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Fourth (Final) Meeting of the Steering Committee of the FP6 INCO WBC Special Support Action “Reinforcing a center for laser microscopy and cell profiling for regional networking: NEUROIMAGE”
(open session)

07.06.2009. Belgrade

MEMBERS OF Steering committee

1. Robert Zorec (LNMCP, Slovenia)
2. Srećko Gajović (CIBR, Croatia)
3. Ferdinando Rossi (CRLM, Italy) substituted by Chiara Rolando
4. Pavle Andjus (IPB, Serbia)

Observers:
- Marko Kreft (LNMCP, Slovenia)
- Lidija Radenović (IPB, Serbia)

1. Adoption of the agenda
SC approved the agenda

2. Final progress report – status of the FP6 Action NEUROIMAGE
P. Andjus presented the final annual report (for the 3rd year) at the opening of the meeting. The progress report was presented through WPs followed by the Management report and financial status report. It was mentioned that in the 3rd period WP2 (Improving benchmarking through adv. train. and networking) was finalized by a student 1 month mission to Ljubljana (LNMCP) that was actually a reprogrammed visit to Turin (CRLM) that could not host a member of IPB due to infrastructural and staff issues. A mission is still to be accomplished to Oslo (LMN) in month 36. All organizational details are settled. WP3 (Supporting cooperative activities throughout the WB research area) was mainly accomplished through the mutual organization of two meetings (Regional Multidisciplinary Biomedical Workshop - Opatija and Training School on Neuroimaging (with COST B30) - Belgrade). These two activities were also the main outcome of WP4 (Implementing the center’s facilities to address regional biomedical problems).

The final project year CLM-IPB finalizes with one PhD student that continued studies (Univ. of Hamburg) abroad and two new PhD students on board as well as three postdocs (one full and two for 1/3 working time).

It was also noted that the working packages have been further accomplished towards a basically fulfilled main scheme.

P. Andjus also presented the financial report indicating that the participants should need to justify further costs for which instalments have been transferred.

SC took note.

3. Discussion of the Final progress report
During the discussion R. Zorec asked for a clarification of figures in the financial table. P. Andjus offered explanations indicating that in 3rd year LNMCP need to claim the cost of travel to the Final meeting as well as person months for the reprogrammed visit from Turin (based on the contractual agreement of 0.5 p-months per 1 month of stay). P. Andjus also reminded the member of CRLM, Turin that until July 1st it is also necessary to justify prefinancing sent to Turin. Unfortunately a 1 month visit to Turin remains unaccomplished (reprogrammed to Ljubljana) as well as some management tasks (meeting organization).

LMN in Oslo will host a student from IPB and also sent a representative to the Final meeting which will together justify prefinancing. However, this partner also could not accomplish to host 1 additional month of visit as planned as well as some tasks of meeting organization.

4. State of bilateral agreements (partners vs coordinator) and financial matters.
Agreements with CIBR (Zagreb) and LNMCP (Ljubljana) were basically accomplished in full. Agreements with INCNR (Pisa), CRLM (Turin) and LMN (Oslo) have been partially accomplished. Thus, solutions were made to reprogramme tasks and relocate funds with approval of PO.

5. Sustainability plans and future opportunities
The SC discussed diverse possibilities for the continuation of collaborations.
S. Gajović thus mentioned the EC Marie Currie grant network among current and future participants.
P. Andjus emphasised that through NEUROIMAGE collaboration with IPB CRLM in Turin maintains a colony of transgenic mice that would be a good material base for further collaboration. Representative of CRLM, C. Rolando approved.
P. Andjus also mentioned the collaboration with LMN (Oslo) has been put into tracks and that the plan is now very promising and also interfaced with the COST programme (Action B30) which can offer funding of further short term missions.
Bilateral projects funded by national governments have been also mentioned. CIBR and IPB already have one established in the course of the NEUROIMAGE project, one exists with guests at the meeting from Gif-sur-Yvette (France), and one teaching network with Hungarian guests at the meeting. A new bilateral grant will be prepared with another Hungarian group from Univ. of Debrecen. Regarding LNMCFP, M. Kreft explained that the budget in Ljubljana is rather tight and R. Zorec stated that the bench fee for a visiting researcher in a potential bilateral grant should be covered by the home lab.
P. Andjus also mentioned that results of a bilateral grant application is pending with the Center for Molecular Neuroscience, Univ. of Hamburg (M Schachner).

9. Miscellaneous
None

10. Closing
The meeting started at 9:00 AM and was closed at 10:30 AM.

NEUROIMAGE coordinating person,

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