

COST ACTION 50 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING

15 February 2008

VTT, Espoo, Finland

Attending: John Barnett, Barry Gardiner, Joseph Gril, Pekka Saranpää Anne-Mie Emons, Kurt Fagerstedt, Primoz Oven, Tarja Tamminen (E41), Stefan Willför (E41)

Apologies: Geoff Daniel, Ingo Burgert, Uwe Schmitt, Jaroslaw Oktaba, Peter Fratzl, Katia Ruel, Pia Stieger, Stig Bardage, Tanja Zimmerman

1. Welcome to the participants:

Welcome by Tarja Tamminmen and John Barnett

2. Adoption of the agenda:

Accepted

3. Program for the Final Meeting of E41 in Turku

Agenda drawn up for the meeting from 19th-21st May 2008 in Turku (Abo), Finland with oral presentations on each day and 2 poster sessions. The subject of the talks from E41 and E50 are very complementary and so all abstracts were treated as one and not separated. Presentations on Tuesday (20th May) were selected to be of particular interest to industry in order to encourage their attendance on that day.

4. Working Groups 3 and 4 Meeting in Slovenia

Discussion of the proposed programme for this meeting on “Wound Reactions in Trees and Wood Quality”.

This will be a Working Group 3 and 4 meeting and there will not be a management committee meeting. Emphasis on discussion with a small number of presentations.

Discussion of possible session chairman. Suggestions were Gerard Koch, Uwe Schmitt, John Barnett and Primoz Oven. Chairs will be asked to summarise each session at the end of the session.

There was some discussion of the possibility of a book coming out of the workshop which would be welcomed.

Primoz Oven to redraft the programme and send to John Barnett (to be emailed to COST E50 members) and Barry Gardiner (to put on the WEB).

5. Preliminary Planning for the final meeting in Wageningen

Final COST E50 meeting will be on 17th to 19th June if possible. A list of invited speakers was proposed.

6. Autumn Workshop in Switzerland

There will be a management committee meeting at this workshop.

The meeting will take place from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th October.

Discussion whether it might be possible to invite some Japanese scientists visiting Finland during that week to come to the meeting.

Workshop is on a specialised subject and needs some expansion to cover biosynthesis and reaction wood function. Suggestion of changing the meeting title to “Cell wall macromolecules: Biosynthesis, characterisation, function, and application” A list of invited speakers to be approached was proposed.

7. Publications

Discussion of a book from this COST action. Will be a scientific review of the current “state-of-the-art” with the emphasis on people doing interesting work. Will cover the range from cell wall biosynthesis to silvicultural implications. Editor will be John Barnett and Meriem Fournier will be deputy editor. Will discuss with Rupert Wimmer who is Editor for the Springer series on Wood Science to see if they will publish the book. John and Meriem will put together a list of proposed chapters and send it to the Management Committee by email.

8. Status of STSMs

No more until after May because there is not enough money.

9. AOB

Planning a Working Group 3 and 4 meeting in Nancy, France in March 2009 on “Reaction Wood: Ecophysiological role, impact on wood properties and influence of silviculture”. Meriem Fournier will discuss with colleagues in Nancy.

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Barry Gardiner 15 February 2008