

RAMIRI Alumni Point of View

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- **Group Profiles**
- **Survey**
- **Feedback obtained**
- **Requests for future RAMIRI activities**

Group Profiles

2011

- 45 delegates
- 16 countries
- Different level of knowledge, expectations and feedback
 - Existing/running RIs (management)
 - Emerging RIs (management)
 - Emerging and existing RIs (scientists)
 - Funding bodies representatives

2012

- 45 delegates
- 18 countries
- 70% involved in the management of a RI under development
- 80% made aware of RAMIRI through personal communication
 - > *good reputation, channels for dissemination*

Sources of information

- RAMIRI feedback forms
- Reply to email requests
- Personal communication during workshops

Categories

- General feedback
- Specific feedback on 4 courses (Amsterdam/Trieste 2011; Prague/Trieste 2012)
- Future activities (Handbook, Communication platform,...)

Feedback presented to RAMIRI PAC in November 2011-> taken into account for the 2012 workshop

General Feedback 2011/2012

Course preparation

- Pre-course- reading list appreciated: should give priorities & level of knowledge (expert, beginners)
- Presentations and documents available on-line
-> **Handbook**

Networking and Q/A Aspect

- Exchange with other participants very good & should be further fostered
- After sessions not enough time for questions or discussion
- Some time reserved for “community building” without any specific agenda
- 90% would you be interested to attend a one day RAMIRI Workshop on RI hot topics (e.g. News on ERIC) in the future
- Platform for communication

- Adapt presentations to audience -> *selection of 2012 participants*
- Less theory presentations more concrete examples
-> *on each theory item a speaker from a running RI was invited to present the hands-on approach*
- ERIC: have an EC representative to give information first hand
-> *Harry Tuinder presentation and attendance in 2012*
- Requests for specific topics: Financing models for distributed infrastructures, in kind contributions and their pitfalls, sources of funding; decommissioning, community involvement in the governance, case study for a multi-site RI

-> *addressed by 2012 workshop (talks and case studies)*
- Help setting up Financial plan -> *Case Study 2012*

Case Studies

- Consider background knowledge of delegates
- Should be based on real life examples
- Highlight problematic points related to the management and organization of existing RIs or RIs that are in development
- Reserve more time
- Moderators should participate more actively and guide the discussion

- Teaching matched or even surpassed expectations
- Topics covered the right level of detail
- High relevance for current work
- Time reserved for presentations and discussions could be longer
- Steps between PP and operational phase, information on actual applicable laws, HR: longer presentations on this subject, more into details regarding legal aspects

Realisation of delegate`s feedback

Realised

- Experts presented real life examples
- Case studies were based on real RI examples were more adapted to the time-scale
- Extra lots for “networking” added
- Handbook prepared as living document-> delegates invited to contribute

Not realised

- Time table of the workshop too tight
- Alumni platform

Request to stay in contact and exchange on.....

- FP 7/ Horizon 2020 funding and other EU funds to cover the operational cost
- Open access (policies and execution)
- Model of financing of the existing facilities, the sources of financing
- Project management
- Specific issues as labour law, conflict of interest in the management structure of ERICs, decommissioning, insurance contracts, tax issues and especially VAT, cash and in-kind contributions, funding.....
- New developments from other countries and lessons learned
- Governance schemes and their decision processes
- Procurement procedures
- In-kind contribution management and rules for use and access
- VAT and tax-related issues
- Technology transfer and commercialisation of RI's outputs, approaching industrial partners, communication with scientists
- Networking of RIs and mobility of researchers and personnel in general amongst RIs
- Socio-economic added value
- ERIC
- Data storage, data management

Summary

Goal: “to build a set of people, who can speak about research infrastructures”

- Content covered main aspects
- Format, duration and group size appreciated
- Case studies: instructive, challenging, no one –fits- all solution
- Need/ request to add learning topics
- Talk to the experts/ seniors
- Building networks-> know, who to ask
- Consistency
- Activities shall be continued