

Minutes – Conclusions of the iPSRS AMB Meeting

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Location: online

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1. Reminder – Pending actions from the previous meeting

Following the previous AMB meeting, it was recalled that the **Student Agreement and the Partnership Agreement must be revised** in order to **update the rules governing the selection of the concentration for Semester 3**.

This item remains **pending** and will be addressed in a forthcoming meeting.

2. COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning)

The AMB agreed on the following **framework principles** for COIL projects:

- COIL projects must be **collaborative**, involving **several students from at least two partner universities**.
- Project objectives must be **compatible with a part-time workload over a five-month period**.
- Expected outcomes should be **scientifically exploitable**, with **publication potential**.
- Projects should foster the **development of new shared research interests** among partner institutions.

Actions agreed

- For the next AMB meeting, **each university (UPEC, VU, UJM)** will present:
 - available **equipment**,
 - **skills and expertise**,
 - **research topics** for which researchers could supervise COIL projects.
- The aim is to identify **concrete and feasible project topics for the 2026 COIL project**.

Initial project ideas – UPEC

Preliminary project directions proposed by UPEC (to be completed and refined for the next meeting) include:

- classification and detection,

- artificial intelligence and model training,
- data augmentation and GANs,
- laser–skin interaction and process optimisation.

Potential projects starting in Semester 2 (UEF)

The possibility of **initiating certain projects at UEF during Semester 2** was discussed in previous meetings. A **feasibility assessment** is required, and the topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

3. Alternatives for students without a summer internship

It was agreed to:

- compile a **list of relevant summer schools** that could be proposed to students who do not secure a summer internship,
- prepare a **consolidated list** to be shared with students by March.

4. Financial support for self-funded students

Several support mechanisms were discussed:

- The potential implementation of a **stipend** for:
 - communication activities related to the master’s programme,
 - or small administrative tasks during the academic semester

5. Financial support for student engagement

The possibility of **financial support** for students:

- presenting a **poster** or an **oral contribution** at selected conferences, including:
 - EOSAM (August),
 - CARLA event (March).
- Participating in the organization of conferences or events
 - BIOSmart (Salerno, June)

These mechanisms will be further specified and formalised.

It was noted that a iPSRS student presented an article at **BIOSmart**, in 2025, contributing to the scientific visibility of the programme. The AMB emphasised the importance of **encouraging and promoting such initiatives**.

6. Actions for the next AMB meeting

For the next AMB meeting:

- UPEC, VU and UJM will provide:
 - their **lists of equipment, skills, and COIL-relevant research topics.**
- Proposals will be prepared by the administrative coordinator concerning:
 - the revision of the Student and Partnership Agreements,
 - the financial support schemes discussed.