

COST Action CA18202 NECTAR

Network for Equilibria and Chemical Thermodynamics Advanced Research

CA18202 NECTAR Core Group Meeting

MINUTES

Dec 03rd, 2021

Jitsi platform link: <https://meet.jit.si/ca18202coregroupmeeting>

The meeting started at the scheduled time. Due to technical issues, meeting has moved from Jitsi to Zoom platform.

Present:

Action Chair, Demetrio Milea
Action Vice Chair, Sofia Gama
STSM Coordinator, Matteo Tegoni
SCM, Elzbieta Gumienna-Kontecka
ITC Coordinator, Emel Yildiz
TS Coordinator, Enrique Garcia-Espana
WG1 leader, Olga Iranzo
WG1 co-leader, Montserrat Filella
WG2 leader, M. Amelia Santos
WG2 co-leader, Petr Hermann
WG3 leader, Arunas Ramanavicius
WG4 leader, Winfried Plass
WG4 co-leader, Aleksandar Cvetkovski
WG5 leader, Natalia Busto
WG5 co-leader, Alvaro Martinez-Camarena

Absent:

ITM, Oreste Todini
EOM, Eva Anna Enyedý
WG3 co-leader, Slobodan Gadzuric

CG adopted the following Agenda (Annex 1):

1. Communications by AC
2. New e-COST platform
3. Progress Report 2
4. GP3 and Action Deliverables
5. WG Activities

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6. Locations and dates of next meetings / events

7. AOB

1. Communications by AC

AC welcomed participants. No particular communications from AC.

2. New e-COST platform

AC informed participants about the new e-COST platform and COST CA18202 webpage (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18202/>), inviting everybody to officially apply to WGs and to share information with coworkers and other people interested in participating to the Action.

3. Progress Report 2

AC showed the structure of PR2 (Annex 2), highlighting some points in relation to future activities and, in particular, deliverables and goals for next years. AC warned WG leaders to focus more efficaciously to MoU plan.

4. GP3 and Action Deliverables

AC showed the structure of WBP (Annex 3), highlighting some points in relation to GP3 goals and deliverables. On the basis of PR2, AC underlined that all activities performed MUST be encoded on eCOST, including regular WG meetings, and corresponding minutes/reports must be provided.

5. WG Activities

AC recommended WG leaders:

a) *To focus on the deliverables expected for the GP3 concerning various WGs:*

Many activities can be of interest for NECTAR, but only “deliverables” will be highly-valued.

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b) To provide CG a venue and place for presential WG meetings:

CG fixed a deadline for **January 15th, 2022**, for WG leaders to submit CG their proposals and details for WG meetings, in order to avoid overlaps with other meetings and activities. AC remembered that allocated budget for individual presential WG meetings is 10'000 € per WG, which would correspond to a budget of ~450€ per attendant all included, considering 20 participants per WG. On this basis, CG recommends 2 half days (1 night) meetings. WG Meetings will be organized/managed by WG leaders/co-leaders, with support of WG5, and *under the supervision of the CG (which MUST be informed)*.

c) To provide regular reports to CG, SCM and WG5 about WG activities:

As already mentioned, all activities must be encoded on e-COST and disseminated through media.

d) For next meetings, only presentations really focusing on NECTAR activities will be accepted:

Except for particular cases, this will be particularly relevant for communications/presentations during the 3rd NECTAR Conference.

e) A new repository for files related to WG activities is available:

The repository is on a MS SharePoint page managed by AC. WG leaders are asked to provide AC a list of people belonging to their WGs, **with corresponding email addresses**, that will be allowed to access the repository. In this light, CG encourages WG leaders to contact and consider WG members that appear as WG members in the new COST CA18202 webpage (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18202/#tabs+Name:Working%20Groups%20and%20Membership>), which renewed their interest in WGs through the application on COST CA18202 webpage.

6. Locations and dates of next meetings / events

Concerning next events and meetings, AC informed CG that:

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- a) WG Meetings will be organized/managed by WG leaders/co-leaders under the supervision of the CG (which **MUST** be informed). As already mentioned, WG leaders/co-leaders must provide date/place of their meetings not later than **January 15th, 2022**.
- b) The date and place of next TS should be defined ASAP. TS Coordinator will take care of this and will inform CG.
- c) The next STSM call will be launched ASAP. STSM Coordinator will take care of this.
- d) The next ITC Conference Grant call will be launched ASAP. ITC Coordinator will take care of this.
- e) CG will make a survey of next meetings to participate as dissemination meetings. Options will be analysed by SCM and WG5.
- f) 3rd NECTAR Conference dates and venue must be fixed. Period will be like the 2nd Conference, i.e., end-August / earl-September. AC communicated that he received candidatures from:
 - Ljubljana (Slovenia)
 - Prague (Czech Republic)
 - Kosice (Slovakia)
 - Madrid (Spain).

CG agreed that AC will send an email to the candidates to ask for a concrete proposal to be examined by CG and then voted by MC. Proposals must be submitted not later than **January 15th, 2022**, and must include all possible useful information, with particular reference to: i) tentative dates; ii) accommodation facilities; iii) flights/travelling options; iv) reduced costs. Particular attention will be paid to avoid “overlaps” among other meetings in the same Countries, and to ITC Countries.

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SCM and WG5 leaders underlined again the importance of dissemination and sharing of information in website and social media, and offered their support in disseminating and organizing meetings and other activities.

No other topics came to discussion.