

Reimbursement
**for Conference Applications of Structural Fire Engineering Prague 29 April 2011
and WG meetings**

Dear Colleague,

I hope you send an abstract and you have our Confirmation acceptance for our next activity
Conference Applications of Structural Fire Engineering Prague 29 April 2011.
I expect you have the letter with Acceptance of your abstract in your mail.

I would like to ask you to register at Conference web page
<http://fire.fsv.cvut.cz/ASFE/Registration.htm>

There is still difficult time of COST, for information see letter of [President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials](#) below:

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Based on the registration for the Conference till 28 February 2011 we will apply for
Extension of the budget. I will keep you informed about the results of course. We will see.

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As was decided at MC in Naples, we will distribute the budget for reimbursement based on the
registration for the Conference till 28 February 2011 and budget available.
We expect from 300 Euro to 500 Euro per participant preliminary for all reimbursement including
registration for Conference.

The information of the actual contribution will be available for COST members 15 March 2011.

Many thanks.

I am looking forward to have you here,
František Wald

PS

For the preparation of your paper please have a look at Conference web page
<http://fire.fsv.cvut.cz/ASFE/Proceedings.htm>. Please concentrate to Applications of your
knowledge. It is expected to build this year output on your contributions to the Conference, see
<http://fire.fsv.cvut.cz/ifer/WP2/index.htm>. (E.g. I will focus to Fire engineering of cast iron
columns in refurbishment of Vinohrady brewery.)

PPS

Many thanks for the materials for State of the Art.
Thanks to WG chairmans for collection of all staff. Ian Burges is working on review and we will
publish all materials for Conference at paper as well as at our web page.

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Dear DC Members and MC Chairs,

In order to avoid any further misunderstanding regarding the reasons for the current tight budget situation in the COST Office, I would like to provide you with a few additional details.

As you may recall, COST had been allocated a total of 210 Mio EUR from the Commission to implement the COST Activities for the entire duration of FP7 (until June 2014). Moreover, following a successful Mid-Term Review, up to 40 Mio EUR could be additionally provided to COST by the Commission. The Mid-Term Review report did indeed recommend this additional funding, however, we are currently awaiting signals from the Commission as to when and to which amount these funds will become available. Given the current difficulties of the Commission to obtain any budget for 2011 approved by the Council and the European Parliament, it is entirely out of our (and the Commissions) hands to know when and to which amount the additional EC funding for COST might become available.

Because the CSO initially decided to approve ~30% more new actions per year than the number initially foreseen under the 210 Mio EUR scenario (30/round instead of 20/round), speculating on the 'early availability' of the additional Commission funding, we are now facing a 'temporary' funding shortage (until the additional resources are available from the Commission). While we are very optimistic to receive such additional funding, we currently ignore the date and the full amount, and therefore are obliged to maintain a more stringent budget allocation for the moment. The COST Office is fully aware that this puts severe constraints on some of the actions, but there is hope that this situation will be resolved in spring of 2011, thus limiting the impact on a short period of time. The additional funds are intended to be used to put back action budgets onto a reasonable funding level, and furthermore support the approval of a few additional actions per round.

I very much hope that this clarifies the current situation, and please feel free to address any additional questions you may have, either to Dr. Matthias Haury (Head of Science Operations at COST) or myself.

Best regards,

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