

Our 3rd Plenary meeting “**Molecular Biophysics: ABC of the puzzle of Life**” has been a huge success: 180 people from the ARBRE-MOBIEU network gathered in Zagreb to listen to 4 keynote talks, 16 talks selected from the 95 submitted abstracts, 24 flash posters presentations and 11 presentations from the Platinum sponsors.

Oral presentations can be downloaded at https://arbre-mobieu.eu/zagreb_2019_presentations/

During the 3 posters sessions 73 members presented and discussed their research, exchanged ideas and fostered collaborations. Platinum and Gold sponsors had booths and posters to present their technological novelties to the community. The prizes for best oral and best poster presentations were awarded to Mario Brameshuber (Austria) and Laure Bar (France), respectively.

A big cheer to our hosts Nadica Ivošević DeNardis and Tomislav Vuletić for the successful organization. You can find meeting pictures and the book of abstract in this page:

<https://arbre-mobieu.eu/3rd-arbre-mobieu-plenary-meeting-zagreb-2019/>

Nomination

Following the Zagreb meeting, *Francesca Spanò* (Genoa, Italy) has been nominated as ARBRE-MOBIEU Science Communication Manager. In close relation with WG1 (Communication and Membership), she will be focusing on external communication and dissemination of the results of the network. You can contact her at francesca.spano@cnr.it

Announcements

The call for hosting the **4th Plenary meeting in February-March 2020** is open. Candidate institutions can download the expression of interest form from the website at: <https://arbre-mobieu.eu/3619-2/> Please send your application before June 10th 2019 to Patrick England (patrick.english@pasteur.fr) and Tom Jowitt (thomas.a.jowitt@manchester.ac.uk).

The **Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) Conference Grant Scheme**, provides bursaries to PhD students and early career investigators (ECI, max 8 years from PhD) from ITCs for attending international conferences linked to Molecular Scale Biophysics. Applications for 500 € maximum bursaries are open, in particular for candidates who have submitted an abstract to participate in the EBSA-IUPAP congress in Madrid (<http://www.ebsa2019.com>) or to the ECSBM European Conference on Spectroscopy of Biological Molecules in Dublin (<http://ecsbm2019.com/>). More info at: <https://arbre-mobieu.eu/arbre-mobieu-inclusiveness-target-country-conference-grant-scheme-2019-2020/>

The **6th regular call for STSMs**, to be carried out between May and December 2019, will open soon. You may start to plan your missions now, the call and its deadline will be set once the new COST Vademecum, with modified rules for STSMs, comes into action in May. You should visit the webpage before preparing your submission to check the general rules (<https://arbre-mobieu.eu/stsm-statement>). Also, do not forget to select the host lab and instruments in the TNA database (<https://arbre-mobieu.eu/transnational-access-search>) before submitting your application.

News from the WGs

WG2 - Dos and Don'ts of writing collaborative grants. We have put together some experiences and advice collected in our WG2 meeting in Zagreb, these are now available under ‘**Grants**’ in the members' only area of the ARBRE-MOBIEU website.

WG4 - MST (MicroScale Thermophoresis) benchmarking study. The study, coordinated by Arthur Sedivy, has started in March and is now looking for a scientist dedicated to data analysis, possibly in the frame of a short term scientific mission. For more info, please visit the MST benchmarking page (<https://arbre-mobieu.eu/mst-benchmark-call/>) or contact Arthur directly (arthur.sedivy@vbcf.ac.at).

WG6 – Partnership with instrument developers and manufacturing companies – has opened a new **Forum** discussion on “Technology alert” (aiming at sharing knowledge on new techniques in Molecular Biophysics and at fostering interactions between the ARBRE-MOBIEU community and companies manufacturing new instruments). Log in into our website and participate in the forum discussions (<https://arbre-mobieu.eu/forums/topic/technology-alert/>).

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