
Interests	Video surveillance applications, algorithms for background subtraction, object recognition and tracking.



Juan Pablo Artero

- Spain -

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Research Activities	Media competition, media strategy, digital television
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	BA Communication, University of Navarra (2001) MSc Management, City University (2005) Ph.D. Communication, University of Navarra (2006)
Publications	- Modelos estratégicos de Telecinco (Fragua, Madrid, 2007) - El mercado de la televisión en España (Deusto, Barcelona, 2008)
Interests	Economic and business aspects of the Media



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Research Activities	Audience Measurement, Television studies, Journalism studies
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	- Master in Media and Communication Studies, University of Gothenburg (1997) - Ph.D. in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Gothenburg (to be obtained in 2009)
COST Activities/Involvement	COST 298: Digital Television Workshop
2 selected Publications	- Bjur, Jakob (2007) Social television viewing: A reassessment of the Prime Time residual of audience measurement. AEA – Applied Econometrics Association – conference: MEDIA and COMMUNICATION Quantitative and Econometric Analysis. Paris, Sorbonne, November 22 - 23, 2007. - Bjur, Jakob (2007) Individualised patterns of television viewing - A theoretical outline. Paper presented at the 18th Nordic Conference for media and communication research. Helsinki 16-19 August 2007.
Interests	Media theory, Comparative Research, Audiences, Publics



Mihály Csótó

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Research Activities	ICT usage among farmers and in the small villages of Hungary
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	1997-2002 Szent István University (SZIE), Gödöllő – agricultural engineer 2003 - Eötvös Lóránd University (ELTE), Budapest – sociology 2007 - University of Debrecen, Centre of Agricultural Sciences - PhD student, Doctoral School of Multidisciplinary Social Sciences
COST Activities/Involvement	Cost 298 – broadband and digital TV
Publications	Information technology in rural Hungary: plans and reality Broadband usage and development in rural Hungary - positive and negative trends Social impacts of digital transition
Interests	Rural development and information technology, sustainable development, broadband in rural regions



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Research Activities	QoX, digital / mobile TV, social implications of telecommunications
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Diplom-Ingenieur., Faculty of Electrotechnical Engineering, TU Graz (2007) Diploma thesis in Sociology, Faculty for Social and Economic sciences, Karl-Franzens University Graz (current)
COST Activities/Involvement	Future participation in COST 298
2 selected Publications	- Schatz, R.; Wagner, S.; Egger, S.; Jordan, N. Mobile TV Becomes Social - Integrating Content with Communications - Schatz, Raimund; Egger, Sebastian Social interaction features for mobile TV services



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Research Activities	- Ph.D. research project about surveillance, privacy and ICTs - Member of PRIN (Research Project of National Interest) research project about media and generations
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	"Laurea triennale" degree cum laude in Communication Science, University of L'Aquila (2004) "Laurea specialistica" degree cum laude in Communication Theories, University of L'Aquila (2006)
COST Activities/Involvement	Cost 298 – Participation in the Broadband Society Short term scientific mission (May/June 2007) University of Ljubljana
Publications	- "Surveillance and ICTs" STSM report http://www.cost298.org/uploadi/editor/1193240195STSM_Farinosa_Report.pdf - "Surveillance and e-monitoring of private sphere" (abstract in http://onorio.cepo.uniud.it/dottorato/abstract/Farinosa_abstract.pdf)
Interests	Surveillance and Privacy in ICTs, New Media and Ubiquitous Computing, Tracking Technology, Virtual Communities, Social Aspects of ICTs, Sociology of Communication, Web 2.0, Social networks



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Research Activities	Researcher on the Obercom
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COST Activities/Involvement	First contact in Barcelona workshop "Digital Television"
Publications	"Internet em Portugal"
Interests	Communication, News Technologies and Information Society, Digital Television, News Sociabilities



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Research Activities	Digital TV, Literacy skills of children with mental retardation, Diagnostic tools for dyslexia, Teachers' professional development, teachers' stress, The early Cypriot short stories (Philological research)
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Pedagogical Academy of Cyprus:Teacher's Certificate (1978) Aristotelian University of Thessalonica, Greece: Greek Philology and Philosophy (1985) University of Nottingham, MA in Educational Management (1998) University of Athens, Greece, Pedagogical Degree (2000) University of Cyprus, MA in Curriculum Development (2003)
2 selected Publications	- Hadjiathanasiou, Chr., The perceptions and practices of Cypriot Elementary School Head teachers about their role in the professional development of their staff, University of Nottingham, 1998. - Papaleontiou L. and Hadjiathanasiou, Chr., Cypriot Litterature Translations (1880-1925), <i>Molyvdo-kondylo-pelekitis</i> , Athens, 3, 1991, 67-123.



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Research Activities	WiFi Village, Future of Identity in the Information Society (FIDIS), Leonardo da Vinci Program. Network for Teaching, Information Society (NETIS), ICT for ALL, World Internet Project (WIP)
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Sociology Ph.D., Corvinus University of Budapest, (2006)
	Sociology MA, ELTE Faculty of Social Sciences (2005)
COST Activities/Involvement	Early stage researcher presenting in Barcelona
Publications	- Bence Kollányi, Erika Kurucz: Low cost internet provider at the marches: An attempt at social inclusion for the disadvantaged groups (Hungarian) Információs Társadalom 2008/ 2. - Szilárd Molnár, Bence Kollányi, Levente Székely: Social networks and the network society, NETIS Course Book, 2007
Interests	Rural development, social and digital inclusion, competitiveness, information society



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Research Activities	Information inequality
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Bachelor's degree, The State Academy of Management, Russia (1991) Certificate of Special Studies in Administration and Management, Harvard University, USA
COST Activities/Involvement	"The good, the bad and the unexpected" in Moscow in 2007



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Research Activities	Media consumption habits, media market, advertising
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	M.Sc. in Business Administration at Corvinus University of Budapest with specialisation in Management and Organization & Marketingcommunication (2006)
Publications	- Learning materials in media studies and marketing communication - Presentations at Hungarian Ph.D. conferences
Interests	Advertising in the new media environment, changing media consumption habits, qualitative research methods in case of media consumption



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Research Activities	Alternative, Augmentative Communication (AAC) systems, Speeding up the communication process in AAC systems, Finger Spelling, Digital TV, Literacy skills of children with mental retardation, Diagnostic tools for Dyslexia, ICT and Vocational training of people with severe physical damages, Development of special Educational software.
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Pedagogical Academy of Cyprus Teacher's Certificate (1971) The Philips College Diploma in System Analysis (1986) Minnesota State University, BS in Computers in Education (1990) Manchester University, Diploma In Advance Studies in the Education of Hearing Impaired Students (1991) Middlesex University, MS in Assistive Technology in Special Education (2006) Ph.D. Candidate (Assistive Technology) at the Open University of Greece, almost completed.
COST Activities/Involvement	COST Action 219 Children's welfare and presently participating in COST 2102 Verbal and non Verbal Communication
2 selected Publications	-LAOURIS, Y. AND MAKRIS, P. (1997). A new computerized approach in the study of dyslexia using simple geometrical drawings on the computer. 2nd Congress of the Cyprus Society of Psychiatrists (CYPRUS). -LAOURIS, Y. AND MAKRIS, P. (2002). M.A.P.S. Mental Attributes Profiling System Computerized battery for dyslexia assessment. Multilingual & Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Dyslexia, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., June 27-29, 2002, USA.



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Research Activities	Media and Communication Researcher, presently working on the OberCom Barometer Media and Communication: 2007 tendencies.
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Graduated in Sociology from ISCTE (Instituto Superior de Ciências do Trabalho e da Empresa) (2004) Presently doing the Master in Administration and Public Policies (ISCTE)
COST Activities/Involvement	Member of Cost 298
2 selected Publications	- Puga, Pedro (2006), "Sinistralidade Rodoviária", in Vítor Sérgio Ferreira (Coord.), Ana Matos Fernandes, Jorge Vieira, Pedro Puga, Susana Barrisco, A Condição Juvenil Portuguesa na Viragem do Milénio. Um Retrato Longitudinal através de Fontes Estatísticas Oficiais: 1990-2005, Lisboa, Instituto Português da Juventude. -Puga, Pedro (2006), "Saúde e Condutas de Risco", in Vítor Sérgio Ferreira (Coord.), Ana Matos Fernandes, Jorge Vieira, Pedro Puga, Susana Barrisco, A Condição Juvenil Portuguesa na Viragem do Milénio. Um Retrato Longitudinal através de Fontes Estatísticas Oficiais: 1990-2005, Lisboa, Instituto Português da Juventude.



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Research Activities	Project Leader and participant in numerous international research projects
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	MA, Sofia University, Bulgaria (1973) Ph.D., Moscow State University, Russia (1977)
COST Activities/Involvement	MC Member of COST A 20 (2000/04) , A 19 (2202/05), A 30 (since 2005), 298 (since 2006) and IS064 (since 2007)
2 selected Publications	- Raycheva, Lilia. Tracing the Digital Switchover in Enlarged Europe. A chapter in Agnes Urban, Bartolomeo Sapio & Tomaž Turk (eds.), <i>Digital Television Revisited. Linking Users, Markets and Policies</i> (2008), Budapest (Hungary): COST Action 298 "Participation in the Broadband Society", pp. 155-164. - Raycheva, Lilia. Television in Bulgaria on the Net. Ed. Nikos Leandros. "The Impact of Internet on the Mass Media in Europe"// UK and USA: Abramis, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, 2006, pp. 503-513.
Interests	Communication, Broadband society, Mass media, Journalism, Television, Media regulation, Media literacy



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Research Activities	Gender digital divide and the social aspects of ICTs
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Laurea degree in Political Sciences, University of Tri (2006)
COST Activities/ Involvement	Participation in COST 298 Short Term Scientific Mission in Ljubljana (27 May - 4 June) with a final examination and report on the subject of "Gender and Internet".
Interests	Gender and ICT's, visual sociology, e-governance, e-participation, contemporary visual art.



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Education (degrees, dates , universities)	MA in sociology: Specialization in survey statistics, in researches, in communication and in media, Eötvös Lóránt University of Sciences (ELTE), Budapest (2004) Ph.D. in sociology, Corvinus University of Budapest (current)
2 selected Publications	- A minőségi kihívások előtt álló e-közigazgatás Magyarországon (in: Elektronikus Közigazgatás Éves Jelentés 2007 – Piac & Profit üzleti magazin XI. évfolyam novemberi szám, 2007) - Fábíán Zoltán, Galács Anna, Gerhardt Erik, Körner Júlia, Kollányi Bence, Ságvári Bence. A digitális jövő térképe – Gyorsjelentés a World Internet Project (2007). évi magyarországi kutatásának eredményeiről szerzőtársak: ITHAKA, 2007
Interests	Media-using, new media, survey statistics



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Research Activities	Digital Television and Movies, Web TV, Social Networking (Facebook), Mobile Phones, Wireless communication
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Degree in Communication Sciences (110/110 cum laude) at the University of Bologna, Italy (2004)
COST Activities/Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COST 269 workshop "User aspects of ICTS" at Montegrotto (Padova, Italy) in november 2002, where I presented the paper "Mobile phone: a world of signals" - COST 2102 International School 2008 on <i>Multimodal Signals: Cognitive and Algorithmic Issues</i> at Vietri sul Mare, Italy, from 21 to 26 April 2008 - Will attend the "Digital television revisited" workshop (Linking Users, Markets and Policies) on 15th May 2008 - Will attend the Workshop for Early Stage Researchers on "Digital Television" organized by COST Action 298, July 18-22, 2008
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Italian chapter for the Cost 298 DTV booklet - "Net TV. Exploring the Italian University experiences" (forthcoming) - Book Chapter on Italian University Net TVs (forthcoming)

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Research Activities	New media, changing media consumption habits, policy making
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	MSc, Budapest University of Economics and Public Administration (1998) Ph.D., Corvinus University of Budapest (2006)
COST Activities/Involvement	COST A20 (Impact of Internet on Mass Media) COST 298 (Participation in the Broadband Society)
2 selected Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diffusion of Broadband Services in Hungary In: Leandros, N. (ed) (2006): The Impact of Internet on the Mass Media in Europe. pp. 223-237. Abramis - Mobile Television: Is It Just A Hype Or A Real Consumer Need? (2007) "Observatorio(OBS*) Vol 1, No 3 (2007), Available Online: http://obs.obercom.pt/



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COST Activities/Involvement	Member of the COST 298 action.
2 selected Publications	- Vieira, Jorge (2006), "Emprego e desemprego" in Vitor Sérgio Ferreira (Coord.), Ana Matos Fernandes, Jorge Vieira, Pedro Puga, Susana Barrisco, A Condição Juvenil Portuguesa na Viragem do Milénio. Um Retrato Longitudinal através de Fontes Estatísticas Oficiais: 1990-2005, Lisboa, Instituto Português da Juventude. - Vieira, Jorge (2006), "Educação", in Vitor Sérgio Ferreira, (Coord.), Ana Matos Fernandes, Jorge Vieira, Pedro Puga, Susana Barrisco, A Condição Juvenil Portuguesa na Viragem do Milénio. Um Retrato Longitudinal através de Fontes Estatísticas Oficiais: 1990-2005, Lisboa, Instituto Português da Juventude.



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Research Activities	Senior researcher at Osscom (research centre on media and communication) vice director of Almed (postgraduate school of media, communication and performing arts) Catholic University of Milan.
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Ph.D. in Linguistics and communication sciences, Catholic University of Milan (1999)
COST Activities/Involvement	Cost 298 Participation in Broadband Society
2 selected Publications	- Giovanna Mascheroni; Francesca Pasquali; Barbara Scifo; Anna Sfardini; Matteo Stefanelli, N. Vittadini. "Young Italians' Crossmedia Cultures" in Obs Journal vol 2 nr. 1 2008 - F. Colombo, N. Vittadini, Vita e Pensiero. (2006) Digitizing Tv. Theoretical issues and comparative studies across Europe.
Interests	Multiplatform and digital media; consumption practices; consumers identities



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Research Activities	<p>"Television and Children Audience"</p> <p>"Public Service Broadcasting in the Digital Environment"</p> <p>"Audiences' Access and Participation in the Digital Media Environment"</p> <p>"Competitive advantages of media education at UNSS"</p>
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	<p>- Ph.D. in media and communications, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (2006)</p> <p>- Visiting Ph.D. student Open University, London (March-June 2003)</p> <p>- Master in media and communications, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (2000)</p>
COST Activities/Involvement	<p>COST A 19 "Children's Welfare in Aging Europe"</p> <p>COST 298 "Participation in the Broadband Society"</p>
2 selected Publications	<p>- "Upbringing, Socialization and Integration of Children in front of the TV Screen". In Primary Education magazine 4/2003, pp. 10-20</p> <p>- "Children – The Winners or the Losers of Social Transformation", in Primary Education magazine 5/2004, pp 3 -10</p>
Interests	<p>Media Sociology, PSB and the Digital Media Environment, Audience Transformations, Vulnerable Audiences, Access and Participation, Media Literacy, Social Communication, Sociology of Childhood, Social Marketing</p>



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COST Activities/Involvement	Steering Committee Cost Action IC0602
Publications	80 refereed papers 10 books including Statistical Decision Theory and Robust Bayesian Analysis
Interests	Adversarial risk analysis, e-participation, reliability



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Research Activities	Machine Learning Systems, Adaptive Systems, Data Mining, Music Organization
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Telecommunication Engineering Degree, Technical University of Madrid (2000) Ph.D., University Carlos III of Madrid (2004)
Publications	- V. Gómez-Verdejo, J. Arenas-García and A. R. Figueiras-Vidal, "A Dynamically Adjusted Mixed Emphasis Method for Building Boosting Ensembles", accepted for publication in IEEE Trans. Neural Networks. - J. Arenas-García, V. Gómez-Verdejo and A. R. Figueiras-Vidal, "Fast Evaluation of Neural Networks via Confidence Rating", accepted for publication in Neurocomputing



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Research Activities	Group decision making and public participation, Food chain risks, environmental policy and decision making
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Ph.D., Multi Criteria Perspective on Environmental Policy (2006) Masters of Chemistry with Industrial Experience (2000)
COST Activities/Involvement	Attendance at workshop "Decision Analysis for a Better and Safer World" Attendance at conference
Publications	- Bayley, C., and French, S. (2007), Designing a Participatory Process for Stakeholder Involvement in a Societal Decision, Group Decision and Negotiation. - French, S., Bayley, C. et al (2005), Participation and e-Participation: Involving Stakeholders in the Management of Food Chain Risks. - POST, (2004), Environmental Policy and Innovation, http://www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/POSTpn212.pdf
Interests	Group decision making, general science



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Research Activities	Research projects related to the application of risk analysis and decision analysis techniques to the context of enterprise risk management.
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Ph.D. Management Science and Engineering, Stanford University (2006) Diplome d'Ingenieur (MS equivalent) majored in Economics, Ecole Polytechnique (2001)
Publications	- Paté-Cornell, M.E. and L.A. Deleris. "Failure Risks in the Insurance Industry: A Quantitative Systems Analysis" accepted for publication in <i>Risk Management and Insurance Review</i> - Deleris L.A., G.L. Yeo, A. Seiver, and M.E. Paté-Cornell. "Engineering Risk Analysis of a Hospital Oxygen Supply System." <i>Medical Decision Making</i> , Vol. 26 (3):pp. 162 - 172. 2006 - Deleris, L.A., Katircioglu, K, S. Kapoor, S. Bagchi, R. Lam and S. Buckley, "Adaptive Project Risk Management Analytics", accepted for publication in the <i>Proceedings of the 2007 Winter Simulation Conference</i> . 2007
Interests	Decision Analysis, Risk Analysis, Enterprise Risk Management, Real World Application



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Research Activities	Various
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics (Mathematical Modeling, Numerical Methods and Software), Computing Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences (2003) M.A. in Applied Mathematics (Operations Research and Systems Analysis), Lomonosov Moscow State University (1999)
2 selected Publications	- Efremov R., Ríos Insua D. (2007) An experimental study of a web-based framework for group decision support with applications to participatory budget elaboration. In: Simon French (ed.) Special Issue on Interface Issues in e-Democracy. <i>Int. J. Technology, Policy and Management</i> , Vol. 7, No.2 pp. 167 to 177. - Roman Efremov and Georgy Kamenev Properties of a method for polyhedral approximation of the feasible criterion set in convex multiobjective problems. Accepted to <i>Annals of OR</i> , June, 2007.
Interests	Multicriteria optimization; approximation of feasible sets of criteria vectors; decision and negotiation support tools in environmental problems; participatory decision making and negotiation support via Internet.



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Research Activities	Decision analysis, decision support systems, societal risk analysis and public participation
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	BA in Mathematics Oxford University (1972) DPhil Protein Crystallography Oxford University (1975)
COST Activities/Involvement	COST IC0602: Algorithmic Decision Theory
Publications	- S. French, J. Maule, N Papamichail (2008) Decision Behaviour Analysis and Support Cambridge University Press (in Press) - S. French, D Rios Insua (2000) Statistical Decision Analysis. Edward Arnold, London



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Research Activities	Computer networks, Optical Communications, Network security
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Telecom. Eng. at Universidad Carlos III Madrid (Spain) (2002) Ph.D. Computer science at Loughborough University (UK) (2005)
Publications	More than 25 publications including journal papers and conference in-proceedings
Interests	Computer networks, Optical Communications, Network security



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Research Activities	Since 2008: Participant of the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education grant: "Methods of evaluation of indirect cost and the impact of illness on professional activity and productivity – the importance in pharmaco-economic evaluation"
Education (degrees, dates, universities)	M.A., Warsaw School of Economics (2001) B.Sc., Warsaw University, faculty of mathematics (2003) Ph.D., Warsaw School of Economics (2007)
2 selected Publications	- "Symmetric versus asymmetric equilibria in symmetric supermodular games", with: R. Amir and M. Knauff, <i>International Journal of Game Theory</i> (presently published online) - "Properties of a method of association decision rules detection in case of heterogeneous transaction data" with: B. Kamiński, in "Operations research in practice" (ed.: J.B. Gajda, R. Jadczyk), University of Lodz, 2006, pp. 135-152;
Interests	Decision making process, health economics, pharmaco-economics



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Research Activities	Combinatorial Optimization, Complexity Theory, Algorithmic Game Theory
Education (degrees, dates, universities)	Study of Mathematics and Computer Science at the University of Wuerzburg (1994) Exchange student in the Computer Science Department of the State University of New York at Albany (1993) Diploma (Master) in Mathematics, University of Wuerzburg (1994) Ph.D., University of Wuerzburg (1997) Habilitation, Technical University of Berlin (2002)
Publications	About 30 in refereed journals, more than 50 in refereed conference proceedings
Interests	Combinatorial optimization, computer science, running, triathlon, photography



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Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Ph.D. in Applied Sciences/Management Sciences;ULB / University of Luxembourg (2007) "DEA" in Applied Sciences; ULB (2004) Degree in Mathematics (Statistics, Probability and Operational Research); ULB (2003)
COST Activities/Involvement	Decision-Deck Project (COST IC0602 Algorithmic Decision Theory)
2 selected Publications	-C. Lamboray. A progressive search for a group ranking with robust conclusions on prudent orders. Group Decision and Negotiation. To appear. -C. Lamboray. A prudent characterization of the Ranked Pairs Rule. Social Choice and Welfare. To appear.
Interests	Multicriteria Decision Aid; Social Choice Theory

Chabane Mazri

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Research Activities	Risk management, decision aid approaches, evaluation of public policies
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Ph.D., Management Science Engineering degree
COST Activities/Involvement	Participation to doctoral school held in Catania in 2008 (Data mining and rough sets approaches)
2 selected Publications	- MAZri et al (2008); Logistics of dangerous goods: A GLOBAL risk assessment approach, ESREL, 2008, Valencia, Spain. - MAZri.C; Merad.M, Tsoukias.A (2008) : A decision aid approach for the management of participative processes, OPDE 2008, Quebec, Canada



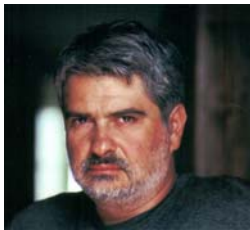
Jesus Rios

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Research Activities	Adversarial risk analysis, collaborative decision making
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Ph.D. in Computer Sciences and Mathematical Modelling University Rey Juan Carlos, Spain (2006)
COST Activities/Involvement	COST Action IC0602: Algorithmic Decision Theory
2 selected Publications	<p>- J. Rios, D. Rios Insua (2008): A framework for participatory budget elaboration support. Journal of the Operational Research Society, 59, 2, 203-212.</p> <p>- D. Rios Insua, G.E Kersten, J. Rios (2008) Towards decision support for participatory democracy Handbook of Decision Support Systems II, 1483-1517, Springer.</p>
Interests	Decision and negotiation analysis, group decision support; game theory; risk analysis; participatory decision process design



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Research Activities	Decision Analysis, Operational Research, Artificial Intelligence
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Engineering Degree, Technical University of Torino Ph.D., Technical University of Torino Habilitation, University Paris Dauphine
COST Activities/Involvement	Coordinator COST Action IC0602
Publications	More than 70 scientific publications



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Research Activities	Group Decision Making, E-cognocracy, Information Visualization
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Ph.D. in Computer Systems Engineering, University of Zaragoza (Spain) (2003) MSc in Mathematics, University of Zaragoza (Spain) (1990)
Publications	- "Multicriteria procedural rationality on SISDEMA" (European Journal of Operational Research) - "A Spreadsheet Module for Consistent Consensus Building in AHP-Group Decision Making" (Group Decision and Negotiation Journal) - "E-Voting process for E-cognocracy" (Working Group on Decision Support Systems. Proceedings of the workshop organized at The London School of Economics, London)
Interests	Information Visualization and its applications to the Decision Making Science.



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Research Activities	Member of EWG MCDA and EURO
Education (degrees, dates , universities)	Ph.D., University of Jyväskylä (Finland) (2008)
COST Activities/Involvement	Participant of ESF-COST Action in Algorithmic Decision Theory
Publications	- Yevseyeva I., Miettinen K., Rasanen P., <i>Verbal Ordinal Classification with Multicriteria Decision Aiding</i> European Journal of Operational Research. 185, 964-983, 2008. - Yevseyeva I., <i>Solving classification problems with multicriteria decision aiding approaches</i> . University of Jyväskylä. PhD Thesis, Jyväskylä Studies in Computing N 84. 2007, 182p.
Interests	Operations Research, Multicriteria Decision Making, Evolutionary Computation, Psychology



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"equality of access": Research communities of countries not belonging to the European Union can participate.

"flexible structure": Easy implementation and light management of the research initiatives are the main characteristics of COST.

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As a precursor of advanced multidisciplinary research, COST contributes towards the realisation of the European Research Area (ERA); anticipates and complements the activities of the Framework Programmes; constitutes a "bridge" towards the scientific communities of emerging countries; increases the mobility of researchers across Europe and fosters the establishment of scientific excellence in nine key domains:

- Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences
- Food and Agriculture
- Forests, their Products and Services
- Materials, Physical and Nanosciences
- Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies
- Earth System Science and Environmental Management
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Transport and Urban Development
- Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health



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