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SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Integrated Meeting

- **Date and time:** July 11, 2016; h: 15:30-17:00
- **Location:** European/International Joint PhD in S.R. & C. Research Centre and Multimedia Lab, first floor.
- **Participants:**
 - **SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Members:** proff. Annamaria de Rosa, Bruno Mazzara, Mauro Sarrica, Elena Bocci, Laura Dryjanska and ing. Dr. Sylvain Lassarre (from France)
 - **Integrated with the two elected ESR's representatives:** Laura Arhiri and Ana Tomicic (elected on July 7).
 - Note: Prof. Giovanna Leone was justified absent due to illness.
- **Agenda:**
 - I. **Welcome to the new ERS's representatives**
 - II. **ESRs' contribution in the forthcoming 2016 International Summer Schools**
 - III. **Current SoReCom Joint-IDP research status and next steps**

In agreement with the Agenda, the following points have been discussed:

- i. **Welcome to the new ERS's representatives**

The members of the Sapienza Supervisory Board have welcomed Ing dr. Lassarre (who came from France to attend this time the meeting face-to-face) and the new ESRs' representatives (Laura Arhiri and Ana Tomicic). Ana Tomicic mentioned that together with Laura Arhiri they sent an email to all the ESRs asking if they had any comments but no one replied, so the representatives did not have any message from other ESRs.
- ii. **ESRs' contribution in the forthcoming 2016 International Summer Schools**

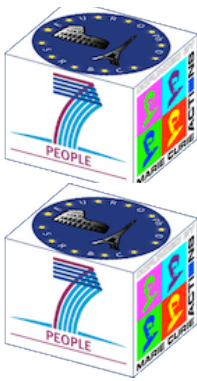
Coherently with the scientific program already presented in the previous meetings of the integrated Board and published on the web site since several weeks, prof. de Rosa informed that the ESRs have been invited to identify the most distinctive methods by different authors regarding their own focuses. The ESRs representatives confirmed that they were performing this work and sending their presentations to Prof. de Rosa.

Prof. Lassarre and Dr. Sarrica noted that such teamwork could be very useful also for the preparation of the two team-based presentations in the Round Table, organized at the 13 ICSR conference in Marseille in the middle of September. Dr. Sarrica expressed his concern about whether the fellows are doing the first draft of the presentations individually before the teamwork in two main groups, also considering the Symposium organized at the AIP conference in Naples, where the ESRs who will participate will be challenged to have individual presentations. Clarifications about the research status and the need to articulate and integrate team-based and individual work are provided in the following point iii.
- iii. **Current SoReCom Joint-IDP research status and next steps**

Prof. de Rosa referred the current state of the amount of meta-theoretical analyses performed by the ESRs, emphasizing the great unbalance between them. She specified that the meta-theoretical analyses were not as numerous as expected, especially considering that 3855 meta-theoretical analyses were already filled in the So.Re.Com "A.S. de Rosa" repository on 22-10-2014, before the contribution of the ESRs. In fact - although the initial plan aimed at conducting meta-theoretical analyses of the whole body of the literature on SR was already reduced in a first step to 10.000 sources and in a second step to almost 7000 (thus excluding the conference abstracts) – the meta-theoretical analyses completed in total were at the end 5093 entries (only 1238 more than the initial sources meta-analysed, with a great disparity among the fellows who have collaborated more intensively and those who have contributed much less). This has been a direct effect of the misinterpretation of the individualization of the project by some of the ESRs (who deviated from the original research focus for which they have been recruited) and of the implementation of the measure allowing the fellows to attend the lab only 2 days a week since May 2016, with no feedbacks provided by some of them on the work supposed to be done at home or elsewhere.

Prof. Lassarre pointed out that always the initial ambitions of research need to be reduced as time goes by, but it is crucial for this to be a joint process, reasoning with the fellows what and why to prioritize.

Prof. de Rosa stressed that the research process from the meta-theoretical analysis to the data file preparation and analysis requires time necessary for each technical step. Before proceeding to the organization of the corpus, she has personally revised the 13 lists of the meta-theoretical analyses



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assigned to each fellow in order to ensure proper cross-attributions, because many of the bibliographic sources are related to more than an individual focus.

As regard the methodological training, essential for the ESRs to acquire the skills for using the software for their data analysis, prof. de Rosa has informed that several individual sessions (May 10, 31, June 6, 21, 28, July 13, 14, 22) have been organized on the IRAMUTEQ, in most cases using the corpus on each focus prepared by dr. Martina Latini with great and intensive dedication.

Many intensive long-day sessions (June 20, 27, 30, July 4, 5, 7, 8) have been also organized jointly with prof. de Rosa, Dr. Bocci and dr. Laura Dryjanska to individually train the ESR Filomena Berardi in the use of the SPAD to elaborate the data related to her thematic focus guided by the research questions and hypotheses presented in the accepted abstract. These sessions on the multidimensional analysis by SPAD have been anticipated in view of the active participation for the ISPP conference in Warsaw in July 13-15.

The overall plan foresees to conduct analyses by IRAMUTEQ, not only on the total corpus of almost 10000 references (using meta-data from the first part of the grid and the abstracts and keywords as active variables), but also on each specific corpus related to the meta-theoretical analyses. In order to be able to work together for the data analyses and the subsequent phases of the data interpretation to be presented at the planned 13 ICSR conference in Marseilles and at the AIP conference in Naples in September 2016, prof. de Rosa informed that - following the 2016 edition of the International Summer School (17-24 July) – it would be possible to keep open the lab also in the first and last week of August closing it just since August 8 until August 26.

Then, after the conferences in September, the fellows who – respecting the original research plan - want to collaborate in view of the multidimensional data analysis by SPAD will enter the data into the platform for producing the export file needed for processing statistically the data crossing data and meta-data.

Dr. Sarrica suggested that there are two ways: each person doing a different, separate part and then putting them together, or working together through every single step. Prof. de Rosa clarified that - taking into account that some of the fellows have no statistical expertise in their background, in order to accomplish the high scientific standards of the research project goals originally approved, respecting its integrated nature – it would be necessary to proceed by following a solid common analysis plan not only on the overall data sources, but also on the specific corpus related to the 13 foci than can allow later comparative views of the results. This way to proceed does not restrict the possibility to conduct analyses guided by specific research questions formulated as regards as each of the 13 research lines, stimulating individualized way to interviewing the data and to discuss and interpret the results.

Ana Tomicic asked for the clarification of the ESRs' attendance of the lab, to be sure that the days would be in general still Mondays and Tuesdays. Prof de Rosa confirmed that until the Summer School the two days of the lab attendance will continue to be Mondays and Tuesdays, but in the following phases the lab attendance will depend on the needs related to the data analysis for the fellows, who agree to collaborate to the advanced multidimensional analyses, while in the phase of thesis writing the fellow will work independently at home and will be invited at the lab on appointment for individual tutoring and co-tutoring meetings.

Ana Tomicic also requested clarifications concerning timing of the theses defenses. Dr. Sarrica mentioned, it would be good to arrive in September with a clear step-by-step plan. Prof. Lassarre agreed with this suggestion.

Concerning the way to proceed with the research progress, Prof. de Rosa asked the impressions of ESRs' representatives. They did not have any specific doubt, therefore the meeting was closed.