UniDive extended core group meeting 5

16 March 2023

See also the [CG master document](#) and the [UniDive master document](#)

Attendants

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Agenda/minutes

- Feedback from the day 1 workshop
- Last issues before the WG meetings on 17 March
  - Pens and paper needed for brainstorming
  - Include a short discussion about the meeting in Istanbul (should WG3 participation be increased? should another WG meet there also?)
  - Remember to schedule the wrap-up of the WG sessions for the closing session
- [BEATA] Additional budget and the new WBP
  - Amendment process ongoing
  - Split of the additional budget roughly as discussed at the last CG meeting
  - Note: From the additional budget, we proposed to:
    - reimburse 10 persons more at Paris-Saclay
    - increase the bank fees by 200 EUR

    but due to technical issues on e-cost editing WBP for Paris-Saclay and OERSA is no longer possible. Therefore, these 2 amounts are assigned to STSMs. The actual STSM budget will have to be adjusted (decreased by 10765 EUR) after the Paris-Saclay reimbursements.
- [OLESEA] News from the communication survey and other issues
  - Only few feedback from the CG about the survey
  - [AS] This feedback already enhanced the survey, which now looks good and is ready to be sent out.
  - Science Communication Plan is due mid-March - due to intensive preparatory work of the Paris-Saclay meeting, let's try to negotiate an extension of this deadline
- [NURIT, STELLA] Latest news about the STSMs
- [ALINA] Logo contest

- ○ Alina and Olesea happened to work on a draft in parallel. These drafts should be coordinated - see the draft by Olesea and by Alina
- ● [AGATA] Issues to address at the MC meeting
  - ○ Draft agenda: Could CG members present "their" items - agreed
  - ○ Precise timing for each item will be added to the agenda
  - ○ Year 2:
    - ■ Proposed options:
      - ● 2 general meetings + 1 training school
      - ● 1 general meeting + 1 big WG meeting + 1 training school
      - ● The choice will probably depend mainly on the available budget (not yet known)
      - ● If we have enough money, we would prefer to bring all to a general meeting
  - ○ Training school in year 2:
    - ● Teach existing tools (e.g. Arborator Grew)
    - ● [VERGINICA] Create community helping each other in enhancing their treebanks
    - ● [JOAKIM] List of constructions that should appear in each treebank ("driving license"); effort like Cairo corpus (several sentences per language)
    - ● [AGATA] Auditing each other's treebanks
    - ● [STELLA] Session on mapping existing linguistic knowledge of a new language to UD; trying out 30 basic constructions. Need for field linguists.
  - ○ Online webinar in June
    - ■ Objective: Basics for newcomers
    - ■ Ideas:
      - ● [JOAKIM] Reusing 2*3 hours tutorials for UD (EACL 2017 tutorial + demo of Arborator Grew)
      - ● [AGATA, CARLOS] Reusing PARSEME ESSLLI tutorial: principles and tool (FLAT)
      - ● Introductory kit for UD (e.g. which paper to start with)
      - ● Recording a demo
      - ● Advertising widely: open calls for new contributors
      - ● [KAJA] Reusing channels from the EACL diversity games
- ● Towards the WG3 meeting in September
  - ○ [FROM GULSEN'S EMAIL] Venue:
    - ■ ITU Maçka Hotel - a small hotel within one of the ITU campuses (located at the very city center)
    - ■ 4 meeting rooms (a big one max 110 people 300 euros, 3 small ones with capacity 18-20-30 people 150 euros each). We are able to book these rooms in advance for the meeting date.
    - ■ Accommodation: 32 standard rooms, 2 triple and 2 suits. Current prices: 45, 60, 75 euros per night.

- ○ Should we lower the daily allowance (COST rate if 191 EUR/day for Turkey ; Paris-Saclay was lowered to 160)?
  - ■ The accommodation at the ITU Maçka Hotel is relatively inexpensive but pre-booking might not be accepted and some participants might have to take [other hotels](#) in the downtown and these have prices mostly above 100 EUR.
  - ■ It would be safer **not to lower** the daily allowance.
  - ○ We now have **124 members in WG3** (as of 10/03/2023)
  - ○ Proposal from Cagri Coltekin about having a special interest group dedicated to **Turkic languages**: 10-15 local (if in Istanbul) and **10-12 remote** (an approximately even distribution between Europe, US and Asia)
  - ○ The updated WBP allows for **34 reimbursed** invitees (instead of 20)
    - ■ [GULSEN] Is it OK at all to extend the size of the meeting? - yes but some people would have to find rooms in other hotels of the area
    - ■ Version 1: WG3 only, 34 participants
    - ■ Version 2: WG3: 28; WG1: 6 (Turkic languages)
    - ■ Discussion:
      - ● Turkic could be a precedence for other language groups
      - ● Talk again to them: with that much funding (6 people invited, reimbursed), what do they propose (in terms of parallelizing, including Gulsen, who has a triple role, etc.)
- ● Visa issues and inclusiveness
  - ○ Anna Danielyan from Armenia did not receive an appointment for a visa early enough and had to cancel her travel to Paris-Saclay. From what she explains, it might be very hard for people from some countries to get visas to the EU. This is a real problem for inclusiveness in UniDive.
  - ○ This might be a point on the next MC agenda
  - ○ [ATUL] If participants need an invitation letter for the visa application they can contact the meeting organizers early.
  - ○ [AGATA] It must remain clear that an invitation from an organizer does not guarantee reimbursement (while e-cost invitation does).
  - ○ Maybe we should organize more meetings in such countries?
- ● Future activities:
  - ○ Prepare a call for local organizers for year 2 meetings (if agreed)
    - ■ 2 general meetings and 1 training school
  - ○ Include Beata in the Core Group for decision making
    - ■ **Vote**: all in favor
- ● [CARLOS] The UniDive wiki website does not currently pop up in web browsers. To enhance visibility via interlinking, add links from our webpages to the Wiki webpage: **https://unidive.lisn.upsaclay.fr/**
  - ○ Can we ask COST to add a link from https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21167/ to **https://unidive.lisn.upsaclay.fr/ ?**
- ● Next CG meeting: **Tuesday 18th April 2023 10:30 a.m. CET**

TODO

- ~~[WG LEADERS] Announce a group photo at lunch break~~
- [ALL] Add links from our webpages to the Wiki webpage: https://unidive.lisn.upsaclay.fr/
- ~~[AGATA] Ask the COST people to add the link to the official COST page~~
- ~~[OLESEA] Send out the communication survey~~
- [OLESEA] Negotiate the extension of the deadline for the Science Communication Plan
- [OLESEA, ALINA] Coordinate the 2 drafts for a logo contest
- [ALINA] Send out the contest announcement
- [ALL] After the communication survey, decide about a shared documentation platform
- ~~[AGATA] Add timing to the MC agenda items~~
- [AGATA, GULSEN] Talk to the Turkic group (what do they propose with 6 reimbursements for Istanbul?)
- [GULSEN, JOAKIM, AGATA] Start planning the Istanbul meeting
  - Contents
  - Filling in the Istanbul meeting page
  - Expression of interest form
  - A process for the selection of the invitees
- ~~[AGATA] Add to the MC agenda~~
  - ~~Visa issues~~
  - ~~Adding Beata to the CG~~
- ~~[AGATA] Add to the next CG agenda~~
  - ~~The call for Year 2 meeting organizers~~
  - ~~Should we agree to admit the selected but withdrawn abstracts to the next meetings (in this case and in general)?~~