

COST ACTION 50 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

07 August 2008

EMPA, Dübendorf, Switzerland

Attending:

John Barnett – Action Chair

Tancrede Almeras – Substituting for Joseph Gril -Deputy Chair

Pekka Saranpää – Deputy Chair

Anne-Mie Emons – Leader of Working Group 1

Kurt Fagerstedt – Leader of Working Group 2

Geoff Daniel – Deputy Leader of Working Group 3

Barry Gardiner – Leader of Working Group 4 – Meeting Secretary

Tanja Zimmerman – Host of Workshop

Alfred Abächerli – Representing International Lignin Institute

Klaus Richter – Wood Research Abteilungsleiter, EMPA

1. Welcome to the participants:

Welcome by Klaus Richter. Presentation on EMPA.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Accepted

3. Time schedule for the October meeting

27-29th October 2008. Discussion on structure of Workshop led to agreement on the following outline:

Day 1: Cellulose Day

Day 2: Lignin Day

Day 3 am: Working Group Sessions, WG1, WG2, WG3/4

Day 3 pm: Management Committee Meeting

26 October:

Evening: Registration

27 October:

8:45-9:00: Welcome, EMPA/COST E50 (Day 1 only)

9:00-10:30: Basics- 3 Papers (30 mins)

10:30-11:00: Coffee

11:00-12:45: Keynote (45 mins) + 2 Papers (30 mins)

12:45-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:30: 3 Papers (30 mins)

15:30-16:00: Tea/Coffee

16:00-17:00: 2 Papers (30 mins)

19:00: Ice breaker and posters (Day 1); Conference dinner (Day 2)

28 October:

9:00-10:30: 3 Papers (30 mins)

10:30-11:00: Coffee

11:00-12:30: 3 Papers (30 mins)

12:30-14:00: Lunch and posters

14:00-15:30: 6 short presentations (15 mins)

15:30-1600: Tea/Coffee

16:00-17:00: Poster presentations and Final Discussion

17:00-18:30: General Meeting of ILI-Workshop

20:00: Conference dinner at mountain restaurant

29 October:

9:00-10:30: 3 Papers (30 mins). Poster award.

10:30-11:00: Coffee

11:00-12:00: 3 Working Group Meetings (3 & 4 together)

12:00-12:30: Working Group Reports

12:30-13:30: Lunch

13:30-15:30: Management Committee Meeting

4. Invited speakers

Suggestions:

Prof. Alain Dufresene: Polymer Nanocomposites reinforced with polysaccharide nanocrystals

Mikael Ankefors, Prof. Tom Lindström: New materials from the development of microfibrillar cellulose

Dr Thomai Panagiotou.

5. Selection of oral and poster presentations based on received abstracts

There will be another call for abstracts with a final date of 20th September.

6. Planning of Working Group meetings (third day)

1 hour for breakout Working Group meeting, followed by 30 minute presentations to whole conference by Working Group leaders.

7. Planning of Management Committee Meeting (third day)

Will take place after lunch on Day 3.

8. Budget for the conference

The chairman pointed out that up to 3000€ could be made available to the organisers to help with the administration of the workshop. The final budget would depend on the number of reimbursements. MC members attending the meeting would be reimbursed and it was hoped that speakers could be reimbursed within the limitations imposed by COST rules (maximum two delegates per working group per country, while maintaining a good balance of representation from member countries).

9. Registration fees (members, non-members, industry)

Suggestion for whole conference of around 250 CHF (ca. 150€) including coffee breaks, lunch, conference dinner but without beverages.

For 1 day workshop (ILI) 150 CHF with conference dinner, 80 CHF without conference dinner. Tanja Zimmermann to discuss this with Alfred Albacherli, making a final decision in the next two weeks.

10. AOB

Book

John Barnett stated he was willing to edit a book (“The Biology of Reaction Wood”) covering everything from gene expression to end product impacts. John will finalise the book structure and will identify potential authors and get their agreement. Plan is for publication by December 2009.

WG 3 and 4 Meeting in Nancy, March 2009

John Barnett to email Meriem to find out if this meeting is still going ahead.

Final Wageningen Meeting, July 2009:

Systems Biology for Plant Design. COST Meeting organised under the auspices of the CASPIC project

Wednesday 8th July: Registration, welcome buffet

2 hotels will be required for the number

Meeting will be held in the Forum Building.

9th & 10th July

Morning

Plenary Keynote

3 Plenary Orals

Afternoon

Parallel sessions

11th July 2008

Morning

COST management meeting

Afternoon

Action evaluation

Sessions

Cell Wall

Wood Development

Plant Development

Saturday Sessions

Include an announcement of the Wageningen meeting with the final reminder about the meeting in Dübendorf, Switzerland. Another reminder will go in January and deadline for abstracts by end of February.

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Barry Gardiner 07 August 2008