

COST Action CA19128: "Pan-European Network for Climate Adaptive Forest Restoration and Reforestation"

Core Group Meeting

From 16/03/2023 at 08:00:00 to 16/03/2023 at 09:00:00

Face to face, Mitzpe Ramon, Israel

Mitzpe Ramon library, David Ben Gurion Av. No. 12, Mitzpe Ramon, Israel

Meeting AGENDA

1. Recap of the minutes of the last meeting
2. Preparation of the MC voting session
 - a. WG membership and applications
 - b. Revision of Work and Budget Plan of the current GP
 - c. Draft of Work and Budget Plan of the next GP
3. Draft plans for the following GP
4. Upcoming activities
 - a. Next MC meeting
 - b. Scientific book preparation
 - c. Progress report on the deliverables

Attended:

1. Vladan Ivetić
2. Barbara Mariotti
3. John Stanturf
4. Pedro Villar-Salvador
5. Palle Madsen
6. Ieva Bebre
7. Enrique Andivia
8. Peter Annighöfer

Meeting was opened at 8:00 on 16/03/2023 by Vladan Ivetić, Action Chair. After approval of the Agenda by the CG members, the following issues were discussed:

1. Recap of the minutes of the last meeting

Vladan Ivetić has given a short overview of the previous meeting, emphasizing the discussion and conclusions. More specifically:

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- The way of contribution and administration of the ForestRestorationWiki site.
- Other deliverables – progress and plans.
- Scientific book – structure and contribution rules.
- The next MC meeting (September 2023) – possible places and dates.
- Virtual Networking Tools – promotion of the tool.
- Cooperation with other projects – SUPERB as well as other COST Actions.
- Applications for WG membership – evaluation and approval process.
- Proposal accepted at the previous CG meeting for a session (plus a technical session) at the IUFRO Congress in 2024 was not pushed forward due to insufficient support and the timeline in conflict with Action's plans for the next year.

The Minutes from the previous CG meeting is available at <http://www.pen-caforr.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/MINUTES-E-COST-CG-MEETING-CA19128-090922-FINAL.pdf>.

2. Preparation of the MC voting session

a. WG membership and applications

There was no new application for the WG membership since the last meeting. The proposal is to stop approval new applications given that WG actions are in the late phase of development and that only one GP is remaining in the Action lifetime. However, the new applications will be considered, and the decision will be made on each individual case.

b. Revision of Work and Budget Plan of the current GP

- By leaving of Somidh Saha who resign from his position as the MC representative from Germany, our agreement with him to organize the September 2023 MC meeting as a local organizer is no longer valid. The new location and local organizer are discussed. Following this change the budget adjustments are discusses as well.
- PEN-CAFoRR is awarded with additional (19,000) 21,850.0 euros, according to the plan suggested by the Action Chairs.

c. Draft of Work and Budget Plan of the next GP

This issue will be discussed in more details at the next MC meeting. In general, the CG will submit following proposal for the voting session: In our Action's final GP, we will organize one CG meeting plus one big event (final conference and MC meeting).

Rationale:

At the previous MC meeting in Florence, 2022, the MC made following decision. "The next GP needs to be dedicated to the WG activities as the deliverables are made there. Because of that it is suggested that the conference planned to be held in the GP3 take place as the final conference in GP4. This conference should be in the Grant Holder institution."

3. Draft plans for the following GP(s)

A draft plan for the following GPs is discussed. The focus will be on the major deliverables in form of the scientific book, ForestRestorationWiki, and catching up with deliverables.

Vladan Ivetić has given a short overview of the Progress Report emphasizing recommendations provided by the Rapporteur.

4. Upcoming activities

a. Next MC meeting and other networking tools

By leaving of Somidh Saha who resign from his position as the MC representative from Germany, our agreement with him to organize the September 2023 MC meeting as a local organizer is no longer valid. However, thanks to good will of Peter Anninghofer the meeting will be organized in Germany, but in Freising. This change will be submitted for approval by our Action SO.

The TS in Latvia is initiated and Dagnija Lazdina started to work on the organization. The TS in Sweden needs to be initiated by the end of April.

Other networking tools are going as planned. Up to date, we have 2 VM and 1 VMS grants approved, 1 manuscript ready for submission (Action dissemination tool).

b. Scientific book preparation

The work on the scientific book will be intensified. The book structure is offered to the CG members and authorship of sections and chapters is discussed. The technical requirements are discussed as well.

The Chairs, Working Group leaders and co-leaders will act as the editors. An editorial meeting will be organized by the end of this GP.

c. Progress report on the deliverables

The WGs leaders presented a short progress report on the deliverables and other activities.

The ForestRestorationWiki needs to be contributed with articles. Each WG is going to organize additional activities on contribution articles to the wiki page.