



# **“Events&Network” Working Group**

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

**1<sup>st</sup> year of Activities**

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*Please note that the report must not exceed 30 pages!*

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## MESSAGE OF THE CHAIR

This, our working group has already one year of life.

Although this year has been extremely difficult for everyone, it is a great pleasure today, after one year, to talk about lots of fruitful and successful activities organized or simply supported by the “Events&Network” Working Group.

The first and most relevant objective of this working group is to enhance external visibility and to try to gather as many M(S)C fellows as possible, to be able to build a strong network among alumni.

The “Event&Network” Working group financially supported the organization of the event ESOF 2014 in Copenhagen. Later, the Marie Curie Alumni Association has been invited to a conference in Santiago de Compostela and we were involved in the selection of the speaker, being the reference contact between the organizers and the association. We sponsored the treasurer to go to Switzerland to attend some networking activities and lately the Association was sponsored during the EGU 2015 and during a conference on archeomusicology in New York. The Working Group finally ended up our first year of activities with the organization of two big events, respectively one in the Czech Republic and one in Greece.

As Chairman of our “Events&Network” Working group, I personally think that this is only the very beginning of a long series of successful events.

## MEMBERSHIP

The current number of members of the “E&N” WG is 39. In this section the membership is discussed, differentiating by nationality, hosting country, gender, and the scientific field of expertise.

### Membership – Nationality

Nationality	Number of members
Italy	13 (33.3 %)
Spain	5 (12.7 %)
India	5 (12.7%)
Portugal	3 (7.6%)
Ireland	2 (5.1%)
Australia	1 (2.6%)
Bangladesh	1 (2.6%)
Belgium	1 (2.6%)
France	1 (2.6%)
Germany	1 (2.6%)
Greece	1 (2.6%)
Nigeria	1 (2.6%)
Poland	1 (2.6%)
Russia	1 (2.6%)
Serbia	1 (2.6%)
UK	1 (2.6%)

### Membership – Geographic location

Country	Number of members
Italy	5
France	4

Ireland	3
Belgium	3
UK	3
Spain	3
Portugal	2
United States	2
Australia	1
Austria	1
Finland	1
Netherlands	1
Nigeria	1
Serbia	1
Sweden	1
Switzerland	1

#### **Membership - Gender**

<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
22 (56.4 %)	17 (43.6 %)

#### **Membership – Scientific Panel**

<b>Scientific Field</b>	<b>Number of members (Percentage)</b>
<i>ENG</i>	12 (30.8 %)
<i>LIF</i>	12 (30.8%)
<i>SOC</i>	5 (12.7%)
<i>CHE</i>	4 (10.3%)
<i>SOC-HISTORY</i>	3 (7.7%)

<i>PHY</i>	2 (5.1%)
<i>ENV</i>	1 (2.6%)

## COMMUNICATIONS

Concerning communication between members of the working group, it strongly depends on the activities.

In general, the platform of the MCAA website has been used to set discussions and to ask people about their own opinion. The poll has been an important tool to decide about suitable dates. In addition, skype meetings have been held and private conversations have been created to discuss about the work development, future plans and to inform everyone.

Particularly for the two very last events “MCAA arrives in the Czech Republic” and “MCAA arrives in Greece”, first a *Virtual Group* and a related private conversation have been created for each activity (see Section “Working Group Activities” to understand the management of these two events). A *Local Group* of local members in the Czech Republic and Greece have been contacted via skype, by means of (at least) 30 minutes meetings. A continuous feedback was required to be sure that everyone was properly informed and involved, avoiding lacks of information and/or misunderstanding.

## WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

The working group is managed by its leader Francesco Sanna. He is fully involved in all the activities and, depending on the activity, he creates some working group composed by volunteers. Therefore, apart from the leadership, there are no official roles within the WG. However, in each activity group, everyone has a different and precise task.

The events joined or supported by the Events and Network WG are several:

### 1. ESOF 2014 :

It is the EuroScience Open Forum and it was held in Copenhagen (June 21-26, 2014).

Website : <http://esof2014.org/>

Main task of the WG: The “E&N” WG financed this event, in order to be sure that MCAA had the proper visibility during such a big and international event.

### 2. EJIO:

It is a Spanish conference on Optics and it was held in Santiago de Compostela (August, 28-30 August 2014).

Website: <http://area jovensedoptica.blogspot.nl/>

Main task of the WG: The “E&N” was in charge to launch a call to select the speaker, being in touch with the organizers and to prepare the presentation for the conference. Dr. Victor Cardenez was selected. No money was needed.



Figure 1. Dr. Cardenez at EJIO, Santiago de Compostela (Spain)

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### **3. EU-COG III**

It is the European Network for the Advancement of Artificial Cognitive Systems, Interaction and Robotics and it was held in Rapperswil (November 29-30, 2014).

Website : <https://www.eucognition.org/>

EUCog Network was a EU-funded network of researchers from Humanities to Engineering to Philosophy who work in the field of Cognitive Science and other related fields. Their EU funding is now over and they are on a transition to a self-sustainable model.

Main task of the WG: The “E&N” financed the journey of the Treasurer Dr. Roy Someshwar to be able to promote the association.

### **4. Representations of Musicians in the Coroplastic Art of the Ancient World: Inconography, Ritual Context and Functions**

It is a conference on Archeomusicology, held at the New York University (March 7th, 2015).

Website : <http://www.nyu.edu/gsas/dept/fineart/events/archeomusicology.htm>

Main task of the WG: A member of the E&N WG, Dr. Angela Bellia, promoted the association during this event.

### **5. EGU 2015: European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2015**

It is a conference on Geoscience, held in Vienna (April 16th, 2015).

Website: <http://www.egu2015.eu/>

Main task of the WG: together with Dr. Riccardo Biondi, an active member of the “E&N” WG and chairman of the Austrian Chapter, an abstract to EGU 2015 for the “Town Hall Meeting” has been sent and accepted. The 1 hour talk was prepared in collaboration and Dr. Biondi has been financially supported by “E&N” WG.



To enhance the voice of M(S)C researchers, the “E&N” WG decided to explore the Eastern European countries, i.e. where MCAA has not any chapter. The main aims were:

- i. To enhance the external visibility of the MCAA
- ii. To inform people about the association and its benefits
- iii. To set a local group composed by local M(S)C members (Chapter)
- iv. To inform M(S)C members about other external organizations and to promote a mutual collaboration
- v. To inform local organizations about MCAA and its activities
- vi. To build a local solid network by giving M(S)C members the possibility to share their own achievements

The Czech Republic and Greece were chosen. For each country, a kick-off event has been organized. After a lunch offered by MCAA and the introduction of the hosting research center’s director, an informative talk of 45 mins was given by the chairman of the “E&N” WG Francesco Sanna. The participants were invited to produce a poster for the 1 hour Networking Session during which they could talk about their expertise, achievements and future goals. The last part of the event was dedicated to external speakers from local organizations. More details are provided in the subsections 6. And 7.

Concerning the organization of the two events, the following steps have been followed :

- 1) Creation of a *virtual group*. Members of the “E&N” WG were asked to voluntarily collaborate to organize the events. As chairman, Francesco Sanna, assigned specific roles and tasks:

**Table 1. Roles and Tasks for the Virtual Group.**

Role	Task	Responsible for the CZ	Responsible for Greece
Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manage the activities and hold meetings</li> <li>- Ensure to inform all the Virtual Group members</li> <li>- Be sure that everything was done in time and in budget</li> <li>- Precisely inform the selected members of the local group about their tasks (see 2) ).</li> </ul>	F. Sanna	F. Sanna
Contact with local members within MCAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organize skype meetings</li> <li>- Inform local members about doubts</li> </ul>	A. Viti	A. Bellia
Contact with local organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact institutions and ask for availability</li> <li>- Constantly inform institutions about the</li> </ul>	A. Viti and R.Biondi	A.Medina

	expected		
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keep track of all the financial movements</li> <li>- Be sure everything is on budget</li> </ul>	B.Cahill	G. Muggiolu
Advertisement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be sure that promotional material was sent in time to the chosen locations</li> <li>- Contact the contractors to be sure that everything was done in time.</li> </ul>	I. Ramos and F. Sanna	F. Sanna

- 2) Creation of a *Local Group*. Out of the MCAA members set in the chosen country, a local group was contacted to find location, catering, and to have the support during the event. Within the *local group*, two members were selected to be in charge for the organization of the meeting and for taking care of the registrations.

**Table 2. Roles and Tasks for the selected members of the Local Group.**

Role	Task	Responsible for the CZ	Responsible for Greece
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Take care of the room, facilities, catering</li> <li>- To organize the poster Session</li> </ul>	M. Acosta	I. Galani
Responsible for registration and financial status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow the procedure provided by F. Sanna</li> <li>- Provide the correct information to the participants</li> <li>- Register in an ordered way all the participants</li> <li>- Take care of the financial status (grants, reimbursement, etc.)</li> </ul>	A. Chandra	F. Plagianakos

## 6. MCAA arrives in the Czech Republic

It is an event fully organized, sponsored, advertised, and financially supported by the “E&N” WG, held in Brno (April 17th, 2015).

The agenda is here reported:

### ***Agenda of the Event “MCAA arrives in the Czech Republic!”***

*Global Change Research Centre AS CR,  
Belidla 4A, Brno,  
Czech Republic*

*Friday | 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015*

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|----------------|---|
| <b>12:00  </b> | <b><i>Registration and Lunch offered by MCAA</i></b>  |
| <b>13:00  </b> | <b><i>Opening Speech</i></b><br><i>Francesco Sanna, MCAA</i><br><i>Michal V. Marek, Global Change Research Centre AS CR</i>   |
| <b>13:15  </b> | <b><i>MCAA : Past, Present and Future.</i></b><br><i>Francesco Sanna, MCAA</i>  |
| <b>14:00  </b> | <b><i>Coffee Break</i></b>  |
| <b>14:15  </b> | <b><i>Networking Session “Share your achievements...”</i></b>   |
| <b>15:00  </b> | <b><i>Your research in 3 minutes : the FameLab competition</i></b><br><i>Katya Sephton, FameLab</i>   |
| <b>15.30  </b> | <b><i>MSCA: Funding schemes, Czech Republics' participation and support services</i></b><br><i>Petra Perutkova, National Contact Point</i>  |
| <b>16.15  </b> | <b><i>Coffee Break</i></b>  |
| <b>16.30  </b> | <b><i>SoMoPro Programme – Administrator’s Perception</i></b><br><i>Michael Dolezal, SoMoPro</i>   |
| <b>17.00  </b> | <b><i>On the Future Chapter in the Czech Republic</i></b><br><i>Aniruddha Chandra, Brno University of Technology</i><br><i>Manuel Acosta, Global Change Research Centre AS CR</i> |
| <b>17.15  </b> | <b><i>Closure session</i></b>   |

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## 7. MCAA arrives in Greece

It is an event fully organized, sponsored, advertised, and financially supported by the “E&N” WG, held in Athens (April 24th, 2015).

The agenda is here reported:

**Agenda of the Event “MCAA arrives in Greece!”**  
Biomedical Research Foundation Academy of Athens,  
4 Soranou Ephessiou St.,  
11527 Athens, Greece

Friday | 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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|----------------|---|
| <b>12:00  </b> | <b>Registration and Lunch offered by MCAA</b>   |
| <b>13:00  </b> | <b>Opening Speech</b><br><b>Francesco Sanna, MCAA</b><br><b>Dr. Dimitris Thanos, Biomedical Research Foundation Academy of Athens</b>   |
| <b>13:15  </b> | <b>MCAA : Past, Present and Future.</b><br><b>Francesco Sanna, MCAA</b>   |
| <b>14:00  </b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |
| <b>14:10  </b> | <b>Networking Session “Share your achievements...”</b>  |
| <b>15:00  </b> | <b>EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion</b><br><b>Argyroula Sigala, Greek Euraxess Services Network</b>   |
| <b>15.30  </b> | <b>Overview of Greek participation on FP7 PEOPLE Programme (MC Calls); EEN and NCP services to the MSCA research community</b><br><b>Maria Samara, EKT/NHRF, MSCA NCP</b>                     |
| <b>16.15  </b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |
| <b>16.30  </b> | <b>Industrial Property: A vital tool for researchers</b><br><b>Kyriaky Glynou, OBI</b>  |
| <b>17.00  </b> | <b>On the Future Chapter in the Greece</b><br><b>Ioanna Galani, Biomedical Research Foundation Academy of Athens</b><br><b>Theofanis Plagianakos, National Technical University of Athens</b> |
| <b>17.15  </b> | <b>Closure session</b>  |



Figure 2. Networking Session - MCAA arrives in the Czech Republic. Brno, 17th April 2015.



Figure 3. Lunch offered and Registration – MCAA arrives in Greece. Athens, 24th April 2015.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. ESOF 2014. 21-26 June 2014
2. EJIO 2014. 28-30 August 2014
3. EU-COG III. 29-30 November 2014
4. Representations of Musicians in the Coroplastic Art of the Ancient World: Inconography, Ritual Context and Functions. 7 March 2015
5. EGU 2015. 16 April 2015
6. MCAA arrives in the Czech Republic. 17 April 2015
7. MCAA arrives in Greece. 24 April 2015

# BUDGET

<b>Funding awarded by the MCAA</b>	<b>5000.00 €</b>
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## 1. EXPENDITURES ESOF 2014

	Budgeted (as in initial activity plan)	Executed
Refund organization of the Event		339.98 €
Grant for travelling		110.58 €
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>958.98 €</b>

## 2. EXPENDITURES EJIO

	Budgeted (as in initial activity plan)	Executed
-		0.00 €
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.00 €</b>

## 3. EXPENDITURES EU-COG III

	Budgeted (as in initial activity plan)	Executed
Grant for Travelling		350.00 €
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>350.00 €</b>

## 4. EXPENDITURES Representations of Musicians in the Coroplastic Art of the Ancient World: Inconography, Ritual Context and Functions

	Budgeted (as in initial activity plan)	Executed
-		0.00 €
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.00 €</b>

## 5. EXPENDITURES EGU 2015

	Budgeted (as in initial activity plan)	Executed
Delivery material to/from Vienna		54.80 €
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>54.80 €</b>

## 6. EXPENDITURES MCAA arrives in the Czech Republic

	Budgeted (as in initial activity plan)	Executed
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Trip - organizers	610.75 €
Grants	110.58 €
Catering	726.79 €
Prize for Best Poster	300.00 €
Extra	6.17 €
<b>TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES CZECH EVENT</b>	<b>1754.29 €</b>

## 6. EXPENDITURES

### MCAA arrives in the Czech Republic

	Budgeted (as in initial activity plan)	Executed
Trip - organizers	610.75 €	610.75 €
Grants	110.58 €	110.58 €
Catering	726.79 €	726.79 €
Prize for Best Poster	300.00 €	300.00 €
Extra	6.17 €	6.17 €
<b>TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES CZECH EVENT</b>	<b>1754.30</b>	<b>€</b>

## 7. EXPENDITURES

### MCAA arrives in Greece

	Budgeted (as in initial activity plan)	Executed
Trip - organizers	742.60 €	742.60 €
Grants	135.00 €	135.00 €
Catering	543.14 €	543.14 €
Prize for Best Poster	300.00 €	300.00 €
Extra	49.20 €	49.20 €
<b>TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES GREEK EVENT</b>	<b>1769.94 €</b>	
<b>TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>4888.01 €</b>

## REVENUES

	Budgeted (as in initial activity plan)	Executed
«Description»	xxx €	xxx €
«Description»	xxx €	xxx €
«Description »	xxx €	xxx €
«Description»	xxx €	xxx €
<b>TOTAL OF INCOMES</b>		<b>xxx €</b>

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## CHAPTER/WORKING GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION FOR MCAA MISSION

*«This section shall describe how the activities organised and implemented by the chapter/working group have contributed for the overall mission of the MCAA»*

By supporting and by being the active organizer of different types of events, the “E&N” WG proved to intend to pursue the objectives of the association. Especially with the two last events in the Czech Republic and Greece, the “E&N” encouraged networking, cooperation and mutual understanding among members. By means of the poster session, the outputs of the Members’ work across disciplines and internationally. By inviting external speakers from other EC sponsored organizations, the “E&N” aimed at debating about and enhancing the career development and working as ambassadors.

This is perfectly in line with the art. 5 of the Statute of MCAA.