

1st Report of the Management Committee meeting of COST Action 730 „Towards a Universal Thermal Climate Index UTCI for Assessing the Thermal Environment of the Human Being“

As 5 signatures to the MoU arrived on January 20 the Kick-off meeting could take place in Brussels on 7 February 2005. So this is the official start date of the Action which will end on 6 February 2009. Besides Pavel Nejedlik from the COST Bureau 16 delegates from 11 countries attended the MCM. There are strong signals from at least 4 additional countries to be interested to join the Action.

After every delegate presented his/her scientific background and interest in COST co-operation P. Nejedlik used the morning for the general information on COST mechanism and on the funding co-ordination. The rules were accepted unanimously. Working language is English.

In the afternoon Gerd Jendritzky, D was elected to be Chairperson and George Havenith, UK to be Vice-Chairperson of Action 730. Gerd Jendritzky started the discussion by repeating the ppt-presentation already given to the TC meeting in September 2004 in Nice in order to bring the team to the same information level. Based on the MoU the issues of the 3 WGs were discussed then particularly considering the deliverables. George Havenith, UK was elected to be Chair of WG 1 (Thermophysiological modelling and testing), Philipp Weihs, A to be Chair of WG 2 (Meteorological and environmental data) and Ekaterina Batchvarova, BG to be Chair of WG 3 (Applications). Philipp Weihs will also be responsible for the relationship with COST 726 considering data and radiation modelling. All delegate agreed to be assigned to at least one of the three WGs and the working plans were roughly set according to the MoU. They will be discussed in details in the next common MC and WGs meeting that will be organized in Warszawa, PL on 21-22 April 2005.

The third MCM will be organised in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, D during the 17th International Congress of Biometeorology ICB 2005.

P. Nejedlik reminded all delegates to bring the EOC before the next MCM.

The webside of the Action is www.utci.org/COST730