



RadioNet FP7 Executive Committee 1

Date: 17 March 2009; 11.00 - 11.30
Place: Telecon

Participants: Michel Guélin, Phil Diamond, Simon Garrington, Michael Garrett, Huib-Jan van Langevelde, Arpad Szomoru, Corina Vogt, Anton Zensus, André van Es

Peter Wilkinson can not participate.

2. Contract Status

The last news from Brussels is that all entities are validated. There were two institutes IRAM and NRAO with which the EC had difficulty to determine to what type of entity (public or private) they belonged.

The consortium agreement will be available through the FP7 RadioNet Wiki.

3. Agenda Kick Off and First Board Meeting

Comments for agenda: It was asked what the difference for the presentations about JRAs and TNA's is on both dates. It is explained that at the first day a general presentation is expected and at the second day a more detailed planning for the coming 18 month should be presented. This should be made clear to the speaker. Corina Vogt will do that.

Kick-off/board meeting agenda: It is suggested that the issues left of FP6 are discussed in a separate FP6 meeting and should be deleted from the agenda of the upcoming FP7 RadioNet board meeting. Lessons learned however is important and should stay on the agenda. This is agreed upon.

No more comments: With the above changes, the agenda can be announced as final.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Michael Garrett reports that he has asked for nominates and has so far received only one nomination. He suggests to extend the deadline till the end of the week, ie. Friday. Michael Garrett sends a message today.

As a side note the vice chair would become chair if RadioNet gets extended thus having a vice chair is important. This information should be included in the email.

5. Reports on JRA kick-off

UniBoard: The kick-off meeting February 26/27 was well attended. All partners send representative except Korea. They will meet with the Koreans at the Kick-off meeting. They realised that it is a challenge to clarify the hardware requirements; no hires yet.

ALBiUS: The kick-off meeting was held on March 2-3. All partners were present. There exist some worries about the commitment of certain partners.

A question is raised to both projects if they can foresee already a delay if people have been not hired yet. This does not seem a problem as the funding is rather limited (ie. a year or so) to spread over the coming years.

APRICOT: The kick-off meeting took place on March 12.

AMSTAR+: The kick off meeting will take place on May 20th in Grenoble. There will be 12 institutes represented.

6. TNA update

Simon Garrington reports briefly. There is not much news. Unfortunately he can not attend the RadioNet Kick-off/board meeting. It is decided that there should be a possibility for him to dial in the board meeting. Andre van Es will organise a telecon conference system.

7. Networking Activities

Corina Vogt reports briefly on the status. the various networking activities start to plan their meetings.

8. AOB

It is announced that a press release for the kick-off was prepared. This press release has been distributed with the agenda for this meeting.

Feedback should be sent to Andre van Es and/or Corina Vogt before it will then be distributed to the board and finally released.

A clarification for the mechanism of handling the travel funds is requested.

It seems that the per diem refund has been ruled out by the EC. Therefore the travel claims will have to be handled the same way as in FP6.

It is mentioned that the kick-off and board presentation should be on the RadioNet Wiki one week in advance, ie. by Monday March 22.