

COST ACTION B21

PHYSIOLOGICAL MODELING OF MR IMAGE FORMATION

MINUTES OF THE 6TH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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1 APRIL 2006

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The up-dated list of the Management Committee is given in Annex 1

1. Welcome to the participants

Richard Lerski, the Chair of the COST Action B21, welcomed the participants. He thanked Alberto Spisni and Nicola Culeddu for the excellent organising of the meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 5th Management Committee meeting, Lodz

The Minutes were approved.

4. Presentations of the delegations

R.Lerski briefly introduced the new member of the MC, representing Serbia and Montenegro, Goran Bacic. The MC took note.

5. Status of the COST Action B21

R. Lerski informed that the MC of the COST Action B21 includes 21 countries, CANADA amongst them; he said that the Canadian scientists do not participate in the current meeting since they were, most probably, not able to find financing from their country to attend the meeting. The MC took note.

6. Report from the Chair and the Science Officer: Budget status.

Mihail Pascu presented an up-date about COST and its restructuring. He also introduced the description of the new COST Domain, Biomedicine and Biomolecular Sciences (BMBS) which will take over from the 1st of June 2006 the COST Actions which are currently under the TCMH coordination.

Following his presentation extensive discussions took place based on questions asked by the MC members. The mentioned issues were: open calls for new COST Actions proposals, higher competition between the proposals of the new COST Actions received as answers to the call for proposals, publications as one of the main means to disseminate the information and increase the visibility of COST, assure a larger access of the youngsters to the COST Actions/networks, development of the multidisciplinary networks.

The MC took note.

7. Non-COST participation

None.

8. Short Term Scientific Missions

Richard Leski informed that only one STSM was approved and performed in 2006. He invited the MC members to propose new STSMs this year to cover the amount of money of EURO 4,300 allocated to the Action for STSMs in 2006.

The MC decided that the STSMs reports should be placed on the web for free access.

9. Dissemination: publications and website

The MC considered the possibility to publish a special issue of the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Journal in 2007. Richard Lerski was nominated the contact the journal and identify the possibilities to publish the issue and the requested COST support.

No news with respect o the web site of the Action.

10. Update on Work Plan: objectives and work plan, working methods, organisation and management, distribution of tasks, annual plan

The MC decided that the WG Chairs should send asap to Richard Lerski a synthesis of the detailed working plan (no more than half a page)to be added to the current Minutes. Following detailed discussions the MC concluded to establish a Database (3D, 3 Tesla) including data about 5 liver, HCC, fibrosis, segmentation (minimum 10 patients per category), glioblastoma – limits, internal structure, grading 15 cases in total.

Points 11. Agreement of next working group meetings and 12. Place and date of next meeting of the Management Committee were discussed together.

The MC decided that the next meeting of the COST Action B21 will be held in Serbia and Montenegro at San Stefan, on 28 – 30 September 2006.

The local organiser will be Goran Bacic and the meeting will included Working Groups meetings (particularly Vascular modelling and MaZda training) and the Management Committee meeting; the meeting will be organised in conjunction with the IPSI Conference.

The MC requested Goran Bacic to send as soon as possible information to the MC members and to the COST OFFICE about the international and local transport to reach the COST meeting's place, accommodation, tentative/draft scientific programme and list of participants.

Function of the money left available at the end of 2006 (end of November – beginning of December) the MC decided to organise in Rennes in December 2006 a WG meeting about the clinical applications of MRI, to consider and evaluate all the methods used by the participating research groups in treating the MRI images.

The decision will be taken by the MC in Serbia and Montenegro.

The local organiser will be Jacques de Certaines.

13. AOB

Milan Hajek informed about the final content and the status of the publication of the book on Texture Analysis for Magnetic Resonance Imaging . He said that the book will have a version on paper and another on CD. He also said that the book will be ready to be sent to the target readers at the beginning of May 2006.

The MC thanked Milan Hajek, Monika Dezortova and their coworkers for finalising the book.

M. Pascu suggested to receive by 15th of April 2006 a signal information about the publication of the book to introduce this publication occasioned the COST Day at the European Parliament on 18 – 19 April 2006.

The Mc approved.

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