
PHD STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND SUPERVISORY BOARD (SB) MEETING AGENDA Remote Meeting

Date: 22nd July 2020

Minutes

The meeting was held totally in teleconference mode.

The meeting was organized and chaired by Project Coordinator Prof. Mario Chiesa.

The meeting was attended by:

the following representatives of Beneficiaries' staff:

1. Mario Chiesa (UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO, Coordinator)
2. Valeria Enrica Vasario (UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO, Project Manager)
3. Sabine Van Doorslaer (UNIVERSITEIT ANTWERPEN)
4. Ines Garcia-Rubio (UNIVERSIDAD DE ZARAGOZA)
5. Andreas Pöppel (UNIVERSITAET LEIPZIG)
6. Damien Murphy (CARDIFF UNIVERSITY)

the following representatives of Partner Organisations' staff:

1. George Mitrikas (INN - NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH "DEMOKRITOS")
2. Martin Hartmann (FAU - Friedrich- Alexander- Universität Erlangen- Nürnberg)
3. Fabrizio Piemontesi (LYB - Basell Poliolefine Italia srl)

and all of the Early Stage Researchers:

1. Seyedeh Fardokht Rezayi
2. Paolo Bruzzese
3. Ilenia Serra
4. Leonora Podvorica
5. Yu-Kai Liao
6. Kavipriya Thangavel
7. Antonino Famulari
8. Maruan Alberto Bracci





9. David Fioco
10. Andrea Guidetti.

The other members of the SB, who could not attend the meeting, had been consulted previously and had agreed on the agenda.

The meeting started at 10:00 a.m. (Turin Time).

Session 1: PhD STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Session 1 began with a formal welcome by Coordinator and Meeting Chair Prof. Mario Chiesa, who recapped the agenda.

Then, each ESR presented the progress and results in his Individual Research Project. After each ESR presentation, a Q&A session of about 5 minutes followed.

Session 1 ended at 01:45 p.m. (Turin Time).

Session 2: EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB) MEETING

The meeting started at 02:30 p.m. (Turin Time).

The meeting was attended by all members of the EB:

1. Mario Chiesa (UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO, Coordinator)
2. Valeria Enrica Vasario (UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO, Project Manager)
3. Sabine Van Doorslaer (UNIVERSITEIT ANTWERPEN)
4. Ines Garcia-Rubio (UNIVERSIDAD DE ZARAGOZA)
5. Andreas Pöppel (UNIVERSITAET LEIPZIG)
6. Damien Murphy (CARDIFF UNIVERSITY).

The meeting ended at 03:00 p.m. (Turin Time).

Session 3: SUPERVISORY BOARD (SB) MEETING

The meeting started at 03:00 p.m.

The meeting was attended by:

- the following representatives of Beneficiaries' staff:
 1. Mario Chiesa (UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO, Coordinator)
 2. Valeria Enrica Vasario (UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO, Project Manager)
 3. Sabine Van Doorslaer (UNIVERSITEIT ANTWERPEN)
 4. Ines Garcia-Rubio (UNIVERSIDAD DE ZARAGOZA)
 5. Andreas Pöppel (UNIVERSITAET LEIPZIG)





6. Damien Murphy (CARDIFF UNIVERSITY)

- the following representatives of Partner Organisations' staff:
 1. George Mitrikas (INN - NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH "DEMOKRITOS")
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Finally, the meeting was attended not only by the ESR representatives sitting in the Board. It was extended to all 10 ESRs students.

Each ESR and his/her Supervisor had revised the respective PCDPs in July 2020, in the week just before the meeting, and had sent the revised version to paracat@unito.it. The Project Coordinator asked all ESRs to integrate the PCDPs by specifying, in PART 1A:

- start date and end date of the teleworking period
- any holiday taken during lockdown
- work performed during the teleworking period.

Specifying this will guarantee to show that the conditions set by the REA for application of the clause of “force majeure” have been fully complied with.

Then, Prof. Chiesa showed the latest Gantt Chart, approved after the Executive Board meeting held remotely on 28 May 2020. He remarked that the Bruker secondment had been transformed into an online training to be offered to all ESRs, in order to limit the impact of a possible new COVID19 outbreak in autumn 2020. The Coordinator highlighted that all PARACAT Beneficiaries, Partner Organizations and ESRs had to make an effort to keep the 2-weeks secondment at LYB (January 2021) in presence, even if uncertainties as to a new COVID outbreak remain, so as not decrease the ESRs' exposure to the non-academic sector.

Then, Prof. Chiesa went on discussing the other short secondments. ESR4 Leonora Podvorica's secondment to INN (Greece), currently planned in July-August 2021, posed a problem: INN is closed in the month of August. So, it was agreed to postpone this secondment to October-November 2021.

The Coordinator then shared the correspondence he had had with the Officer on SyGMA, highlighting that the Officer had agreed with transformation of the Bruker secondment into an online training to be offered to all ESRs.

Afterwards, discussion focused on the adjustments to PARACAT meetings and training schools:

- The School on Spectroscopy and the Life cycle analysis Workshop which should have been held in Zaragoza from 20 to 24 July 2020 have been postponed, due to the COVID19 pandemic. Prof. Rubio (UNIZAR) had managed to obtain extra funds from CECAM for the organization of the School. It is now agreed that the school will be postponed by 1 year and



merged with the School on theoretical modelling. Since CECAM funding cannot be preserved, a new application will be made.

- The Life cycle analysis Workshop will be organized in remote mode on 2, 3 and 4 September 2020.
- Hereunder are the changes in PARACAT meetings and training schools approved during the present meeting on 22 July 2020:

Annex 1 to the Grant Agreement	Adjustments
January 2021 International EPR conference + Workshop communication & ethics Leipzig	April 2021 International EPR conference + Workshop communication & ethics Cardiff
July 2021 Summer school Theoretical methods in catalysis + workshop career prospects Athens	July 2021 Summer school Spectroscopic and Theoretical methods in catalysis Zaragoza
January 2022 Conference on catalysis Turin	January-March 2022 Conference catalysis/EPR Turin
May 2022 Final ESRs presentations Cardiff	March-May 2022 Final ESRs presentations + Workshop career prospects Athens
November 2022 Final meeting Antwerp	November 2022 Final meeting Leipzig

To recap:

- The EPR Conference planned in Leipzig in January 2021 will be moved to Cardiff (April 2021).
- The 2 merged summer schools are to be held in July 2021 in Zaragoza, with the title “Summer school on Spectroscopic and Theoretical methods in catalysis”. The workshop on career prospects will be postponed because this training school is already very rich.
- The Conference on Catalysis planned in Turin in January 2022 is to be kept: it will take place in the timespan from January to March 2022.
- The Final ESRs presentations, planned in Cardiff in May 2022, are now planned in Athens in the timespan March-May 2022 (thus, a little earlier if possible, so that all ESRs’ contracts are not over yet, at the time of their final presentation). The Workshop on career prospects,





moved from July 2021, should take place in Athens, together with the Final ESRs presentations.

- The final meeting is kept in November 2022 for the moment, but its location is moved from Antwerp to Leipzig.

The next topic touched on by Prof. Chiesa was the need to change the ESR representatives sitting in the Supervisory Board. Election took place. The newly-elected representatives are Paolo Bruzzese and Kavipriya Thangavel. They will maintain this role up to January. A new pair will be selected in January 2021, at the project meeting in Cardiff.

Discussion then focussed on WP7 (Data management, dissemination and outreach).

It was reminded that outreach to the general public was not only an opportunity but a duty and that each ESR should carry out at least one outreach activity within the 36 months of recruitment.

Opportunities for outreach were highlighted:

- Participation in the European Researchers' Night, held every year (this year, on 27 Nov; https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/european-researchers-night_en)
- Participation in the "Science is Wonderful!" Free Exhibition within the European Research and Innovation Days, held every year (registration closed for the 2020 edition; the event is usually proposed again in spring every year; https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/events/upcoming-events/european-research-and-innovation-days_en)
- Falling Walls Lab (registration closed; but it may be proposed again next year; <https://falling-walls.com/lab/apply/marie-sklodowska-curie-actions-online-lab/>)
- "My Job in Research in 15 seconds" video challenge (registration closed; but it may be proposed again next year; https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/my-job-research-15-seconds-2020-jun-09_en).

The final topic on the agenda was the outreach document to be published in autumn, i.e. PARACAT Newsletter.

Valeria Enrica Vasario (Project Manager, UNITO) proposed to include 3 ESR Stories, written by the ESRs themselves (half a page with a photo which portrays them in an important moment in their story within PARACAT), and an Outreach story (an ESR tells what presenting PARACAT at the Researchers' Night has meant to him/her and attaches a photo too). The Supervisory Board agreed that these are good ideas, but that these stories should come together with a general overview on the project and on its training events. The links to the 2 past training events and to the related training materials available to the general public in OSF should also be included.

The meeting ended at 04:00 pm (Turin Time).

