

Minutes of the 2nd RECIPE progress meeting

**held on Friday 4th of June – Sunday 6th of June 2004
at Hyytiälä forestry research station, Finland**

Present:

Steve Chapman (Macaulay Institute)(Project Co-ordinator and Chair)

Harri Vasander (UNHEL); Mika Yli-Petäys (UNHEL); Anni Takko (UNHEL); Vincent Pheulgin (Univ. Neuchâtel); Viviane Froidevaux (Univ. Neuchâtel); Daniel Epron (Univ. Nancy); Alexandre Buttler (UFC-CE, AR-WSL); Fatima Laggoun-Defarge (ISTO); Walter Rosseli (AR-WSL); Rebekka Artz (Macaulay Institute); Andy Siegenthaler (AR-WSL); Laure Comont (ISTO); André-Jean Francez (ECOBIO); Nathalie Josselin (ECOBIO); Estelle Bortoluzzi (UFC-CE/LBE); Daniel Gilbert (UFC-LBE); Antonis Chatzinotas (UFZ); Michael Schloter (TUM-BO); .

Date	Description	Action
Friday (4 th)	20:00 Arrival at Hyytiälä forestry station, cold dinner in the cafeteria. 21:00 Pre-meeting – Welcome, domestic arrangements, some information about coming program	
Saturday (5 th) Morning Session	RECIPE meeting (auditorium) This was opened by PowerPoint presentations on current status of progress by: André-Jean Francez (for ECOBIO) Rebekka Artz (for MLURI) Fatima Laggoun-Defarge and Laure Comont (for ISTO) Daniel Gilbert (for UFC-LBE) Andy Siegenthaler (for AR-WSL)	All PowerPoint presentations to be passed on to Rebekka who will compile these and include them on the RECIPE website .

	<p>Michael Schloter (for TUM-BO) Antonis Chatzinotas (for EPFL)</p> <p>Steve Chapman gave a brief PowerPoint introduction to the eTIP (Technical Implementation Plan). This is a necessary part of the contract (Articles 16/17), which specifies the 'results' of the project and shows how they are to be disseminated after the end of the project. Partners were encouraged to consult the relevant part of the Website and consider what would be the 'results' applicable to themselves.</p> <p>Since some of the progress and results obtained by some groups were to be later presented as part of the Tampere (IPS) meeting, these were not detailed at this stage.</p>	
<p>Saturday (5th) Afternoon Session</p>	<p>Trip to Aitoneva field site (100 km distance from Hyytiälä).</p> <p>This peatland area is that used by the Finnish partners as their field site. Mika Yli-Petäys and Hari Vasander described the history of this exploited site that has been abandoned to natural regeneration for up to 40 years.</p> <p>Dinner at Kallenautio inn</p>	
<p>Sunday (6th) Morning Session</p>	<p>Group discussions, followed by update on progress from each of the different groups (check RECIPE website for group reports).</p> <p>Group S (socio-economics) – Discussed topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peat and peatland use in EU and Switzerland; completed for Finland and Switzerland - Country-specific study of specific issues using different methodologies; completed for Finland and France, Switzerland in progress - Next steps; ongoing studies by Viviane Froidevaux and Vincent Pheulgin <p>Group M (microbial and molecular microbial ecology) – Discussed topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biomass measurements - Cluster analysis - Staining fixatives - Activity vs presence (RNA vs DNA) <p>Group G (gas exchange and diversity) – Discussed topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation assessments in WP I 	<p>(See Group S report)</p> <p>(See Group M report)</p> <p>(See Group G report)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Methane in WP I - Parameterisation for modelling equation - WP III and litter experiment - Gas measurements in WP II - Consistency in units - Plant biometry - Harvesting - IRGAs and measurement frequency - Abiotic parameters <p>Discussions on WP III. Topics discussed: Timing of start date for field experiment; Necessity to run a few laboratory experiments to enable adequate sampling for the field experimentation. The laboratory experiment can also be used to follow incorporation into the microbial biomass. Andy will co-ordinate the efforts to start the field experiments. André-Jean's group will initiate the short-term experiments.</p>	
<p>Sunday (6th)</p> <p>Afternoon Session</p>	<p>Continuation of discussions</p> <p>Travel to Tampere for IPS meeting</p>	
	<p>The next RECIPE meeting was fixed for the 5th and 6th of November 2004 in Baupte.</p>	<p>To be arranged by André-Jean.</p>