



**Project ICoSCIS:**  
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Cooperation at Scientific  
Computing in  
Interdisciplinary Science

**8<sup>TH</sup> ICOSCIS MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

<b>Project Name</b>	“Interregional Cooperation at Scientific Computing in Interdisciplinary Science” (ICoSCIS)		
<b>Programme</b>	European Territorial Cooperation Programme “Greece-Bulgaria 2007-2013”		
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	09-10.01.2014	<b>Location:</b>	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, GREECE,

**Date: 09/01/2014**

The meeting was opened by Prof. Panos Argyrakis (scientific coordinator for the project) with a general overview of the agenda, followed by the welcome speech of the project coordinator Dr. Michael Maragakis.

**1. Discussion on the results of the Research – entrepreneurship Workshop**

In a talk given by Dr. Michael Maragakis about the Research – entrepreneurship workshop and its results, it was mentioned among others that the number of the participants was around the expected one. The success of the workshop was clearly shown from the early beginning. All companies that were invited to the workshop gave a talk about their activities related to the projects objectives to all the workshop’s participants. In fact, there was even a last minute addition with a company that got interested only during the last week and was not in the projects poster or schedule.

**2. Grid Administration and user support duties**

Paschalis Korosoglou gave a talk related to the Grid administration team and the duties related to the support of the increasing number of users. The administrator team has the overall



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control of all the new users in both Greece and Bulgaria. It also provides advice on the technical issues coming up by the users and/or the hardware in daily basis. Finally, the speaker mentioned that each of the project partner must pay attention to the students needs and must communicate with the administration team even when the student is not able to do so either because of lack of knowledge on the hierarchy or because of language barriers.

### **3. Tasks and duties of partners concerning the closure of the project**

Dr. Michael Maragakis gave a short talk about the duties and the responsibilities that each partner has until the end of the project. These duties are mostly limited to final reports, the gathering of documentation and any other deliverable/report/action related to the closing of the project activity.

### **4. Discussion of the topics for the closing event:**

Prof. Panos Argyrakis gave a short talk about the coordination of the closing event. All the topics of the final meetings agenda were finalized and all the participants were informed about their own responsibilities for the event.

### **5. AOB**

No significant issues were raised and the meeting was closed ahead of time.

The meeting was closed by Prof. Panos Argyrakis.



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The second day of the meeting was opened by Prof. Panos Argyrakis (scientific coordinator for the project) with a general overview of the agenda, followed by the welcome speech of the project coordinator Dr. Michael Maragakis.

### **1. Discussion on the dissemination activities of the courses**

Dr. Michael Maragakis gave a talk about the results and the goals that the consortium initially set. Amongst others, the general feeling that there was an exceedingly high number of the participants in the courses was mentioned. The total number of the beneficiaries of the project is by far greater than what was expected. In addition, the high participation in the courses, from the beginning until the end of the courses series, points towards the creation of a collaboration in the future between the institutes involved. All participants agreed that a next series of courses in the same field is possible and of course, extremely desirable by both sides.

### **2. Steps need for the integration of the Grid cluster to the National Grid Initiative**

Paschalis Korosoglou gave a short talk related to the steps needed for the integration of the newly purchased cluster to the National Grid Initiative of each country. This had already been successfully achieved by the Greek partner and the Grid cluster is now working perfectly. The infrastructure is currently hosting a large amount of users and a larger number of jobs that each user sends to the Grid. In order though for the Bulgarian partner to achieve this, some actions would have to be taken. An analysis of these steps was given and the relevant contacts were made on this issue.

### **3. Evaluation of the current status of the project indicators**

Dr. Michael Maragakis gave a short talk about the evaluation of the whole project until the present time. Most of the work that had to be done, was clearly done and most project indicators could confirm this. These indicators place the project in a more than “successful” level. In fact, indicators such as the overall participant number, women participation, number of courses, collaboration networks formed were overachieved. The project overall could be seen as an overachieving one. This of course carries a responsibility for all partners to take measures ensuring the continuation of this project based on the experience gained so far.



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### **4. Discussion on future collaborations**

Prof. Panos Argyrakis expressed the will to collaborate in the future with all partners. The success of the entire project, as well as the chemistry created, and the near perfect interaction achieved amongst all partners, lead to the common belief that this project will be continued in the future. In addition several of the companies that presented their profile in the research entrepreneurship workshop attracted the interest of several of the partners.

### **5. AOB**

The time and date of the closing event (final project meeting) was verified and agreed upon by all partners.

The second day of the meeting was closed by Prof. Panos Argyrakis.



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**8<sup>th</sup> Meeting for ICoSCIS project**  
**Thessaloniki, Greece**  
**January 9 - 10, 2014**

**9 January 2014**

10:00 – 10:15: Arrival of participants

10:15 – 12:00: Discussion on the results of the Research – entrepreneurship Workshop

12:00 – 13:00: Grid Administration and user support duties

Break

14:00 – 15:00: Tasks and duties of partners concerning the closure of the project

15:00 – 16:00: Discussion of the topics for the closing event

16:00 – 16:30: AOB (any other business)

16:30: End of Meeting

**10 January 2014**

10:15 – 10:30: Arrival of participants

10:30 – 12:00: Discussion on the dissemination activities of the courses

12:00 – 13:00: Steps need for the integration of the Grid cluster to the National Grid Initiative

Break

14:00 – 15:00: Evaluation of the current status of the project indicators

15:00 – 16:00: Discussion on future collaborations

16:00 – 16:30: AOB (any other business)

16:30: End of Meeting



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### **List of Participants:**

	Name	Organisation
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These minutes have been approved by all partners after sufficient deliberations and are signed by the Scientific Coordinator, Prof. Panos Argyrakis of AUTH.

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