

Plenary Meeting of the LIP Scientific Council

Minutes of May 10th, 2021; 10h00

The LIP Scientific Council (SC) met on May 10th, 2021, via *Zoom* videoconference, in the presence of the following sixty-nine LIP members:

Agostinho Gomes, Alberto Blanco, Alessio Boletti, Ana Peixoto, Ana Sofia Inácio, António Pina, Bernardo Tomé, Catarina Espírito Santo, Catarina Quintans, Conceição Abreu, Diogo de Bastos, Elias Asamar, Elisabete Fernandes, Felix Riehn, Fernando Barão, Filipe Veloso, Francisco Neves, Gernot Eichmann, Giovanni La Mura, Grigorios Chachamis, Guiomar Evans, Guilherme Milhano, Henrique Carvalho, Inês Ochoa, Isabel Lopes, Joana Sá, João Gentil, João Pedro Santos, João Pina, Jorge Maia, Jorge Sampaio, José Carlos Nogueira, José Escada, José Maneira, José Marques, Lília Perfeito, Lorenzo Cazón, Luís Margato, Luís Peralta, Luísa Arruda, Márcia Quaresma, Marcin Stolarski, Marco Pinto, Margarida Rodrigues, Mário David, Mário Pimenta, Michele Galinaro, Natália Antunes, Nuno Barros, Nuno Castro, Nuno Dias, Nuno Leonardo, Patrícia Conde, Patrícia Gonçalves, Pedro Abreu, Pedro Assis, Raul Sarmento, Ricardo Gonçalo, Rita Saraiva, Ruben Conceição, Rui Alves, Rui Ferreira Marques, Rute Pedro, Sérgio Ramos, Sofia Andringa, Susana Coito, Tiago Vale, Valentina Lozza, Vladmir Solovov.

Since the number of attending SC members (sixty-four) was larger than one third of the total number of SC members (one hundred and sixteen), needed for a quorum, the SC board, José Maneira (President), Raul Sarmento and Ricardo Gonçalo (Vice-Presidents) initiated the SC Plenary meeting at 10h04 with the following agenda:

1. Information
2. Grants Office
3. LIP reports
4. Other items

The slides presented during the meeting are available [here](#).

1. Information

- The new members José Marques, Guiomar Evans and Lília Perfeito introduced themselves to the SC Plenary.
- José Maneira informed that:
 - regarding the evaluation of LIP researchers, there are three evaluation reports missing from the 2020 assessment and most of the interviews of the 2021 assessment are scheduled for June; the committee in charge of proposing changes to the evaluation procedures for the 2022-2024 assessment period has been meeting and has sent a survey to the SC in order to get feedback from those which have already been involved in the process;

- the workshops to discuss the scientific strategy of the LIP groups have started with the LHC and Phenomenology line (indico page [here](#)) and will be followed by the Biomedics line in June. Nuno Leonardo suggested that minutes of the workshops are made available. The groups strategic plans shall be updated starting from 2022;
 - The SC was involved in the effort of reviewing the LIP applications to the FCT PTDC call. For this purpose, the SC board asked members of the SC to be internal referees;
 - the SC was asked for statements, which were discussed by the C4, on the proposals for the jury constitution for both extraordinary hiring (statement available [here](#)) and ordinary hiring (statement available [here](#)) of LIP researchers. For the ordinary hiring of researchers, a hiring plan will be elaborated by the directorate in consultation with the SC;
 - the next events include: the birthday of LIP at this same day, the elections for the LIP directorate between April and June, the PANIC conference online during September, the SC board elections between October and November, and Data Science Workshop during November.
- Mário Pimenta informed the direct negotiation between LIP and FCT, for the 5 year contract of LIP as Associate Laboratory, shall take place in a few weeks.
 - Nuno Leonardo informed that the SND prototype detector of SHIP has been approved in March, with LIP as a founding member.

2. Grants Office

- Rita Saraiva introduced the new LIP Grants Office (the slides are available at the following [webpage](#)), managed by herself, Natália Antunes and Margarida Rodrigues. The office mission is to provide information on opening calls and to provide support to LIP applications. The office welcomes ideas from the SC on the aspects where support could be offered (contact email: grants.office@lip.pt).
- The Marie Curie actions (MSCA) were described:
 - PostDoc fellowships are open until September to recruit junior researchers (less than 8 years after the PhD) that, in the last 3 years, have spent less than 1 year in Portugal;
 - the staff exchanges program will be open from October until March 2022.
- The current and upcoming ERC calls were described: the advanced grants will have two calls, in 2021 and 2022, and the synergy grants will have only one call, in 2022. The SC members who are willing to apply are asked to contact the Grants office.
- Some comments and questions followed:
 - José Maneira remarked that European funding is an important source of funding that should be a priority to LIP, and that the formation of the Grants office is an important step in that direction;
 - Rita Saraiva informed that there are also grants from the European Innovation Council, which are directed towards industrial applications;
 - information will be regularly announced in the newsletter and updated in the Calls and Opportunities webpage, available [here](#).

3. LIP Scientific Reports

- José Maneira informed that the online meeting with the Advisory Committee took place in April and that the executive summary report should be available soon.
- Catarina Espírito-Santo described the process of elaboration of the LIP reports, along with recommendations to the groups, including those from the Advisory Committee, and some ideas for improvements. A deadline of two weeks was agreed for gathering further comments regarding the public report.
- The excellent work of the LIP reports editorial team was acknowledged by the SC.
- A voting on the LIP reports took place. The LIP detailed report 2020-2021 was approved, with one abstention. The LIP public report 2020 and plan for 2021 was approved, with one abstention.

4. Other items

- Joana Sá suggested that future SC meetings are held in English, in order to make them more inclusive to SC members who do not speak portuguese;
- Nuno Leonardo and Catarina Espírito Santo informed that the database managers, the secretariat and the report editors are discussing enhancements of the LIP database.
- A celebration of the 35 years of LIP will take place via Zoom, later at this same day.
- Without other matters to discuss, the SC board ended the meeting at 11h47.