

CUPAGIS local coordination meeting 28 June 2022

Location: City Hotel Algiers, 16:00-18:00

Participants: The coordinator (Tallinn University of Technology) and the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agronomie (ENSA), Alger

Tarmo Soomere (Tallinn University of Technology, coordinator)
Dr Abdelkader LARIBI (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agronomie, ENSA)
Dr Mohammed MEFTI (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agronomie, ENSA)

Agenda:

1. Overview of CUPAGIS/PASENSO progress in ENSA
2. Science Day on Precision Agriculture in ENSA on 29 June 2022
3. Training in Prague
4. Arrival of additional teaching equipment
5. Coordination meeting in Oran: Plans and targets for the final seminar
6. Any other business

1. Overview of CUPAGIS/PASENSO progress in ENSA

Dr Laribi and Dr Mefti provided a short overview of the recent progress in CUPAGIS matters in ENSA. The new PAGIS/VCR class has been fully set up in a freshly renovated classroom. The PASENSO competence centre is temporarily running in this class and in another temporary location but a set of new rooms is currently under renovation and will be in use at the beginning of the summer semester. The syllabi (short description of the courses), curricula and the teaching materials have been prepared and peer-reviewed by experts in the EU universities within the consortium.

The accreditation of new curricula is in the final stage. The ministry asked a few questions from ENSA in the third round of correspondence. ENSA expects the accreditation to be finished by the beginning of the autumn semester.

2. Science Day on Precision Agriculture in ENSA on 29 June 2022

The CUPAGIS/ENSA team has organised an international high-level seminar / science day on precision agriculture and on the future of PASENSO on 29 July, with presence of several high level officers and stakeholders (Director of ENSA, Ministry of Higher Education and Science, representatives of the farming industry, various stakeholders). The new PAGIS/VCR class will be presented to this audience. The coordinator Tarmo Soomere will present the opening address and an overview of CUPAGIS. The presence of Algerian national TV channel and news agency (APS) are expected.

3. Training in Prague

With the help of colleagues from Czech University of Life Sciences CULS, the embassy of Czech Republic organised visiting times for all participants. The visa invitations will be sent by courier service to Prof Laribi who will distribute them to the participants. While 3 participants from each Algerian partner university are expected, the training session may possibly accommodate a few more participants. This needs to be coordinated with CULS. The coordinator will make efforts towards providing some prepayment to cover relatively expensive flight tickets and to apply for the use of the category of exceptional costs if applicable. The travel cost and cost of stay has to be reimbursed to the university account.

4. Arrival of equipment

The additional teaching equipment (sensors for agriculture) has arrived Oran and is currently being customs cleared. The coordinator handed over the certificate of donation to ENSA and probably will bring the instruments with him when returning from Oran to Alger on 08 July.

5. Coordination meeting in Oran: Final seminar

It was found sensible to agree about practicalities of the final seminar in a physical coordination meeting in Oran with the presence of more partners. ENSA is ready, if necessary, to take over organisation of the meeting.

The entire ENSA CUPAGIS team (6 or 7 persons) is willing to participate at the final seminar, tentatively planned in Tiaret. The coordinator will inform the EACEA/Brussels office about that, and they most probably will appreciate that as the final seminar will also include several master classes and material for training of presentation skills of students as foreseen in WP4.6 of the proposal.

6. Any other business

The ENSA team informed the coordinator that public transport to Tiaret for the final seminar may not be available and probably private transport is necessary for some participants. The coordinator will consult with EACEA/Brussels office about how to handle this process.

Notes taken by Tarmo Soomere

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