

A big THANK YOU to the local organisers of our first Annual Meeting in Porto! For all of you, and especially those who weren't able to join the 120 participants, there is a link to the presentations on the website. After login, you can access them at http://arbre-mobieu.eu/porto_presentations/

Announcements

- A warm welcome to **Slovakia** as 25th member country of the MOBIEU COST Action!
- Rob Gilbert is the new leader of WG7 – External Synergies. We wish him good luck in this new task and we thank Michaela Wimmerova for her work as WG7 leader during the first year of the Action.
- *WG4 – Optimization of Data Quality – call for leader and co-leader – Extended Deadline May 22th 2017.* Following Rob Gilbert's accession to WG7 leadership, WG4 is temporarily without a leader. Stefan Knauer, currently co-leader, acts as interim leader and has indicated his willingness to formally take over WG4 leadership (pending Management Committee approval). Candidates for the WG4 leader/co-leader position are thus welcome. If you are interested please contact Stefan for more info (stefan.knauer@uni-bayreuth.de), and send your application to Patrick England (patrick.england@pasteur.fr) and Tom Jowitt (thomas.a.jowitt@manchester.ac.uk).
- *First Call for practical training schools – Deadline 30th June 2017.* A call for support of courses on molecular-scale biophysics will be out very soon. Stay tuned on your email. Detailed information will be posted on the website.

Reminders

Deadlines are approaching for the following events/calls:

- *Satellite to the EBSA2017.* The meeting "Biophysical Approaches to Protein Folding and Disease", to be held in Edinburgh 20th - 21st July 2017. The abstract submission deadline has been extended to May 22nd. More info at : <http://arbre-mobieu.eu/ebsa-satellite/>
- *Spring STSM call for short missions to be carried out starting from June 2017.* The deadline for applications has been extended to May 29th. COST has very recently changed the submission procedure. More info at: <http://arbre-mobieu.eu/stsm-statement>
- *Call for venue for the Second Plenary Meeting and beyond.* The deadline has been extended to May 29th for the 2018 meeting. Letters of intent for organising the next meetings in 2019 and 2020 are also welcome. See <http://arbre-mobieu.eu/2045-2/>

News from WG4 (optimization of data quality)

- Dr. Nikola Chmel (University of Warwick, UK) is leading a benchmarking study on circular dichroism (CD) spectroscopy. The study, starting on May 30th 2017, aims to improve the quality of CD data within ARBRE-MOBIEU and beyond. We ask for your active participation. The deadline for enrolling is May 22nd. For more information and the sign-up form please visit: <http://warwick.ac.uk/nikolachmel/cdsurvey>
- Standards in Biophysics. We launched a short survey to help us develop appropriate standards for the community. Please take 5-minutes to complete it. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YSJMKCH>
- Please don't forget to feed in the information concerning the quality control of your samples in the ARBRE-MOBIEU/P4EU survey at: <http://goo.gl/forms/aFS8CkH96s>

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