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Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

COST Action C18

*Performance assessment of urban infrastructure services: the case of
water supply, wastewater and solid waste*

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SINTEF

Participants:

Helena Alegre (COST C18 Chair, Portugal)
Enrique Cabrera Jr. (COST C18 Vice-Chair, Spain)
Carmencita Malimban (COST Administrative Officer)

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Eftychios Malikides (Cyprus)	Eduarda Beja Neves (Portugal)
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Agenda (as approved by the MC):

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2. Adoption of agenda
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5. STSM status, applications
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1. Welcome to participants

Helena Alegre welcomed all participants and especially Carmencita Malimban, from COST office, at her first C18 meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting, available at the website, were approved.

4. Year budget status and planning

Carmencita Malimban explained the characteristics of the new Open Call COST procedures.

Regarding the budget of the action:

- 44000 Eur approx. until June
- This would leave after the expected spending of the Trondheim meeting, around 13000 Eur
- From July 1st 2007 to 17th March 2008, the budget for the action will be of 69000 Eur

5. STSM status, applications

The MC approved the following STSM proposals

- Dusan Kostic, from Serbia, to LNEC
- Miguel Angel Pardo Picazo from Spain, to LNEC
- Elian Algaard from UK to SINTEF.

6. Publications, annual report

The annual report was submitted and assessed successfully. Next monitoring report is due in August 2007.

The contents of the State of the Art Report must be nearly ready for publication by the time of the Lisbon meeting in October. Eliane Algaard is to travel to Trondheim to assist Froydis Sjoivold in organizing the contents and including some additional contents.

7. Evaluations

Not relevant item of the agenda for this meeting.

8. Request for new members

At this stage of the action there is no need of any proactive promotion for further country participation. 19 countries are C18 members.

9. Non-COST participations

Not relevant item of the agenda for this meeting.

10. Updates of Co-ordinates MC / WGs etc.

Current records were considered updated by the participants.

11. Case studies update

The current submitted case studies were reviewed. Several updates of the information were identified (e.g. Austria for Wastewater) and will be provided by the end of June for their inclusion in the State of the Art Report.

12. Final conference: information and establishment of the scientific committee

Enrique Cabrera informed about the organization of the Final Conference. The conference to be held in Valencia in March has received formal support from the

International Water Association (IWA) and it is likely to gather contributions from all over the world.

Additionally, an important dissemination effort had begun, with 20.000 copies of the call for papers printed.

Regarding the finances of the conference, EC informed that COST finances up to 10.000 Eur (to be justified) but COST members will NOT pay fees (except for meals). The Conference is already supported by the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, which will contribute with rooms and AV equipment. There is additional sponsorship by Aguas de Valencia and the Spanish Ministry of Environment. Further support has been requested from National and Regional governments, and of course there is expected income from participant fees.

EC explained that if the proceedings were to be published by an external publisher, COST may not cover the full printing (up to 10000 Eur, independent of the Conference Budget).

The MC decided to:

- Request for full support for the conference: 10000 Eur
- Request for full support for Proceedings: 10000 Eur (The organizers will cover the possible additional costs)
- Left over copies from 300 to remain at ITA
- The Scientific Committee will consist of one member per country, which will be appointed by each country present at MC

13. Web update

Enrique Cabrera informed that the website continues to be updated with minutes and presentations from the meetings.

14. Progress report of Working Groups

The working groups reported on the progress they were making. Although further detailed information will be delivered in the meetings of the groups, WG1 and WG2 have decided to concentrate efforts in the finalization of the state of the art report, as well as identifying future research need and even the elaboration of a research proposal for the framework programme.



WG3, in addition to their work in the solid waste part of the report, has already prepared a draft of such a proposal.

Additionally, it was reported that several members had updated the information on the case studies to be included in the report.

15. Long-term planning

Helena Alegria explained the main points left to be covered before the Action ends:

- Prioritize research needs
- Conclude State of the art report,
- Participate in LESAM 2007 (www.lesam2007.org)
- Develop concept paper on proposal
- Contact WSSTP and the Commission informing about C18 recommendations
- Organise and participate in the final Cost C18 Conference (Valencia, March 2008)

16. Time and place of next meeting

The next C18 meeting will take place in Lisbon, in October, at the time of the LESAM Conference (probably one day before).

17. AOB

No other business.

