

To: Members of the General Assembly and of the Administrative Board of the COST Office Association

Roma, 25/09/2012

Dear Colleagues,

more than two years ago I accepted the request, dated 15 April 2010, of Mr Walter Monig and Ms Angeles Rodriguez Pena, on behalf of the COST German and Spanish delegations respectively, to establish the COST Office Association (COA).

And more than two years ago, on 08 June 2010, COA was established as an AISBL and I was elected President of the Administrative Board and of the General Assembly of COA.

During this past period being the President of an AISBL with no funds and no structure was not an easy task. I organized the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Administrative Board of COA trying to follow - to the best of my knowledge - the rules and the obligations of the AISBL's in Belgium and with - personal efforts - I established the COA Web site : www.cost-coa.eu.

Having heard of the orientation of the COST/JAF to propose to establish an AISBL as an integrated structure with a COA revised Statutes, on 13/09/2012, I sent to the CSO President (copy to the COA Vice President to be later approved by the COA General Assembly) a proposal for a possible roadmap for the integration of the COA and the CSO. The objectives of this roadmap - to be hopefully obtained by June 2013 at the latest - could be summarized as follows :

1. Approval of modifications of the COA Statutes hopefully by February 2013 (this process should be started as soon as possible since according to Art 20 of the COA Statutes modifications of the COA Statutes have to be presented three months in advance)

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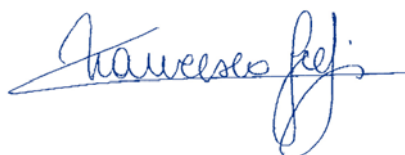
2. All COST countries become members of the New Integrated Structure (from February 2013 to June 2013)
3. Election of the new President, Vice President and members of the Administrative Board of the New Integrated Structure (June 2013)
4. The CSO is substituted by the General Assembly of the New Integrated Structure (decision of the CSO in June 2013).

Together with the above roadmap a first version of a proposal for the revision of the COA Statutes (to be later approved by the CSO and COA) was also sent to the CSO President. (copy to the COA Vice President).

Unfortunately, at this point in time, I regret to inform you that, due to personal reasons, as of today 25/09/2012, I have to resign and to stop to be the President of the Administrative Board and of the General Assembly of COA. According to the COA Statutes, the COA Presidency is left in the hands of the COA Vice President Professor John Bartzis.

Leaving the COA Presidency, I thank you all for your confidence and your support and send you my best regards and wishes for a long life to COST.

Yours sincerely



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