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To
The Grant Holder of COST Action FA1204

ASSESSMENT OF STSM APPLICATION

Athens, 23 July 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-FA1204-29149

Period: 2015-08-01 00:00:00 to 2015-10-31 00:00:00

STSM type: Regular (from Italy to Germany)

STSM Applicant: Dr Youssef Roupheal, Department of Agricultural Sciences, University of Naples Federico II, 80055, IT (e-mail: youssef.roupheal@unina.it)

STSM Topic: Effectiveness of grafting to improve acidity and aluminum toxicity tolerance in tomato

Host: Dr. Dietmar Schwarz, Leibniz-Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops, Grossbeeren, DE (e-mail: schwarz@igzev.de)

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 Youssef Roupheal is affiliated to the University of Naples, Department of Agricultural Sciences, 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 Youssef Roupheal is an eligible STSM applicant. 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 relevant to the scope of COST FA1204 by all members of the evaluation panel. Thus, my recommendation is to accept this application for a STSM Period of three months (92 days, starting on 08/01/2015 and ending on 08/31/2015) and a STSM grant amount of €2,500.

In summary, the STSM application of Dr. Youssef Rouphael 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 € 2,500 for Dr. Youssef Rouphael.

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