



**Draft Minutes of the 2nd Management Committee Meeting
COST Action IC0702**

**Action IC0702: Combining Soft Computing Techniques and Statistical Methods
to Improve Data Analysis Solutions
Monday, October 20th 2008, Warsaw (PL)**

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Dr. Christian Borgelt, welcomed the participants of the 2nd Management Committee Meeting of COST Action IC0702 and thanked Prof. Janusz Kacprzyk for the local organization of the meeting.

The list of members of the Management Committee of COST Action IC0702 attending this second meeting is included in Annex I.

2. Approval of the kick-off meeting minutes

The draft minutes of the kick-off meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Presentation by the COST Administrative Officer

Ms. Sophie Beaubron, ICT Administrative Officer, presented the main points of the COST programme, the ICT Domain and Action IC0702 (see Annex II). She introduced some important COST tools to support Early Stage Researchers (Short Term Scientific Missions and Training Schools) and to collaborate with non-COST countries.

4. Action progress to date

Dr. Christian Borgelt summarised the objectives of the Action and presented the activities of the Action to date: the kick-off meeting, the new members of the Management Committee and the Workshop organized by the Action at ERCIM 2008 Conference in



Neuchâtel, Switzerland, on June 21-22 (see Annex II). Dr. Raul del Coso, the Grant Holder representative, presented the budget and actual expenses for the first reporting period (April-June 2008) that focused on the Workshop sessions at ERCIM'08 (see Annex II).

5. Work plan and budget (July 2008 – June 2009)

Dr. Raul del Coso presented the Workplan for the second reporting period. Apart from this 2nd MC meeting, the main activities planned are the 3rd MC Meeting coinciding with Working Groups meetings and thematic Workshops, and 10 Short Term Scientific Missions. The budget allocated by COST for these activities was shown to the MC.

The possibility to use actual expenses instead of flat rates was discussed. The MC decided to continue using a flat rate but cheaper flat rates for accommodation would be proposed on a case-by-case base.

6. Time and place of next MC meeting

The MC agreed to hold the 3rd MC meeting in Mallorca, Spain, on 16-17 March 2009. The MC will take place on the morning of Monday 16, the WG meetings and workshops will be organized on the afternoon of Monday 16 and Tuesday 17. The possibility to invite experts not involved in this Action and to open the Workshops to external attendees was approved.

7. Work Groups

The MC approved current list of Working Group members unanimously (see Annex III). The discussion about the WGs' topics and organization was postponed to the WG meetings that were held after the MC meeting.

8. Short term scientific missions

The four applications for STMS received to date were presented and discussed. Because of formal errors in the applications, the deadline to correct them was set for 31 October 2008. The next deadline for new STSM applications was agreed to be 30 November 2008. Thereafter, the applications will be evaluate every two months.



The MC approved unanimously to delegate the approval of STSM to the Short Term Scientific Missions Assessment Committee (Dr. Borgelt, Dr. Guarracino and Prof. Denoeux) and the WG leaders (Prof. Verleysen, Dr. Sousa and Prof. Gil).

Following the discussion of the MC, a guidelines document with the selection criteria for STSM will be generated.

9. Workshops and Training events

The events to be organized during the third reporting period (July 2009 - June 2010) were discussed. There are two conferences that could be interesting to co-organize the WGs' Workshops and the Training School that are planned for the third reporting period:

- IFSA Conference to be held in Lisbon in July 2009
- ERCIM Conference to be held in Cyprus in October 2009

10. Closing

Dr. Christian Borgelt concluded the meeting by thanking the participants and encouraging them to have fruitful discussions during the subsequent Working Group meetings.