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Annex 1 – WP_5.B.1.2_TUNING_application.pdf

SUMMARY

Objectives:

WP5 sub-group B report on progress and issues since the first Steering Group Meeting in January 2012. All participants reviewed the Year 1 tasks and deliverables.

Rationale: As there were so few participants in Sub-group B, the discussion was limited to a presentation of the TUNING application, and the proposed summary from the SIRUS project.

Results:

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- Updating of TUNING application: the previous TUNING application was circulated (**Annex 1**) and decisions taken with regard to its updating, especially in connection with the AQUATNET work on Doctoral course work, which could be very relevant.

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Geographical areas covered: Not applicable

Minutes (final)

WP5 contains three sub-groups with separate agendas, linked by their joint overall objective, to complete and finalise previous work, and for the completed deliverables to be disseminated in separate international workshops. WP5 Core group meetings are therefore minuted in a distinctive format which records both the general group discussion as well as the specific sub-group discussions. The whole group discussions are recorded after the specific Sub-group discussion and decisions.

The meeting opened at 9.45hrs with round-table introductions followed by an overview of the project: results and achievements of previous project were outlined, current progress was reported, and future events, especially the Annual Event, were briefly commented on (full report below).

Sub-group B (K. Jauncey) - main tasks:

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Suggested future actions from sub-group B

- Extract from SIRUS project to be summarised for internal circulation
- Info pack on TUNING to be prepared (mid June if possible), with amended application details to be put online by 1st week of May
- 3rd cycle description in TUNING needs to be updated and TUNING document needs to be made interactive (treated as live document for all-partner comments)

Plenary presentation and general discussions

J. Bostock ran over administrative issues, especially the amended budget. Though WP5 has as its main deliverables at least 3 separate major dissemination and hands-on workshops, there is no budget set aside for these. It was suggested that these contracted deliverables should be run as part of the Annual Events, which was not acceptable to Sub-group C, whose remit it was to run 2-day workshops with a large number of participants. This situation is further aggravated by the budgetary decision that participation in Annual Events be limited to 55. The PESCALEX workshop could be funded under a new proposal that has been submitted. But without additional funding, it will be almost impossible to deliver these workshops as described in the proposal. The potential for finding sponsorship for the workshops and/or charging participants, as well as seeking additional EC funding, was also discussed. This subject should be further explored at the forthcoming Annual Event in Malaga.

Information on the EATIP Knowledge Management Thematic Area was shown and it was noted that both general and specific EU Call descriptions in this area could provide favourable opportunities for the network. It would be very useful to monitor the progress as well as the final publication of the relevant Call in June 2012.

The publication of the joint Seixas/Bostock/Eleftheriou paper on *Promoting Sustainable Aquaculture, Building the Capacity of Local Institutions and Online Teaching (elearning)* in Azeiteiro *et al.* in "Marine Environmental Quality and Sustainability", led to a discussion on the possibility of producing a special issue on the activities and outputs on AQUATNET. Suggestions as to appropriate journals covered the following: innovatory teaching issues, marine issues, special issue or session of the EAS, WFC publication, or internet journal. Specific journals since suggested include European Journal of Education, Journal of European Higher Education Area, European Journal of Educational Studies, European Journal of Open, Distance and E-Learning, European Journal of Higher Education, Lifelong Learning in Europe.

General discussion outcomes

- The proposed Sub-group A Workshop scheduled for Month 10 should be re-scheduled in the light of the ECVET 3rd Forum to take place in Brussels at the end of May.
- Sub-group A leader S. Seixas to attend ECVET 3rd forum to benefit planning for proposed workshop.
- Contact should be sought with peer-reviewed journals with a view to possible publication of AQUATNET special issue.
- Details concerning date and agenda of the Annual Event to be circulated later.