COST ACTION CA16215 – EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR THE PROMOTION OF PORTABLE, AFFORDABLE AND SIMPLE ANALYTICAL PLATFORMS.

"There ain't no rules around here! We're trying to accomplish something!"
Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931), U. S. inventor

Dear Members and Friends,

Time is ripe for our second newsletter with two main points to address. First, we are now less than three weeks away from the 1st portASAP meeting in Porto; you will find the last information below. Second, we can already start drafting the budget for the second Grant Period (from 2018-05-01 to 2019-04-30). You will also find below a description of the different networking activities possible within a COST Action together with templates for expressions of interest.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in Porto,

Guillaume

1ST PortASAP Meeting

HOTELS: The conference will be held at the Axis Hotel; however, there are very few rooms left at the agreed price. The Eurostars Oporto Hotel is an excellent alternative at less than 15 min by foot from the Axis. There is also an Ibis Hotel

near the IPO Metro station and at 20 min by foot from the Axis.

PROGRAM: You can access here a preliminary version of the conference program.

POSTERS: I would like to remind you that there will be no physical display of the posters. These will be shown on screen during breaks and will be printed in the book of abstracts. Posters are a great way to expose your expertise and interest in the COST Action and may help you to find partners for research projects. We will accept poster submissions until the 28th of February. You can submit a poster even if you are not present in the conference in Porto. Please find the poster template here.

2ND Grant Period

We must already think about the second Grant period (GP). For this GP we should focus on developing basic tools that we can then promote and disseminate in the following GP. The COST permits different Networking Actions. So that I can draft the budget, I need some information on what you would like

to do. You will find below a quick description of various possible dissemination tools. If you are interested in some of those, reply to the call for Expressions of Interest (EoI) before the 9th of April, so this action can be included in the budget for the next GP. Do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss your plan and budget.

MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS: Meetings are organised by COST Action Management Committees in any COST country participating in the network. COST will contribute to the travel and subsistence costs of participating scientists, and to the organisation costs of the meeting. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, please fill the form MaW-EoI-2018.

SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS: Short-term scientific missions (STSM) are exchange visits between researchers involved in a COST Action. These are aimed at fostering collaborations, sharing new techniques and infrastructures. If you are interested in hosting an STSM, please fill the form STSM-EoI-2018.

TRAINING SCHOOLS: Training Schools provide intensive training in emerging research topics within the laboratories and organisations involved in the COST Action. If you are interested in hosting a training school, please fill the form TS-EoI-2018.

Work Group Leaders

Workgroups are essential to the running of the PortASAP COST Action. Please, if you have not done so yet, contact up to two Group Leaders from the workgroups you are interested in participating. Additionally, everyone involved in the COST Action belongs to WG6.

WORKGROUPS AND GROUP LEADER CONTACTS:

WG1: Validation and dissemination of open-source hardware (Dr Krisjanis Smits - smits(at)cfi.lu.lv).

WG2: Information and communication technology and software development (Prof Massimo Panella - massimo.panella(at)uniroma1.it)

WG3: Field tests and applications (Dr Christian Degrigny - christian.degrigny(at)he-arc.ch)

WG4: Sample treatment and microfluidics (Prof Elefteria Psillakis - elia(at)enveng.tuc.gr)

WG5: New instrumentation (Prof Rita Asquini - rita.asquini(at)uniroma1.it)

WG6: Exploitation of results (Dr Lorena Vidal – lorena.vidal(at)ua.es)

Social Media

While waiting for the website, you can follow portASAP is the following social media: *Mendeley*, *ResearchGate* and *LinkedIn*.