

COST Action E50

Cell Wall Macromolecules and Reaction Wood (CEMARE)

4th Management Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 27 March 2007 at 14:00 hrs

Laboratoire de Mécanique et Génie Civil, Université Montpellier 2
Campus St. Priest, Bat. 2, 860 Route de St. Priest, 34095 Montpellier, France

1. Welcome to participants

John Barnett welcomed participants. Barry Gardiner (UK), John Moore (UK), Annabelle Déjardine (FR), Joseph Gril (FR), Uwe Schmitt (D), Primoz Oven (SL), Bruno Clair (FR), Meriem Fournier (FR), Manoj Kumar (SE), Kurt Fagerstedt (FI), Katia Ruel (FR), Jean-Paul Joseleau (FR), Clements Altaner (UK), Lennart Salmén (SE), Anne-Mie Emmons (NL), John Barnett (UK)

2. Adoption of agenda

Agenda adopted

3. Minutes of last meeting

Accepted

4. Report from the Scientific Officer

- News from the COST Office

John Barnett presented the report from the COST office in the absence of Gunther Siegel
There will be no mid-term evaluation.

Eva Esping (Vinnova, Sweden) is the new rapporteur for our action

E41 will have their final meeting in May 2008 in Tuurku, Finland. Possibility of having a small E50 meeting at this meeting because there is a lot in common between the actions.

Head of action is Tarja Tamminen (tarja.tamminen@vtt.fi)

Possibility of encouraging young scientists by asking them to make presentations at our workshops (e.g. presentations at the Potsdam meeting)

There was a question of the number of hits on our WEB page? Barry Gardiner to find out.

- Status of Action
- Number of Signatories

Italy is being encouraged to sign up the action as there has been unanimous approval of their joining.

- Budget Status, budget allocation process
5. Year Budget planning

€80,000 for next year's budget. There is €28000 for the Potsdam meeting and €20000 for STSM. There will be a meeting in Lubjiana in Spring 2008 that will be funded out of next year's budget. Josph Gril is also proposing a workshop on the gelatinous level. John Barnett needs an idea of cost (approximately 20 delegates at €300 each). Possibility of holding the meeting either in Montpellier or French Guiana.
 6. STSM status, applications

It is still possible to have STSM in this financial year so long as the report has to be end of May. Subsequently we will have to wait until 15th September for the next round of STSMs
 7. Publications, annual report

John Barnett submitted our annual report which has been accepted by Brussels.
 8. Evaluations
 9. Request for new members

Possibilities of a submission from Czech Republic
 10. Non-COST participations

Should consider inviting people from outside
 11. Web news

There is little use of our WEB Chat room. Send out email encourage people to make use of the Web pages.

All meeting information on the WEB is up to date.
 12. Progress report of working groups

WG1 meeting in December 2006. Successful meeting and report sent to Brussels

WG2 meeting just held here in Montpellier. European Plant Biology Meeting (www.FESPB2008.org) in September 2008 Tampere, Finland.

Cell Wall Meeting 14-18th August 2007 in Copenhagen.

Add links to these meetings from our CEMARE Web page.

WG3 Meriem Fournier has joined the management committee and would be a good candidate to replace Catherine Coutand.

WG4 Holding a meeting in Edinburgh on 19/20th April on "Modelling from Plant Wall to Plank".
 13. Long-term planning

Meeting at end of May 2008 Ljubljana, Slovenia "Wound Reaction in Wood". Possibility of inviting Keiko Kuroda, Japan and Robert Blanchette, Walter Shortle, Kevin Smith, USA and Francis Schwartze, Claus Mattheck, Stephen Woodward from Europe.

Possibilities of excursion to the mountain forest on the middle day of 3 day meeting.

Need to advertise the Potsdam meeting more heavily. Also John Barnett will ask the COST Web manager to put the Potsdam meeting on the COST meeting page.

Possibility of having the meeting on gelatinous layer to the Plant Biomechanics conference in French Guiana. Prices similar to having meeting in mainland Europe.

14. Time and place of next meeting

Potsdam 26th September 2006

15. AOB