

**«Bulgaria Chapter»  
MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<p>May 17<sup>th</sup> 2019</p> <p>Chapter meeting took place at the end of the first day of the two-day event: <b><i>Annual Conference and meeting of MCAA-BG Chapter - 2019</i></b> <b><i>“Excellent Science facing the Challenges to Science-based Industries”</i></b>, <b><i>May 17-18<sup>th</sup>, Sofia, Bulgaria</i></b></p>
<b>Location:</b>	<p>Info center of the Joint Innovation center of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences – “Acad. G. Bontchev” street – bl. 26B, Sofia – 1113</p>
<b>Participants:</b>	<p><b>22 members:</b> Anife Ahmedova, Antoaneta Mateeva, Anna Antonova, Gabriella Tchouprenska, Jovana Ruzic, Lina Gergova, Mamun Rashid, Maria Dimitrova, Maya Dimitrova, Stanimira Taneva, Stefka Fidanova, Svetlana Momchilova, Tatyana Stankova, Valya Vassileva, Velislava Terzieva, Viktor Senderov, Vladimira Videva, Zhelyu Vladimirov, Atanas Kostadinov*, Anela Ivanova*, Kristina Bliznakova*, Lilia Dimova*,</p> <p><b><u>During the conference:</u></b></p> <p><b>3 official guest for the opening session:</b> Mrs.Karina Angelieva, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Prof. Pavletta Shestakova – Member of the Governing Council of the BAS; Veselina Angelova – communication officer, European Commission Representation in Bulgaria; all official guests expressed their readiness for close collaboration with the MCAA-BG_Chapter. Mrs Angelieva shared further directions of the Ministry of Education and Science for the development of national research programs and for the enlargement of the Bulgarian participation in the European research area.</p> <p><b>7 guest lecturers and 1 trainer</b> (SoftSkills Academy_Panel B)</p> <p><b>&gt; 20 guests, (6 of them already joined MCAA and the Bulgaria Chapter)</b></p> <p>* members that attended the Annual Conference but could not attend the Chapter meeting</p>

## TOPICS DISCUSSED

<b>Agenda Topic:</b>	<b>Implementation of the Action Plan of MCAA-BG_Chapter</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>An overview of activities implemented in line with the Action plan of the Bulgaria-Chapter was presented by Anife Ahmedova, Chair of the Chapter, and was followed by short discussion on future activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization of a happening in the South park of Sofia – The participants welcomed the idea; mid-July was identified as suitable time for the event</li> <li>• Invitation was extended to all Chapter members for participation in the MSCA Conference in Bucharest, the 2019 event of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Several members emphasized on the importance of participation in all MSCA conferences. Gabriella Tchouprenska suggested allocation of money in the Chapter budget for participation in the next MSCA conferences.</li> </ul>
<b>Actions Agreed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement was reached for organization of the Happening for members and their families - in the South Park by mid-July;</li> <li>• Antoaneta Mateeva and Velislava Terzieva expressed interest in attending the MSCA Conference in Bucharest.</li> <li>• The suggestion of Gabriella Tchouprenska for allocation of money in the Chapter budget for participation in the next MSCA conferences was accepted.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Topic:</b>	<b>Management Board elections</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anife Ahmedova, Chair of the BG-Chapter proposed constitution of Management Board with the following positions: two Vice-Chairs, Treasurer, two Communication managers and IT;</li> <li>• Nominations for these positions were made by Anife Ahmedova</li> <li>• Additional nominations were not made, no withdrawals were submitted by the nominees</li> </ul>
<b>Actions Agreed:</b>	<p>Management Board elections: Agreement was reached to constitute a Management Board of two Vice-Chairs, Treasurer, two Communication managers and IT; participants voted with full consensus on the nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Velislava Terzieva and Antoaneta Mateeva</li> <li>• <b>Treasurer:</b> Zhelyu Vladimirov</li> <li>• <b>Communication Managers:</b> Jovana Ruzic, Anna Antonova</li> <li>• <b>IT Manager:</b> Viktor Senderov</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Topic:</b>	<b>Communication Channels</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	Options for optimization of the communication channels were discussed
<b>Actions Agreed:</b>	It was agreed that final decision about changes will be taken upon presentation of a written proposal disseminated among the group by Viktor Senderov.

**OTHER COMMENTS/NOTES:**

- Brief presentation on the structure and activities of MCAA Policy Working Group was presented by Antoaneta Mateeva
- During the followed after-meeting social event some interesting ideas have also been suggested, such as:
  - ✓ Intensive collaboration between MCAA members aimed at developing interdisciplinary projects
  - ✓ How MCAA can contribute to the improvement of PhD process organisation in Bulgaria to facilitate the successful implementation of ITN project in Bulgarian institutions - general rules, specific procedures for foreign students that might be updated, etc.
  - ✓ Interesting discussion about active participation in the European Researchers' night 2019 in Bulgaria and strengthening collaboration with MCAA.