Grant Awarding Committee review

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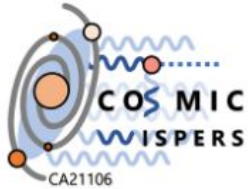

Structure

- María Benito Castaño, Estonia, young scientist (ITC)
- Andrea Caputo, CERN - Switzerland, young scientist
- Iuliu-Calin Lazaroiu, România, (ITC)
- Serkant Cetin, Türkiye, (ITC)
- Venelin Kozhuharov, Grant Awarding Coordinator, Bulgaria (ITC)

Majority of the ITC members!

40 % young scientists, 80 % ITC …

Decisions based on voting (not on agreement), equal weight of the vote of each member

Grant types

- Short-Term Scientific Mission grant
  - Support the mobility of scientists, evaluated on quantized basis
  - Evaluations on quantized basis
- ITC Conference grant
  - Participation of members from ITC in events
  - Evaluated continuously,
- Dissemination Conference grant
  - Represent the action activities at high profile conferences
  - Prerogative of Action Chair approval
- Virtual Networking Support
- Virtual Mobility grant

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Decision policy

https://e-services.cost.eu/evoting/vote/cfb2045f-43cb-4a95-8e48-272533064bfe/documents/907/download

- Aimed for transparent decision policy, documented as much as possible

Guiding principles for the procedure and application for grants and schools
within
COST action CA21106

COSMIC WISPers in the Dark Universe

Grant Evaluation Committee

- So far we considered only **eligibility** on the basis of Grant Awarding Committee decision

Evaluation criteria and scoring table for STSM

Criteria	Range	Score
I. Eligibility		
1. Is the scientific topic of the application within the scope of the action?	Yes/No	
2. Is the applicant a member of a working group from 1 to 4?	Yes/No	
II. Reference letters		
3. Evaluation of the reference letter	0 - 5 points	
III. Scientific quality		
4. Capacity of the proposed activity to enlarge the research group potential	0 - 5 points	
5. Quality of the research proposal	0 - 5 points	
6. CV of the candidate	0 - 5 points	
IV. Budget		
7. Is the budget prepared with detailed expenses breakout?	0 - 5 points	
8. Are all foreseen expenses justified?	0 - 5 points	

Applications

- Short-Term Scientific Mission grant

Session	Number of applications	Approved
I	**3**	**2**
II	**5**	**3**
III	**1**	**1**

Success rate: 66 %

STSM funds: 11500

- ITC Conference grant
  - 2 applications, 1 successful
- Dissemination Conference grant
  - 1 application, 1 approved

ITCG funds: 850

DCG funds: 1250

Total funds: 13600 euro

School participation

- Considered also as part of the grant awarding to individual participants
- A selection procedure developed to choose the successful candidates
  - Aimed to be applied
- For this year the evaluation was based only on **eligibility**
  - due to limited number of applicants
- To be tested next year?

Addendum 3

Evaluation criteria and scoring table for schools

Criteria	Range	Score
I. Eligibility		
1. Is the scientific topic of the application within the scope of the action?	YES/NO	
2. Does the applicant come from an eligible country?	YES/NO	
II. Reference letters		
3. Evaluation of the reference letter	0 - 10 points	
III. Impact		
4. Capacity of school to impact the applicant's career	0 - 5 points	
5. Quality of the motivation letter	0 - 10 points	
6. CV of the candidate	0 - 10 points	
7. Plan for scientific contribution of the applicant to the school, when applicable (oral presentation - 5 points, poster - 3 points, no contribution - 0 points; other forms of contribution - judged by the Grant Evaluation Committee)	0 - 5 points	

Conclusions: Grant procedure

- Insufficient interest during the first year
  - Information distribution?
  - Pushing young scientists to apply?
  - Selection of conferences to suggest to young researchers from ITC?
  - something else?
    - The more the applicants, the more the work :)
- A (quasi-working) procedure for grant evaluations established
  - democratic, open vote, but will not disclose the individual votes outside the committee
  - the vote is final and is not changed by the Grant Awarding Coordinator (even in the case of complains)
- Experience of the Grant Evaluation Committee
  - we also learn on the fly, hopefully we will be better next year :)

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