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SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Integrated Meeting

- **Date and time:** June 13, 2016; h: 15:30-17:00
- **Location:** European/International Joint PhD in S.R. & C. Research Centre and Multimedia Lab, first floor.
- **Participants:**
 - **SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Members:** Annamaria de Rosa, Bruno Mazzara, Giovanna Leone, Mauro Sarrica, Elena Bocci, Laura Dryjanska, Martha De Alba (via Skype) and Sylvain Lassaie (via Skype)
 - **Integrated with the two elected ESR's representatives:** Aminat Ramazanova and Borja De Madaria.
 - Note: Prof. Andrew Holman was justified absent.
- **Agenda:**
 - i. **an update view of the current status of the project and implementation of new measures**
 - ii. **renewal of the fellow's contracts**
 - iii. **ongoing individual methodological training**
 - iv. **release of the version beta of the new platform of the SoReCom "A.S. de Rosa" @-library**
 - v. **SoReCom Joint-IDP forthcoming network training event: 2016 Summer School**
 - vi. **approved of abstracts submitted to forthcoming international conferences with active participation of the ESRs at team and individual level**
 - vii. **3rd year plans (see 13 ESRs' Main Activities Overview Tables) and time management taking into account the advice of the MIUR Italian Ministry for University and Research recently transmitted by Sapienza Doctoral Division (20-5-2016)**
 - viii. **designation of new co-tutor**
 - ix. **invitation to the Fellows to designate the 2 new ESRs' representatives**

In agreement with the Agenda, the following points have been discussed:

- i. **An update view of the current status of the project and implementation of new measures**

Prof. de Rosa has welcomed ing. dr. Sylvain Lassaie for accepting to take officially part of the **SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Integrated Meeting** and has thanked Prof. De Alba for her involvement. The online participation in the meeting of ing. dr. Sylvain Lassaie is expression of implementing the recommendation of REA to diversify the composition of the board, including also members from non academic institutions.

Another new measure implemented for the project management (even anticipated from the beginning of July to the beginning of June) has been mentioned by Prof. de Rosa as regards as the adoption of a more flexible work setting management of the fellows: they could be at the lab on Mondays and Tuesdays and work from home on other days of the week, respecting their full job contract and project's tasks needed to reach the planned milestones.

The ESR's representatives have been informed that the REA has reacted positively to the replies to the recommendations – elaborated by Sapienza SoReCom Joint-IDP Supervisory Board which has been presented by Prof. Talamo during her visit at the REA in Brussels.

They have been also informed about the recent "note" of the Italian Ministry of Education (prot. N. 12835 18/05/2016, transmitted on 20/05/2016), concerning the deadline for the defense of doctoral thesis, that – in case of negative evaluation cannot be extended for more than 6 months and it should be anyway discussed in front of the Final Jury with no further extension in order to respect the legislation establishing the 3 years duration of the doctorate (D.M. n. 45/2013).
- ii. **Renewal of the fellows' contracts**

Following the transfer of the funds by the REA to Sapienza, the Department Council would have to approve the contract renewal of each fellow based on their annual reports. To simplify this task, the fellows will attach to their reports the recently reviewed plans of their "main activities" approved by the Board on May 2 2016 and sent to the REA. These include both the main activities already realized for training, secondment, research, conferences etc. and those planned for the third year, including specific requests for additional activities, training opportunities and in some cases secondments, already approved by the Board.
- iii. **Ongoing individual methodological training**

In line with the announced planning of the individual methodological training, the ESRs have attended some specific training as mentioned in the Main Activities overview tables. For example:

 - at the Dept. PPSS n. 38 (methodological courses reserved to Doctoral trainees) on the classical "meta-analysis" to be distinguished by the "meta-theoretical analysis that is at the core of the research project to which they are collaborating;



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- at the European/International Joint PhD lab one-by-one training sessions led by prof. de Rosa, dr. Elena Bocci, dr. Laura Dryjanska and Martina Latini have already started aimed at training the ESRs in the data analysis with IRAMUTEQ using corpus based on Abstracts and Keywords, as prepared with intensive workload by Martina Latini (thus providing additional support to the ESRs who are engaged in completing the meta-theoretical analysis by the end of June). The results of these analyses will be disseminated by the ESR team during the International Conference on Social Representations ICSR (Marseille, France 14-17 Sept. 2016) in the two sessions of the already accepted Round Table and in the Symposium organized at the conference of the Italian Association of Psychology AIP (section of Social Psychology) (Naples, Italy Sept. 2016) and in other international conferences planned for individual participation taking into account the individual research focus of the ESRs;
- Individual training aimed at using the software SPAD for the multiple analysis of correspondence has been planned for the advanced phase of data crossing the “active variables” detected by the second part of the grid focused on the meta-theoretical analysis and the “illustrative variables” based on the “meta-data” detected by the first part of the grid on bibliographic items. This individual training has been anticipated for Filomena Berardi, due to the approaching International Conference of Political Psychology in Warsaw (July 2016).

iv. Release of the version beta of the new platform of the SoReCom “A.S. de Rosa” @-library

After two years of coordination work in the interface between technical and scientific aspects, finally the enterprise (who has worked for the third digital platform of the *SoReCom “A.S. de Rosa” @-library*) has released the beta version installed into a new server. At the moment, an intensive check is being performed concerning the platform and the very recent reports concerning last bugs in the system are being submitted to the enterprise. Prof. de Rosa hopes that by the end of June all these issues will be resolved and it will be possible to fill the data in July. Prof. De Alba emphasized the interest of the *SoReCom “A.S. de Rosa” @-library* for Latin American scientists, given that it is much more difficult to obtain some publications. Prof. de Rosa explained that at the moment PDFs have not yet been uploaded to the platform and until it will not be ready as open access tool – it will be necessary to make requests via email to her. A potential collaboration with Elsevier has been also in the agenda to explore different options of the future development and access of this *SoReCom “A.S. de Rosa” @-library*, built in more than 20 years of demanding scientific work, due to its nature not restricted to a traditional repository, but as a “research tool” aimed at the meta-theoretical analysis of the entire literature corpus specialized in social representation.

v. SoReCom Joint-IDP forthcoming network training event: 2016 22th International Summer School

Prof. de Rosa informed that the final version of the scientific program of the *2016 22th International Summer School* has been defined in its last version and is available online on the website at the link: http://www.europhd.eu/html/_onda02/07/33.00.00.00.shtml

As planned in the *SoReCom Joint-IDP Annex I*, the Summer School will be focused on “The methodological polytheism in the Social Representations literature and its implication in the contemporary communication era: distinctiveness and dialogue between multiple research methods”.

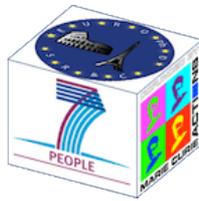
Keynote speakers include: Ivana Markova (University of Stirling, Regno Unito), Sylvain Lassarre (IFSTTAR, Francia), Gina Philogene (City University of New York, USA), Mieko Yoshihama (University of Michigan, USA), Monica-Elena Mitarcă (University ‘Dimitrie Cantemir’, Romania), Martha De Alba (Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Messico), Emanuele Fino (University of Sheffield, Regno Unito), and Annamaria de Rosa, Giovanna Leone, Bruno Mazzara (Sapienza University, Italy), while other members of Sapienza Doctoral Board will actively participate in the discussion following the Key Lectures and the ESRs’ presentations.

vi. Approved of abstracts submitted to forthcoming international conferences with active participation of the ESRs at team and individual level

Prof. de Rosa announced that both Round Table proposals for the ICSR have been accepted, as well as the presentations proposed for the AIP Conference in Naples. Moreover, abstracts submitted by Carlos and Aminat have been accepted as well. Dr. Sarrica proposed including Dr. Fasanelli for the AIP Conference as a discussant. The Head of the Department has asked for individual plans of estimated expenses for all events to be attended by each one of them until the end of the contracts.

vii. 3rd year plans (see 13 ESRs’ Main Activities Overview Tables) and time management taking into account the advice of the MIUR Italian Ministry for University and Research recently transmitted by Sapienza Doctoral Division (20-5-2016)

Prof. de Rosa informed the ESRs’ representatives that the individual tutoring and co-tutoring meeting will have a different schedule, to do not have all the fellows in one day and have more extensive individual sessions. The Board has taken this decision also considering the new stage of the project and writing the thesis. This would probably start in September, after the participation in the international conferences, considering that in July there will be also the International Summer School preparation.



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Borja informed that given the need to conclude the PhD by 3 years (completing the thesis by March 2017 to be evaluated, revised and later defended in June 2017) his additional secondment in Mexico did not seem as feasible as before and he needed to talk to Prof. De Alba concerning its realization.

viii. Designation of new co-tutors

ix. Prof. de Rosa informed the ESR's representatives that dr. Passafaro – who was already unable to attend the formal and informal meeting in the last months - has decided to formally resign from the Sapienza Supervisory Board, due to parallel academic tasks. After having read her e-mail, Prof. de Rosa has thanked dr. Passafaro for her time and effort so far. Having already discussed with other members of the Board, Prof. de Rosa reassured that both Borja and Ioana will have immediately new co-tutors: Dr. Sarrica and Dr. Bocci, respectively.

x. Invitation to the Fellows to designate the 2 new ESRs' representatives

The fellows were asked to present to the Board their 2 new representatives. Dr. Sarrica mentioned the rotational basis, which was required. Borja said that he was worried that nobody wanted to be a representative, but the elections had to be organized. Prof. de Rosa suggested deciding a plan until the end of the contract. Aminat said that the next day this issue would be discussed with all fellows.

The next **SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Integrated Meeting** is scheduled for
July 11h: 15.30

- 1. Welcome to the new ERS's representatives**
- 2. ESRs' contribution in the forthcoming 2016 International Summer Schools**
- 3. Current SoReCom Joint-IDP research status and next steps**