COST Action IS1001:
Bio-objects and their Boundaries: Matters at the Intersection of Society, Politics and Science

COST Action IS1001
Final Meeting, Brussels, December 2014
Venue: Club University Foundation, Brussels

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For questions concerning logistics, accommodation, meeting rooms, booking and local information in York, please contact Sarah Shrive-Morrison (email sarah.shrive-morrison@york.ac.uk). For questions about the programme, please get in touch with Andrew Webster (andrew.webster@york.ac.uk or +44 1904 323050; mobile +07533330638

Follow the conference and join the discussion using the #bioobs13 hash tag.
In addition, follow the Bio-objects network account @bioobjects for regular tweets about network news, publications and events.
1 Schedule of meetings and registration: registration deadline 1 November 2014

Please find a schedule of the meetings below
Please inform Sarah Shrive-Morrison (sarah-shrive-morrison@york.ac.uk):
- in which of these meetings you will participate, and
- if you have any dietary needs.

The schedule of our main meeting which starts on December 3 through to lunch on December 4th appears below.

**NOTE:** The PhD training programme starts on December 2 after lunch, the main meeting not until the morning of December 3

**Main Meeting Programme**
**December 2: Arrival**

There is no place for a common dinner on 2 December, since many of you will arrive at different times in Brussels, though we expect many will be staying at one of the three hotels we have made arrangements with at a discounted rate of 120 euros (the full COST allowance) including breakfast and taxes, so will be able to liaise for dinner on this evening at a nearby eatery.

**Hotels**

The following hotels have been contacted by us and can offer the 120 euro rate (many others are closer to 140/150 in this part of Brussels):

**IMPORTANT:**
Please email the hotel directly to make your reservation, quoting COST14

Please note that we have been unable to secure a block booking/reservation, so it will depend on you booking quickly to reserve a place.

**PLEASE EMAIL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY WITH YOUR REQUIREMENTS – DO NOT BOOK VIA WEB SITE**
www.aqua-hotel-brussels.com
info@aqua-hotel.be

www.hotel-chambord.be
reservation@hotel-chambord.be

www.lebergerhotel.be
info@lebergerhotel.be
Main meeting Day 1: Wednesday December 3, 2014

Venue: Meeting Room A, Club University Foundation, Brussels.

www.universityfoundation.be

Academic Workshop: Bio-Objects, Life Forms and Future Inquiries

09:30 - 10:00 Registration/Coffee

10:00 - 10:30 Welcome and Introduction to the Action and the Workshop

Professor Andrew Webster, University of York, Chair of the COST IS1001 Action

10:30 - 11:15 Keynote Address: Professor Vololona Rabeharisoa, Centre de Sociologie de l’Innovation, Mines ParisTech/CNRS, and member of the COST Action

11:15 - 12:00 Panel to Present and discuss previously circulated Bio-Object Case Studies on human, animal and plant forms of ‘life’ and their contribution to STS/social science engagement with the biosciences: Case Study leads

12:00 - 12:45 PhD Panel to discuss the role of the Bio-Object conceptual framework in their work

12:45 - 13:45 Lunch and PhD Poster display (judging by two internal and one guest delegate)

13:45 - 14:45 Interactive Workshop session: 4 groups drawn from WGs with rapporteurs: each group to discuss the following: Meeting rooms A, D and the Jean Willems Room

a) the value of the conceptual framework compared to existing perspectives
b) how and where we can apply the model in the future
c) Governance and policy: what lessons are learned from the Action?

14:45 - 15:15 Short Feedback from rapporteurs

15:15 - 15:45 Break

15:45 - 16:30 Guest Keynote: Dr Jane Calvert, University of Edinburgh

16:30 - 16:45 Announcement of PhD posters award winners (first, second, third prizes)

16:45 - 17:15 Close: a forward look (Andrew Webster)

17:15 - 19:30 Free time for pre-dinner relaxing/local Belgian beer

19:30 - 22:00 Dinner: Aux Armes de Bruxelles – see attached for further details
Day 2: Thursday December 4, 2014

Venue: Club University Foundation, Brussels, Meeting Room D

A. Pre Workshop meeting

09:15 -10:45: Final Management Committee of the Action

Agenda:

1. Welcome to participants
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from York and matters arising of last meeting (see attached Minutes)
4. Update from the Action Chair
5. STSMs in final year
6. Update from the COST Office (Barbara Prainsack)
7. Update from the DC Rapporteur
8. Annual Report 2013/14 (for discussion of any issues therein)
9. Completion of the MoU objectives
10. Evaluation of the Action
11. AOB: future publication(s)
12. Close

B. Policy Workshop

Bio-objects, Governance and Responsible Innovation: an alternative agenda

11:00 - 11:10 Introduction to the Policy Workshop, Professor Andrew Webster, Chair of the Bio-Objects COST Action

11:10 - 12:00 Presentation and initial discussion of 3 Case study Reviews and their contribution to policy debate: Case Study leads

12:00 - 12:20 Presentation of the Policy Review on the Bio-Economy, Dr Kim Hendrickx

12:20 - 13:00 Roundtable: Working across the science/social science interface - implications of the Bio-Objects Reviews for policy and capacity building for the future

Panel members: Jane Calvert, University of Edinburgh, Rinie van Est, The Rathenau Institute, Charles Kessler, Principal Scientific Officer, DG R&I, The European Commission, Professor Giuseppe Testa, European Institute of Oncology, Milan

13:00 - 13:15 Presentation from the PhD Poster Prize award holder

13:15 - 14:00 Close, lunch and depart
2. Travel Arrangements

**Flights/Trains**
Please go ahead with booking your flights to Brussels (International) or making your travel arrangements by train. Budget airlines all fly to Brussels – book early to get the best price.
www.jet2.com
www.easyjet.com
www.flybe.com
www.ryanair.com
www.budgetair.co.uk (comparison website)
www.cheapflights.co.uk (comparison website)

**How to get from the airport to your hotel**
There is a train from Brussels airport (bus information here also http://www.brussels.info/airport-to-brussels/)

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Shrive-Morrison for questions concerning local information and logistical assistance sarah.shrive-morrison@york.ac.uk

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reservation@hotel-chambord.be
www.lebergerhotel.be
info@lebergerhotel.be

Please, try to book your hotel ASAP.
3. VENUE directions and maps
(see additional page with map)

4. Reimbursement Procedure

You will all received invitations via “E-COST”, the database that the Grant Holder has to complete. (These e-mails are good candidates for ending up in some sort of spam-folder, so if you have not received such e-mails, do get in touch with Sarah Shrieve-Morrison: sarah.shrieve-morrison@york.ac.uk.) **We will send these invitations shortly once you have confirmed your intention to attend**

These e-mails contain a link in which you are asked to confirm or to decline your participation. Please follow this link and confirm or decline your participation.

If you are eligible for reimbursement, **you can follow the same link to deposit your intention to make a claim and to download the reimbursement form for the meeting.**

Please download one of these forms¹, complete it, and

- Send it with the relevant receipts to Sarah Shrieve-Morrison (SATSU, University of York, Y010 5DD, UK), or
- Give them to Andrew in Brussels

No receipts are necessary for:
- Accommodation
- Local transport (if you do not re-claim more than €25).

Receipts are necessary for:
- Air fares and long distance travelling (such as trains);
- Local transport above €25;
- Taxis – please ensure that you only take a taxi if no reasonable public transport is available. All expenses for taxis have to be justified.
- Please note: COST members are allowed **to claim only 20 euros per day** for meals. Most meals are covered by the Local organiser as part of the programme.

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¹ Please note, that if you are eligible for reimbursement for more than one meeting (such as a Working Group meeting and the MC Meeting), you will receive two forms. You can complete both forms, distributing your expenses, accordingly; but you can also complete only one of these forms.
Theme of the Training School
This final Training School provides an opportunity for students who have attended previous events to update colleagues on their PhDs, and in particular to discuss how notions of bio-objectification have been of value to their work. In addition, each student is asked to provide an electronic version of a Poster about their doctoral research in advance of the meeting and to bring that with them to the event. Format for the poster is to be decided by the student him/herself, but a clear message, good graphics and not too much textual information is the key to a good poster.

Poster size should be as follows:
All posters must be A0 size and include your name, contact details, university, and department
A useful website providing advice on Poster design can be found at: http://colinpurrington.com/tips/academic/posterdesign

Day 1 Tuesday December 2

12:30 - 13:30 Registration and Lunch

13:30 - 15:30 Participants' Presentations

This is the first of a number of sessions where we invite each PhD student to present the main points of the Chapter from their thesis that was sent to other students before the meeting. Each participant is asked to offer:
   a) a presentation and discussion of your PhD Chapter
   b) how the work might engage with the bio-objectification framework.

If you could outline these points in about 20 minutes, this would leave us time for a good discussion

Each PhD chapter will be commented on by a fellow-PhD and then opened up for wider discussion

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:00 Continuation of Presentations

17:00 - 18:30 Discussion and initial presentation of Posters prepared in advance of the meeting

19:30 Dinner
**Day 2 December 3 2014**
All students to attend the Academic Workshop (see Page 3 above). Pre-meeting as a group 09:30-11:00 to prepare for the Panel as 12:00.

**PhD Panel**
12:00 - 12:45 PhD Panel to discuss the role of the Bio-Object conceptual framework in their work

Chair: The chair will be decided by the group as a whole. We will need three panel members too to summarise the results of the discussions

**Poster Display**
12:45 - 13:45 Lunch and Poster display (judging by two internal and one guest delegate)

All students to attend their posters during lunch to answer questions from visitors to the exhibition

17:30 - 18:15 Meet to reflect on the day and the outcomes of the academic conference

19:30 - 22:00 Dinner: Aux Armes de Bruxelles – see attached for further details

**Day 3 December 4 2014**
Day 3 you will attend the workshop below and be expected to prepare a report on the outcomes of the policy discussion based on the Case Studies and to submit this to the COST Action Chair and Vice Chair by December 19th 2014.

**Workshop**

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How to get to the Club of the University Foundation

Club of the University Foundation | Club de la Fondation Universitaire | Club van de Universitaire Stichting

From Brussels Midi / Zuid Station [Duration: ±15 mins. Cost: €1.70 (one-way, bought from a machine)]
1. Take Metro line 2 (train to “Simonis”), 5 stops to “Trône/Troon” station.
2. Walk along the platform, past the back of the train (i.e. in the opposite direction to the train) and go up the stairs ("Luxembourg exit"). You are at ☑ on the map.
3. Staying on this side of the ring road, cross the junction in front of you. Walk past the ING offices.
4. Turn hard left immediately after the ING offices onto Rue d’Egmont/Egmontstraat.
5. The Club de la Fondation Universitaire/Club of the University Foundation is on the right hand side. ☑

A taxi from Brussels Midi/Zuid will cost ±€15 (10 mins)

From Brussels Airport (BRU)

EITHER by bus and a 15-minute walk [Duration: ±1 hour. Cost: €3 (one-way, bought on the bus)]
1. You will arrive on “level 2” of the airport. Once you’ve passed “arrivals” and are on the main concourse turn right and take the escalator to “level 0”.
2. From “level 0”, leave the airport building turning right, go to the bus stop not covered by the car park and take the yellow (not while) № 12 / Brussels City bus.
3. Get off at the (final) Luxembourg (B) bus stop. 12 ☑
4. Turn right at the roundabout, so the glass European Parliament building is behind you.
5. Walk along Rue de Luxembourg / Luxemburgstraat and turn left immediately after the De Meeûs park ☑
6. Walk along Rue de Paris / Parijsstraat, past the side of the orange European Commission building.
7. Turn right, and then right again onto Rue d’Egmont / Egmontstraat.
8. The Club de la Fondation Universitaire/Club of the University Foundation is on the left hand side. ☑

OR by train and metro [Duration: ±45 mins. Cost €4.50 (€2.80 train, €1.50 metro)]
1. You will arrive on “level 2” of the airport. Once you’ve passed “arrivals” and are on the main concourse turn right and take the escalator to “level -1”.
2. From “level -1” take the train to Brussels Midi / Zuid.
3. Follow the instructions opposite for “from Brussels Midi / Zuid Station”.

A taxi from the airport will cost ±€35 (30 mins)

Public transport prices and information correct as of 13/10/08. Taxi details are estimates. For train info: www.sncb.be for metro info: see www.stib.be
COST Final Dinner  
Wednesday 3 December 2014  
19:30hr  

Location: Aux Armes de Bruxelles  
Rue des Bouchers, 13  
1000 BRUSSELS  
www.auxarmesdebruxelles.com

SET MENU (choice please)  
Please email sarah.shrive-morrison@york.ac.uk your choices in advance

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