

## MINUTES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2014, MAINZ

Meeting takes place with MC representatives from 15 countries

### 1. COST AND H2020:

Current rules stopped applying in September 30.

- The figure of the COST rapporteur disappeared.

- General COST budget increased from 250 millions to 300 millions in 7y.

- Inclusiveness countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, FYR Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Luxembourg, Portugal) will play a more prominent role.

### 2. STATUS OF THE ACTION:

#### 2.a COST countries:

Two new countries joined since last CG meeting: Ireland (MC: T. McLaughlin) and Turkey (MC: N.S. Deger, D. Van den Bleeken). 21 countries now in the Action.

Romania (MC: E. Babalic, D. Ghilencea ?.) is in the process of joining.

#### 2.b Non-COST countries:

Approved (after last report from us):

- U. Católica de Chile (M. Bañados)
- U. Buenos Aires (G. Giribet)
- U. de Chile (G. Palma)
- Stanford U. (R. Kallosh)

In the process of approval from COST DC:

- U. Antofagasta (Chile) (A. Restuccia, M.P. García del Moral, A. Sotomayor)

Template completion:

- U. Seoul and Center for Theoretical Physics of the Universe (S-J Rey)

**Now in the Action: 528 members, 14% women, 47% ESR.**

### 3. BUDGET PLAN GRANT PERIOD 2 (JUNE 2, 2014 TO JUNE 1, 2015):

A modification of the budget plan is approved in order to support the annual salary of the Action's secretary Federica Crespi. The final budget plan for period 2 is:

A. COST NETWORKING TOOLS	EUR
(1) MEETINGS	60.590,00
(2) TRAINING SCHOOLS	32.000,00
(3) STSM	28.700,00
(4) DISSEMINATION	250,00
(5) OERSA	200,00
<b>B. TOTAL SCIENCE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>121.740,00</b>
C. FSAC (15% of B.)	18.260,00
<b>D. TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>140.000,00</b>

### 4. PROGRESS REPORT OF WGS:

#### 4.a WG events (grant period 1):

- **WG1/WG3: "Black Holes and Quantum Information"**, Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, January 12-17, 2014

- **WG2: "Supersymmetry Breaking in String Theory"**, Newton Institute, March 10-14, 2014

#### 4.b WG events (grant period 2):

- **WG1/1st Training School: "String Theory and Holography"**, Lisbon, July 14-18, 2014  
"Mathematica Summer School on Theoretical Physics: Selected Topics in Holography", Porto, July 21-26, 2014.

- **WG1/WG3: "Holographic Methods for Strongly Coupled Systems"**, GGI, April 13-17, 2015  
Approved budget: 2 KE

- **WG1/WG3: "Holographic Renormalization Group and Entanglement"**, Paris 7, January 28-30, 2015.  
Approved budget: 7 KE

- **WG2: "Physics and Geometry of F-theory"**, Max Planck, Munich, February 23-26, 2015.  
Approved budget: 4,5 KE

#### 4.c Composition of WG core groups:

Chair and vice-Chair recommend that the core groups of WG1 and WG3 are enlarged to accommodate all research directions. This will be especially useful for the preparation of the annual report. WG3 already enlarged with the addition of Ivonne Zabala (Swansea).

#### **5. STSM (report by Anna Ceresole):**

- 27 visits funded in first year (out of 29 requests), with a budget of 33KE, 20 resulted in new publications
- 3rd call opened in september 1st. Decision and notification will be made on October 10. Budget of 28,7 KE.

#### **6. GENDER ACTIVITIES (report by Marián Liedó):**

- Summary of gender and outreach activities so far. All material in webpage.
- New "Initiative on Gender and Science in High School" explained. Women are encouraged to participate.
- Announcement of "1st Workshop on String Theory and Gender", Valencia, July 2015.
- New application will be opened in the webpage to collect outreach activities from members of the Action and share outreach material.

#### **7. ACTIVITIES FOR ESR AND SURVEYS (report by Gabriele Honecker):**

- Discussion of outputs of surveys conducted after the meetings in Bern, Weizmann, Cambridge and Lisbon/Porto.
- New survey sent after the meeting in Mainz.

#### **8. JOINT POSTDOC SELECTION PROCEDURE (report by Toine Van Proeyen):**

Rules of the joint postdoc selection procedure are summarized and institutes are invited to participate. The dates December 17-18, 2014 are proposed for the meeting in Leuven.

#### **9. FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

##### 9.a Grant period 2: (June 2014 - May 2015)

- **WG events** listed in section 4.

##### 9.b Grant period 3: (June 2015 - May 2016)

- "**21st European Workshop on String Theory and 3rd String Theory Universe Workshop**", Leuven, September 7-11, 2015.
- **WG1: "Challenges for AdS/CFT in higher dimensions: a workshop"**, Technion (Haifa), July 2015.
- **WG2: "School and Workshop Bringing together String Theory, Particle Physics and Cosmology"**, GGI-Florence, October 19-30, 2015.
- **WG5: "First Workshop on String Theory and Gender"**, Valencia, July 2015.

Estimated budget:

WG5 event: 5 KE

WG1 event: 1/3 of remaining budget (estimated on 12 KE)

WG2 event: 2/3 of remaining budget (estimated on 25 KE)

(MC approved on 8/9/2014)

Chair invites people to start discussing about a Scientific Strategic Meeting in which future plans can be discussed.

##### 9.c Grant period 4: (June 2016 - March 2017)

- **Second Training School**, 2016. Interest Cargèse. A call will be opened in October.
- **Final Workshop**, 2016. Interest Bulgaria. A call will be opened before the end of the year.

#### **10. WEBSITE:**

- PhD advertisement page will be improved. A reminder will be sent in january for collecting openings.
- Creation of a scientific forum for ESR and students. It is proposed that young researchers take care of this.

#### **11. NEXT MC AND CG MEETINGS:**

- Next MC meeting will take place during the Workshop in Leuven in September 2015.
- It is discussed that it may be convenient that the CG meets in GGI-Florence during the WG1 event "Holographic methods for strongly coupled systems", April 2015.