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Minutes of the Fifth Management Meeting: Steering, Scientific, and Quality Meetings



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The fifth management meeting of the FOODQA Project was organized at UNSIT-Split, Croatia during Aug. 27-Sept. 1, 2018. In her speech, Prof. Josipa presented UNSIT to the participants after she gave a warm welcome speech.

First Session

Prof. Abu Al-Rub discussed the evaluation of the intermediate technical report received from EACEA end of July 2018. It was agreed that the result of the evaluation was unfair and does not reflect on the outputs and deliverables achieved during the first half-life of the project. The partners agreed to plea against this result and to submit a report defending all claimed issues by the evaluator. Abu Al-Rub will work on the report and submit it by the end of Aug., 2018

Second Session

The status of WP1, which is related to Development of training materials like posters, videos, eBooks and the validation of training materials by displaying the website of the project and a sample of completed eBooks, Posters and videos, was presented by Prof. Abu Al-Rub, and Dr. Paulo, the WP leader. According to the presentation, WP1 can be considered concluded as more than 98% of the tasks and deliverables have been achieved; the only left outputs are the translation of some videos to Arabic. It was agreed that:

- the doc versions of the e-books need to be urgently removed from the website
- the e-books need to be "protected" and ISBN number fixed.

Third Session

Prof. Paola from UniTE, the WP2 leader, updated the partners on the progress of the training activities. More than 120 technicians, agricultural engineers, students and faculty members from Jordan will be trained in Europe, as part of capacity building process for quality assurance and food safety centers that will be established in Jordanian universities as part of the project activities. The training programs in Portugal, Italy, and Greece have been concluded. She presented the evaluation of each training.

Paola discussed with the participants the last training which will be in Croatia in September 2018, and the risks identified as a result of visa rejection by the Croatian Embassy. Different contingency plans were suggested including moving the training to Italy, or Greece, or Portugal. It was agreed that if 10 staff received the visa to proceed with the training in Split.

Fourth Session

Prof. Paola presented in details in the fourth session the plan to implement the e-courses. She presented the template for the syllabi for the e-courses. Paulo from P&B, presented an example of the

syllabus of one of the modulus that he will prepare. Abu Al-Rub, presented the DEPSEL e-learning platform that was used in one of the training workshops of the FoodQA project. A decision on the e-learning platform will be finalized end of Sept. 2018.

The deadline for submitting the syllabi of all e-courses is Sept. 15, 2018.

Fifth session

Mrs. Penelope briefed the partners on the progress of WP3, which is led by MonoJO, and she presented the seminars that have been presented to the FoodQA AIC members.

Sixth Session

Abu Al-Rub discussed the status of WP4 that is related to Pilot of implementation of food safety and quality management systems. The following program has been agreed on

Name of Company	Food safety system required	Types of products	Partners
DiJla Co for Food Industries LTD	BRC	Ready to eat meat Products	Leader: P&B EU co-leader: UniTe JO Partners: JUST, JFDA
Nabil	IFS or BRC	food and beverages	Leader: P&B EU co-leader: UniTe JO Partners: JUST, JFDA
Teeba	IFS or BRC	food and beverages	Leader: AUA EU co-leader: Cre.Thi.Dev. JO Partners: BAU, JFDA
Fresh Fruit Company	Under discussion	fruits & vegetables	Leader: AUA EU co-leader: Cre.Thi.Dev. JO Partners: BAU, JFDA
Al-Shaeb Roastery Company	Under discussion	chocolate production, nuts, coffee roasting and packaging.	Leader: Cre.Thi.Dev EU co-leader: UNSIT JO Partners: UJ, JFDA
Hamoudeh	Under discussion	diary products	Leader: Cre.Thi.Dev EU co-leader: UNSIT JO Partners: UJ, JFDA
ADER dairy plant	HACCP	diary products	Leader: UniTE EU co-leader: P&B JO Partners: MU, JFDA
Al-THANIEH for Dairy products	HACCP	diary products	Leader: UniTE EU co-leader: P&B

			JO Partners: MU, JFDA
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All Food Companies have submitted commitment letters to Prof. Abu Al-Rub, in which they showed their interest in receiving training from the FoodQA team to be qualified for one or more of the food quality management systems.

Action plans were prepared by each group.

Seventh Session

On behalf of Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh from UJ, WP5 leader and who could not attend the meeting, Abu Al-Rub presented the final version of the sustainability plan for the FoodQA project and for the safety centers at each JO HEI. Abu Al-Rub also presented the letters from each JO partner concerning the establishment of the food safety center.

Eighth Session

Sofia from Cre.Thi.Dev., WP6 leader, presented the quality and evaluation reports of the different activities and events of the project.

Ninth Session (Steering Committee)

This session was dedicated to the management issues. Prof. Abu Al-Rub updated the partners on the preparation of the report to be sent to EACEA regarding the results of the evaluation of the intermediate report. The committee agreed that instead of sending 40% of the budget for each partner, 30% will be sent; the remaining 10% will be kept at JUST until it receives the final decision of EACEA on the intermediate report evaluation.

The committee agreed that the 6th management meeting to be held at UniTE-Teramo, Italy during the first two weeks of April. The exact date will be decided by the host.

Tenth Session

The 10th session was dedicated to discuss bilateral issues by each partner with the project coordinator.

The meetings with the presence of all EU and JO partners were concluded on Aug. 29, 2018.

Field Trips

Field Trips to Food Companies in Croatia were organized for JO partners during Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2018. The following companies were visited:

1. Fish farms and fish processing factory island Brač and tuna fish farm
2. Spice industry, the production and processing of cheese
3. Bakery industry



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