COST action A35: PROGRESSORE

Second meeting of the core group (CG)

27 October 2006, 2.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m., 28 October 2006, 9.00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Paris – EHESS

Chair: Gérard Béaur (FR)

Further participants:

Rosa Congost (ES)
Vicente Pinilla (ES)
Jürgen Schlumbohm (DE)
Anne-lise Head-König (CH)
Erich Landsteiner (AT)
Sokrates Petmezas (GR)
Nadine Vivier (FR)
Annie Antoine (FR)
Jaroslaw Dumanovski (PL)
Rui Santos (PT)
David Gronbaek (COST)
Sabine Conré (EHESS)

1. Welcome to participants

2. Adoption of Agenda

2a. Report from the Science Officer, David Gronbaek

Following the open call from COST, deadline: March 2006, 120 short proposals arrived in the domain Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health (former name: Social Sciences). Out of them, 18 were invited to submit full applications. 5 have been finally accepted. The next deadline for applications will be 30 March 2007. – In November, the Domain Committee (former name: Technical Committee) will appoint a rapporteur for our action A35. – The state of the budget is discussed. Gronbaek points out that now the "pay as you go" system is not available anymore. Our action has already adopted the "grant system".

3. Presentation of the workshops held in 2006

Gérard Béaur, Vicente Pinilla, Erich Landsteiner and Nadine Vivier report about the four workshops held in 2006.

The chair, Gérard Béaur, will ask the organisers of the four workshops of 2006 to send their written reports well before 25 November 2006 so that they can be sent to all the members of the Managing Committee (MC) before the meeting. The reports should summarize the scholarly results of the workshop in 2-3 pages. A list of participants, with indication of their nationality and the final programme should be added.

4. Budget planning for each workshop in 2007

From the COST budget, each of the 4 workshops will be attributed a maximum of 12,000 Euros.

5. Discussion of the subjects of the workshops which will take place in 2007

Ruis Santos, Annie Antoine, Jaroslaw Dumanowski and Sokrates Petmezas (for Georg Fertig who cannot attend) report on the preparation of the four workshops in 2007 and submit the calls for papers. In the discussion, it is welcomed that the workshop of working group 2 will deal with specialization from the Middle Ages to the late 20th century. The plans for the other conferences in 2007 are equally welcomed.

The organizer of each workshop has to send a final list of participants (with indication of their nationality) and an estimation of the costs to the chair, at least one month before the workshop. After the workshop, the applications for reimbursement have to be submitted quickly.

6. /8. Preparation of the meeting of the Managing Committee (MC) and the joint symposium on 25 November 2006

The meeting and symposium will take place in Brussels on 25 November 2006 from 9.00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. It is agreed that in this meeting the MC should not only agree to the workshops planned in 2007, but also to those planned for 2008. Therefore, the chair will ask the organizers of the workshops in 2007 to send the final versions of the calls for papers to him and to Sabine Conré by 3 November. The chair will also ask the organizers of the workshops in 2008 to send drafts of their calls for papers to him and Sabine Conré by 15 November 2006. The chair or S. Conré will immediately forward all these calls to the MC-members.

7. Discussion on publication

The chair reports about the offers from the two publishers, Peter Lang and Brepols, concerning a series of our COST action. In the discussion, the points which remain to be clarified by the two publishers are defined. The chair will negotiate with the publishers. In this way, the MC should be able to make a decision in Brussels.

As for the language of the publications, it is agreed that the ideal would be to publish in English only. Since however this seems very difficult, because of the time pressure (the papers of the 2006 conferences should be published before the end of 2007) and because of the lack of funds for translation and/or language revision by a native speaker, volumes in three languages (English, French, German) are also acceptable. In this case there should be a summary of half a page or a page for each article, in the two other languages.

9. Discussion of future research activities: A short discussion about future possibilities took place.

9a. Landscape studies initiatives

David Gronbaek gives information on the initiative to combine activities of the European Science Foundation (ESF) and COST in the field of landscape studies. It is agreed that our action A35 is to be represented at the meeting in Madrid on 27 November 2006 by at least two representatives. Annie Antoine and Erik Thoen shall be asked; if they cannot go, Peter Moser, Enric Tello or Rosa Congost will be asked.

10. Time and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the core group will take place in Paris on 5 and 6 October 2007. In Brussels on 25 November 2006, the chair will propose the date of the next meeting of the MC.

10a. Homepage of our action A35

It is agreed that the homepage has to be kept up to date, that is, the calls for papers and the programmes for the upcoming conferences have to be placed on the homepage as soon as they are ready. Since it seems to be difficult to achieve this if the homepage is with the EHESS, alternatives shall be considered and decided on, very soon.