



Athens, 4/12/2012

**Subject | Minutes of the 2nd Management Committee Meeting of
CYANOCOST Action (ES1105)
“Cyanobacterial blooms and toxins in water resources: Occurrence,
impacts and management”**

***La Cristalera, FUAM
Miraflores de la Sierra, Spain
4/11/2012, from 09:00 till 14:00
Host: Prof. Antonio Quesada, UAM***

1. Welcome – Participants.

The Chair of CYANOCOST, Triantafyllos Kaloudis welcomed all participants. A total of 39 participants attended the meeting (including the Action’s Administrative Officer and Rapporteur). 36 participants were representing COST countries (**Annex 1**) and one (Dion Dionysiou) was representing a non-COST country (USA).

2. Adoption of the agenda

The draft agenda of the meeting as found in **Annex 2** (page 3, Agenda for 4/11/2012) was approved with the addition of presentations by the Action’s Rapporteur, Dick Blaauboer about the future of COST, and by Dr Bastiaan Ibelings about interaction with NETLAKES Action. It was decided by the MC that Dr Ambrose Furey would keep notes for the minutes.

3. Presentation by the Action’s Rapporteur about the future of COST

Dick Blaauboer presented the current status and perspectives for the future of COST funding. Blaauboer stressed that right now there is an optimistic viewpoint about the continuation of COST as a program and that Actions should be aware that changes in the funding scheme of COST may happen in the future.

4. Presentation by the Action’s Administrative Officer

Chandrasa Sjamjudin briefly presented the current status of CYANOCOST. Sjamjudin also referred to the new on-line reimbursement form, the need for MC approval for the admission of new countries after 1/12/2012, the STSMs to non-COST countries that are funded directly by COST and the possibility to raise the Action’s budget.



5. Presentations of finalized WG plans by WG leaders. - Approval by MC.

The Working Group Leaders presented briefly their finalized WG plans that were developed during the previous days in WG meetings.

Kaarina Sivonen presented the plans for WG1. It was decided that two different Handbooks for Cyanobacteria-Cyanotoxins will be developed. One will be edited by Sivonen et al. and the other by Meriluoto-Codd-Lawton. Calls for expression of interest will be distributed by the editors.

Geoffrey Codd presented the plans for a rolling database for WG2 which would include data from 2005- and beyond. Codd proposed that all members of the MC should be represented in WG2 and that MC members will be responsible for data collection at a national level.

Petra Visser presented the plans for WG3, that include the development of two Handbooks, one for in-lake prevention measures (ed. Visser et al) and one for water treatment methods (ed. Hiskia, Dionysiou, Antoniou). The editors will distribute expression of interest forms for authoring.

Antonio Quesada, on behalf also of Luc Brient presented the plans of WG4 that include the development of the website and link of the database to the website.

Ludek Blaha presented a proposal for a draft data repository and pointed out that he is going to distribute a draft form to collect data so that this will be further discussed and reviewed by MC members.

MC2D1: The MC unanimously approved all WG plans presented by WG leaders.

6. Presentation of STSM Manager about current STSM status.

Zorica Svircev presented the current status of STSMs for CYANOCOST. Svircev stressed that already one STSM is completed and another one is approved. Svircev explained the procedure that should be followed in order for an STSM to be approved. Svircev also proposed closing dates for applications, as follows: 15 December 2012, 15 February 2013, 15 June 2013, 15 September 2013 and 15 December 2013. Svircev also proposed that the STSM Manager should have a mandate to directly handle the STSM evaluation procedure.

MC2D2: The MC unanimously approved the mandate of Svircev to handle STSMs and the closing dates for STSM applications.

7. Presentation of Bastian Ibelings regarding interaction with the NETLAKES Action.

Bastian Ibelings presented the NETLAKES Action, his involvement in this Action and suggestions on how this Action should interact with CYANOCOST.

MC2D3: The MC unanimously decided that Bastian Ibelings acts as the link on behalf of CYANOCOST for interaction with the NETLAKES Action.

8. Presentation of CYANOCOST in International Innovation publication.

Triantafyllos Kaloudis presented the possibility that an article about CYANOCOST is included in "International Innovation" published by Research Media Ltd. This publication is widely distributed throughout Europe and beyond.. Kaloudis proposed that the article (3 pages) is developed through a joint interview by the Steering Group members and that the article would include the names-details of all MC members. The cost of this publication is 2250 €.

MC2D4: The MC unanimously approved the CYANOCOST publication in International Innovation.

9. CYANOCOST Budget revision



Triantafyllos Kaloudis presented a revised budget for CYANOCOST (**Annex 3**). The total budget (including FSAC) is raised to 167000 € from the original 139900 €. The extra amount will be used primarily to organize editorial workshops for the development of Handbooks. Also, an amount of 2250 is included for dissemination (see paragraph 8) and 1500 € is foreseen for bank charges.

MC2D5: The MC unanimously approved the revised CYANOCOST budget.

10. Place and date of next meeting

Triantafyllos Kaloudis asked participants if anyone would be willing to host the next combined MC-WG meeting. The next meeting should take place in April 2013 the latest so that it will be covered by the first year's budget.

Prof. Hanna Mazur-Marzec expressed her interest and willingness to organize the next meeting in Gdansk, Poland.

MC2D6: The MC unanimously agreed that Hanna Mazur-Marzec will host the next meeting in Gdansk, Poland. The exact dates will be fixed at a later time.

11. Closing

The Chair, on behalf of all participants sincerely thanked Antonio Quesada for his excellent organization of the meeting. The Chair also thanked all participants for their productive involvement, discussions and decisions and officially closed the 2nd MC meeting.

List of Annexes

- Annex 1:** attendance list
- Annex 2:** meeting agenda
- Annex 3:** revised budget of CYANOCOST

List of MC Decisions

MC2D1: The MC unanimously approved all WG plans presented by WG leaders.

MC2D2: The MC unanimously approved the mandate of Svircev to handle STSMs and the STSM application collection dates.

MC2D3: The MC unanimously decided that Bastian Ibelings acts as the link on behalf of CYANOCOST for interaction with the NETLAKES Action.

MC2D4: The MC unanimously approved the CYANOCOST publication in International Innovation.

MC2D5: The MC unanimously approved the revised CYANOCOST budget.

MC2D6: The MC unanimously agreed that Hanna Mazur-Marzec is the host of the next meeting, to be held in Gdansk, Poland. The exact dates will be fixed at a later time.