

Minutes of the twelvth Management Board Meeting of the NERIS Platform

14th of April 2014
10.00 to 12.00 am by Conference Call

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1. Introduction

Thierry Schneider, chair of the NERIS Platform, opens the twelfth NERIS Management Board, organized as conference call, and welcomes all the participants.

2. Minutes of the eleventh NERIS Management Board meeting – Review of the List of Actions

R&D committee:

- ⇒ Update the SRA and the Deployment Plan (**Management Board and R&D committee - closed**)

Twelfth NERIS Management Board:

- ⇒ Fix the date of the meeting (**Secretariat - closed**)

Financial issues:

- ⇒ Inform the supporting organisations for the evolution of the fees and invite all NERIS members to become supporting organisation (**Secretariat - closed**)

Cooperation with European and international organizations:

- ⇒ Discuss with the University of Fukushima to establish an agreement in the framework of the PREPARE Project (**W. Raskob, T. Schneider – closed**)
- ⇒ Contact HERCA for discussing the possible cooperation (**C. Murith, F. Gering –on going**)
- ⇒ Diffuse the analysis prepared by IGES on the FAIRDO project (**G. Hériard Dubreuil – closed**)

Second NERIS Workshop in Oslo in January 2014:

- ⇒ Send a last announcement to all NERIS members with reminder of the deadline for registration (**Secretariat - closed**)

Fifth General Assembly in Geneva

- ⇒ Prepare the draft agenda and inform all NERIS members (**Secretariat – on going**)

7th Newsletter:

- ⇒ Prepare a proposal of articles to send to the Management Board (**Secretariat - closed**)

NERIS Website:

- ⇒ Introduce a map showing members and supporting organizations (**Secretariat – on going**)

3. Update of the NERIS SRA

Thierry explains that a new updated version of the SRA has been established, dated April 8, 2014, following the discussions held during the R&D Committee meeting in September and the Management Board meetings.

The next step is to set up the consultation process in order to collect comments on the list of priorities and also the ranking of these priorities. A grid was created for the consultation process. The first column allows ranking the priorities of the SRA (three to five priorities seem relevant) and the second column allows selecting the priorities in terms of synergetic issues with the other platforms (MELODI, ALLIANCE, EURADOS) for the second OPERRA Call. The aim is to collect comments on the SRA in priority from each NERIS supporting organisation with one response by organisation.

It is proposed to send the new version of the SRA in one hand to the supporting organisations for feedback before the end of April insofar as possible and on the other hand to all NERIS members for a feedback by the beginning of July.

4. Follow up of MOU between MELODI, EURADOS, ALLIANCE and NERIS

4.1. Preparation of the second OPERRA Call

Within the OPERRA project, a questionnaire based on the NERIS SRA has been prepared by Pascal Crouail (CEPN) and will be sent to OPERRA partners for establishing a Web questionnaire together with MELODI SRA, ALLIANCE SRA and EURADOS SRA.

In addition, as mentioned earlier, a list of topics for synergetic issues will be discussed with the other platforms in the perspective of preparing the second OPERRA call.

For this second OPERRA call, NERIS is requested to identify if some members of the MELODI scientific committee could cover items related to NERIS research area, and to propose names for enlarging this scientific committee. The final decision will be discussed in the OPERRA management board.

Thierry mentions that there are already two members of the MELODI scientific committee who can address recovery issues: Ohtsura NIWA (University of Kyoto - Japan) and Patrick SMESTER (former FANC - Belgium).

The Management Board discusses the list of possible names for enlarging the scientific committee of MELODI:

- Brian WYNNE (Lancaster University - UK – stakeholder issues)
- Lynn Hubbard (SSM – Sweden – involved in IAEA report on Fukushima for emergency issues)
- Wolfgang Weiss (coordinator of the UNSCEAR report on Fukushima)
- Ken Buesseler (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, for marine modelling issues)
- Nadia Zelesnik (Nuclear Transparency Watch - Regional Environmental Center, Slovakia)

It is proposed to select only two persons who have real qualifications to address the issues identified. For this, a description of their research topics will be prepared and sent to the Management Board asking for selecting 2 names among the list. Thierry Schneider will collect the responses and announce the results of the selection of the management board.

4.2. Organisation of the European joint Programming (EJP) for Radiation Protection R&D in Europe (H2020 call)

See in attachment of the email the preparatory document, which describes the possible structure of the EJP Consortium.

The Management Board discusses the list of following meetings and the participation of NERIS members:

- EJP meetings: 23 April (W. Raskob, T. Schneider), 26 May (W. Raskob), 23 June (W. Raskob, T. Schneider)
- Meeting on Synergetic issues in Madrid + ALLIANCE GA: 28-29 April (J. Bardelay, T. Schneider)
- MELODI management board: 2 June (T. Schneider)
- Meeting on infrastructure: dates to be defined (Deborah Oughton)

Thierry Schneider mentions that except IRSN, SCK-CEN, STUK and BfS, none of NERIS supporting organisations are currently supposed to be involved directly in the EJP Consortium. It is necessary to push the involvement of the NERIS Platform and to clarify its possible role and position in the EJP consortium. In addition, it is necessary to identify the capability of the NERIS supporting organisations and other NERIS members to be involved for performing research through the call to be opened in the future on the issues and priorities identified.

Discussion with Jacques Repussard, Thomas Jung and Frank Hardeman will be organised in the following weeks to see how to proceed.

It is reminded that the schedule is to prepare a draft proposal by the end of June in order to finalise the response to the call by mid September.

4.3. Workshops

The Management Board discusses the possible participation of NERIS members in the following workshops:

- ICRER workshop – Barcelona – 7-12 September (W. Raskob, D. Oughton)
- MELODI workshop – Barcelona – 7-9 October (D. Oughton, T. Schneider, E. Gallego)

5. Fifth NERIS General Assembly

5.1. Preparation of the Agenda (See the proposal for the agenda in Annex 1)

Thierry Schneider presents the Draft Agenda for the Fifth NERIS General Assembly. It is proposed to move the point on Financial Issues after the Review of NERIS activities.

The Draft Agenda will be sent in the following days to all NERIS Members.

5.2. Information on proposed fees for 2014

- The proposal is confirmed: 2000 € for college 1 and 1000 € for college 2
- Currently: 21 supporting organisations

- Expected income: 28 k€
- Expectation for involving: CIEMAT, PHE and RPII as supporting organisations before the General Assembly

NERIS – EXPECTED FEES 2014			
	ORGANISATION	COUNTRIES	EXPECTED FEES
1	KIT	GERMANY	1 000,00 €
2	BFS	GERMANY	2 000,00 €
3	IKE	GERMANY	1 000,00 €
4	SCK.CEN	BELGIUM	1 000,00 €
5	DTU	DENMARK	1 000,00 €
6	PDC	DENMARK	1 000,00 €
7	UPM	SPAIN	1 000,00 €
8	STUK	FINLAND	2 000,00 €
9	MUTADIS	FRANCE	1 000,00 €
10	CEPN	FRANCE	1 000,00 €
11	IRSN	FRANCE	2 000,00 €
12	GAEC	GREECE	2 000,00 €
13	UNIMI	ITALY	1 000,00 €
14	NRPA	NORWAY	2 000,00 €
15	NMBU	NORWAY	1 000,00 €
16	KWR	NETHERLANDS	1 000,00 €
17	SURO	CZECH REPUBLIC	1 000,00 €
18	VUJE	SLOVAKIA	2 000,00 €
19	OFSP	SWITZERLAND	2 000,00 €
20	IST	PORTUGAL	1 000,00 €
21	UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK	UNITED KINGDOM	1 000,00 €
	TOTAL		28 000,00 €

6. Proposal for the organization of a NERIS Workshop in 2015

During the Final Dissemination Workshop in Oslo on January 2014, it was proposed to organise a specific event on preparedness for nuclear and radiological emergency response and recovery issues each year. Thierry Schneider presents two proposals:

- Proposal from University of Milano for hosting the workshop
- Proposal for a joint workshop on radiation protection with MELODI, ALLIANCE and EURADOS (in 2015 or latter? This would be included into EJP)

For the Management Board, the second option seems better. Thierry propose to discuss this issue with the other Platforms of the MOU.

7. Any other business

7.1. Proposals for the ICRP Committee 4

- Information on the TG on up-dating Publications 109 and 111
- Prepare some proposals for Committee 4 before end of June
- Next liaison organisation meeting with ICRP: September 30, London (Thierry will attend the meeting)

7.2. Cooperation with RENEB

Florian Gering sent information about RENEB. The network would like to set up as organisation like the NERIS Platform and in this context the network wants information on the process. RENEB wishes also to cooperate with the NERIS Platform but is not interested to become a subgroup of NERIS.

Thierry mentions that IRSN (information from Joel Bardeley) supports this position and wishes to avoid the integration of RENEB in NERIS as it doesn't seem to be coherent with the NERIS activities.

Thierry Schneider proposes to answer to RENEB the interest of NERIS to keep contact and allow information exchanges.

7.3. Participation to the 14th REMPAN meeting

Christophe Murith and Florian Gering will attend the meeting in May and will provide further information.

7.4. OPERRA workshop on emergency

BfS is in charge of preparing a small workshop on emergency in the framework of the OPERRA project. Florian Gering is in charge of this organization. The management board supports the direct involvement of NERIS in the preparation and the programme of this workshop. The schedule seems to be difficult for organizing it during the IRPA Geneva Congress. Further contact will be established with Florian Gering for discussing the organization of this workshop.

8. List of actions – NERIS Management Board 13

Strategic Research Agenda:

- ⇒ Set up the consultation of the SRA (**Secretariat, Management Board, R&D Committee**)
- ⇒ Send the SRA with the grid to the NERIS supporting organisations for feedback by 25 April (**Secretariat**)
- ⇒ Send the SRA with the grid to all NERIS Members for feedback before the Fifth NERIS General Assembly if possible or at least by 15 July (**Secretariat**)

Preparation of the Second OPERRA Call:

- ⇒ Prepare a short CV of each candidate to select them for proposal to the enlarged MELODI Scientific Committee (**Management Board**)

Organisation of the European Joint Programming (EJP) for Radiation Protection R&D in Europe

- ⇒ Contact Jacques Repussard, Thomas Jung and Frank Hardeman to discuss the NERIS involvement into the EJP Consortium

Thirteenth NERIS Management Board:

- ⇒ Fix the date of the meeting after the first EJP preparation meeting (**Secretariat**)

Participation to the OPERRA Workshop on emergency

- ⇒ Prepare a proposal for the Workshop to be sent to the Management Board (**F. Gering, T. Schneider**)

Cooperation with European and international organizations:

- ⇒ Contact HERCA for discussing the possible cooperation – Invitation to the Fifth NERIS General Assembly (**C. Murith, F. Gering, Management Board**)
- ⇒ Contact RENEb for establishing some links (**F. Gering**)
- ⇒ Prepare some proposals for the ICRP Committee 4 before end of June (**E. Gallego, Management Board**)

Fifth General Assembly in Geneva

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Annex 1

Preliminary Agenda

**Fifth General Assembly of the NERIS Platform
Friday 27 June 2014, 2.00 - 5.00 pm**

**International Center of Conference Geneva (CICG)
17 Rue de Varembe
1211 Geneva, Switzerland**

- 1. Opening of the General Assembly** (President – Thierry Schneider - CEPN)
- 2. Review of the Platform activities**
 - 2.1. Activities of the NERIS Working groups:
 - 2.1.1. WG on Local engagement (Deborah Oughton – NMBU)
 - 2.1.2. WG on Contaminated goods (Sylvie Charron - IRSN)
 - 2.2. R&D Committee (Chair – Frank Hardeman – SCK CEN): Updated Strategic Research Agenda
 - 2.3. Information on Web-site and newsletters (Sandra Biguenet - CEPN)
- 3. Information on the development of the PREPARE project** (Wolfgang Raskob - KIT)
- 4. Views concerning the future NERIS activities**
 - 4.1. Information on the Memorandum of Understanding between MELODI, ALLIANCE, EURADOS and NERIS (Thierry Schneider - CEPN)
 - 4.2. Information on the organisation of the European Joint Programming (EJP) for Radiation Protection R&D in Europe (H2020 call) (Thierry Schneider – CEPN, Wolfgang Raskob - KIT)
 - 4.3. Memberships (Thierry Schneider - CEPN)
 - 4.4. Financial issues (Thierry Schneider - CEPN):
 - 4.4.1. Results of 2013
 - 4.4.2. Proposal of the budget for 2014 and adoption of the fees for 2014
- 5. International cooperation (All)**
 - 5.1. Co-operation with international organisations
 - 5.2. Co-operation with Japanese organisations
- 6. Date and venue of the next General Assembly (All), Proposals**
- 7. Any other issues**
- 8. Closing of the fifth General Assembly (NERIS President)**