

Meeting Minutes Management Committee Meeting

COST Action TD0904

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

Corfu, EL, February 4, 2013 [Time - 17:00-20:30]

0. **Welcome to participants** – Dr. Vatakis welcomed all participants to the 5th MC meeting. Members were attending both in person and through Skype.
1. **Adoption of agenda** – See also ANNEX 1 for powerpoint presentation related to the meeting.
2. **Matters arising**
 - a. **3rd and 4th year update; Final Conference** – Dr. Vatakis informed the participants that the Action is now at the end of its 3rd year and going towards its 4th and final year (April 2013-2014). She informed the participants that she has communicated with the COST office asking for the possibility of a Final Conference. The COST office offered a 3-month period after the completion of the Action to have a Final Conference. This Final Conference will be handled financially directly by COST. Finally, COST stated that they will provide financial support for this conference but as of now it is not clear what the level of this support will be. Dr. Vatakis will talk further with COST in order to have more specific details on this matter.
3. **Web news**
 - a. **Website Updates – Memberships** – Dr. Vatakis informed the participants that the website is updated continuously with all TD0904 related materials and other timing-related news. Additionally, she informed the participants that the Action is continuing to be popular with many researchers and countries joining the Action's website and mailing list.
4. **Action budget planning status**
 - a. **Funds status** – Dr. Vatakis informed the participants that the mid-term financial report was completed successfully and COST allocated the

remaining funds for the 3rd year of TD0904. She also informed the members that if there are left over funds this year from the activities, that some of the bank charges will be charged on the grant so to cover the left over funds.

5. STSM status, applications

- a. **1 completed; 2 pending for completion** – Dr. Vatakis reminded the participants of the three STSMs that were approved by an email procedure. She expressed however her concern that many people inquire about STSMs but do not actually apply for them. She encouraged all members to apply for an STSM and to continue the STSM dissemination, as she will do the same. She, however, expressed her satisfaction that many young researchers are participating in the Action (e.g., the Training School in Corfu where 40 out of 50 students were accepted for participation).

6. Publications, annual report – Dr. Vatakis updated the participants as to the status of the ongoing and future projects related to the aims of the Action. Specifically, she informed them about the:

- a. Edited book on Time Distortions in Mind – Temporal processing in clinical populations. Publisher: Brill – Currently in the editing stage.
- b. Acta Psychologica Special Issue Temporal Processing Within and Across Senses – Currently the deadline for submissions ended in January 2013.
- c. Timing & Time Perception Special Issue “Special Issue on the “The Golden Anniversary of Timing: The Internal Clock Model” – Currently the deadline is in March 2013 with a possible 1-2 months of extension.
- d. Edited book on “Multisensory Timing” – A planned project.
- e. Edited Book Volume as a result of the TIMELing Conference – Currently in the submission stage.
- f. Special Issue in Frontiers as a result of the JAMMMIT meeting – Currently in the submission stage.
- g. Edited Book on Measurement-Methodologies of Timing – A project planned for the near future.
- h. Proceedings Volume for Final Conference – A project planned for the end of the Action.
- i. Acknowledgement of TIMELY in papers/presentations.

7. Request for new members – Dr. Vatakis reminded the participants about the decisions made through an email procedure:

- a. Three additions from US and CA; rejection of SR candidates

- b. Finally, it was decided that given the ending of the Action that there will be no further additions of non-cost countries.
- 8. **Promotion of gender balance and of Early Stage Researchers (ESR)** – The Action is well-balanced both in terms of gender and ESRs, thus no specific action is required.
- 9. **Non-COST country participations** – See point 7.
- 10. **Progress report of working groups** – Dr. Vatakis informed the participants about all the activities that took and are taking place under the various working groups:
 - a. WG1 – Corfu Training School
 - b. WG2 – TIMELing
 - c. WG3 - Tuebingen Meeting etc.
 - d. WG4 – Tuebingen Meeting, Corfu Training School. She informed all the participants that all goals of the Action for the 3rd year are going to be completed successfully.
- 11. **Long-term planning** –
 - a. Dr. Vatakis informed the participants about all the upcoming events that will be taking place in order to complete the goals of the Action for the final year:
 - i. 2-day Meeting on Developmental Aspects of Timing & MC Meeting [Granada, SP]
 - ii. 1-day Meeting on Temporal Prediction [Grenada, SP]
 - iii. Training School on Imaging Time [DE]
 - iv. Fechner Day 2013 Conference [DE]
 - v. Rhythm Perception & Performance Workshop [UK]
 - vi. National Cognitive Science Conference [GR]
 - vii. Possibility for a Philosophy-psychology of timing meeting [negotiation stage]
 - viii. STSMs
 - b. June 2014 – End of the Action - Large Final Conference [GR]. Dr. Vatakis informed the participant about the planning of the final Action conference (see also 2). She reminded everyone that she opened the discussion about the Final conference in EBBS2011 (4th MC Meeting) and she had asked about possible hosts. No hosting proposals were made and, thus, she started the inquiries of hosting the conference in GR. She is currently acquiring estimates for locations and budgeting from a number of conference organization agencies. A decision on the location and date of the conference is planned for Feb. 2013.
 - c. Continuation of TIMELY after the end of COST – Dr. Vatakis opened the discussion regarding the continuation of TD0904 (see also Annex 1).

She expressed her satisfaction for the success of the Network and that effort should be made to keep the network active after the completion of TD0904. In order to succeed this she proposed three possible options for discussion:

- i. Option A: No European funding [e.g., International Society for the Study of Time (ISST) model]. Continuation of the network as it is, with membership fees and an annual organization of a large conference [with enough conference fees to cover the expenses of the conference]. Dr. Vatakis was not very positive for this option given the: a) legal and financial responsibilities associated with this option; b) critical times in terms of finances; c) past experience with ISST was not satisfying. Some participants suggested that this option should be considered by: a) having very low annual fees and b) offering the Network's members a sense of belonging to a timing group.
- ii. Option B: No European funding [e.g., International Multisensory Research Forum (IMRF) model]. Continuation of the network as it is, with an annual organization of a large conference [no membership fees but enough conference fees to cover the expenses of the conference]. Dr. Vatakis was positive in terms of this option given that members will not have to pay annual fees but still have a large conference where the timing community can meet once a year. She also pointed out that this option allows for free governance; that is, the organization and responsibility of the conference and the network will change every year. Thus, this option will not burden one person with keeping the network "alive", plus it will allow for fresh ideas and new people to join annually. She also stated that if we choose this option she would be willing to keep the Network's Website updated and active. Some participants considered this as a good option, however some members pointed out that given the large size of TIMELY an annual conference organization might negatively affect smaller timing groups (e.g., RPPW workshop). It was suggested that smaller timing activities could be protected by either having them as part of the Network (and, thus, part of the Network's conference) or by making sure to communicate with these groups and avoid activity overlap.
- iii. Option C: European Funding [COST, Cogito Foundation, Horizon 2020 – Coordinating Actions, ITN]. Dr. Vatakis presented the final

option, which was related to a funding proposal to a EU agency. She explored many funding options (COST, Cogito Foundation, Horizon 2020 – Coordinating Actions, ITN) but the most appropriate sources were those of COST and ITN. For both of those options, she suggested that it may be appropriate for another person to take initiative, particularly a young researcher. Of course this new person will have her support and guidance given the past experience with TIMELY. In the case no one is interested in taking over the Network, Dr. Vatakis stated that she will consider continuing the effort but with a more focused and smaller in size network. Participants seem to favor the option for applying for EU funding either as a stand-alone option or with a combination of the Options A and/or B.

12. Place and date of next meeting

- a. Granada, Spain – 16-18 October 2013.

13. AOB

14. Closing