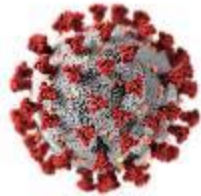


Introduction and overview

NIGEL MASON coordinator

Welcome

- Thank you for attending this 'third' council meeting
- 1st meeting and kick-off February 27 & 28 2020
- Then covid



- Second and now third Council meeting virtual!
- Next year: We meet again in Windsor (February (23)24-25) and Granada (EPSC)

So where are we now?

- End of Reporting period 1 – 18/48 months (37.5%) of project but we plan to extend by SIX months to 54 months so 1/3
- Reason for extension – to complete RI activities, most particularly TAs only 14 out of 200 by RP1 deadline. TA hit by lack of travel and face to face meetings (as are NA and some VA).

Nevertheless ... (The Good)

We have achieved a huge amount (as 100 page report shows).

- SPIDER And VESPA had continued to expand and be recognized (by ESA/NASA and EOSC).
- GMAP integrated into Europlanet.
- Machine learning in planetary sciences.
- Launch of Europlanet telescope network.
- Two virtual EPSC meetings that show case RI work.
- Launch of 'Globalisation strategy' – Argentina, China, Korea.
- First TA visits to Greenland and Botswana.
- Operation of 'Europlanet' ion beam lines Atomki , Debrecen, Hungary

Europlanet - impact

Next talk will discuss this but;

- Invitations to EC DG with Opticon (Black hole).
- Participation in ESA strategy and EC Africa initiative.
- Growing inclusion of Europlanet into other bids.

But problems (the Bad)

- TAs well behind schedule – seeking to catch up in 2022.
- Many meetings/Workshops to be held.
- Awareness of services still not as widespread as should be.

And the ugly

- Budget preparation and budget reporting much more time consuming than it need be.
Inconsistencies and 'rule' breaking.
- Where is Europlanet 2024 in your web pages? =
23 beneficiaries not found !!

Actions of Council

- Approve Periodic report.
- Agree budget.
- Agree changes to Grant Agreement.
- Discuss and agree how to record 'donated in-kind time'.
- Discuss and agree sustainability plan.



Thank you!

To everyone who has worked in such difficulty circumstances

But special mention to

Dr Susmita Datta – Project Manager

Anita Heward – so many roles

Zofia Kicinova (and Alicia Barron) – finance

Callum Piper – administration