

# ARIMNet2

## Work Package 7 \_ D7.2

### Governing Board and Executive Committee

### Meeting reports

### Period 1 (M1-M18)

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## *"Agricultural Research In the Mediterranean area",* **ARIMNet2**

June 11,12 & 13, 2014  
Campus de la Gaillarde INRA-SupAgro, Montpellier, France  
Bât. 9, Amphithéâtre Philippe Lamour

The biannual meeting of the project was held on June 11, 12 and 13 in Montpellier (France).

On the first day, the ARIMNet2 partners organized a presentation of the mid-term results of the ten research projects which were funded through the ARIMNet Joint Call 2011. Each one of these transnational projects gathers several research teams from the Northern, Southern and Eastern Mediterranean. They cover a broad range of issues that are strategic for Mediterranean agriculture mainly regarding the sustainability of crops, livestock and production systems; the efficiency in water and other resources use in agriculture; the sustainable management of crop and animal health; and the production and trade of safe and quality products all along the supply chain.

The two following days were dedicated to the actions planned in ARIMNet2: launching of a transnational Joint Call, implementation of joint activities to develop mobility and capacity building, reflection on the actions that could be carried out in order to strengthen the link between research and innovation. Several actions were decided and discussed. The preannouncement of the next Joint Call for proposal was launched. All the information is published on the ARIMNet2 website: [http://www.arimnet2.net/files/ARIMNet2\\_JOINT\\_CALL\\_Pre\\_announcement\\_1July2014.pdf](http://www.arimnet2.net/files/ARIMNet2_JOINT_CALL_Pre_announcement_1July2014.pdf)

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Participants: See list in annex 1

## Mid-term Scientific meeting of the ARIMNet Research Projects

June 11, 2014

ARIMNet2 organized the mid-term follow-up meeting of the projects funded through the 2011 ARIMNet Joint Call for proposals. This meeting was organized in two sessions:

- Public presentation of the main results of the projects at mid-term, with the participation of coordinators and review panel members
  - Bilateral meetings between each coordinator and the review panel and Call Board. These private meetings were the opportunity to discuss the scientific problems, identified lacks and adjustments of the work plans.
- One short meeting was also planned for the review panel at the beginning to prepare the meeting.

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08:30-09:00 Review panel meeting

Participants: ARIMNet2 coordinator, ARIMNet1 Call Board, Experts of the ARIMNet1 Call Evaluation Committee (Mohamed Hen Hamouda –IRESA/TN-, Bernard Hubert- Agropolis International/FR-, Meriem Laouar –INRAA/DZ-, Spyros Vizantinopoulos –NAGREF/GR)

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### *Public event: "Agricultural Research In the Mediterranean area", Insights from the ARIMNet funded projects*

Presentation (20 min) and discussion (10 min) of the main results of the 10 projects

Participants: See list in Annex 1

First Marie-Laure Navas, Deputy Director General for academic and scientific programmes (Montpellier SupAgro), welcomes the participants. Then Florence Jacquet, coordinator of the project, presents ARIMNet1 and 2 (see ppt).

The presentation of the results of the projects starts with Mohammed Ben Hamouda as chair of the morning session and Bernard Hubert for the afternoon session. This session was a scientific exchange. It was not dedicated to the administrative and financial follow-up or the difficulties of realization or management.

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- DoMEStic, *Mediterranean biodiversity as a tool for the sustainable development of the small ruminant sector: from traditional knowledge to innovation*,  
Coordinator Christina Ligda (DEMETER, GR)
- CLIMED, *The future of Mediterranean Livestock Farming Systems: Opportunity and efficiency of Crops – Livestock Integration*,  
Coordinator Véronique Alary (CIRAD, FR), presented by Charles-Henri Moulin (Montpellier SupAgro, FR), Adel Aboulnaga (ARC, EG), Jean-François Tourrand (CIRAD, FR)
- REFORMA, *Resilient, water- and energy-Efficient FORage and feed crops for Mediterranean Agricultural systems*,  
Coordinator Paolo Annicchiarico (CRA, IT)
- MEDILEG, *Breeding, agronomic and biotechnological approaches for reintegration and revalorization of legumes in Mediterranean agriculture*,  
Coordinator Diego Rubiales (CSIC, ES)
- APMed, *Apple and Peach in Mediterranean orchards – Integrating tree water status and irrigation management for coping with water scarcity and aphid control*,  
Coordinator Pierre-Eric Lauri (INRA, FR) presented by Marie-Odile Jordan (INRA, FR)
- PoH-MED, *Potato Health - Managed for Efficiency and Durability*,  
Coordinator Didier Andrivon (INRA, FR)
- PESTOLIVE, *Contribution of olive history for the management of soil-borne parasites in the Mediterranean Basin*,  
Coordinator Thierry Mateille (IRD, FR)
- SAFEMED, *Food safety regulations, market access and international competition*, Coordinator Abdelhakim Hammoudi (INRA, FR), presented by Giulio Malorgio (Università de Bologna, IT)



- SWIPE, *Predicting whitefly population outbreaks in changing environments*,  
Coordinator Einat Zchori-Fein (ARO, IL)
- ARIDWASTE, *Development of specific agricultural practices with the use of recycled wastes suitable for intensively cultivated Mediterranean areas under degradation risk*,  
Coordinator Victor Kavvadias (DEMETER, GR)

Bernard Hubert concludes the meeting, underlining the interests of these results and inviting the coordinators to meet the review panel.

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#### *Private meetings with coordinators*

16:30-19:00: Meeting project per project (10 min each)

Participants: Members of the review panel and coordinator (or representative) of the concerned project

The review panel is composed of four experts of the Call Evaluation Committee and of Call Board members.

This session was dedicated to the administrative and financial follow-up, to the program's expectations or the difficulties of realizations or management.

*"Agricultural Research In the Mediterranean area",*  
**ARIMNet2 M6 meeting**

June 12 & 13, 2014  
Campus de la Gaillarde INRA-SupAgro, Montpellier, France  
Bât. 9, Amphithéâtre Philippe Lamour

June 12, 2014

*Workshops between the ARIMNet funded Research Projects coordinators and ARIMNet2 Members*  
(Amphi. 206)

09:00- 10:30 Workshop on **Innovation** (WP5): first analysis of innovation potential and assessment of needs to improve valorization of research results

Participants: Coordinators of the ARIMNet funded projects, WP5 leaders and main contributors, ARIMNet2 Consortium as observers (participation possible but not compulsory)

Moderators:

- Salim Bounou, Professor, Euro-Mediterranean University of Fez, in charge of the Center of valorization and technology transfer & employability
- Pascal Bergeret (CIHEAM-IAMM), WP5 contributor
- Sanaa Zebakh (IAV HII/MA), Task 5.4 Leader

See ppt in annexe.

Salim Bounou presents a definition of the valorization: "to make use or commercialized results, knowledge, skills and expertise in research". This definition is discussed among the participants of the workshop.

This definition focuses more on valorization of technological innovation and should be enlarged to other aspects of innovation (social, organizational, etc.) but the conclusion of the ARIMNet2 consortium is that it is still relevant to launch a specific delimited action on technological innovation and IPR issues.

Salim Bounou and Pascal Bergeret propose a first analysis of the innovation potential of each of the 10 funded projects and then begun a discussion with the coordinators.

Projects	Ongoing research	Objectives	Products	Propositions
1- DOMESTIC	Biodiversity and management of local breeds	Small ruminant sector: Feeding, breeding, disease resistance and supply chain management	Guidelines and good practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissemination at local and regional level-exchange knowledge</li> <li>• Dénominayion d'origine</li> </ul>
2- CLIMED	Crop live stock efficiency Farms economic results Resistance and co- viability	Bio-economic and environmental	Guidelines and good practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissemination at local and regional level</li> <li>• Exchange knowledge</li> </ul>
3- REFORMA	Designing more production energy-efficient-stress tolerance	Phenotype-genotype mapping and selecting conditions (stress tolerance : Salt ....)	Innovative selection methods for lucerne and Pea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (IP right-Potentially patented):</li> <li>• Cost selecting marker for selecting methods. New technique or method (low cost, easy to use, 100 markers)</li> </ul>

4- MEDILEG	Promote legume revalorization in Mediterranean agriculture	Methodologies to improve grain legume plant material of high yield potential, resistant to major disease and abiotic stress	Different variety of plant resistant to major disease and abiotic stress	Potential plant variety certification.  However, IP right agreement, should be resolve ASAP
5-APMED	Integrating tree water status and irrigation management	Water VS Infestation dynamics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genetic variability (shoot morphology.... Ecophysiology)</li> <li>Variability of infestation dynamics</li> <li>Improvement of water and N Management of: Lighting, Fertigation crop load)</li> <li>Modeling water and N management for fruit production</li> </ul>	More growth reduction upon water stress  Is not dependant to water stress  Affect fruit production	Guidelines and good practice  Dissemination at local and regional level-exchange knowledge
6-POH-MED	Managed for efficiency and durability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Characterization of pathogens and their adaptive patterns</li> <li>Identifying and evaluating and integrating control measures</li> <li>Knowledge transfer</li> </ul>	Lesion growth  Cultivar resistance Host defense stimulation irrigation management	Dissemination at local and regional level-exchange knowledge
7-PESTOLIVE	Olive: Management soil-borne parasites in Mediterranean basin	Control strategies (resistance and biocontrol)	Tools-Open Data: Data bases(complete metogenome)  Molecular platform: Olive diversity and nematode diversity	5 published 5 In progress  Dissemination at local and regional level-exchange knowledge Including biological material.
8- SAFEMED	Food safety regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Export supply chain organization (production/export/import systems)</li> <li>International supply chains-importers strategies</li> <li>Food safety Regulation</li> <li>Policies related to food safety</li> </ul>	Different food safety organization systems: Domestic supply chain Export supply chain  Heterogeneity between the north and south  Unsatisfaction in food safety means Boycott by the consumer	Need some concrete procedures and regulations to be disseminate at local and regional level
9-SWIPE	Predicting whitefly population outbreaks in changing environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Produce knowledge</li> <li>To Predict evolution (diagnostic and prevention measures)</li> <li>To understand the use of biotic antibiotic on B. Tabaci population</li> </ul>	Mapping of Distribution, biotype, symbiont and viruses  Resistance to parasitoids Resistance to pesticides and temperature  genetics and symbionts of B. tabaci population	Dissemination at local and regional level-exchange knowledge Including biological material.  New DNA sequencing (plasmid) containing resistance : potential target (should have more results enable to take decision
10-ARIDWASTE	Development of specific agricultural practices	Low cost and environment friendly agricultural practices  Use treated agricultural wastes	Analyse and characterisation of composts from wastes	A lot of preliminary Dissemination at local and regional level-exchange knowledge Including biological material. No valorisation for the moment

Some projects had an inventive value, which had a potential to be protected and possible technological maturation (REFORMA, MEDILEG, ----).

Main project results concern the dissemination to end users (farmers) : social valorization

Salim Bounou describes a valorization process (IP protection strategy, technology transfer...).

A special attention is given in the discussions to the Intellectual Property Rights (procedures and methods of protection of intellectual property).

Therefore a training will be organized on valorization and IPR. The location and conditions for this session will be explored (task 5.4). A particular attention will be given to the consortium agreement on issues related to intellectual property for the next ARIMNet2 calls. A single model will be proposed.

11:00-12:30 Workshop on **joint activities** (WP4): identify the opportunities of one or two pilot actions

Participants: Coordinators of the ARIMNet funded projects, ARIMNet2 Consortium

Moderators: Jean-François Tourrand, (CIRAD/FR) ; Aristotelis Papadopoulos, (DEMETER/GR); Adel Abounaga (ARC/EG), WP4 leader and Deputy Leaders The moderators remind the objectives of the WP4.

The key issue of Mediterranean countries is to tackle their common agricultural problems by increasing their mutual research capabilities.

- By acquainting each other
- By implementing pilot research programmes
- By carrying out future large scale research projects.

Based on the work done in the previous ARIMNET WP3, two pilot actions of joint activities will be implemented.

These joint pilot actions will reinforce:

- Their research capabilities
- Their exchanges of searchers
- Strengthen networking between them.

See ppt in annexe

The ARIMNet2 project WP4 aims at implementing pilot actions of joint activities to support cooperation in Mediterranean agricultural research (other than joint call for proposals). The consortium chose to elaborate these pilot actions taking into account the 10 funded projects needs and fields of interest. In order to identify relevant types of pilot actions, on relevant topics, the ARIMNet2 WP4 contributors proposed to the coordinators to fill in the table below, and moreover, requested them to let them know their suggestions, comments, adds,... They asked their respective interests (linked to their project) and ideas about topics and types of the Joint Activities which will be develop in ARIMNet 2.

They propose some topics of joint Activities to start the discussion, *based on the results of PARME Forward-thinking workshop*

- **Integrated pest management**, control pathogens of animals and plants and their vectors, emerging and chronic diseases
- Improving **water management**, a critical resource
- Maintain **soil potential/fertility**
- Designing of **innovative production systems** suited to global change including **food security** and **supply chain**
- Development of food industries suited to local conditions
- Preserving **Mediterranean ecosystems**, long anthropised environments
- **Urban-rural** issues, vulnerabilities, complementarities and **governance**; tourism development.

↓Topics	Types of Joint Activities→	Mobility	Summer School	Young Research Seminar	Synthesis (book)	Others
Water management and use						
Integrated Pest Management	Vegetal					
	Animal					
Urban – Rural integration						
Public policies						
Gender						

Explanations of the table:

1/ Type of Joint activities (JA)

Mobility: researchers' hosting in a laboratory of another country (duration to be defined)

Summer School: specific topic (concept, tool, approach...), short time (max a week), targeted, researchers training

Young Research Seminar: work presentation of PhD students

- Post-graduate students and young researchers

- Exchange on a scientific topic based on experience

Synthesis (Conference/book): for a scientific public or non-scientific public, like special issues of international scientific journals, books, reports...

Some JAs could be supported in the framework of a transnational Joint call for proposal ("Mobility"), and others could be more specific ("Summer School" and "Young Research Seminar").

2/ Topics

A discussion starts on that point.

The discussions focused on two main activities to be selected.

The GB agrees on the fact that those joint activities could be:

1/ A summer school on bioinformatics organized by CIHEAM (June or September 2015) and/or INRA Morocco

2/ A conference on the sustainability of Mediterranean farming systems, in Croatia (2015, beginning or end of summer)

3/ PhD/doctorate could be encouraged in the next Calls.

The questionnaire will be analyzed in depth.

The conditions of implementation of the joint activities will be set up by the WP4 leaders and deputy leaders.

### SSAB meeting (Amphi. 206)

Participants: SSAB members, WP1 leader and coordinator INRA, ARIMNet2 Consortium but as observers

- 13:30-14:30 **First meeting of the SSAB**
- 13:30-13:50 Tour the table (SSAB) + Introduction on ARIMNet and ARIMNet2 (Florence Jacquet –INRA/FR)
- 13:50-14:15 Presentation on SSAB role and next work (Marina Montedoro-MIPAAF/IT)
- 14:15-14:30 SSAB input/question/observation

See ppt. and SSAB documents in annex

Marina Montedoro reminds the ARIMNet2 objectives concerning the SSAB, the time schedule, the composition and roles of the SSAB, its activities:

Action	Deadline	Actors
Nominations + CV + Info Format	21 <sup>th</sup> March	Partners
List of nominations	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mipaaf
Contact with FACCE-SCAR-CIHEAM (17 <sup>th</sup> April)	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mipaaf
Opening on-line election procedure	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Mipaaf
Election	31 <sup>st</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> April	Partners
Closing on-line election procedure	14 <sup>th</sup> April	Mipaaf
Ranking list of SSAB candidates	17 <sup>th</sup> April	Mipaaf
Opening second on-line election procedure only in case of equal scores (ex-	17 <sup>th</sup> April	Mipaaf

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Election	17 <sup>th</sup> April-23 <sup>th</sup> April	Partners
Closing second on-line election procedure	23 <sup>th</sup> April	Mipaaf
Final list of SSAB members	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Mipaaf
Contact with the 6 elected SSAB members and with the 3 other suggested SSAB members	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Mipaaf
SSAB establishment	June (Montpellier)	SSAB

#### SSAB Composition

Country	Type	Sex	Expert	Organisation
France	EU	M	Bernard Hubert	INRA, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA)
Italy	EU	M	Marcello Pagliai	Council for Agricultural Research (CRA)
Slovenia	EU	F	Bandelj Dunja	University of Primorska, Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies + University of Primorska, Science and Research Centre
Morocco	Non EU	M	Mohammed Badraoui	INRA, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA)
Turkey	Non EU	F	Uygun Aksoy	Ege University Faculty of Agriculture
Tunisia	Non EU	M	Mohamed Ben Hamouda	IRESA
Italy	Eranetmed	M	Claudio Bogliotti	IAM-CIHEAM Bari
UK	FACCE	M	Peter Gregory	East Malling Research + University of Reading
	SCAR		waiting for nomination	waiting for nomination

The roles of the SSAB will be to:

- ✓ Provide a scientific support to the ARIMNET GB and to the joint activities ARIMNET wants to carry out
- ✓ Provide scientific advice on identification, evaluation and impact of the ARIMNET activities
- ✓ Define the **Integrated Strategic Research Agenda (ISRA)** to be proposed to the GB members and approved by them

The activities will be to:

- ✓ Give advice and input from a scientific point of view
- ✓ Contribute to the ISRA development and implementation
- ✓ Suggest proposals for short-, medium- and long-term joint actions within the framework of the ARIMNET and ISRA
- ✓ Contribute actively to further elaboration of ISRA (12M-24M-30M)
- ✓ Provide advice on the implementation of ISRA
- ✓ Provide advice and input for the elaboration of the scientific aspects of the ARIMNET joint actions, calls, etc.
- ✓ Act as ARIMNET ambassadors at international conferences and major events related to the aims of ARIMNET2

A discussion starts on the basis of this presentation between SSAB members and ARIMNet2 Consortium. It is decided to add some issues to the SSAB rules:

- add «internal communication between SSAB and GB will be organised by the WP1 leader and Project Coordinator»
- add a SSAB role "to create a link with other initiatives"
- add an article regarding the conflict of interest and mention that member of the SSAB should not be representative of a partner in the Governing Board
- add that SSAB members are personal nominations for the one who were elected and an institutional nominations for the 3 others

- Chair and Vice-Chair election : The GB decides that Chair and Vice-Chair should be chosen among the elected members (not the ones nominated by FACCE, SCAR, ERANETMED). This should be added in the rules. It has been proposed that this election will be done in the next meeting of the SSAB, but it is up to the SSAB to decide.

### ARIMNet2 meeting (Amphi. 206)

Participants: ARIMNet2 Consortium and SSAB members

- 14h30 -15:30 **General Discussion on the WP1** next steps:
- 14:30-14:45 The activities related to the SSAB work (Task 1.5 Integrated Strategic Research Agenda) Introduction Marina Montedoro
- 14:45-15:00 Task 1.2 Synthesis of Foresight studies in Med Area (M5-M12) – Contribution of Fatima Elhadad-Gauthier and Michel Petit (CIHEAM-IAMM)
- 15:00-15:30 Discussion

See ppt and synthesis of foresights studies in annex.

Marina Montedoro presents the Task 1.5 (ISRA), its objectives and time schedule.

Action	Date	Actor
1 <sup>st</sup> ISRA draft	Jan 2015	SSAB (supported by WP1)
Feedback on the first draft	June 2015	GB
2 <sup>nd</sup> version ISRA draft	Jan 2016	SSAB (supported by WP1)
Feedback, comments, inputs	Feb 2016	GB
Final version ISRA	Apr 2016	SSAB (supported by WP1 team)
Formal approval by GB	Apr 2016	GB
ISRA dissemination/diffusion/publication	From Apr 2016	Coordinator + WP6
ISRA update	Until the end of Arimnet2	SSAB + GB
Implementation Plan	From Jan 2016 to the end	SSAB + GB

Michel Petit (CIHEAM-IAMM) presents a first synthesis of foresight studies in Mediterranean Agriculture and its implication for agricultural research. He reminds the objectives of this task in the WP1: it aims contributing to the elaboration of the ISRA and taking profit of the past work. He gives first elements of analysis and presents briefly the work performed (document enclosed).

A small Working Group (of limited duration, max 2 meetings) will be set up to support in the very first beginning the SSAB work on ISRA (Michel Petit CIHEAM-IAMM + another person). This will be decided accordingly to the requests of the SSAB. It will be managed internally, in the WP1 task.

A first SSAB meeting will be held in Slovenia between September and October (WP1 leader will be responsible for the organisation in relation with Slovenia partners).

### 16:00-17:00 General discussion on the WP3

- Presentation/ discussion of the task 3.1 (Evaluation of calls, calls procedures, and impact assessment) by Anabel de la Peña (INIA/ES)
- Presentation/discussion of the task 3.2 (Monitoring of the progress within the research projects) by Maria Maia João (FCT/PT)

First Anabel de la Peña (INIA/ES) reminds the objectives and approach of the WP3 and of the task 3.1. WP3 aims at :

- Performing an efficient monitoring, follow up and impact assessment of the calls and of the joint activities of ARIMNet 1 and ARIMNet2
- Establishing guidelines for: calls, project monitoring and dissemination

- Elaborating and implement tools for the projects monitoring

The Task 3.1 consists in the evaluation of calls, calls procedures and impact assessment.

Then she presents the timeline of the task 3.1:

Preparation of different questionnaires (call office, call board, applicants (coordinators) and evaluation committee), and circulate them between contributors	INIA	FCT, IAV	April	Done
Circulate them to ARIMNet 2 for comments	INIA	ALL	April	Done
Consolidation of the 4 questionnaires final version	INIA		April	Done
Final version of the 4 questionnaires to be sent to FCT	INIA	FCT, IAV	April	Done
Identification of target stakeholders by country for the implementation of the each questionnaire	INIA	ALL	May	Done
Preparation and insertion of an online survey	FCT		May	
On-line survey pre-test phase	FCT	INIA, IAV	May	
Launch of the on-line survey to implement the 4 questionnaires	FCT	ALL	June	
Analysis	INIA	FCT, IAV	July-September	
Summary report	INIA	FCT, IAV	September-October	
D3.1 Call procedure reports	INIA			

4 questionnaires were elaborated. These four versions are addressed to:

- ❖ Call Office: INRA (FR) and IAV Hassan II (Morocco)
- ❖ Call Board (funders): 14 organizations from 11 countries
- ❖ Applicants: only coordinators of the 79 proposals
- ❖ Evaluators: 11 members of Evaluation committee

The survey will be launched soon. The ARIMNet2 members who were involved in these ARIMNet1 groups are requested to answer.

Then Maria Maia João (FCT/PT) presents the task 3.2 (Monitoring the progress within the research projects continuously) and the on-going activities.

She presents a diagnostic based upon Mid-Term scientific meeting. Some first recommendations and indicators for the launching of the next call have been suggested and have been integrated during the WP2 meeting in the next call rules

Concerning the administrative issues:

1. Most of the projects faced administrative problems at national level: contractual and deliver of money by the national funding agencies.
2. Some ARIMNet projects are twinning another funded projects (bilat, FP7, etc, which was crucial to sustain the ARIMNet project.

Concerning the research activities:

3. Most of projects faced delays on the activities, mainly due to 1.
4. Most of the projects conducted experimental sites in different countries
5. Some of the projects implemented demonstration activities for some stakeholders

Concerning the transnational collaborative activities:

6. The transnational dimension of the activities is often missing: each partner stands on it's own country developing the experimental phase and some of them analyse the results of all partners.
7. Some of the partners already know each other, which was crucial to sustain the ARIMNet consortia.

Concerning the reporting activities:

8. Some of the partners has to deliver, at national level, interim reports (each 6 months), annual reports and 18 month reports, which is a burden of work.

Diagnostic 18th Months	Actions to be taken currently	Possible actions for future calls
Delays on Administrative / Budget process	Each funder should provide all the answers in time	ARIMNet Call funders network daily basis
Delays on funding projects	Very small actions taken from funders at national and transnational level	Strengthen communication between funders and beneficiaries at national level
Quite small transnational research activities	Funders should be sensitive to transnational activities at transnational level and improve the national rules concerning travels	Evaluate the next calls regarding the transnationality activities within each project
Burden of reports	Avoid asking for more burden reports	Harmonise, harmonise layouts and calendars for reporting

See ppt and synthesis of foresights studies in annexe.

## June 13, 2014

### 09:00-12:30 General discussion on the ARIMNet2 2014 Call (WP2)

- Presentation on the WP2's current situation: MoU, call texts, calendar (by Sanaa Zebakh, WP2 Leader and Maurice Héral, WP2 Deputy Leader)
- General discussion
- Wrap-up and approval of draft texts (by Sanaa Zebakh, WP2 Leader and Maurice Héral, WP2 Deputy Leader)

Sanaa Zebakh and Maurice Héral remind the objectives of the WP2:

- Developing tools, processes and documents for launching transnational joint calls for research (to two joint calls )
- Preparation and launching of Joint Calls for transnational research projects
- Providing structures, procedures and documents for call implementation and project monitoring.
- Creating sustainable mechanisms and documents for call implementation to facilitate each institution to launch transnational calls after the end of the ERA-NET reaching the article 185 under preparation.

Then they present the on-going activities: a questionnaire was sent to the ARIMNet2 consortium in order to determine the thematic priorities and an indication of the provisional budget per institution. They present the results and this questionnaire analysis is then discussed and completed by the partners.

Then they introduce the discussion among participants on the following issue:

- Calendar
- MOU
- Two-step submission procedure
- Call documents
- Scientific scope of the call
- Call total budget
- Participation conditions
- Call instrument

See the updated table of thematic priorities and indicative budget, as well as the decision taken in the minutes of the Governing Board meeting.

See ppt in annexe.

### 13:30-15:00 General discussion on the WP5

- Short presentation on the WP5's current situation, on-going, near future and mid-term works (WP Leader Sahin ANIL, GDAR-TR)
- Presentation and discussion of the final draft of the Questionnaire for Task 5.1 (Task Leader Anna Vagnozzi, INEA-IT)
- Outcome of the workshop with the call research project coordinators for identifying the innovation potential of 10 research projects (Task Leader Sanaa ZEBAKH, IAV-MA)
- Any other business

As reminds Sahin Anil, **The aim of WP5** is to develop a reflection on strengthening the links between research and innovation in the Mediterranean Agriculture. In particular:

1) to understand the characteristics and the organization of Mediterranean countries' AKIS (Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems) and to analyse what could be done to improve their efficiency

2) to prepare some support documents related to research calls that could be used to enhance the link between research and innovation

- Then Sahin Anil presents the on-going works: a pre-questionnaire for Task 5.1 was sent to all partners by INEA on 19 May, 2014
- pre-questionnaire is being filled by the partners
- a workshop with call research coordinators for identifying the innovation potential of 10 research projects was realised the second day of the Montpellier's meeting.

**Concerning the Task 5.1** (Analysis of the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems in the Mediterranean State of the art), the method chosen is a two levels/steps method:

1. Design/describe the architecture of AKIS in each country

*(Who-does-What and at which level)*

A (pre)questionnaire was sent to all Arimnet2 partners.

Partners are asked a) to provide basic information to describe the structure of AKIS (who-does-what), b) to indicate a relevant competent body to be involved in the STEP 2 of the survey.

2. Analyse the links between bodies to depict knowledge flow and to identify: (How it works)

- the barriers to innovation in the agricultural sector,
- what works and what does not work in agricultural advisory services in different countries
- Investigating the qualitative aspects through very specific interviews addressed to experts and based/shaped on the structural peculiarities identified with the questionnaire in Step 1.

Until this meeting, the realized tasks are:

1. *Collection of background material (reports and publications):*

1.1 Reports of the Collaborative Working Group of SCAR AKIS 3 for the approaches and interpretation models,

1.2 Reports of other European projects (MIRA, ProAkis etc),

1.3 INEA studies on the topic

2. *Elaboration of a pre-questionnaire to go in depth analysing different aspects of AKIS in all countries*

The work that should be undertaken in the near future is:

- filling out the pre-questionnaire (the ARIMNet2 consortium) and send to INEA 30 June (ARIMnet2 partners)
- analysis the results and prepare a second step questionnaire and send to a competent institutions in each ARIMNet2 country dealing with AKIS (INEA) 31 July 2014
- analysis the results and prepare draft synthesis report (INEA) 15 October 2014

The partners are asked to:

1. Fill in (carefully) the questionnaire by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June

2. Indicate to INEA the relevant competent body in AKIS in their Countries to pass to STEP 2

3. Inform and prepare in advance this relevant competent institution about Arimnet2, Task 5.1 and our survey to be ready for step 2.

Concerning the task 5.4 (Analysis on the previous ARIMNET call, regarding the way the research results could create innovation), Sanaa Zebakh makes a synthesis of the WP5 workshop with coordinators on Innovation. The following issues were tackled:

- Analysis of innovation potential of the 10 projects
- Evaluation of training of valorisation needs
- Development of technology transfer plan

She opens then the debate on the question that rose from the debate: Do we keep the focus on valorisation of technological innovation or do we enlarge to other aspects of innovation (social, organizational, etc)?

The answer of the GB is to consider all aspects of innovation (social innovation, policy making...) but it is still relevant to launch a specific delimited action on technological innovation and IPR issues.

A training will be organized on valorization and Intellectual Property Rights (procedures and methods of protection of intellectual property). The location and conditions for this session will be explored (task 5.4)

A particular attention will be given to the consortium agreement on issues related to intellectual property for the next ARIMNet2 calls. A single model will be proposed.

The works that should be undertaken at mid-term in WP5 is:

**Task 5.2 Seminar on the AKIS concept (M12, INIA)**

- *Organization of the AKIS seminar (INIA), December, 2014*
- *Producing the synthesis report (INIA), February, 2015*

**Task 5.3 AKIS Conference (M32, GDAR)**

- *The conference will be prepared in 2015 and held in (GDAR) August 2016*

**Task 5.4 Analysis on the previous ARIMNet call (M20, IAV)**

- *analysis report of innovation potential of 10 research projects (IAV), February 2015*
- *assessment of training needs (IAV), April 2015*
- *proposing of training on innovation and valorization plan(IAV) , October 2015*
- *developing a technology transfer plan for some projects(IAV, February, 2016*

**Task 5.5 Guideline with criteria for the calls and joint activities(M15-44, IRESA)**

- *develop a draft guideline for the future calls including criteria on more direct outputs for innovation (IRESA), October 2014*

See ppt and documents in annexe.

**15:00-16:30 General discussion on the WP6**

Presentation and discussion on the dissemination plan, the website, the flyer (Marie Ollagnon, Jean-Luc Battini, Kim Turk, Benrebah Jamel, Ben Chaabane Yacine, WP6 main contributors)

Marie Ollagnon explains that Aniss Ben Rayana, WP Leader prepared a presentation but was unable to attend the meeting. On the basis of his presentation, she reminds the main objective of the WP6, the communication products already realized and presents the ongoing activities and products, with the support of the other contributors of the WP6.

- Validated and disseminated product: the "brochure", the radio interviews.
- Ongoing products: the newsletter, the website, the flyer, the videos (first ones realized during the meeting), dissemination plan, a possible innovative tool: the "knowledge cube"

Partners are already asked to go deeper in the visit of the website to improve it and check the data concerning their institution.

A special WP meeting will be organized at the end of the summer with the main contributors.

The WP6 working group will finalize a proposition of dissemination plan, newsletter and flyer and send it to the consortium for comments.

Concerning the newsletter, it has been proposed that each partner could be in charge of sending in its own network in order to facilitate its effective dissemination and the acceptance of the readers.

The feasibility of realization of videos presenting the results of the ARIMNet projects will be explored. The challenge would be to produce a lively communication tool without a too important budget. The coordinators could be asked to realize by themselves



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See ppt in annexe.

*"Agricultural Research In the Mediterranean area",*  
**ARIMNet2 Governing Board meeting**  
*Final decisions of the M6 ARIMNet2 meeting*

June 13, 2014

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## Decisions

Florence Jacquet introduces the Governing Board meeting. The aim of the Governing Board is to sum-up the progress of each Work Package and take and formalize the decisions required to go toward the next steps. Representatives of each Work Package present then the main issues that have been discussed during the sessions.

Concerning the WP1 (Developing an Integrated Strategic Research Agenda), two main questions have been discussed: the "Scientific and Strategic Advisory Board" (SSAB) and the Task 1.5 "ISRA", "Integrated and Strategic Research Agenda".

SSAB:

The SSAB has the role of think tank. It will be managed internally in the WP1 but with regular communication with the GB.

- SSAB rules :
  - add «internal communication between SSAB and GB will be organised by the WP1 leader and Project Coordinator»
  - add a SSAB role "to create a link with other initiatives"
  - add an article regarding the conflict of interest and mention that member of the SSAB should not be representative of a partner in the Governing Board
  - add that SSAB members are personal nominations for the one who were elected and an institutional nominations for the 3 others
  - Chair and Vice-Chair election : The GB decides that Chair and Vice-Chair should be chosen among the elected members (not the ones nominated by FACCE, SCAR, ERANETMED). This should be added in the rules. It has been proposed that this election will be done in the next meeting of the SSAB, but it is up to the SSAB to decide.

ISRA:

- a small Working Group (of limited duration, max 2 meetings) could be set up to support in the very first beginning the SSAB work on ISRA (Michel Petit CIHEAM-IAMM + another person). This will be decided accordingly to the requests of the SSAB. It will be managed internally, in the WP1 task
- first SSAB meeting will be held in Slovenia between September and October (WP1 leader will be responsible for the organisation in relation with Slovenia partners)

Concerning the WP2 (Preparation and launching of Joint Calls for transnational research projects),

Sanaa Zebakh (IAV-MA) and Maurice HERAL (ANR-FR) sum-up the conclusions of the WP2 workshop:

- The Call will promote Research, Innovation, Mobility and Training.
- The Call will be organized in a 2 steps procedure
- The language of the Call and applications is English
- The duration of the projects will be 3 years
- The projects will involve at least three countries participating in the Call (and at least : 1 from EU, 1 from non-EU)
- The eligibility process will be organized in two steps: step1 (topics and partners eligibility) , step 2 (budget items eligibility) by funding agencies and ARIMNet Call office (Call Criteria)

- The “in-kind” participation to the call, for countries which are directly funding their projects, will be accepted but under some conditions such as: extra costs for participation to the ARIMNet project (“glue money” to participate to the international project, travels, meetings, exchanges...) will be provided. This glue money should represent at least 10 000€ per year per team. An estimation of the budget will be requested.
- The criteria for evaluation in the 2 steps procedure are as follows :

#### Step 1 Pre-proposals

- Relevance to the scientific scope of this call
- Innovative approach
- Added-value of the partnership for the Mediterranean

#### Step 2- Full proposals

- Scientific and/or technological excellence - innovation and international competitiveness of the transnational project
- Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management, transnational activities
- Potential impact contribution to the advancement of knowledge and innovation approaches and socio-economic aspects, stakeholder involvement
- Contribution to capacity building, training and mobility

Some issues that have been discussed in the meetings with research projects coordinators should be taken into consideration in the next calls:

- In the guideline for applicants, the scientific role of coordinator will be better specified
- Several coordinators complained about the delays of funding. A deadline will be put in the MoU. The delay of funding will be maximum of 1 year after the selection (the projects will nevertheless have the possibility to start before the funding)
- One unique annual scientific report will be requested, both for ARIMNet2 Call Office and for the national funding agencies
- A model of Consortium Agreement on sharing property rights will be sent to research consortium
- Training and mobility will be encouraged in the Call (and taken as one of the evaluation Criteria)

The Memorandum of Understanding and the Preannouncement text will be sent during the week following the Governing Board. The calendar of the first ARIMNet2 Call will be as described below:





As indicated in the following table, the total commitments of partners is currently 6,3 million euros. We are still waiting final decisions of Italy, Portugal, Croatia, and CIHEAM-IAMM, MALTA. Thus we can expect to gather a virtual pot of around 7 million euros. The GB decides to put only a global figure on the level of funding; the funding commitments per country will be mention in the Call Announcement in September. A general indication on the size of projects that are expected will be given.

The partners are especially invited to check the data concerning the involvement of their institution in each topic (table below):

Partner that are willing to join the call are asked confirm their participation. CIHEAM-IAMM propose to participate by supporting training, through PhD grants



INDICATIVE TOPICS 2014 Call	Fr	SI	IT	ES	PT	GR	CY	HR	TR	IL	MA	TN	TN IRESA	AL	EG ASRT	EG ARC	total
<b>I. PRODUCTION SYS</b>																	
1. Agricultural production resilience	*	*			*	*	*		*		*	*	*	*	*		11
2. Agricultural production, inputs	*	*	*		*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14
3. Animal plant health	*		*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*		*	*	*		11
4. Fisheries, aquaculture:	*		(*)							*	*		*	*			6
<b>II. FOOD CHAIN</b>																	
5. Innovations in the agro-industry	*	*			*				*		*		*	*	*		8
6. Logistics, supply chain organisation, post harvest	*			*	*				*	*			*	*		*	8
7. Food safety, food sanitary issues	*				*				*	*	*	*	*	*	*		9
8. Agricultural and food policies	*	*			*				*		*	*	*	*	*		9
9. Food consumption patterns: diet, nutrition	*				*								*		*		4
<b>III. RESOURCES MANAGEMENT</b>																	
10. Sustainable management of resources used	*	*	*	*	*		*				*	*	*	*	*		11
11. Landscape and spatial managements and urban agriculture	*				*					*			*	*			5
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Up 2 M</b>	<b>300K</b>	<b>Committed in sept</b>	<b>200K</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>100K 100 Kd</b>	<b>50K</b>	<b>In Kind</b>	<b>400k</b>	<b>300K</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>600K</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>Up to 500 ?</b>	<b>600K</b>	<b>40K</b>	<b>6.3</b>

Concerning the WP3 (Monitoring, follow-up and impact assessment of calls and funded research projects), Anabel de la Peña (INIA-ES), reminds the current activity: the launching of a questionnaire on evaluation of the call (to be filled in by the call office members, call board members, applicants –coordinators- and evaluation committee members).

The survey will be launched soon. The ARIMNet2 members who were involved in these ARIMNet1 groups are requested to answer.

On the basis of the first call analysis and mid-term meeting, some first recommendations and indicators for the launching of the next call have been suggested by Maria Maia (FCT-PT) and have been integrated during the WP2 meeting in the next call rules (See above WP2 decisions).

Diagnostic 18th Months	Actions to be taken currently	Possible actions for future calls
Delays on Administrative / Budget process	Each funder should provide all the answers in time	ARIMNet Call funders network daily basis
Delays on funding projects	Very small actions taken from funders at national and transnational level	Strengthen communication between funders and beneficiaries at national level
Quite small transnational research activities	Funders should be sensitive to transnational activities at transnational level and improve the national rules concerning travels	Evaluate the next calls regarding the transnationality activities within each project
Burden of reports	Avoid asking for more burden reports	Harmonise, harmonise layouts and calendars for reporting

Concerning the WP4 (Implementing joint activities to support cooperation in research), Adel Aboulnaga (ARC-EG) presents the results of the session with coordinators and WP4 session. He reminds that a questionnaire has been distributed to the participants of the workshop (coordinators and ARIMNet2 members). The aim was to identify possible joint activities (type of activities and topics).

The discussions focused on two main activities to be selected.

The GB agrees on the fact that those joint activities could be:

- 1/ A summer school on bioinformatics organized by CIHEAM (June or September 2015) and/or INRA Morocco
- 2/ A conference on the sustainability of Mediterranean farming systems, in Croatia (2015, beginning or end of summer)
- 3/ PhD/doctorate could be encouraged in the next Calls.

The questionnaire will be analyzed in depth.

The conditions of implementation of the joint activities will be set up by the WP4 leaders and deputy leaders.

Concerning the WP5 (From Research to Innovation), Sahin Anil (GDAR-TR) describes the outcomes of the session.

Different tasks have been already initiated:

- Task 5.1 Analysis of the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems in the Mediterranean / State of the art (M1- M12)
- Task 5.4 Analysis on the previous ARIMNet call, regarding the way the research results could create innovation (Valorisation of previous call results) (M1-M20)

The work is ongoing.

Sahin Anil reminds that the questionnaire of Task 5.1 has been sent to the ARIMNet2 participants who are asked to answer. If it seems for them too difficult to answer to the questionnaire, the partners are invited to send any type of information that could help to tackle this AKIS issue.

An Akis-SCAR meeting will be held in Lisboa, Portugal, in Nov. 2014. It is decided that Anabel de la Peña and Sahin Anil could participate in this event in the perspective of the preparation of the ARIMNet2 AKIS seminar.

Concerning the task 5.4, the question that rose from the workshop discussions with coordinators was:

“Should we concentrate on valorization of technological innovation or should we enlarge to other aspects of innovation (social, organizational, etc.)?”

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Concerning the WP6, Outreach and Communication, Marie Ollagnon (Agropolis International- FR) reminds that some communication products will be sent for comments and validation to the partners.

The partners are already invited to visit the ARIMNet2 website ([www.arimnet2.net](http://www.arimnet2.net)) and to check especially the data included in the page concerning each institution.

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### Conclusions

Florence Jacquet concludes the Governing Board meeting: she thanks the participants for this fruitful and friendly meeting. She notices that the efficiency of the consortium work has improved from ARIMNet to ARIMNet2 due to the involvement of all the partners and co-building of decisions, which is really the spirit of the project.

Concerning the next meetings, a consultation of each WP leader will be done soon in order to identify the needs of meetings for each WP, in order to organize, in a second step, a coherent common calendar for the Consortium.

It is already approved to organize a joint Call Board and Executive Committee Meeting in Feb. 2015.

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# Coordination of Agricultural Research in the Mediterranean Area

## ARIMNet2

16-20 February 2015

INIA, Madrid, Spain

*Evaluation Committee Meeting*

*Call Board Meeting*

*AKIS Seminar*

*SSAB Meeting*

*Governing board and Executive Meetings*

## MAIN OUTPUTS AND DECISIONS

### Global agenda

16-févr		17-févr		18-févr		19-févr		20-févr	
	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	
	SEC	SEC	SEC	SEC					
				11:00 Executive Committee	Call Board	WP5- AKIS	WP2, 3 & WP4	Governing Board	
					SSAB	SSAB			

### Participants

(Detailed lists at the end of the document)

- **16/02 (afternoon) to 18/02 (morning): 2<sup>nd</sup> Scientific Evaluation Committee (SEC) meeting**  
*Participants: SEC members, Call secretariat*
- **18/02, 11:00-13:00, Executive Committee**  
*Participants: the leaders and deputy leaders of the ARIMNet2 Work Packages*
- **18/02, afternoon, Call Board meeting**  
*Participants: Call Board (i.e. representatives of the funding agencies of the ARIMNet2 call for proposals)*
- **18/02, afternoon, Scientific and Strategic Advisory Board (SSAB) meeting (in parallel)**  
*Participants SSAB: SSAB members, leaders of the WP1, invited experts*
- **19/02, morning, AKIS seminar (WP5)**  
*Participants: the whole ARIMNet2 consortium*
- **19/02, morning, SSAB meeting (in parallel)**  
*Participants SSAB: SSAB members, leaders of the WP1, invited experts*
- **19/02, afternoon, ARIMNet2 working sessions (WP2, WP3, WP4)**  
*Participants: the whole ARIMNet2 consortium*
- **20/02, morning, Governing Board meeting**  
*Participants: one representative per ARIMNet2 member institution*

### WP1- Developing an Integrated Strategic research Agenda

#### *Scientific and Strategic Advisory Board (SSAB) meeting, Working session*

The participants of this first SSAB meeting were:

- 1) Wp1 leader (Marina Montedoro, Elena Capolino)
- 2) Arimnet 2 Coordinator (Florence Jacquet)
- 3) Uygun Aksoy

- 4) Bernard Hubert
- 5) Maroun El Moujabber
- 6) Egizio Valceschini

Michel Petit was invited as expert to present a prospective scenario study on Med Area

### Functioning and governance

It was proposed that the Chair will be Uygun Aksoy and the Vice-Chair will be Bernard Hubert. The proposal will be communicated by e-mail to the SSAB members not present at this II meeting for their approval on a no objection basis within 26/02.

The SSAB functioning rules were discussed and updated (confidentiality rules, conflict of interests...)

### Integrated Strategic Research Agenda (ISRA)

A global outline of the ISRA was proposed by the WP1 leaders and then discussed among the committee.

SSAB members agreed with the WP1 and Coordinator proposal regarding the ISRA drafting process:

- Start from the draft index presented in Madrid by the WP1 leader;
- Amend/modify the index, based on SSAB inputs;
- Divide the work in tasks and distribute it among SSAB (to be decided in Madrid and proposed to the absent members);
- Appoint a "coordinator" for each task;
- Set up a calendar to organize the work in the best way to present the ISRA draft in September;
- Circulate a doodle to define a date for the next SSAB meeting.

A first list of supporting documents was defined:

- Mapping documents of ARIMNet1 (to be sent by Marie O.)
- Scope of the call ARIMNet1 & 2 (starting from the 2005 WG SCAR scope) (Marie O.)
- Thematic of the projects already financed and teams involved (Marie O.)
- Foresight (autumn 2015) (Egizio V.)
- Doc and presentation M. Petit (Michel P.)
- Doc from ERANet-Med (Maroun E.)
- Doc from PRIMA (Marie O.)
- Report AKIS (doc/presentation of Madrid) (Anna Vagnozzi) including AKIS Report from CWG SCAR
- Reflection paper Euragri (Egizio V.)
- Existing docs related to non EU collaboration for the med. area (all)

The whole consortium is also invited to send to the coordination the possible material that could be useful (especially national and regional documents).

Final proposal of ISRA index (final proposal):

Introduction (2 pages) (Coordinator: WP1 + Coordinator)

1.1 Arimnet2 and objectives

1.1.1 What is Arimnet2?

1.1.2 Scope of Arimnet2

1.1.3 Scope of the ISRA

The context (5 pages) (Coordinator Maroun)

2.1 The Mediterranean Area

2.2 The need for research and innovation

2.3 The role of EU research policy in the Med Area and vice-versa

2.4 The other initiatives in the Med Area research coordination and networking (?)

The Integrated Strategic Research Agenda (10-15 pages) (Coordinator Bernard+Uygun)

3.1 Challenges (?)

3.1.1 Scientific inputs (Arimnet 1 input, foresight SCAR + doc "Petit")

3.1.2 Stakeholder inputs (WP5 Akis, EMEG Medspring) (Maroun,...) which will probably has to be completed by a specific work

3.2 The Arimnet2 strategy for Med Area

3.2.1 Priority thematic areas to face the challenges for the Mediterranean Area

3.2.2 Instruments to implement strategy (joint actions, calls, new partnerships, mobility, etc.)

Implication for european and international collaboration (5 pages) (Coordinator: to be defined in a second moment)

4.1 Contribution to ERA

4.2 International issues, cooperation and opportunities

(executive summary at the end)

The ISRA evaluation and monitoring (1-2 pages)

Conclusion

Annexes (to be revised in a second moment)

Arimnet2 detailed scope

Process to define the ISRA

Arimnet2 Governance

Arimnet2 Membership

SSAB

Summary/list of national research's programs

List of initiatives related to Arimnet2 (i.e. Eranet, JPI, TP ecc)

For each chapter in the draft index, a «coordinator» has been indicated.

- Chapter 1: WP1 + Coordinator
- Chapter 2: Maroun El Moujaber
- Chapter 3: Uygun Aksoy + Bernard Hubert
- Other chapters: to be defined in the future

The «coordinator» role is the following:

- organizing the subgroup of which is responsible;
- circulating documents and information useful for the SSAB work;
- being responsible for the internal communication;
- drafting the very first pages related to the task of which is responsible in order to stimulate the work of all;
- taking care of the time-schedule/deadlines.

The time schedule for the next months is the following one:

1st week of March	Collecting and circulating documents
Beginning of April	Very first draft
End of April	Revision of the very first draft
End of May	Finalizing the 1st draft & III SSAB meeting (Rome)
Beginning of September	Integration of the very first draft with inputs from III meeting
End of September	Submission to the GB for contribution The ISRA draft will be used to prepare the features of the next ARIMNet2 Call.

## WP2- Joint Calls

*Scientific Evaluation Committee meeting, Call Board meeting, Working session*

ARIMNet2 transnational Joint Call for proposals 2014-2015

From February 16 to 18, the Scientific Evaluation Committee finalized the evaluation of the pre-proposals received in the framework of the ARIMNet2 transnational joint call for proposals launched in September 2015. Each pre-proposal was discussed among this Mediterranean international scientific committee in order to get the consensus on the final ranking to be transmitted to the ARIMNet2 Call Board on February 18.

The pre-proposals were ranked in 4 categories A, B+, B and C. C were judged as not good enough to pass the first step of the process. The others were evaluated as very good and good. The scientific experts also prepared the reports for each pre-proposal to be sent to the coordinator.

The chairman, Guido Gryseels, then presented the work done to the ARIMNet2 funders. On this basis, the Call Board discussed the final lists of pre-proposals eligible to be presented as full proposal in the second step of the process.

Finally, the Call Board decided to keep for the second step all the A and B+ pre-proposals and two B pre-proposals in topics that were not represented among A and B+ category. All B and B+ pre-proposals were judged good at this stage and could become very good full proposals.

Some of the selected pre-proposals received recommendations regarding the financial aspects. The funders will send to the Call Board the recommendations to be added to the evaluation reports of the selected pre-proposals by **February 28, 2015**.

The final list of selected pre-proposals will be published **in the next two weeks**.

The next SEC and CB will be organized in Thessaloniki (GR) from **September 28 to 30, 2015** (SEC: 28&29; CB 30)

### Next ARIMNet2 Call

The scope of the next Call will be discussed with the inputs of the Integrated Strategic Research Agenda (ISRA).

The whole process will be managed as described below:

September 2015	Choice of the topics
December 2015	Finalization of the content of the announcement
January 2016	Launching
2017	Funding

A proposition was made to join the JPIs Water and FACCE next call proposal (Cofund proposal), on irrigation. All the advantages and disadvantages of such a decision were discussed.

The option decided is an "à la carte" option: each country that wants to participate participates on its own. If enough countries join the call it could become an ARIMNet2 common action but at this stage it is not.

Maurice Héral (ANR-FR) will send more informations on the proposal. The participating ARIMNet2 countries will have the possibility to amend the text (before the end of April). He will also send the list of participating countries.

## WP3- Monitoring, follow-up and impact assessment of calls and funded research projects

### *Working session*

#### Presentation on the first survey on the evaluation of the ARIMNet 2011 call (Task 3.1)

4 questionnaires were addressed to:

- Call Office (CO)
- Call Board (CB) (funders)
- Applicants (coordinators)
- Evaluators (EC)

A first analysis was presented. The leader of WP3 will prepare a final report in the next weeks.

Once validated among WP3 members, the draft report will be circulated among the GB members for amendments and then validation.

On this basis, the WP3 will send recommendations to the WP2 (Call management) in order to improve the Call process.

### Proposition of monitoring indicators to be added to the intermediate and final reports of the projects (Task 3.2 and 3.3)

Some monitoring indicators were proposed to the consortium concerning:

- Transnational activities
- Dissemination actions
- Dissemination of scientific literature
- Dissemination of scientific & innovation products

The global principle was agreed.

After discussion of these different indicators, the WP3 members will amend the proposed tables and get in contact with the Call office of the ARIMNet1 Call in order to include these tables in templates for updated reports and send it to the 10 projects coordinators.

The time schedule for the next months is the following one:

March 2015	Proposition of indicators for the final report of the funded projects (Task 3.2 & 3.3)
Beginning of May 2015	Report on the survey on the first call evaluation (Task 3.1)
End of May 2015	Validation by the GB/ Sending of recommendations to the WP2 (Task 3.1)

## WP4- Joint activities (JA)

### *Working session*

The general output of the WP4 is to build common procedures for JA in order to:

- Strengthen collaboration among ARIMNet2 partners
- Develop the capacity of researchers to build international research & innovation projects

It was reminded that the joint activity has to be a pilot one allowing testing procedures inside ARIMNet2 consortium. Furthermore, ARIMNet2 should not repeat what already exists, but to bring an added-value. Finally, the JA should be complementary to what is done in ARIMNet Calls for research proposals.

Before the meeting, a working document was distributed among the consortium. It designs the proposed steps of the common implementation of the JA.

The consortium decides that the first pilot joint activity will be a Young Research Seminar.

It has been reminded also that it is necessary to include this JA in the whole framework of ARIMNet2 and to bridge this JA with the others WPs (especially WP2 and WP5). The objective is that the JA could help to improve the next calls. Needs in terms of transfer, dissemination (how to include end-users....) were mentioned in the workshop in Montpellier by coordinators (June, 2015). In future calls, researchers could be asked for eg. to devote some times to organize such activities, to think how include end-users.

The elaboration of common method and procedures are for the JA essential.

The topic was discussed. Two topics were proposed in the last Governing Board meeting (June 2014, Montpellier):



- 1. Bio-informatics: "big" database management, or
- 2. Efficiency-Sustainability in innovation at farm/local scale

More topics than those were also discussed. Taking into account the outputs of the first ARIMNet2 Joint calls (analysis of the gaps of the call) and of the AKIS seminar, it was decided to prefer the second one that could be more specifically Mediterranean and to focus it on Innovation. The very first preliminary title could be: "**Innovation driven research for sustainable Mediterranean agriculture**", or "**Tools to improve the research impact and disseminate the results for a sustainable Mediterranean agriculture**" (including the issues of knowledge transfer farmers to-from researchers).

A working group was defined. It includes the leaders and coleaders of the WP4 (JF Tourrand CIRAD, A Abounaga (ARC), A Papadopoulos) and other contributors: Fatima El Haddad (CIHEAM-IAMM), Ali Rhouma (IRESA-TN), M Jebara (MESR-TN), Maria Maia (FCT-PT). It was decided that CIHEAM-IAMM would be more officially associated in the leading of this WP.

### Schedule

This young research would take place in **February 2016**, joined with the final meeting of the ARIMNet1 funded projects and Kick-Off meeting of the ARIMNet2 first funded projects.

The working group will draft the terms of reference for selection of participants, funding and selection issues and will **submit a detailed content in September meeting** in Thessaloniki (GR). The process will then be **launched in October**.

### Selection process

It was decided that each ARIMNet2 country will select 3 candidates at national level. Then the JA coordination group will select 1 or 2 candidates (depending of the budget of each country and global coherence of the group)

### Funding issues

The partner will have the possibility to pay the travels and subsistence of a researcher in the limit of 2,000€ (depending on the standard of living of the country) on the ARIMNet2 budget but could use additional extra-funds in order to fund a participation of a second participant per country.

During the evaluation phase of the process, the national procedures will be analyzed.

The time schedule for the next months is the following one:

March to September 2015	Preparation of the detailed content of the JA texts: terms of reference, funding and selection issues of the YRS
September 2015	Submission of the draft detailed JA texts to the GB
October 2015	Launching of the YRS process
Mid-November 2015	Selection of the participants to the YRS
February 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> pilot JA: young researcher's seminar

## **WP5- From research to innovation**

### *Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) Seminar*

#### AKIS Seminar

The objective of this AKIS seminar was to share knowledge on AKIS in the Mediterranean among ARIMNet2 partners and prepare the international AKIS conference to be organized in 2016, according with the DoW.

The agenda of the AKIS seminar was the following:

09:30-13:15 Internal Seminar on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems

Moderators: Sahin Anil, (GDAR, TR) & Anabel de la Pena (INIA-ES)

9:30-9:50: Introductory explanation of the WP5: "From research to innovation" (objectives and tasks) by the Work Package Leader, Sahin Anil (GDAR, TR)

9:50-10:00: Presentation of the AKIS Seminar, by Task Leader by Anabel de la Peña (INIA, ES)

10:00-10:15: Short Presentation on the works undertaken so far within the framework of Task 5.1 (Analysis of AKIS in the Mediterranean/ State of the art) by Ines Di Paolo (INEA, IT)

10:15-11:00: Presentation and discussion of the works undertaken by SCAR SWG AKIS 3, by **Andrés Montero Aparicio** (INIA, ES)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:15: Presentation "What could be the interest of the AKIS concept to the Mediterranean Agriculture" by **Pascal Bergeret** (Director of CIHEAM-IAMM)

12:15-13:00: Final remarks, decisions on agreed issues, and establishing a drafting committee for reporting the outcome of the seminar

Report on the outcome of the Internal AKIS Seminar (Task 5.2):

- A draft will be ready in 3 weeks time
- This draft report will be sent to the Seminar participants to get improved through inputs particularly by the invited experts
- After having all contribution, final draft will be proposed to the Governing Board for approval, in 2 months

### First features of the AKIS conference

The following decisions were taken:

- Conference objectives: propose a road map and collaborative models to impact future innovation collaborative policies and consolidate the governance of innovation
- General options for the content: on the basis of the analysis of Task 5.1 and outcomes of the internal seminar (Task 5.2), a comprehensive working document will be prepared by WP5 Team. After intensive discussions and getting all relevant ideas, a larger view on areas open for coordination and improvement will be ready
- Potential speakers: 3-5 invited experts with complementary expertise and representing different actors of interactive Innovation, in addition to WP5 Task Force
- Public-private/NGO participants profile: In addition to ARIMNet2 consortium representatives, 3-5 participants coming from the relevant bodies of stakeholders from each ARIMNet2 countries coming from different actors of interactive Innovation (approximately 60 participants). About 100 people should be participating.
- Organizing Conference group: Sahin Anil (GDAR-TR), Anis Ben Rayana (IRESA-TN), Moez Jebara (MESRT-TN)+ Pascal Bergeret (IAMM- FR), Maria Joao Maia (FCT-PT) + Anabel de la Peña (INIA-ES)
- Date and venue of the AKIS Conference: **October, 2016, Antalya-TURKEY**

### Report on the survey "Analysis of the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems in the Mediterranean" (Task 5.1)

3 countries have still to send their answer to the first survey. A majority of the partners has not yet send their answer to the second step of the survey. The WP5 team will send again to the participants the second survey for them to complete it **by the end of March**.

A first draft, based on the first results, will be ready in two weeks.

The final report will be realized **by the end of April 2015**.

The time schedule for the next months is the following one:

End of March 2015	Report on the survey "Analysis of the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems in the Mediterranean" (Task 5.1)
End of March 2015	Draft report on the AKIS Seminar
Mid-April 2015	Circulation of the draft report of the AKIS seminar among participants for improvement
End of May 2015	Final draft on the AKIS Seminar
End of April 2015	Final Report T5.1
September 2015	Written proposal of the provisional program for the AKIS conference to be discussed in GB Meeting
October 2016	AKIS Conference

## WP6- Outreach and communication

### *Working session*

The WP6 hold a meeting in September 2014 in Paris.

### Dissemination strategy an communication kit (Task 6.1)

The dissemination strategy drafting is still on-going. It should be finalized in the next weeks (deviation from the planned working plan).

Concerning the communication kit, the updating of the logo, the conception of the brochure, the use of common ARIMNet2 ppt templates were already produced.

It was decided that a simple flyer in two languages (FR and ENG) will be produced on a format A5. It will be publish for uploading on the intranet. The partners will have the possibility to print it when they need.

### Electronic Dissemination tools

#### Website

The website is partially updated. Videos were realized during the June meeting (interviews of the 10 coordinators and of some ARIMNet2 partners). These videos are published on line.

Events and news were also published.

The funded projects pages have to be completed with new material (videos, ppt of Montpellier...) that shows the state of progress of these projects.

Calendar: Anabel de la Pena proposes also to prepare a global calendar of events (past and future) including the national and regional events. The global calendar will be published in the internal website. All the partners will send information in order to update the calendar with new events planned in their respective countries.

A simple intranet is under preparation, including four parts:

- Calendar
- Deliverables
- Documents box
- Mailing lists

The partners will be contacted to send to Marie O. the password that they want (and will remember).

#### Newsletter (NL)

The preparation of the newsletter is not on time (schedule of the DoW). The objective of this first NL:

- A bridge between ARIMNet and ARIMNet2
- A presentation of the funded projects
- A presentation of the ARIMnet2 news

The global structure proposed is the following one:

#### Page 1 Welcome page

- Summary; Forward; ARIMNet2 news;
- "Box" with very general data on ARIMNet2 project

#### Page 2 & 3- ARIMNet2 in action

- Box with the events (June projects conference; Madrid meetings/AKIS meeting in Lisbon/ next planned events)
- 1 SSAB member interview
- The Call (first analysis and selection/ next steps)

#### Page 4- Join the Mediterranean community

- Events, call, publications...

#### Page 5- Contacts

- WP leaders contacts
- Global info on ARIMnet2 partners

Kim Turk will contact the consortium on Monday 23 to request them some inputs on these items (deadline on Friday). She will coordinate the management of the NL.

The WP6 group already asked a graphical design. A free webtool may also be used.

#### Mailing lists

Three common mailing lists were created.

[arimnet2-exccom@listes.inra.fr](mailto:arimnet2-exccom@listes.inra.fr): list of the Executive Committee members

[arimnet2-fulllist@listes.inra.fr](mailto:arimnet2-fulllist@listes.inra.fr): list of the whole consortium

[arimnet2-gb@listes.inra.fr](mailto:arimnet2-gb@listes.inra.fr): list of the Governing Board members

The nominative lists of the members will be published on the intranet.

The members are requested to help to keep these lists updated.

The functioning of these lists is the following:

- The sender use one of this email address and his message is automatically sent to the whole emails addresses linked to this common address
- When the partner answers to one email received through this common address, he answers automatically only to the sender.
- The sender must be in the list to be able to send a message (if the partner uses another address than the one in the list, it will not work)

### Production of videos and/or other innovative tools to communicate to users (Task 6.3)

Some videos were realized in June 2014 in Montpellier and are already published on the website. Others interviews were realized in Madrid (especially of the two AKIS experts).

### Dissemination of the funded project results / Proposition (to be linked with WP3)

Some coordinators of the funded research projects (first ones: Medileg, Reforma and APMed) informed us of their final seminar.

An event will also be held in February 2016 as final meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> call funded project and the KoM of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call funded projects. The location is not confirmed yet. It may be in Croatia or Portugal.

These events represent opportunities to disseminate ARIMNet2 information and also to get some results on the projects for further dissemination. It was proposed (if possible) to realize some videos (interviews) during the final meetings of each project and/or in the final common ARIMNet2 meeting in Feb. 2016.

The information on these events will also be sent to the ARIMNet2 partners for dissemination in their networks.

Other propositions of valorization of the results of these projects were made:

- Common templates for synthesis of the final results of the projects (4pages)
- Policy briefs, technical briefs

Tools could be realized in different languages. The coordination will propose a designed ARIMNet2 flyer in English and French language. If they need it, partners could prepare a version in their own language: if they realize the translation (on their own budget), the coordination will ensure the design.

These propositions will be implemented only after finalization of the actions planned in the DoW.

The time schedule for the next months is the following one:

End of February 2015	Request to the consortium on inputs for the 1 <sup>st</sup> newsletter	Kim Turk (+ coord)
End of March 2015	Finalization and dissemination of the 1 <sup>st</sup> newsletter	Kim Turk (+ coord)
Mid- March 2015	Finalization of the updated version of the internet and intranet	IRESA (+coord)
End of March 2015	Validation of the different mailing lists contacts published on the intranet	Consortium
End of March 2015	Final version of the dissemination plan/ Submission to the GB	Validation of the coord. Proposal by WP6 members
End of March 2015	New version of the flyer/ Submission to the GB	Comments of coord. (on the basis of the IRESA's proposal)

## WP7- Consortium coordination and project management

### *Working session*

### Financial reporting and activity report

Each report contents 2 parts: a financial reporting & activity report

3 reports to be sent to the EC will be realized during the whole ARIMNet2 project: M18 (June 2015), M36 and M48

On the basis of these reports, the European Commission will validate (or not) our expenses and refund us our expenses.

Before this validation, the EC funds received by each partner have to be considered only as a "pre-financing". If the expenses are not validated by the EC, the pre-financing should be refund by the partner.

The whole process is reminded to the partners:

- Contribution of all the partners is requested on both aspects (financial and activity report)
- The coordinator collects the contributions, writes the report,
- The coordinator sends it to the EC
- The EC validates or asks for some complementary data > once validated, the EC sends a reimbursement to the coordinator
- The coordinator transfers funds to the members

Concerning the timing, the main dates were reminded:

- Each member has to send its report no later than 30 days after the end of the reporting period (*templates will be provided*)
- A complete report has to be sent to the EC no later than 60 days after the end of the reporting period

The main content of the reports were reminded. The expected contributions of the partners were described. This contribution will be send through the participant portal (EC website) and via the coordination.

Partners will be requested to fill in on line (participant portal):

- a synthetic Form C
- an explanation of the use of the resources per type of cost and WP (on line)

They will also been asked to complete and send to the coordination:

- a report of your activity during the period (we will send you a template)
- a detailed labour costs table

For the current period, they will have to contribute no later than the end of July 2015 (the consortium has to submit all the reports at once: the consortium may not wait for the latecomers.)

Some general advices are reminded: refer regularly to EU financial guideline, keep all the evidences of the expenditures (Timesheets, pay slip, contract of employment for the labour costs, Invoices, tickets (travels and subsistence...), get in contact with their own administrative services and accountant...

### Transfers of funds

An EC pre-financing was received (35% of the global EC contribution). 50% to 100% (depending of partners) of the EC pre-financing was send on the April 23, 2014 to the partners.

Bank references of three partners are still missing. This situation should be solved.

The remaining EC pre-financing will be transferred after the 1st report (September 2015), except special request of partners. The second EC contribution may be transferred to the coordination around January 2016 (estimation).

### Consortium Agreement

The CA is an internal ARIMNet2 agreement (including governance, financial issues, IPR...). It is an obligation toward the European Commission. A draft was proposed (and sent before the meeting to the partners). This draft is still under revision in the legal department of INRA but the ARIMNet2 are already requested to check it with their legal services and come back to the coordination with their eventual comments.

The time schedule for the next months is the following one:

June 2015	End of the 1st reporting period
End of July 2015	Deadline for the sending of financial and technical reports by partners
End of August 2015	Deadline for submission of the report, including signed original forms C!
End of March 2015	Sending of comments on Consortium Agreement by partners
End of April 2015	New version of the CA
September 2015	Sending of the remaining EC pre-financing to partners

### Next meetings

1. May 2015 Roma, SSAB Meeting



2. September 2015 Thessaloniki : SEC (28-29); Call Board (30) ; Governing Board (ISRA draft, WP4 and WP5 advancements, WP2 : choice of topics and declaration of interests of Funding Agencies for the ARIMNet2 2016 Call)
3. December 2015 (Paris- place to be confirmed) Call Board: preparation of the announcement of the 2016 Call for proposals (to be launched in January 2016 and funded in 2017)
4. February 2016 :  
ARIMNet Research projects final dissemination meeting + Kick off Meeting selected ARIMNet2 Call projects  
Governing Board (approval of ISRA, approval of final content of AKIS conference and other issues)
5. October 2016 (Antalya) AKIS conference

## Global calendar for the second-half of 2015

When?		What?			Who?	
Year		WP	Task	Action		
2015	End of February	WP6	6.2	Request to the consortium on inputs for the 1 <sup>st</sup> newsletter	MIZC /Consortium	
	1st week of March	WP1	1.5	Collecting and circulating documents for ISRA	SSAB, WP1 & coord	
	End of March		WP3	3.2	Proposition of indicators for the final report of the funded projects (Task 3.2 & 3.3)	FCT, after discussion/validation among WP3 members
			WP5	5.1	Report on the survey "Analysis of the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems in the Mediterranean"	INEA
				5.2	Draft report on the AKIS Seminar	WP5 leaders (INIA)
			WP6	6.1	Final version of the dissemination plan/ Submission to the GB	WP6 members/GB
				6.1	Final version of the flyer/ Submission to the GB	WP6 members/GB
				6.2	Finalization and dissemination of the 1 <sup>st</sup> newsletter	MIZC + INRA (+ WP6 members)
				6.2	Validation of the different mailing lists contacts published on the intranet	Consortium
				6.2	Finalization of the updated version of the internet and intranet	IRESA+ INRA (+ WP6 members)
			WP7	7.3	Sending of comments on Consortium Agreement by partners	All
	March to September	WP4	4.3	Preparation of the detailed content of the Joint Activity texts: terms of reference, funding and selection issues of the YRS	WP4 members	
	Beginning of April	WP1	1.5	Very first draft of ISRA	SSAB	
	Mid-April	WP5	5.2	Circulation of the draft report of the AKIS seminar among participants for improvement	AKIS seminar participants	
	End of April		WP1	1.5	Revision of the very first draft of ISRA	SSAB, WP1 & coord
			WP5	5.1	Final Report "Med-AKIS" /Submission to GB	WP5 members/GB
			WP7	7.3	New version of the Consortium Agreement	Coord.
	Beginning of May	WP3	3.1	Report on the survey on the first call evaluation (Task 3.1)/	INIA, after discussion/validation among WP3 members	
	End of May		3.1	Validation by the GB of the report Evaluation of the 1 <sup>st</sup> call Sending of recommendations to the WP2 on the call procedures (Task 3.1)	GB INIA, after discussion/validation among WP3 members	
			WP5	5.2	Final draft on the AKIS Seminar	WP5
	<b>MEETING</b> End of May 2015	WP1	1.5	<b>Finalizing the 1st ISRA draft &amp; III SSAB meeting (Rome)</b>	SSAB, WP1 & coord	
	June	WP7	7.3	End of the 1st reporting period	All	
	End of July	WP7	7.3	Deadline for the sending of financial and technical reports by partners to coordinator (via email or web "participant portal")	All	
	End of August	WP7	7.3	Deadline for submission of the report, including signed original forms C!	All	
	Beginning of	WP1	1.5	Integration of the very first ISRA draft with	SSAB	

	September			inputs from III meeting	
	MEETING End of September 2015 (Thessaloniki)	WP1	1.5	Submission of ISRA to the GB for contribution The ISRA draft will be used to prepare the features of the next ARIMNet2 Call.	GB WP2
		WP2	2.1	Choice of the topics for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call Declaration of intentions –Funding Agencies	CB
			2.3	Evaluation of the full proposals (peer-review process)	Call Office+ reviewers+ SEC
		WP4	4.3	Submission of the draft detailed Joint Activity texts to the GB	GB
		WP5	5.3	Written proposal of the provisional program for the AKIS conference to be discussed in GB Meeting	GB WP5
		WP7		SEC (28-29); Call Board (30) ; Governing Board (ISRA draft, WP4 and WP5 advancements)	SEC CB Executive Committee
	End of September	WP7	7.3	Sending of the remaining EC pre-financing to partners	Coord.
	October	WP4	4.3	Launching of the YRS process	JA Organizing committee (enlarged WP4) + consortium
	December	WP2	2.3	Finalization of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call documents and procedures	CB + Call Office
	MEETING December 2015 (Paris?)	WP2	2.3	Call Board: preparation of the announcement of the 2016 Call for proposals (to be launched in January 2016 and funded in 2017)	CB
2016	January	WP2	2.3	Launching of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call	All
	MEETING February 2016 (Lisboa? Croatia?)	WP7		- ARIMNet Research projects meeting (presentation of results) + KoM selected ARIMNet2 Call - Governing Board (approval of ISRA, approval of final content of AKIS conference)	- GB - Representatives of the funded project (coord.)
			WP4	4.3	1 <sup>st</sup> pilot Joint Activity: young researcher's seminar
	MEETING October 2016 (Antalya)	WP5	5.3	AKIS Conference	WP5 + All
2016-2017		WP2	2.3	Funding of the selected projects (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)	CB

*Detailed list of the participants*

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	Amr Radwan			X		X	X	X
FRANCE	Bernard Hubert	AGROPOLIS INTERNATIONAL	X		X			
	Fabrice Dentressangle	AGENCE NATIONALE DE LA RECHERCHE	X			X	X	X
	Maurice Héral		X	X		X	X	X
	Florence Jacquet	INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE	X	X	X	X	X	X

	Marie Ollagnon	AGROPOLIS INTERNATIONAL		X		X	X	X
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	Jean-François Tourrand			X			X	
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	Marina Montedoro,			X	X		X	X
	Serenella Puliga			X		X	X	X
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	Sanaa Zebakh		X	X		X	X	
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	Jamel Ben Rebah			X		X	X	X
	Ali Rhouma			X		X	X	X
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