

1st WG1a Meeting Minutes

COST Action TD0904

Time In MEntal activitY: theoretical, behavioral, bioimaging and clinical perspectives (TIMELY)

Aalborg, Denmark, the 16th of February 2011

0. Welcome to participants

0.1 Meet with the WG1a coordinators and co-coordinators

Dr. Arstila, Dr. Mölder, and Professor Øhrstrøm were present at the meeting. Professor Eisler unfortunately was forced to cancel her participation at the last minute. Before adoption of the agenda, Dr. Arstila was chosen to be the chairman of the meeting.

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda of the meeting was settled after a free discussion based on the description of WG1a and its objectives. The following three issues were raised: bibliography, taxonomy, and collaboration with WG1b.

2. Bibliography of must-read-texts

Status: Dr. Vatakis had posted earlier a message concerning creating the bibliography of major texts related to WG1a objectives. This was posted to WG1a forum on TIMELY -website, but unfortunately few members had noticed it and thus there has not been any progress.

Decided future steps: It was decided that Dr. Arstila contacts the members of WG1a directly via email for their suggestions (preferably with few lines describing the texts). Once the proposals have been gathered, WG1a coordinators and co-coordinators engage in email conversation on deciding the short-list of the proposed texts.

3. Taxonomy

Status: One of the most important objectives of WG1a is to form taxonomy of time related terms in various disciplines. This should describe the similarities, dissimilarities, and usefulness of the terms across disciplines. It was decided that first phase related to this task will began in spring 2011 after first consulting with Dr. Vatakis on the practical issues concerning the implementation of the steps.

Planned future steps:

1. To collect all the related terms and the competing definitions of them.
2. To organize the different uses of the terms by highlighting their similarities and dissimilarities, both within and across disciplines.

Given the differences between the disciplines involved and other engagements of the members of TIMELY, both of these steps need be accomplished in a manner that allows the members easily comment and change other members' suggestions (i.e. system similar to Wikipedia).

3. Once the first and second steps are concluded, a more extensive treatment of the terms in the spirit of step two will be conducted. While the exact nature of this project and the form of the output remains undecided, a tentative plan is to invite those members of WG1a who have been active in the previous two steps and who are from different disciplines to work together on the paper focusing on the term that relate to their expertise.

4. Collaboration with WG1b

Given that definitions in empirical sciences are often operational, accomplishing both of the previous two tasks would not only benefit from the input given by the members of WG1b but presumably something similar would also be beneficial for the objectives of WG1b. Hence it was decided that Dr. Arstila contacts the WG1b coordinators to find out their interest in these two tasks.

5 Closing

Dr. Arstila thanked Professor Øhrstrøm for organizing the meeting and all the participants for attending to it.