

## **COST Action 15211 Call Number [4] for Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Applications**

**Call for STSM Applications for Missions Occurring between 01.03.2018-30.04.2018**

All STSM activities must occur in their entirety within the dates specified above

Dear Researchers,

COST Action CA15211 "Electronet" invites researchers from participating COST Countries to submit applications for the 4<sup>th</sup> Call for Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM).

Applications are for missions planned for the 01.03.2018-30.04.2018.

### **Purpose of a STSM**

STSM are aimed at strengthening existing networks and fostering collaborations by allowing Researchers participating in a given COST Action to visit an institution / Organization in another Participating COST Country / an approved NNC institution or an approved IPC institution. A STSM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action, whilst at the same time allowing those partaking in the missions to learn new techniques, gain access to specific data, instruments and / or methods not available in their own institutions / organizations. Please see the full call for STSM applications in the document attached to this Email.

Deadline for applications to be submitted: no later than **[10/ February / 2018]**

Notification of application outcome: before **[20 / February / 2018]**

Period of STSM must be between **[1 / March / 2018]** and **[30 / April / 2018]**

STSM proposals should be at minimum, 2 and at maximum 4 pages long. They should be clear about the following components: (a) Overall context and objectives (theoretical background, citing relevant literature) (b) Novelty and originality of the proposed idea / work (c) Reason for choosing the host institute (d) Detailed work plan and (e) Potential outcomes and relevance to Electronet

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For COST STSM funding rules - see Section 7 of the COST Vademecum See:  
<http://www.cost.eu/participate/guidelines>)

## **How to apply for an STSM:**

Interested researchers can apply by following the directions provided below and submitting their **application** and supporting documents to **Prof. Yoav Yair**, [yoavyair@gmail.com](mailto:yoavyair@gmail.com) and [yoav.yair@jdc.ac.il](mailto:yoav.yair@jdc.ac.il) by the deadline of the **10/ February / 2018**.

### **THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in Section 7 of the *COST Vademecum*. This document is available at: <http://www.cost.eu/participate/guidelines>.
2. **All applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> - adding their bank account details to their profile.**
3. All applicants must obtain a letter of invitation from the Host institution confirming that they can undertake the STSM on the given dates prior to submitting an application.
4. All applicants must complete, submit and download their STSM applications online at: [www.cost.eu/STSM](http://www.cost.eu/STSM).
5. **All applicants must send their submitted STSM application form and the relevant supporting documents to Prof. Yoav Yair, [yoavyair@gmail.com](mailto:yoavyair@gmail.com) and [yoav.yair@jdc.ac.il](mailto:yoav.yair@jdc.ac.il) for evaluation before the application submission deadline expires.**

#### **The list of supporting documents to be submitted for the evaluation are:**

- Letter of invitation to the applicant from a senior researcher affiliated to the Host institution
  - The submitted STSM application form (downloadable when the online application is submitted – see point 4 above)
  - A motivation letter including an overview of the proposed activities that will be performed which must contain a plan of work for the visit highlighting the proposed contribution to the scientific objectives of the respective COST Action;
  - A letter of support from the Home Institution;
  - A Full C.V. (including a list of academic publications – if applicable).
6. The application will then be assessed by the formally delegated persons / **STSM Committee Members** against the perceived contribution that the proposed visit will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).



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7. The applicant will be formally notified of the outcome of their STSM application by **Prof. Yoav Yair** on the **outcome by 20/02/2018**.

8. Within 30 days from the end date of the STSM, the successful applicant must submit a scientific report to the Host institution and to the **STSM Coordinator, Prof. Yoav Yair**. The applicant is also responsible for acquiring an official acceptance letter / Email confirmation of acceptance from a senior Researcher affiliated to the Host institution formally accepting the scientific report. This formal acceptance of the scientific report has to be sent to the Grant Holder and the STSM Coordinator, Prof. Yoav Yair for archiving purposes.

Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days from the end date of the STSM will effectively cancel the Grant.

**(Please note that the COST Association can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by STSM applicants).**

**Deadline for applications to be submitted: [10 / FEBRUARY / 2018]**

**Notification of application outcome: [20 / FEBRUARY / 2018]**

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