



## **Eu-SPRI Forum**

### **Annual Report of activities for 2014**

The “European Forum for Studies of Policies for Research and Innovation”, Eu-SPRI Forum, aims to strengthen the vibrant but dispersed interdisciplinary community of researchers focusing on interdisciplinary dimensions related to policy and governance in the field of knowledge creation and innovation. Studies of Policies for Research and Innovation, SPRI is a growing research field since the 1960s, evolving at the encounter of economics, political science, sociology, Science and Technology Studies, STS, business administration, geography and history. The Eu-SPRI Forum was founded in Paris in June 2010 and has fifteen full members and one associate member on 31 December 2014.

## Organisation

The Eu-SPRI Forum is a not for profit association (French law) found in Paris in June 2010. Eu-SPRI Forum is funded by annual contributions of its members.

The Eu-SPRI Forum is governed by the Assembly of its full members meeting once a year and is managed by an Executive Committee: first period 2010- 10 April 2013, second period 10 April– 17 June 2014, third period 17 April 2014 – forth 17 June 2014, fourth period has started on 17 June 2014.

### Full members are:

- Université Paris-Est, Institut Francilien Recherche Innovation Société (IFRIS), founding member.
- Copenhagen Business School (CBS), founding member.
- University of Twente, Institute of Innovation and Governance Studies (IGS), founding member.
- Instituto de Gestión de la Innovación y el Conocimiento (INGENIO), Instituto de Políticas y Bienes Públicos (IPP), Instituto de Estudios Sociales Avanzados (IESA), CSIC, ), founding member.
- Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (UAM-Accenture Chair on Economics and Management of Innovation), founding member.
- Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR), CERIS Institute for Research on Firm and Growth, Rome, founding member.  
New name from in December 2014: Institute of research on economic sustainable growth, IRCRES-CNR
- Politecnico di Milano, Dipartimento di Ingegneria Gestionale, founding member
- Consorzio Universitario in Ingegneria per la Qualità e l'Innovazione, QUINN, Pisa, founding member withdrawal from membership in October 2014.
- AIT, Austrian Institute of Technology, founding member.
- CIRCLE, Lund University, Sweden, founding member.
- Manchester Institute of Innovation Research, MBS; University of Manchester, founding member.
- NIFU, Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education, Norway (accepted on 27 October 2010), founding member.
- Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research, Karlsruhe, Germany, since academic year 2011/2012.
- VTT, Innovation Systems and Innovation Policy (in collaboration with) Helsinki Institute of Science and Technology Studies, HIST, since academic year 2011/2012.
- Innovation Studies, Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Universiteit Utrecht, since academic year 2011/2012.
- TIK, Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture, University of Oslo, since 2013
- SPRU - Science Policy Research Unit (University of Sussex), from 2015

### Associate member is:

- Helsinki Institute of Science and Technology Studies (HIST) in collaboration with VTT, since academic year 2011/2012.

### General Assembly

The fourth General Assembly meeting was held in Manchester on 17 June 2014.

### Executive Committee in 2014

President	Stefan Kuhlmann	University of Twente
Vice President	Emanuela Reale	Institute of research on economic sustainable growth, IRCRES-CNR (CNR CERIS, Rome, till December 2014)
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	Stephanie Daimer	Fraunhofer ISI, from 10 April 2013
	Charles Edquist	CIRCLE, Lund University, from 10 April 2013
	Gaston Heimerinks	Innovation Studies, Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Universiteit Utrecht, from June 2014

The Executive Committee held 5 meetings in 2014.

**Eu-SPRI treasurer** is *Philippe Larédo, IFRIS.*

**Eu-SPRI Forum Secretariat** is managed by *Marjatta Kemppainen, the University of Twente.*

## Eu –SPRI Forum Activities

### Eu-SPRI Forum website

Web site was set up and published in May 2011 (<http://www.euspri-forum.eu/>) and it is updated regularly.

### Eu-SPRI Forum List servers

Eu-SPRI Forum has 2 list servers: *EU-SPRI-NEWS* for news items of general interest and *EU-SPRI-INFO*, a discussion list for Eu-SPRI Forum members only.

**Eu-SPRI poster and leaflet** can be uploaded from <http://www.euspri-forum.eu/organisation/>.

### Eu SPRI Forum Calls for proposals

The following calls were prepared by Executive committee in 2014:

- *Early Career Research Training Schools (ECS) in 2015, published on 6 March 2014.*

### Eu-SPRI Forum Circulation awards

Selection committee consisted of 3 members: *Kate Barker, Finn Hansson and Jordi Molas Gallart-INGENIO (CSIC-UPV).*

Three calls for **PhD circulation awards** with submission deadlines: 11 March, 11 June and 11 November are published in 2014 (see annex 1 for successful candidates, also on [http://www.euspri-forum.eu/key\\_missions/](http://www.euspri-forum.eu/key_missions/)). **PhD circulation experience reports** are on [http://www.euspri-forum.eu/key\\_missions/phd\\_circulation\\_reports/phd-experience-reports/](http://www.euspri-forum.eu/key_missions/phd_circulation_reports/phd-experience-reports/)

### Early Career Research Training Schools (ECS)

- **ECS, Manchester International Summer School on Emerging Technologies** was organised by Manchester Institute of Innovation Research, University of Manchester, UK on 8 – 13 June 2014, see annex 2 for final report and Eu-SPRI archives [http://www.euspri-forum.eu/archives/ecs/ecs\\_june\\_2014/](http://www.euspri-forum.eu/archives/ecs/ecs_june_2014/) for more information.

**In 2014 Executive Committee has agreed to support the following ECS to be held in 2015:**

- **ECS- Summer school “Measuring and modeling dynamics in innovation systems”** in Utrecht in August-September 2015.

### Eu-SPRI Early Career Researcher Conferences (ECC)

- **ECC ‘Interdisciplinarity in the Study of the Dynamics of Science, Technology and Innovation’**- Ingenio PhD days 2014 was hosted by INGENIO (CSIC-UPV) in Valencia, Spain on 7 and 8 April 2014. See annex 3 for final report and Eu-SPRI archives [http://www.euspri-forum.eu/archives/ecc/ecc\\_april\\_2014/](http://www.euspri-forum.eu/archives/ecc/ecc_april_2014/) for more information.
- **ECC ‘Entrepreneurship for societal challenges’** was held at Università Politecnica delle Marche, in Ancona, Italy on 21-23 May 2014, see annex 4 for final report and Eu-SPRI archives [http://www.euspri-forum.eu/archives/ecc/ecc\\_may\\_2014/](http://www.euspri-forum.eu/archives/ecc/ecc_may_2014/) for more information.

**In 2014 Executive Committee has agreed to support the following ECC’s to be held in 2015:**

- **ECC ‘Crossing Boundaries in Scientific Knowledge Creation and Transmission: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities’** to be held in at Ceris CNR Rome, Italy on 15-16 October 2015.

- **ECC ‘Sowing the seeds of the future: The financing of tomorrow’s innovations** to be organized by Politecnico di Milano jointly with Politecnico di Torino and Università di Bergamo and it will be held at Università di Bergamo, Italy on 24-26 June 2015.

### **Eu-SPRI Forum Annual conferences**

- **Annual Conference 2014 on Science and innovation policy: Dynamics, Challenges, Responsibility and Practice** was hosted by the Manchester Institute of Innovation Research (MIOIR) and it was held in Manchester on 18-20 June 2014, see annex 5 for final report and [http://www.euspri-forum.eu/key\\_missions/structuring\\_the\\_field/](http://www.euspri-forum.eu/key_missions/structuring_the_field/) for more information.
- **Annual Conference 2015 on Innovation policies for economic and social transitions: Developing strategies for knowledge, practices and institutions** will be hosted by VTT in Helsinki, Finland on 10-12 June 2015
- **Annual Conference 2016 on Innovation in a globalized economy: On the role of knowledge dynamics, institutions and innovation policies** will be hosted by CIRCLE in Lund.
- **Annual conference 2017 on „The future of STI – the future of STI policy“** in Vienna will be hosted by AIT in Vienna.

### **Exploratory Scheme Activities 2014-2015**

The setting of the research agenda in the science and innovation policy field is an essential objective of the Eu-SPRI activities. Exploratory initiatives aimed at developing knowledge supporting the anticipation of new SPRI themes, concepts and methods are very important in order to connect different research spaces.

The call for proposals for Exploration Scheme activities 2014-2015 with submission deadline 28 February 2014 was published in December 2013.

This call was open to researchers from **Member Organisations**; researchers from non-member organisations can be involved in the proposals, when the participation is relevant for the subject under investigation and can contribute to the construction of long-term research collaborations.

#### **The following project was granted:**

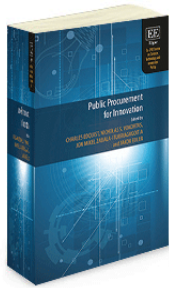
**Project ‘Social innovation futures: beyond policy panacea and conceptual ambiguity’ of the Future Social Innovation Consortium** by Paul Benneworth, Center for Higher Education Policy Studies, University of Twente, the Netherlands (coordinator); Effie Amanatidou, Manchester Institute for Innovation Research, Manchester University, UK; Monica Edwards Schachter, CSIC-INGENIO Valencia, Spain and Magnus Gulbrandsen, Centre for Technology, Innovation & Culture (TIK), University of Oslo.

#### **Eu-SPRI Book series with Edward Elgar**

The Edward Elgar EU SPRI series aims at promoting forefront research in the field of STI policy. An agreement for Eu-SPRI Book series with Edward Elgar was signed in 2013.

The series is edited by Susana Borrás (Copenhagen), Jakob Edler (Manchester), Stefan Kuhlmann (Twente) and Ismael Rafols (Valencia/ Brighton).

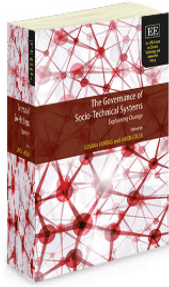
***Published Eu-SPRI books in 2014:***



## **Public Procurement For Innovation**

**Edquist, C. Zabala-Iturriagagoitia, J.M. Vonortas, N.S. Edler, J.**

'This is a very timely book! Public procurement for innovation has become a prominent tool of demand-side innovation policy in recent years. A better understanding of the underlying assumptions and in... [read more...](#)



## **The Governance Of Socio-Technical Systems**

**Borrás, S. Edler, J.**

'The governance of change in socio-technical and innovation systems has been a neglected topic for too long. Finally, we have a collection which brings together an interdisciplinary perspective and po... [read more...](#)

## Annexes

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## Annex 1

### **Eu-SPRI PhD Circulation Awards 2014**

#### **Successful Candidates from Forum 8<sup>th</sup> call for PhD Circulation.**

*Submission deadline was 11 November 2013, is reported to ExCo in 2014.*

1. Thi My Huong Nguyen, home institute – Manchester Institute of Innovation Research (MIOIR), University of Manchester, UK, supervisor – Philip Shapira, will go to Copenhagen Business School, Dept of Economics and Management, Denmark, supervisor – Yen Tran, for 3 months. The title of her thesis is: 'Corporate governance, corporate entrepreneurship and firm performance: Evidence from a transition economy.'
2. Junwen Luo, home institute – Institute of Innovation and Governance Studies (IGS), University of Twente, The Netherlands, supervisor – Stefan Kuhlmann, will go to the Manchester Institute of Innovation Research (MIOIR), University of Manchester, UK, supervisor – Jakob Edler, for 3 months. The title of his thesis is: 'Balancing the role of evaluation mechanism in non-university research institutions.'
3. Maria Karaulova, home institute - Manchester Institute of Innovation Research (MIOIR), University of Manchester, UK, supervisor – Philip Shapira will go to Fraunhofer Institute for System and Innovation Research ISI, Germany, supervisor – Susanne Bühner-Topcu, for 1.5 months. The title of her thesis is: 'Societal effects of scientific migration: Insights from Russian speaking nanoscience émigrés.'
4. Anna Darmani, home institute - Universitat Politècnica de Madrid, Spain, supervisor – Antonio Hidalgo Nuchera, will go to Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, supervisor – Marko Hekkert, for 3 months. The title of her thesis is 'Who is in the driver's seat? Co-evolution and emergence of technological innovation systems for renewable energy.'
5. Óscar Llopis-Córcoles, home institute – INGENIO (CSIC-UPV) has now taken up a postdoctoral position at the University of Bordeaux so will not take up the mobility grant.

#### **Successful Candidates from Eu-SPRI Forum 9th call for PhD Circulation,** *submission deadline 11 March 2014.*

1. Cristian Matti, home institute – INGENIO (CSIC-UPV), Universitat Politècnica de Valencia, Spain, supervisor – Davide Consoli, will go to the Manchester Institute of Innovation Research (MIOIR), University of Manchester, UK, supervisor – Elvira Uyarra, for 3 months. The title of his thesis is: 'Knowledge creation within Spanish wind energy multilevel governance system.'
2. Mabel Sánchez-Barrioluengo, home institute - INGENIO (CSIC-UPV), Universitat Politècnica de Valencia, Spain, supervisor – Davide Consoli, will go to the Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS) Institute of Innovation and Governance Studies (IGS), University of Twente, The Netherlands, supervisor – Paul Benneworth, for 3 months. The title of her thesis is: 'Re-missioning of universities and the influence of the context: the case of Spain.'
3. Pierre Padilla, home institute - Science Technology and Policy Studies (STePS), University of Twente, The Netherlands, supervisor – Stefan Kuhlmann, will go to Manchester Institute of Innovation Research (MIOIR), University of Manchester, UK, supervisor – Kieron Flanagan, for 1 month. The title of his thesis is 'Transnational policy learning through strategic intelligence: the case of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Programme from US to UK.'

#### **Successful Candidates from Eu-SPRI Forum 10th call for PhD Circulation,** *submission deadline 11 June 2014.*

1. Antonio Zinilli, home institute – Institute for Economic Research on Firms and Growth (CERIS-CNR), Rome, Italy, supervisor – Emanuela Reale, will go to the Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT), Austria, supervisor – Matthias Weber, for 3 months. The title of his thesis is: 'Funding for academic research: a longitudinal analysis of the project of national research (PRIN).'
2. Elena Mas Tur, home institute - INGENIO (CSIC-UPV), Universitat Politècnica de Valencia, Spain, supervisor – Joaquín M. Azagra-Caro, will go to the Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, supervisor – Koen Frenken, for 4 months. The title of her

*thesis is: 'Knowledge and networks: from creation to diffusion and back again.'*

3. Victor Gómez Valenzuela, home institute - Department of Economics, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain, supervisor – Isabel Alvarez, will go to Manchester Institute of Innovation Research (MIOIR), University of Manchester, UK, supervisor – Kieron Flanagan, for 3 months. The title of his thesis is 'Using a conjoint analysis approach to evaluate the preferences of incentives to innovation of manufacturing and service firms of the Dominican Republic.'

**Successful Candidates from Eu-SPRI Forum 11th call for PhD Circulation**, submission deadline 11 November 2014.

1. Filippo Albertoni, home institute – Politecnico di Milano, Italy, supervisor – Lucia Piscitello, will go to Copenhagen Business School (CBS), Denmark, supervisor – Bent Petersen, for 3 months and the Manchester Institute of Innovation Research (MIOIR), University of Manchester, UK, supervisor – Silvia Massini, for 3 months. The title of his thesis is: 'Disintegration and re-integration of the value chain in the global economy.'

2. Paola Rovelli, home institute - Politecnico di Milano, Italy, supervisor – Cristina Rossi Lamastra, will go to Copenhagen Business School (CBS), Denmark, supervisor – Nicolai J. Foss for 3 months. The title of her thesis is: 'Top management teams and firms' organizational design.'

3. Carla María Elizabeth Alvial Palavicino, home institute – Science Technology and Policy Studies (STePS), University of Twente, The Netherlands, supervisor – Stefan Kuhlmann, will go to Institut Francilien Recherche Innovation Société (IFRIS), Université Paris-Est, France, supervisor – Pierre Benoit Joly, for 3 months. The title of her thesis is 'Understanding anticipation through practices and the constitution of anticipatory regimes in emergent S&T.'



## Annex 2

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Forum for Studies of Policies for Research and Innovation (Eu-SPRI Forum)

Re: Manchester International Summer School on Emerging Technologies (MiSET) 2014 – Final Report

Date: September 04, 2014

Dear Eu-SPRI Forum Executive Committee Members:

I am writing to report the successful completion of the Manchester International Summer School on Emerging Technologies (MiSET) 2014. I would like to outline key aspects of MiSET 2014 and use this opportunity to thank to Eu-SPRI forum their financial support.

#### **Applications and Participation:**

MiSET 2014 attracted 75 applicants from 21 countries. Applicants were selected on the basis of their eligibility for the course (i.e. focusing on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD students), the relevance of their research to the Summer School and their professional profile. We invited students in batches and used a waitlist to be able to process applications swiftly. In total, we invited 30 students out of which 29 students accepted our invitation and participated in the course. A full list of participants is presented at an attached table. The 29 participating students came from 11 different countries.

#### **Schedule:**

The Summer School ran for 6 days between 8 and 13 June 2014. MiSET included presentations from eminent scientist and research managers working on emerging technologies such as graphene and synthetic biology, panels on conducting research on emerging economies, lectures and practical exercises on theoretical and empirical approaches to study emerging technologies, scenario and foresight planning and responsible research and innovation. We also arranged a field trip to Manchester's renowned Museum of Science and Industry in which a member of the faculty guided the students. A total of 15 faculty contributed to MiSET 2014.

### Student Evaluation:

We collected student feedback by employing the Eu-SPRI Evaluation Form. We also designed and implemented another survey tailored to Summer Schools. According to both surveys, students were overwhelmingly satisfied with the design and delivery of the course, networking opportunities provided, and logistical arrangements.

### Costs and Invoice:

Total direct spending for MiSET 2014 was £25,138.00 (€31,686.25). University of Manchester staff time, faculty time, and use of facilities were provided as in kind contributions and are not included in the total spending figure. The actual cost of €31,686.25 represents a slight overspend compared to the budgeted amount of €36,537 while the requested Eu-SPRI contribution is at €14,766.22, slightly lower than the previously agreed amount of €14,903. A demand for payment as well as a detailed statement of expenses are attached.

### Concluding comments:

Overall, the Summer School was dynamic and very successful. It was particularly pleasing that the Summer School brought together and networked early career researchers from Europe and other countries. Eu-SPRI's contribution and sponsorship was acknowledged in recruitment, online and course materials, and mentioned to the participants.

Once again, I would like to use this opportunity to thank to Eu-SPRI for their support for this highly successful Summer School.

Yours sincerely,

Prof Philip Shapira, on behalf of the organisation committee

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### **FINAL REPORT**

**Eu-SPRI Forum Early Career Researcher Conference (ECC): “Interdisciplinarity in the Study of the Dynamics of Science, Technology and Innovation”**

**Organized by INGENIO (CSIC – UPV)**

**Held in Valencia, 7-8 April, 2014**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Eu-SPRI Forum Early Career Researcher Conference (ECC) “*Interdisciplinarity in the Study of the Dynamics of Science, Technology and Innovation*” was held at INGENIO (CSIC-UPV) in Valencia (Spain) on the 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. The event was attended by 31<sup>1</sup> doctoral students and early-stage researchers, as well as leading academics in the management and innovation studies fields. Participants had the opportunity to present their work in 15-minutes slots, followed by comments and suggestions from a senior and a junior discussant, and the audience attending the session. Additionally, the event provided a social space to share common interests and build research networks among the young community of participants.

<sup>1</sup> For personal reasons, one of the accepted participants declined to participate in the event two days before it started.

#### **2. General overview of the event**

Overall, the organization and celebration of the event can be evaluated as highly satisfactory. Fifty extended abstracts were received, coming from a wide range of institutions and countries. After the evaluation of the scientific committee, 32 contributions were selected and grouped into eight panels, meaning an acceptance rate of 64%. The overall quality of the selected contributions was notably high, and overall, participants obtained useful feedback and constructive comments after their presentations.

Further, the event was complemented by five keynote speeches by distinguished scholars. The first day (April 9), Prof. Philippe Laredo, from the University of Manchester and the Université Paris-Est opened the workshop with a speech on “*PhD students or early career researchers. What difference does it make?*”. Afterwards, Dr. David Barbera and Dr. Joaquin Azagra, from INGENIO (CSIC-UPV) talked about “*Being a professional scientist in innovation studies*”. The last keynote speech was given by Dr. Wolfgang Softka (Copenhagen Business School) on “*Entering the market after the PhD*”. In general, the speeches allowed the participants to obtain a comprehensive picture of the state of the art in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy studies, and to receive useful advice on career development.

On the second day (April 10<sup>th</sup>) there were three plenary events. First, Dr. Ismael Rafols (INGENIO, CSIC-UPV) presented his work on “*Interdisciplinary on Science,*

*Technology and Innovation Studies*”, which addresses the diverse knowledge foundations and future research directions of innovation studies. Second, a roundtable on “*How innovation studies matter?*” provided a space for debate and discussion. The roundtable was formed by Philippe Larédo (Université Paris-Est and University of Manchester); Sean Kask (Business Consultant at SAP); Matthew Wallace (Analyst and Science Policy Advisor at the Department of Environment of the Canadian Government); and David Hammerstein (Green activist, former Member of the European Parliament & senior policy advocate for TransAtlantic Consumer Dialogue, Brussels). Finally, Dr. Ammon Salter (University of Bath) delivered a presentation on “*Publishing research in innovation studies*”.

In addition to these activities, participants were offered a set of social activities and events with the aim of building a research community and forming links. The evening before the beginning of the event (April 8<sup>th</sup>), a guided tour to Valencia city center and an informal dinner was offered. A

guided visit to the City of Arts and Sciences and the Conference dinner was planned for April 9<sup>th</sup>. To end up, April 10<sup>th</sup> finished with a guided walk to the seaside and an informal dinner. In general, the participation in these activities was high and significantly contributed to the generation of a collaborative climate among the participants. Also, the social side was completed with the creation of a Facebook group, a twitter account and a document containing details about all participants, including their names, affiliations and e-mail addresses, which were distributed during the event.

### 3. Participants' evaluation

In order to know the participants' opinions and insights about the organization and the content of the event, a survey was designed and given to all participants. Overall, results indicated a high level of satisfaction both with the scientific program and the social program. On a scale ranging from 1 to 4 (1 = very bad/ not at all; 4 = very good/ a lot), the overall scientific quality of the event was rated with a score of 3.19. The quality of the feedback received scored 3.21. Other aspects such as the design of the on-line platform for the conference or the meals and dinners received high scores as well (3.58 and 3.46 respectively). Regarding the quality of the keynote speeches, participants also reported high satisfaction levels (a mean rate of 3.18). Finally, the social agenda proposed in parallel to the academic conference was rated positively as well (the mean satisfaction rate for all events was 3.2).

### 4. Ideas and comments for further improvement

The organizing committee also gave room for suggestions and open comments in order to improve future ECRCs. Some participants suggested that it would be better to provide a list with a range of hotels in the city, instead of suggesting only one option. Few others indicated that the second day of the event was a bit too compressed, with three hours without a break. It was also pointed out that the studies presented at the conference were a bit too quantitative.

### 5. Pictures of the event











## **Annex 4**

### **Final report of the Eu-SPRI Early Career Researchers Conference: Entrepreneurship for societal challenges**

**Ancona, Italy, 21-23 May 2014**

#### **Local Organizing Committee**

Andrea Bonaccorsi, Massimo G. Colombo, Diego D'Adda, Donato Iacobucci, Cristina Rossi Lamastra

#### **Participants**

A total of 25 persons (scholars, phd-students, other external participants) participated at the event, some others canceled their participation (some just before). There were 11 papers presented at the conference by early career researchers, and 4 presentations by keynote speakers and other invited speakers / practitioners. 7 persons withdrew their participation, due to personal problems or impossibility to finalize the submission of the paper before the deadline or other problems.

#### **Format**

As the conference was planned over three days, we organized a single sessions to fit the 11 papers, the keynotes speech and the practitioners roundtable. Each session had a chairperson keeping the timing.

Each speaker had 25-30 minutes for their presentations. Each paper in the conference was discussed by one discussants. Discussants were sent the papers in advance and instructed to prepare a maximum of 10 minutes of reflections which would help stimulate a useful discussion in the session and leave floor for questions coming from the audience as well. Thanks to the availability of time, interesting and fruitful interactions between presenters, discussants and the audience were possible.

Sufficiently long coffee breaks increased networking opportunities and gave time for more in-depth discussions between researchers and discussant/audience/keynotes.

Some entrepreneurship students and few junior and senior researchers from the Università Politecnica delle Marche attended the sessions as well as the keynote speeches.

#### **Practitioners speech and roundtable**

The conference benefit from two speeches by Anna Torelli (manager for innovation and entrepreneurship policies at the regional level) and Dr. Duilio Guetti (owner/founder of Greentech, a research-based spin-off working in the field of renewable energies and environmental sustainability). The interesting insights from the two presenters have generated an interesting debate/discussion combining the academics vision with the practitioners one. Practitioners were also particularly interested in understanding some of the phenomena which were discussed during the sessions, e.g. crowdfunding opportunities.

#### **Keynotes speech**

The two prominent keynotes speakers, Dr. Sharon Alvarez and Jay Bryan Barney, gave two very inspiring speeches about entrepreneurship, opportunities for entrepreneurship and communities that enable them. Interesting insights come from the distinction between the opportunities that are discovered by entrepreneurs and the ones that are actually created by them, with practical consequences for example on the way we are used to teach/be taught entrepreneurship and business planning.

As it is documented by the anonymous survey we have conducted after the conclusion of the conference, the participants have been particularly satisfied by the program of the event and more specifically by the opportunities for networking and by richness of inspiring contents/discussions/feedbacks.



### ***About the expenses***

Please note that we expected a higher number of participants, actually reduced by many late withdrawals. Due to Italian rules for Public Administrations provisioning of goods and services, we had to organize a tender contract and emit an order long time before the dates of the conference, without precise information about the participants. This is the reason why the catering was sized on 30 people.

See [http://www.euspri-forum.eu/archives/ecc/ecc\\_may\\_2014/](http://www.euspri-forum.eu/archives/ecc/ecc_may_2014/) for more information.



## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual EU SPRI Conference**

### **Science and innovation policy: Dynamics, Challenges, Responsibility and Practice**

18-20 June 2014, Manchester, UK

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#### **Final Report**

Jakob Edler, Kieron Flanagan Maria Nedeva

Manchester, November 21 2014

## The Conference Content

### *The Academic Programme*

The theme of the Annual Conference 2014 in Manchester - Science and innovation policy: Dynamics, Challenges, Responsibility and Practice – was deliberately kept open. The idea at the outset was to mobilise the academic community that is interested in science and innovation policy in its broadest science, and thus to go beyond the immediate community of EU SPRI members. We asked for contributions in the following basic areas:

- Understanding policy dynamics, and the links between policies, funding patterns, interventions, outcomes and effects;
- Understanding the rise of goal, challenge or mission orientation in science and technology policies;
- Addressing questions of responsible governance in science and technology policies;
- Addressing the challenges of co-ordination and implementation of policies.

To mobilise the content for the conference, the organisers issued **two calls**<sup>1</sup>, one for **special sessions**, and a subsequent **call for papers**.

The review process for special sessions and papers was supported by a scientific committee. Each paper was reviewed by a member of the local organising committee, supported by a number of MIOIR colleagues, and a member of the scientific committee. The committee was composed of Andrea Bonaccorsi (Univ Pisa), Susana Borrás (CBS), Massimo Colombo (Politecnico Milano), Stephanie Daimer (FhG- ISI), Michael Dinges (AIT), Charles Edquist (Lund Univ), Jan Fagerberg (Univ Oslo), Merle Jacob (Lund Univ), Philippe Laredo (Univ Pari-Est/Univ Manchester), Gillian Marcelle (Wits Univ), Gonzalo Ordonez Matamoros (Univ Twente), Ellen Moors (Utrecht Univ), Ismael Rafols (CSIC-UP Valencia), Paloma Sanchez (Autonoma Univ Madrid), Jack Stilgoe (UCL), James Wilsdon (Univ Sussex), Jan Youtie (GeorgiaTech). We are aware that the high number of submissions as well as the technicalities of the online system we used put a heavy workload on the scientific committee and the organisers would again take the opportunity to thank our colleagues for a splendid job!

The call for sessions resulted in **10 sessions** that were accepted, The call for papers resulted in **197 submissions** and **142 accepted papers (admission rate of 72%)**.<sup>2</sup> In this call for papers we asked for paper for the 10 sessions as well as paper in an open track. The programme was subsequently organised in **21 sessions** which clustered papers of the **open track** thematically and altogether **24 sessions** for the **nine special sessions** for which we had sufficient number of high quality papers<sup>3</sup> (whereby sessions 7 and 8 on health technologies were combined):

- SS1: Challenge-oriented research and innovation policy
- SS2: Policy co-ordination in regional STI policies
- SS3: Skills, innovation and employment: evidence & policy
- SS4: Understanding policy-making for science, technology and innovation

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.euspri-manchester2014.com/calls/>

<sup>2</sup> Originally we had 220 submissions, 23 were either withdrawn or deleted because of non-registration or duplication.

<sup>3</sup> For one special session on mission oriented policies we did not receive enough high quality papers.

- SS5: Understanding and Addressing the Governance Challenges of Responsible Research & Innovation
- SS6: Emerging Innovation and Market Infrastructures
- SS7: Governance of Health Innovation I: co-ordination of emerging & enabling health technologies
- SS8: Governance of Health Innovation II: Health innovation and the 'grand challenge' of Ageing
- SS9: One Size Does Not Fit All! New perspectives on learning networks and the university in the social knowledge economy

The 45 sessions were delivered in five parallel tracks. The programme at a glance can be found in Annex 1, the full programme is to be found on the conference webpage (<http://www.euspri-manchester2014.com/programme/>). The booklet of abstract of the conference can be found at the programme page of the conference website (<http://www.euspri-manchester2014.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Booklet-of-Abstracts-Fin.pdf>).

This year's conference was focused more than in recent years, we think, on the challenge orientation in science and innovation policy and on the normative dimension of innovation, where Luc Soete set the tone and a number of presentation followed, and the grand challenge sessions were rated very positively in the open commentary in our evaluation exercise. We also saw a considerable number of sessions and presentation grappling with policy dynamics, learning and evaluation in science and innovation policy.

### ***Welcome Address, Key Notes and Panels***

The academic programme of the conference started 18<sup>th</sup> of June with a short welcome from Jakob Edler and a Welcome Address of The President of the University of Manchester, Prof. Dame Nancy Rothwell. This was followed by the first key note speech by Prof. Helga Nowotny, the former President of the European Research Council, who outlined what she sees as the main challenges of science and innovation policy in the years to come. Prof Peter Boyle, the then head of the UK Economic and Social Research Council, who outlined his views on the challenges for research funding and science practice. A third key note was given on June 19 by Prof. Luc Soete, who stressed that our community has for too long equated innovation with growth and progress, and neglected the a normative discussion about the direction and desirability of innovation.

Three further special session complemented our academic programme:

- A lunch panel (day 1) to discuss if the study of innovation policy can make a difference, was chaired by the Editor of Science Europe.
- An evening (day 2) 'meet the editors' session with representatives of Research Evaluation, Prometheus and Research Policy, chaired by Maria Nedeva.
- A lunch session (day 3) Big Data sponsored by NESTA chaired by Philip Shapira.
- A final session with a presentation of the organisers of the Helsinki conference 2015, a best paper presentation (see below) and a best paper award.

### ***Best Paper Award for Early Career Researchers***

At the close of the conference, the chair of the organising committee, Jakob Edler, presented the Prize for Best Paper from an Early Career Researcher. The winner was Mabel Sanchez Barrioleuengo,

from INGENIO (CSIC/Polytechnic University of Valencia) and the runner up was Magda Smink from the Innovation Studies group at Utrecht University.

## Participation

We had 177 registered and paying participants, with a slight majority coming from EU SPRI member organisations (92).

**Table 1: Participation and registration**

EU Spri Membership		Number	Rate	Sum
Eu-Spri Organisation	early bird	21	130.00	2730
	regular	71	150.00	10650
Non Eu-Spri Organisation	early bird	30	250.00	7500
	regular	54	300.00	16200
Cancellation		1	150	150

Altogether, the participants are based in organisations in 25 different countries. By far the largest number of participants came from organisations the UK, followed by Spain, the Netherlands and Germany. The list indicates that EU SPRI attracts European colleagues mainly, only 14 scholars from institutions outside Europe were present, and some of those have been temporary visiting scholars in European institutions.

**Table 2: Country distributions of participants' home organisations\***

Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
UK	55	Italy	5	Colombia	2
Spain	25	USA	5	Japan	2
Netherlands	17	Hungary	4	Latvia	2
Germany	10	Canada	3	Malaysia	2
Austria	8	Estonia	3	Taiwan	2
Belgium	8	Finland	3	Switzerland	2
Norway	8	Sweden	3	Portugal	1
France	9	Brazil	2	Mexico	1
Italy	5				

\* Three participants indicated double affiliation, and both affiliation were counted.

## The Social Programme

The conference started with a **Reception** at the historic **John Rylands Library** in central Manchester on the evening of June, 17<sup>th</sup>. Jakob Edler welcomed the conference participants, and the Lord Mayor of Manchester Councillor Susan Cooly gave a welcome address, making the link of STI policy studies to the history of Manchester, with its crucial role for science and innovation.

The conference dinner was held at the **Old Trafford Football Stadium**, one of the global landmarks of Manchester on the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Prof. Luke Georghiou, Vice President for Research at the University of Manchester, gave an After Dinner Speech, reflecting on the history and future of the STIP academic field.

Finally, we offered an optional group visit (which was not included in conference fee) to the Large Hadron Collider exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry on Friday afternoon, after the close of the conference.

## Communication

The conference and its calls were advertised through email using the EUSPRI network and its multipliers in our member institutes, the MIOIR global emailing list and networks of MIOIR staff. To raise interest we established a Conference Blog. This hosted a number of posts invited from the authors of papers selected by the organising committee as being potentially of interest to a wider audience out of those papers rated highly in the review process. The blog helped create a buzz in the run up to the conference but also reaching a much larger audience than those attending. Statistics are below.

**Table 3: Conference Blog – Topics and Statistics**

Title	Date	Views
<u>How smart is specialisation?</u>	<b>8 Jun 2014</b>	287
<u>Cold numbers: Superconducting supercomputers - a failed revolution</u>	<b>7 Jun 2014</b>	267
<u>Back from the future: a look at the rise of the third mission</u>	<b>11 Jun 2014</b>	144
<u>Which country is the best in radical innovation?</u>	<b>15 Jun 2014</b>	143
<u>Are Quebec female scientists really lagging behind?</u>	<b>16 Jun 2014</b>	115
<u>Research teams need evidence-based management</u>	<b>10 Jun 2014</b>	111
<u>Welcome to the EuSPRI 2014 Conference blog</u>	<b>3 Jun 2014</b>	77

**Table 4: country distribution of page views**

Country	Views	Country	Views	Country	Views
USA	973	Spain	64	France	41
UK	401	Italy	52	Belgium	23
Netherlands	225	Germany	47	Poland	13
Russia	86				

The Conference Twitter account @EuSPRI2014 attracted 167 followers, with some good activity on the conference hashtag (<https://twitter.com/hashtag/euspri14?f=realtime&src=hash>) around the time of the conference. The Flickr account with the conference photos has received 1499 views.

## Budget

We decided very early on not to go for one or two large corporate sponsors, and to have the conference in cost-effective conference facilities on the University campus. Our financial sponsorship was limited to a grant of £4000 by the Innovation Charity NESTA with which MIOIR has had a strong working relationship over the years. NESTA organised one session on big data and what it can, and cannot, deliver for innovation analysis and policy. A further in kind sponsorship was provided by *Research Europe*, who gave the conference preview coverage and also co-organised and chaired a panel about the position and contribution of innovation policy analysis for innovation policy.

The table below shows the overall financial result of the conference. The University of Manchester contributed £ 1508,36 to the final budget but more significantly, as organiser, the time of academic and research staff supporting the event. The main income comprised the participant fee (£ 37,230), the NESTA contribution (£4000) and the EU SPRI grant (EURO 20.000).

**Table 5: The final consolidated budget of EU SPRI Conference 2014, Manchester**

<b>Income</b>		
Confercare - participant fees	£37,230.00	
NESTA	£ 4,000.00	
<b>Income</b>	<b>£41,230.00</b>	
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<b>Total expenditure</b>	£58,413.03	
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<b>Balance (before EU SPRI grant)</b>	-£17,183.03	<i>Exchange rate</i>
Balance Euro (before EU SPRI grant)	<b>-€21,508.36</b>	<i>ECB November 21</i>
		<i>0.7989</i>
<b>EU SPRI Conference Grant</b>	<b>€20,000.00</b>	
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<b>Total Balance</b>	<b><u>-€ 1,508.36</u></b>	

\* For details on expenditure see Table 6 below.

The main expenses (see table below) were the catering and room hire costs, including the social events, and the administration costs.

Table 6: The final detailed budget of EU SPRI Conference 2014, Manchester

<b>Catering</b>				
Expenditure item	delegates/days	price per head		total
Tues 17 June John Rylands Reception	160 multiply	£6.50		£ 1,040.00
18 June Dinner Manchester United	170 multiply	£51.81		£ 8,807.79
KINETIX Confercare Renold Building Hire and catering				£ 21,960.75
Dinner Jak06				£ 127.49
<b>Total catering costs</b>				<b>£ 31,936.03</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>				
	delegates/days			
MacDonald Hotel Helga Nowotny	1 multiply	£86.00		£ 112.00
MacDonald Hotel Luc Soete	1 multiply	£86.00		£ 48.25
<b>Total accomodation</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>£ 160.25</b>
<b>Travel</b>				
Flights and Expenses Helga Nowotny				£ 812.93
Flights and expenses Luc Soete				£ 371.41
Hotel Soete				£ 89.00
Train Nowotny				£ 82.86
Taxis				£ 41.11
<b>Total Travel</b>				<b>£ 1,397.31</b>
<b>PRIZES</b>				
Prizes - MAGDA SMINK				£ 119.62
Prizes - MABEL SANCHEZ BARRIOLUENGO				£ 318.99
<b>Total Prizes</b>				<b>£ 438.61</b>
<b>Administration Costs</b>				
	days	rate		
ConferCare Conference Registration and Invoicing and Hotel booking				£ 6,954.00
Bank Charges				£ 41.07
Student helpers				£ 450.00
Event administrator Siobhan Drugan	55	150	200.68	£ 11,037.40
Event administrator Liz Barker	5		120.23	£ 601.15
finance administration Wendy Walker	5	120	139.86	£ 699.30
Computing & IT staff Dan Morrell	1		145.85	£ 145.85
<b>Total Adminstration Cost</b>				<b>£ 19,928.77</b>
<b>Bad debt (Boakye-Yadom)</b>				<b>£ 130.00</b>
<b>Facilities and Stationery</b>				
Pens				£ 240.00
Banners ALL				£ 1,685.00
printing MBS				£ 35.00
Bags				£ 504.00
pointers for presentations				£ 79.96
badges and notepads	180 programmes			£ 67.36
Printing				£ 491.00
Lanyards				£ 100.00
Student tee shirts				£ 64.74
<b>Total Facilitis and Stationary</b>				<b>£ 3,267.06</b>
<b>Events extras</b>				
Coaches	Old Trafford			£ 1,010.00
Photographer John Rylands				£ 275.00
<b>Total events extras</b>				<b>£ 1,285.00</b>
			<b>total exp</b>	<b>£ 58,413.03</b>



## Evaluation by participants

Our overall own impression as organisers was that the conference was a success. The manifold oral and email feedback we received from participants was overwhelmingly positive. To get a more systematic feedback, we conducted an evaluation survey using the EU SPRI evaluation form. We asked for feedback June 25 and sent a reminder July 14. Altogether, we had 77 responses from 181 participants (42% response rate). **Annex 2** depicts the feedback in detail. As half of the respondents were members of EU SPRI, and half from non-member organisation, we can compare feedback from academics from EU SPRI and non EU SPRI member organisations (annex 2) and we can compare feedback from researchers at different stages in their careers (figure 1 below).

As the charts in annex 2 as well as Figure 1 show, overall, the evaluation is **very positive**; in all dimensions asked in the feedback sheet the scores are positive (e.g. better than 2.5 on the Likert scale from 1 (very positive, relevant etc.) to 5 (very poor). The scope and the coverage of the conference are seen as adequate or very adequate. The conference was also rated as overwhelmingly (very) **relevant** and fitting with expectations in terms of **overall scientific quality**. However, as regards relevance and especially quality participants from member organisations are more positive than those from non member organisations (annex 2). This may have to do with more diverse expectations and backgrounds of participants from non member organisations, but it also make us aware of a potential danger of inward looking topics and quality standards, as the EU SPRI community certainly has the ambition to speak to neighbouring communities in scientifically exciting ways.

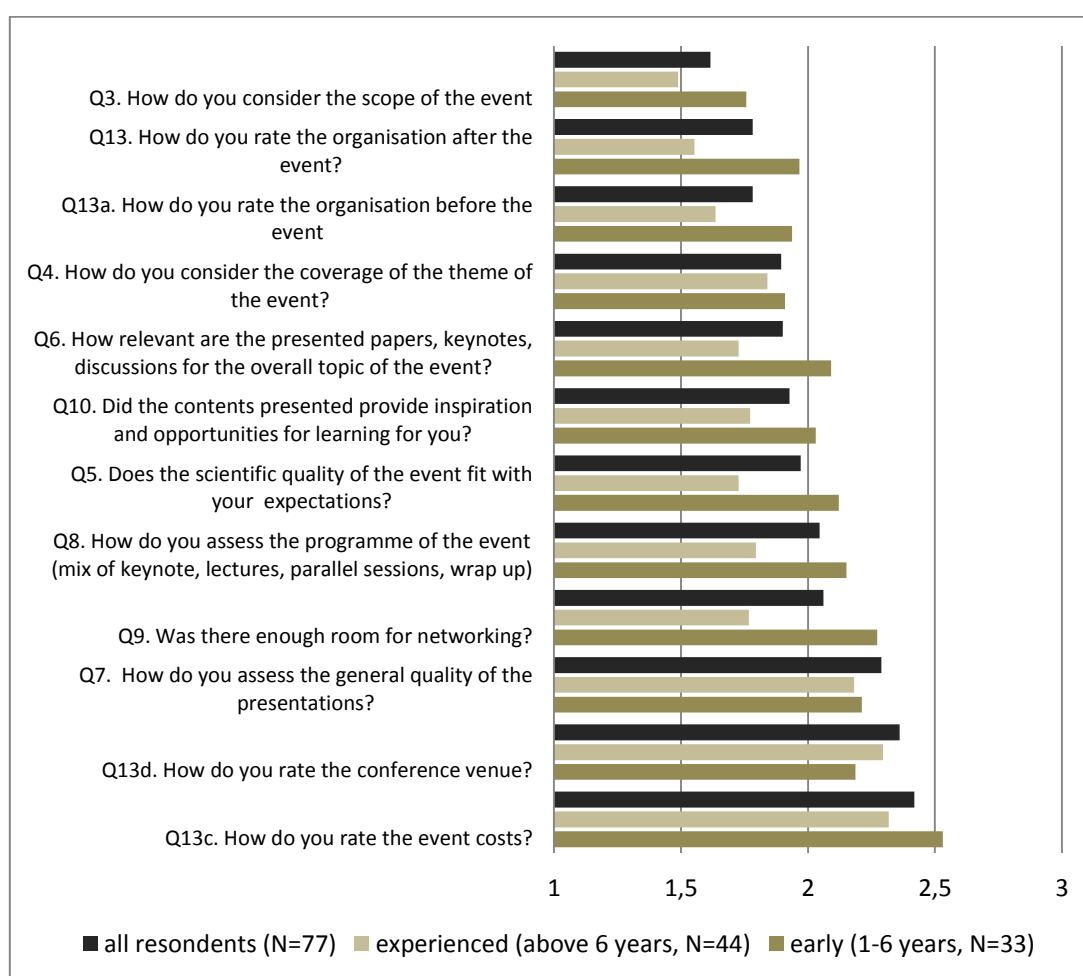
The quality of the **overall programme**, i.e. the combination of key note lectures, sessions, wrap up session etc. is rated very positive, with only 3 respondents (from non member organisations) giving it a rating below 3 (in a five point scale). This very positive assessment is further confirmed in the open text answers in which a lot of participants rated the quality of the key note lectures as very high (see annex 2). At the level of **individual presentations**, the overall score is slightly below 2 (good, in a scale of 1 (very good) to 5 (very low)). Here, non members are slightly more positive at the top end, as a higher share of non members rates the presentation quality very good (annex 2)..

We are pleased to report that the organisation before and after the event are rated very positively, in fact they get the second and third best average scores. The least favourable, but still positive, scores relate to the conference venue as well as the conference costs. Negative comments as to the venue mainly centred on the lack of air-conditioning in the parallel session rooms and it is true that we did not predict the heat wave which coincided with the conference. However, we made arrangements for a continuous supply of bottled water to all participants from the second day. The positive side of the conference venue was the option to eat outside in the nice weather, which many participants took up. As for costs, while the Manchester conference has raised the conference fees slightly compared to previous years, the fees are still at the lower end of **conference costs** in our broader field.

Looking at the comparison between **young and experienced researchers** (see [Figure 1](#) below),<sup>4</sup> it is fair to say that the **more experienced participants** have been **more positive** than the younger colleagues. The younger colleagues appear to have higher expectation and more need for time to network. The biggest score difference between the group of experienced and the group of less experienced participants we see in the category of room for networking and overall scientific quality and relevance of the programme. While the feedback of younger colleagues still is very positive, the analysis nevertheless should point us within EU SPRI to think about what features in a conference make it even more attractive for researchers at the earlier stages of their career.

**Figure 1 comparison of feedback of less experienced and more experienced participants**  
Depicted in order of most to least positive assessment overall.

Note: averages from scale 1 (most positive, e.g. very good) to 5 (most negative, e.g. very poor),  
i.e. the lower the scale, the better the assessment.



## Acknowledgements

The conference was a collective exercise. The organising committee in Manchester consisted of Jakob Edler, Kieron Flanagan, and Maria Nedeva (Co-chairs), Kate Barker, Paul Cunningham, Andrew

<sup>4</sup> For reasons of simplicity, we have created two comparator groups, bundling very early (1 to 4 years) and early stage researchers (4 to 6) in one group and experienced (6 to 10) and very experienced (above 10) in the other group. More detailed figures are available on demand.

James, Elvira Uyarra. This team was further supported by a number of academics and researchers in the Manchester Institute of Innovation Research both in the preparation and in the review process. Our administrative staff and a range of PhD students did an extraordinary job in organising the event, led by the excellent work of Siobhan Drugan. The leadership of the University, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell and Prof Luke Georghiou, not only not only addressed the conference, but were supportive throughout.

The Scientific Committee played a vital role: without them, the review process would not have been possible. The executive committee of EU SPRI was very supportive in all stages of the process, and we received a great deal of helpful advice from the organisers of previous conferences in Madrid (Jordi Molas-Gallart) and Karlsruhe (Stephanie Daimer).

Our thanks goes out to all of those colleagues, and not least to the participants who – above all – made the conference an academic success.

## Annex I

### Eu-SPRI 2014 Manchester Conference - Programme at a glance

Time		
Tuesday, 17 June	16.15 – 17.00	Seminar: “Policy implications of the ‘sailing ship effect’”, Nicola De Liso, <i>University of Salento, Italy</i> . Venue: 4.04 Harold Hankins Building, Oxford Road
	19.00 – 20.30	Reception at the John Rylands Library, Deansgate, Manchester

Wednesday, 18 June	8.00 – 9.00	Registration				
	9.00 – 9.15	OPENING PLENARY: Welcome from Professor Jakob Edler and Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell				
	9.15 – 10.30	PLENARY: Keynote speakers: Professor Helga Nowotny and Professor Paul Boyle				
	10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break				
	Time	Parallel Session A Room F.1	Parallel Session B Room F.2	Parallel Session C Room G.1	Parallel Session D Room G.2	Parallel Session E Room F.14
	10.45 – 12.45	1.a <a href="#">Transitions and trajectories</a>	1.b <a href="#">Understanding innovation patterns</a>	1.c <a href="#">Understanding scientific collaboration</a>	1.d Special Session 1 <a href="#">Challenge-oriented research and innovation policy: New concepts, instruments and practices</a>	1.e Special Session 2 <a href="#">Policy co-ordination in regional STI policies</a>
	12.45 – 14.00	Lunch and Special panel session “Can the study of innovation policy make a difference?” in association with Research Europe				
	14.00 – 15.30		2.b <a href="#">Fostering eco-innovation</a>	2.c <a href="#">Evaluating and incentivising research</a>	2.d Special Session 1 <a href="#">Challenge-oriented research and innovation policy: New concepts, instruments and practices</a>	2.e Special Session 3 <a href="#">Skills, innovation and employment: evidence and policy</a>
	15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break				
	16.30 – 18.30	3.a <a href="#">Europeanisation: convergence, alignment, integration</a>	3.b <a href="#">New frontiers in STI policy evaluation</a>	3.c <a href="#">Innovation policy and governance issues</a>	3.d Special Session 1 <a href="#">Challenge-oriented research and innovation policy: New concepts, instruments and practices</a>	3.e Special Session 3 <a href="#">Skills, innovation and employment: evidence and policy</a>
	19.00	Depart for Dinner Old Trafford (Manchester United Football Club)				
	22.30	Bus back from Old Trafford				

Thursday, 19 June	9.00 – 9.45	PLENARY: Keynote speaker: Professor Luc Soete				
	9.45 – 10.00	Coffee break				
	10.00 – 11.30		4.b <a href="#">The human dimension - scientists and their careers</a>	4.c/5.c <a href="#">Research performing organisations - roles and governance</a>	4.d/5.d Special Session 9 <a href="#">One size does not fit all! New perspectives on learning networks and the university in the social knowledge economy</a>	4.e/5.e Special Session 4 <a href="#">Understanding policy making for science, technology and innovation</a>
	11.30 – 13.00	5.a <a href="#">Regional dimensions of STI policy</a>	5.b <a href="#">Understanding science dynamics</a>	4.c/5.c (cont.) <a href="#">Research performing organisations - roles and governance</a>	4.d/5.d SS9 (cont.) <a href="#">One size does not fit all! New perspectives on learning networks and the university in the social knowledge economy</a>	4.e/5.e SS4 (cont.) <a href="#">Understanding policy making for science, technology and innovation</a>
	13.00 – 14.00	Lunch				
	14.00 – 14.15	PLENARY: Update from Eu-SPRI President Professor Stefan Kuhlmann				
	14.15 – 16.15	6.a <a href="#">Evidence for innovation policies</a>	6.b <a href="#">Impacts of research funding systems</a>	6.c Special Session 9 <a href="#">One size does not fit all! New perspectives on learning networks and the university in the social knowledge economy</a>	6.d Special Session 6 <a href="#">Emerging Innovation and Market Infrastructures</a>	6.e Special Sessions 7/8 <a href="#">Governance of Health Innovation</a>
	16.15 – 16.30	Coffee break				
	16.30 – 18.30	7.a <a href="#">Evidence for innovation policies (cont.)</a>	7.b <a href="#">Science – industry links revisited</a>	7.c <a href="#">Science in the policy process</a>	7.d SS 6 (cont.) <a href="#">Emerging Innovation and Market Infrastructures</a>	7.e Special Sessions 7/8 <a href="#">Governance of Health Innovation</a>
	18.30 – 19.30	“Meet the editors” session				
		Free evening				

Friday, 20 June	9.00 – 11.00		8.b <a href="#">Understanding innovation systems</a>	8.c <a href="#">Understanding innovation co-operation</a>	8.d Special Session 5 <a href="#">Understanding and Addressing the Governance Challenges of Responsible Research and Innovation</a>	8.e Special Focus Session <a href="#">STI policy in practice</a>
	11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break				
	11.15 – 12.45	9.a <a href="#">The human dimension - scientists and their careers</a>	9.b <a href="#">Understanding innovation systems (cont.)</a>	9.c <a href="#">Governance of innovation</a>	9.d Special Session 5 <a href="#">Understanding and Addressing the Governance Challenges of Responsible Research and Innovation</a>	9.e Special Session 4 <a href="#">Understanding policy making for science, technology and innovation</a>
	12.45 – 13.30	Special session organised by NESTA... on “New data, new methods – new insights STI policy”				
	13.30 – 14.00	CLOSING PLENARY: Panel, best paper award, next conference and farewell.				
	14.00	Lunch				

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## ANNEX II

### Eu-SPRI Conference Manchester 2014

Evaluation Survey – Responses from EuSPRI members and non-members

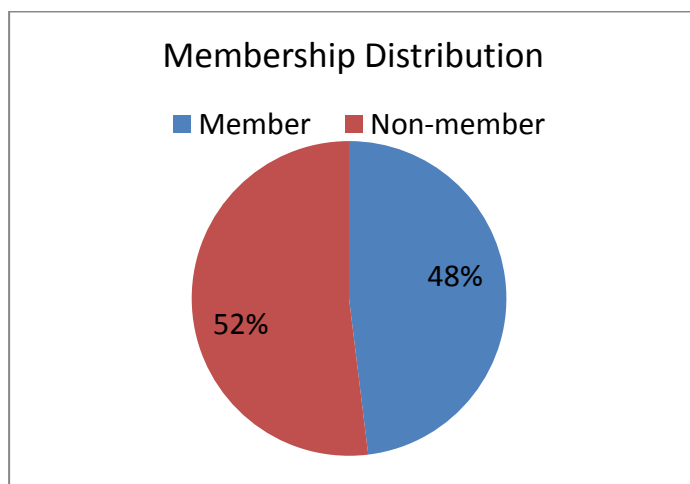
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Reminder sent: 14 July 2014; 1 September 2014

Total sent: 181

Total respondents: 77

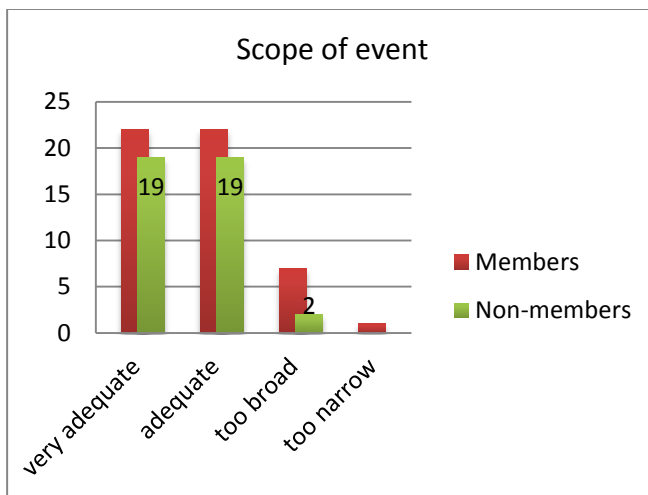
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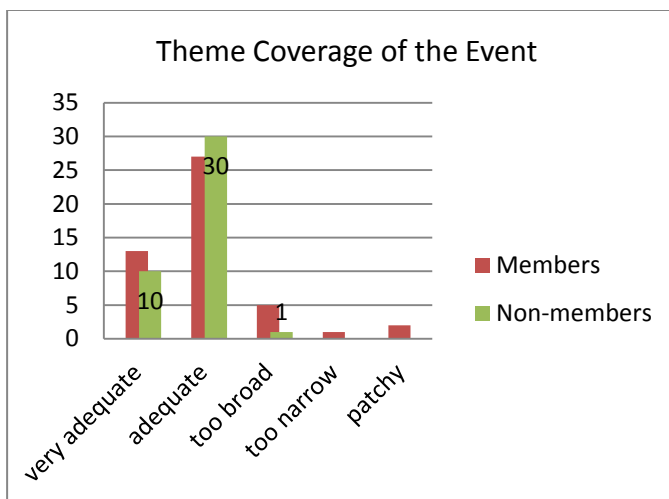
Question 2: How many years research experience do you have in the field of SPRI studies?



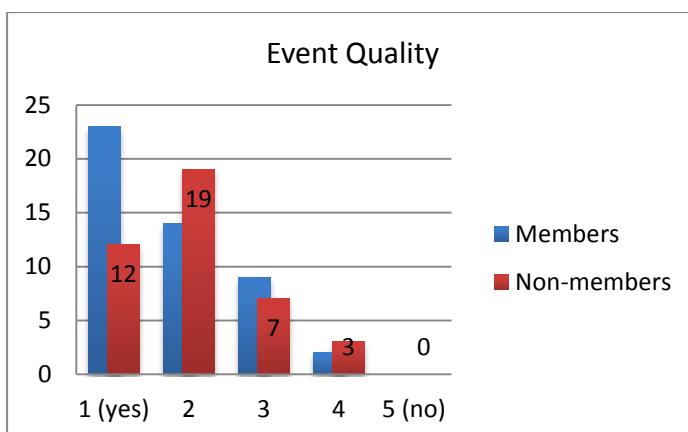
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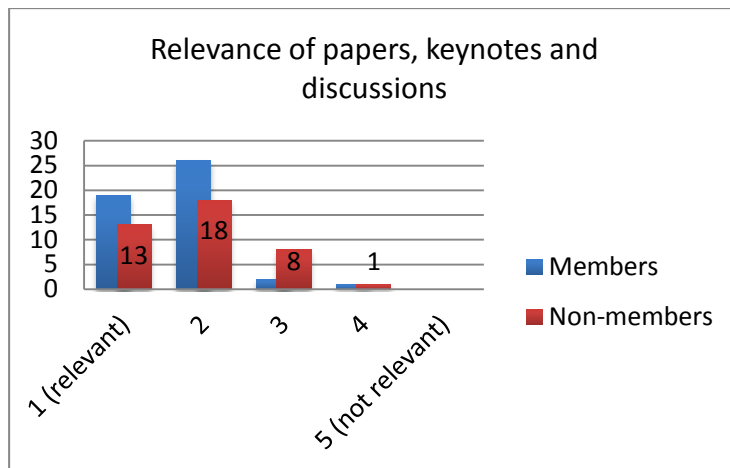
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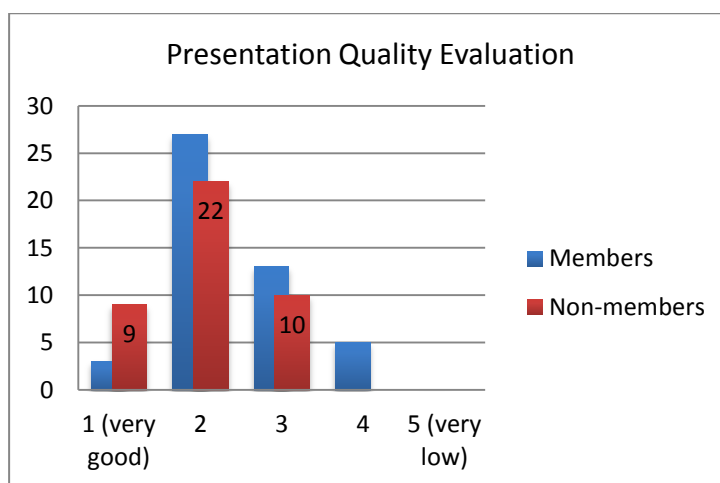
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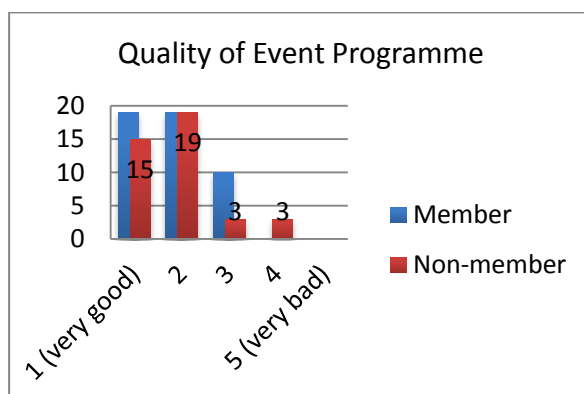
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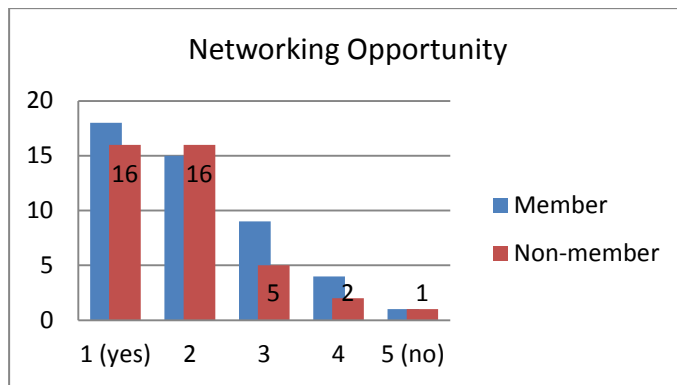
Question 7: How do you assess the general quality of the presentations (content, length)?



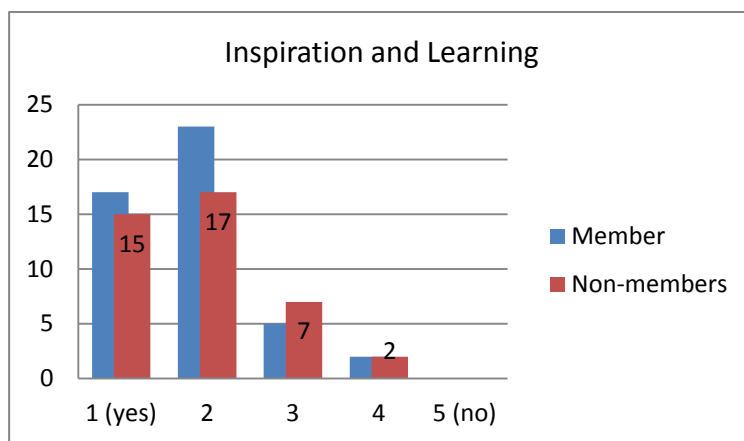
Question 8: How do you assess the programme of the event (mix of keynote lectures, parallel sessions and wrap up sessions)?



Question 9: Was there enough room for networking in the programme?



Question 10: Did the contents presented provide inspiration and opportunities for learning for you?



### Q11. Open questions: Most Interesting Elements

#### Members

- The first keynote speech on the first day is the most interesting for me because it really offers me very wide horizon which I have never heard before.
- Keynotes
- Keynotes, networking
- key note speakers
- Keynote speeches
- The first Keynote by Helga Nowotny. Well executed and a nice overview.
- Nowotny plenary
- Actually a combination: relevance of the key not from Nowotny for the special session on governance challenges for RRI
- key note speech
- Grand challenges session and keynotes - fits best my own interests
- I enjoyed the special tracks around specific topics.
- Special Sessions
- The different topics and tables



- Parallel sessions were well organized, dynamic, there was room for discussion
- Parallel sessions; they were mostly of high quality and very fruitful debates.
- The discussion on innovation theory
- The social agenda was very appreciated as a complement to the academic event.
- Special session on RRI governance - highly relevant issue, high quality papers, good mix of papers
- Special Session 1: Challenge-oriented R&I policy - very broad, showed different entry points to the discussion
- Skills session undervalued topic in policy circles
- Governance of Health Innovation - sessions with a clear focus also relating analytic work I am working on at present
- The session in which I presented had very relevant companion presentations that provided very interesting relevant insights into our work.
- Session presentations provided at their best new insights

### **Non Members**

- Soete plenary. Stimulating presentation
- Keynotes
- Luc Soete's presentation
- Luc Soete's keynote because it integrated many of the themes of the conference.
- Meeting with Editors
- The first plenary talk and the talks on "Grand Challenges"
- The keynotes were excellent.
- Some of the keynotes where most interesting to me (e.g. Luke Soete), and some of the themes (e.g. societal challenges, Europeanisation of policy).). This is not due to the conference organisation itself, but rather to my reasons for attending the conference as a policy practitioner.
- keynote speakers. they are related to my research line
- The keynote lectures because it allows me to picture the strategies that should be taken in the near future.
- The plenary discussions
- Some of the seminars that were well related with my research, e.g. science evaluation and industry-university collaboration.
- The people
- Discussions about my paper and its follow up on some issues
- Understanding policy making for science technology and innovation (special session 4) because this is the main subject of my current research work
- The parallel sessions because this is where the real discussions take place.
- Grand challenges session
- session: research preforming organizations
- Regional policies
- Presentation which go beyond the 'run of the mill' of the recent years. It seems necessary to link with theoretical and empirical work beyond the immediate scope of RTDI policy analysis and policy advice. This has often been argued, but communities remain split.
- Papers presented in sessions other than mine, that were in my domain of interest and that the persons where the same ones as listening to my papers. It means that there are clusters of interest and specialisation to be detected even within a specialised conference theme
- Frank discussions in each session on the papers presented. There was also enough time for discussions and the time schedules were generally kept.
- session 7.c, the session I presented my work, I found most interesting. Because of content and opportunity to meet other people doing research on the same topic
- There is no single element; the overall organisation was good and interesting.
- Certain presentations and networking
- Stay in touch with our community of research practice

- Presence of research funders and policy makers

## **Q12. Least Interesting Elements**

### **Members**

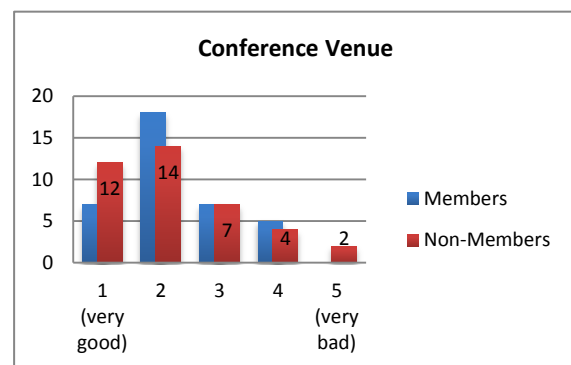
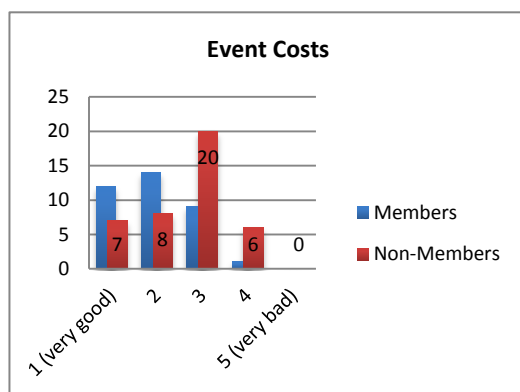
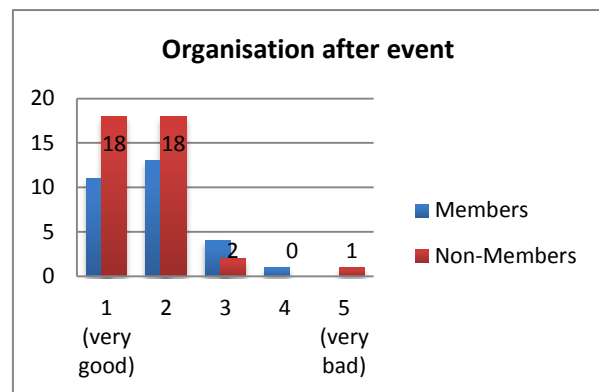
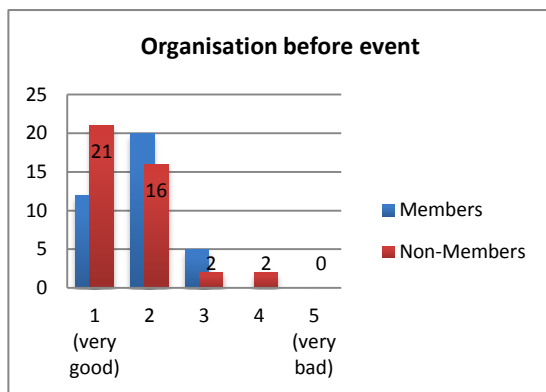
- lunch plenaries, not because not interesting, but simply not time and energy to attend
- Session during lunch break. Lunch break is lunch break for me.
- Lunch session with Research Europe (at least at the beginning it seemed a bit uninspired)
- roundtable at lunch time because the speakers were rather consensual
- Panel sessions in lunch breaks - takes time away from networking
- Big Data conference
- The NESTA session
- the very tight afternoon programme between 14-18 pm because I found it too hard to concentrate at that time
- some presentations were not that relevant
- Some of the plenary sessions could have been more informative and inspiring...
- All the elements were interesting and useful
- Kuhlmann keynote about the Eu-Spri state was overlapping with other sessions which discouraged from attending it.
- The keynote by Paul Boyle was not interesting.
- Break-out sessions
- can't think of one
- Meeting rooms, often hot and overcrowded
- Keynotes are often repetitively themed
- some discussion about big data
- session with the editors (boring)

### **Non Members**

- Special session by NESTA
- the NESTA-presentation was in terms of content uninteresting for me. This may have to do however with the fact that I had no energy left at the end of the conference to pay full attention to the presentation.
- Some talks were so qualitative that I doubted their validity. More quantitative work is needed.
- Meet the editors. I did not see the point.
- There were a lot of sessions and it was a very packed few days - more time for networking would have been useful.
- Dinner out. It's a waste of time
- No one.
- None
- There were none of those I found not interesting.
- Too many plenaries scheduled for the end of already long days - too exhausting. Also same people again and again. Some variations in methods and types of approaches needed
- Costs
- Difficult to say. But if I would had to choose I would say that the session on governance of health innovation because it is very specialized
- Too many parallel sessions. This organisation hindered the participation in many things that would have been interesting. People only found out about their interest in presentations of others after they had been held, or could not participate because their own presentation was in a parallel slot. Also, the setup made it impossible for presenters to reach at least one third of the audience.
- Less presentations and more time for discussion would be useful.

- Some individual papers were the least interesting just because of the variability in quality and relevance.
- Students presentations
- Some practicalities, such as a lack of water on the first day, and some inadequacies in the premises.
- Some papers (a very small number) were a bit aside with respect to the theme of the conference.
- None
- The reception and meeting rooms were very hot.
- Ones I did not attend
- Paul Boyle, special session by NESTA
- Perhaps too many topics to cover
- Facilities, water (lack of it in the first day)

**Question 13: Which features of the organisation of event are worth underlining whether they are positive or negative?**



## **Q14. Additional Comments**

### **Members**

- I expect the registration fee for presenters would be less than just audiences
- Congrats! Overall, a great work.
- Few snacks during the coffee breaks. No water available on the first day.
- no drinking water at the first day !!!!!
- Chairs could be more assertive in managing time and difficult audiences
- Thanks; it was a great success and biggest EU-SPRI conference I have ever been.
- The breaks were too short, more network time needed
- The conference venue overheated a lot. Air conditioning was needed in the rooms. People were struggling to concentrate in the heat. Microphone could have been provided to the speakers. That would have made it easier to hear them. Coffee breaks should have been longer to allow more networking and discussions.
- There was not enough time for informal discussions and networking, the schedule was too tight...however, might be an eternal problem

### **Non Members**

- I know you do not control the weather, but the lecture hall and the rooms for sessions were hot and stuffy and therefore detracted from the conference.
- I am not sure why the venue had no air conditioning but it made the conference quite uncomfortable in the meeting rooms.
- Overall, I thought the conference was well-organized.
- No everything was fine
- The tiny things contribute to an overall professionalism of the event. The printed name tags are just one example of how small things reflect badly on the overall professionalism of the event. The Madrid conference in the previous year was better organised and better attended (more variety of people, more from the US, and a more interesting conference as a result)
- I would not run a plenary session simultaneously with lunch
- Great conference, lots of fun and not stressful.
- While overall good, I felt that some presentations were really below a certain quality threshold.
- The organisation before the event could have done more to provide speakers with exact directions. Specifically, expectations on the presentation's length were communicated very late.
- Less paper presentations and more discussions would be useful. Some papers were not good and it was unclear why they were selected. It would also be useful to ask the presenters to state whether his presentations concerns accomplished work, an idea to be substantiated, a paper to be written etc. This info would help also the audience to give concrete feedback.
- Split student presentations and senior scholar presentations; respect time allotted to each presentation
- Excellent lunches during the conference. Caterers should be congratulated. Food at Old Trafford mediocre in comparison.
- I cannot believe you were charged for use of such substandard rooms, without even adequate ventilation.
- Some rooms for sessions were small
- Less presentations, less parallel sessions and more time for discussions would be useful. Some chairs didn't keep the time allocated for presentations, and thus leaving less time for the last or last two presenters.

### Rules for supporting Eu-SPRI events and activities

#### **1. Type of support**

Eu-SPRI Forum offers support, only in the form of grants, for the organisation of events (Early Career Researcher Conferences/ECRC; PhD summer/winter schools; Eu-SPRI bi-annual Conferences; Exploratory Initiatives).

The grant is a lump sum earmarked for the effective completion of this activity.

The grant is fixed on the basis on an initial budget (see below).

Payment is made once the activity has taken place and is documented on the website of the Forum (<http://www.euspri-forum.eu/>; e.g. for conferences the programme, presentations made, results from panels and discussions, a synthesis of the main achievements of the event, for summer/winter schools the presentations of lecturers and summary of plenary events, for exploratory activities documentation of the activity and the actual output paper).

A final financial statement of the activity supported will have to be produced within 3 months of the payment.

#### **2. Establishing a budget**

We underline below 3 important principles that member organisations asking for support need to take into consideration.

a) The grant aims to cover basic costs incurred by the host. As budgets are limited, we encourage organisers to organise the events wherever opportunities exist to obtain cheaper accommodation. We wish to keep this approach in order to maximise the number of events supported.

In the case of ECRC and PhD Schools Eu-SPRI will cover accommodation and food including conference events. Participants should be accommodated at a cost of around €50 euros per night per person. This is important since we intend to provide support for as many as possible participants as possible.

b) This principle applies only for early career researchers from member institutions. While we wish to keep these events open to all, there is a need to differentiate between Eu-SPRI members and non-members. The principle adopted is that non-members will not receive any financial support from the Eu-SPRI Forum. Non-member will have to cover all costs generated by their participation (including all meals); as an example this amounts to €300 per participant for the 2011 Doctoral conference in Manchester. The proposal may include a small number of bursaries for targeted audiences (e.g. early career researchers from non-OECD countries or from European new member states).

c) The Forum is a joint investment by our institutions to provide a European-level framework for our field. They in turn expect that we, as academics, invest our time and effort in making it productive. It would be difficult for them to accept that the colleagues we invite do not share the same objectives. These points have two very practical financial consequences: - in organising operations, account should be taken only of managerial costs incurred (not academic working time dedicated to the scientific aspects of the organisation of the event); - EU-SPRI Forum cannot pay honoraria for invited speakers and these should not be included in the budgets. Only travel and subsistence expenses should be considered as eligible costs, for selected Early Career researchers and participants of Exploratory Initiatives of EU-SPRI members, and for invited speakers.

As an example that applicant should feel free to follow, we attach the budget that has been submitted for the 2011 Early Career researcher Conference in Manchester.

#### **3. Types of Resources**

In addition to the Eu-SPRI grants, we expect that events will be able to use three types of resources:

\* Fees from participants (these for instance amounted for the 2010 Eu-SPRI-IGS conference to some 14.000 Euros).

\* In kind contributions made by the organisers (rooms, student time...)

\* Other external resources.

The consideration of all expected resources is central for deciding the amount of the grant to be offered. The ExCo trusts colleagues for the fact that these estimates are well prepared so that the Forum as a whole does the best use of its limited resources.