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To
The Grant Holder of COST Action FA1204

ASSESSMENT OF STSM APPLICATION

Athens, 18 May 2015

A new application for a STSM has been submitted to the COST Action FA1204. A short overview of the application is shown below:

COST STSM Reference Number: COST-STSM-FA1204-27321

Period: 2015-06-01 00:00:00 to 2015-09-30 00:00:00

COST Action: FA1204

STSM type: Early Career Investigator ECI (from Italy to United Kingdom)

STSM Applicant: Dr Rabab Sanoubar, Dipartimento di Scienze Agrarie ALMA MATER
STUDIORUM - Università di Bologna, Bologna, IT (rabab.sanoubar@unibo.it).

STSM Topic: Does cadmium modulate water relations and transpiration of wild-type and
cadmium-tolerant mutant peas under cadmium stress?

Host: Ian Dodd, LEC, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK, (i.dodd@lancaster.ac.uk)

This application was evaluated by the three appointed members of the evaluation panel namely Dr. Rita Grosch, Dr. Alberto Battistelli and myself (D. Savvas). The review reports of all three members of the evaluation panel are attached to this e-mail message.

Dr Dr Rabab Sanoubar is affiliated to the University of Bologna, Department of Agriculture, an Institution which has within its remit a clear association with performing research and is located in Italy, a Participating COST Country. Thus, according to the provisions of COST Vademecum 2020, Dr Rabab Sanoubar is an eligible STSM applicant. Dr Rabab Sanoubar has recently got her Ph.D. (05/27/2014) and meets thus the criteria for

being considered an Early Career Investigator (ECI: A researcher within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained their PhD/doctorate). Furthermore this STSM application respects the criteria regarding minimum and maximum duration, implementation within a single grant period and maximum requested amount of funding. This STSM is anticipated to strengthen existing networks and foster collaboration between researchers in a scientific field that was considered as relevant to the scope of COST FA1204 by all members of the evaluation panel. Thus, my recommendation is to accept her request for a STSM Period of four months (122 days, starting on 06/01/2015 and ending on 05/30/2015) and a STSM grant amount of €3,500.

In summary, the STSM application of Dr. Rabab Sanoubar is eligible and specifically contributes to the scientific objectives of the COST Action FA1204. Therefore, I suggest approval of a STSM grant at a total amount of € 3,500 for Dr. Rabab Sanoubar.

The STSM coordinator of the COST ACTION FA1204
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