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**COST Action A29**

*Human and Organisational Factors in Industrial  
Planning and Scheduling – HOPS*

**PROGRESS REPORT**

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## 1. OVERVIEW: ACTION IDENTIFICATION DATA

### **COST Action A29: Human and Organisational Factors in Industrial Planning and Scheduling**

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#### **Signatories and date of signature:**

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| Cyprus (interested)   | Israel                              | Slovenia 28/2/05          |
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| Denmark               | Lithuania                           | Sweden 01/04/2004         |
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| Finland 01/04/2004    | Malta 14/04/2004                    | Turkey                    |
| France 10/01/2005     | Netherlands 10/05/2004              | United Kingdom 01/04/2004 |
| Germany 01/04/2004    | Norway                              |                           |

**Institutes of non-COST countries:** none

**Area:**

**Action Web site:** <http://www.hops-research.org/>

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(1) Date of the first MC meeting.

(2) When the report is received by TC Secretaria

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the Action is to increase the knowledge required for improving human performance in industrial planning, scheduling, and control (PSC). This requires progress in the following areas:

- *Goal 1, Basic knowledge:* Knowledge regarding human centred PSC-aspects is fragmented and far from comprehensive. These gaps have yet to be filled. Whether or not this aim is achieved, it is difficult to evaluate it quantitatively. However, the number of scientific publications of researchers that co-operate in the Action may serve as an indicator.
- *Goal 2, Generic applicability:* In order to generate the expected benefits the applicability of basic knowledge must be ensured. Therefore basic insights need to be integrated into a conceptual PSC-framework that is generic and applicable. Here again it is difficult to evaluate the achievement of this aim in a quantitative manner. However, the number of publications produced by researchers that co-operate in the Action and accepted by media that are directed to potential end users may serve as an indicator. Furthermore industrial practitioners may assess the feasibility and the usefulness of the generic PSC-framework.
- *Goal 3, Specific application:* Finally, besides basic and applicable knowledge regarding human-centred aspects of PSC, a third category of knowledge is required. This category refers to competencies in integrating the PSC-knowledge into PSC-practices in use. Whether or not such knowledge is produced by the Action can quantitatively be evaluated in two ways: (i) by the number of concrete cases of application, as well as (ii) by the increase of PSC-performance in these cases.

As it is the goal of the proposed COST Action to produce new relevant knowledge in all of the three categories outlined above we aim at a integration of the isolated knowledge islands in the domain. However, we explicitly support a pluralism of approaches and methods in order to keep a holistic perspective.

## 3. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

**MC Board:** In order to quicken and simplify the decision making process of the A29 MC an MC Core Group was established. Decisions are taken unanimously. The MC is informed of the decisions on the occasion of the MC meetings.

**Working groups:** Three thematic working groups have been established. Coordinators have been nominated. The working groups meet for the first time in March 05. Each working group is currently concretizing research questions, cooperation mode, joint products and a working plan. The working groups are:

- WG1: Distributed / collaborative PSC (coordinated by Dr. Jan Holmström, Finland)
- WG2: Decision support systems in PSC (coordinated by Dr. Wout van Wezel, The Netherlands)
- WG3: Research methods in PSC (coordinated by Martina Berglund, Sweden)

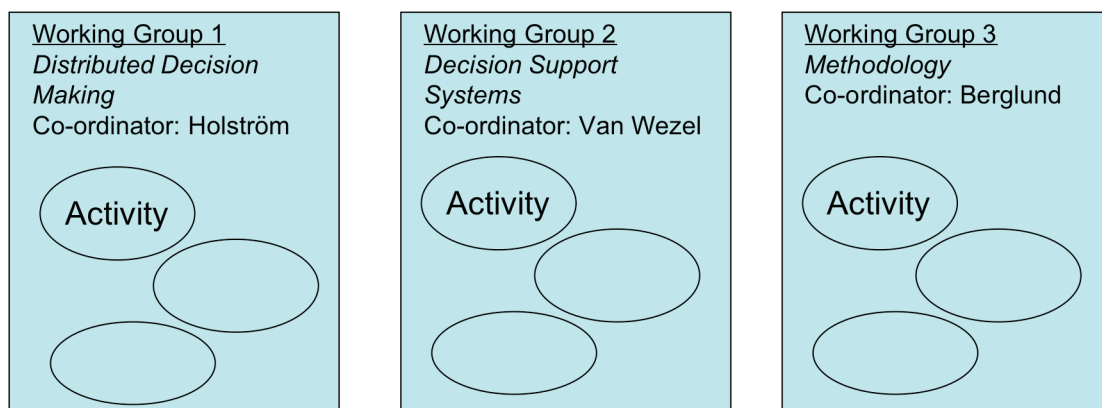
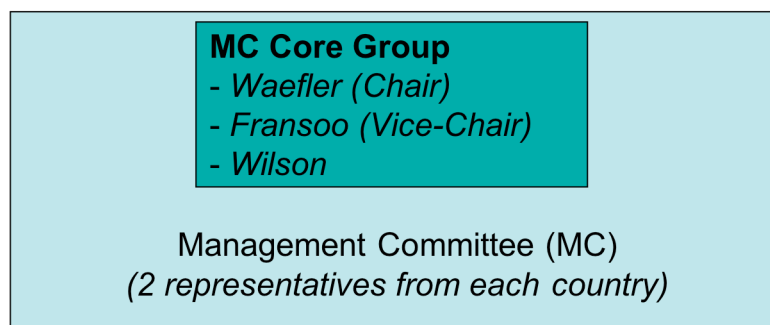
### Activities

In the first instance it was intended, as the name WG suggests, that we would work within these groups. However during the WG meetings in 2005 it has become apparent that we are more likely to be able to submit joint proposals for future work, bring together our current activities in a rational fashion, and produce joint research papers if we create smaller more tightly focused and specific groupings. These smaller groups are called 'Activities'. Following the nature, mechanisms and tasks of these Activities are described

*Nature of HOPS Activities:*

- The Activities in HOPS are its active working structure, as against the WGs which now provide an organisational structure to ease the management load on the MC, the MC Core Group and the Co-ordinators of the WGs.

- Activities are defined as small groups of HOPS participants who have a relatively specific common interest within HOPS.
- Activities have interdisciplinary membership and definitely include contribution from the two worlds of “engineering/operations research” and “human factors/social sciences/psychology”. Members from other disciplines, such as operations management, may tend towards either of these two fairly crude groupings.
- Ideally Activities will have not less than three and not more than six members, although numbers can be outside this range by agreement of the MC Core Group.
- Each Activity will have a title which as clearly as possible describes what its focus is and how to distinguish it from the other Activities.
- Each Activity will have a facilitator, elected or chosen by the members in whichever way they see fit, who will be the means of reporting to the MC Core Group via the Co-ordinators of the WGs.
- Each Activity will have a distinct, but hopefully complementary, area of interest and/or mission compared to other Activities.



*Mechanisms of HOPS Activities:*

- Membership of any Activity shall be endorsed by the MC Core Group.
- Members of HOPS can change the Activity to which they belong, or can belong to more than one Activities, by agreement of the MC Core Group.
- Activities must meet the requirements for their existence at all times and this will be reviewed by the MC at its meetings.
- Activities may be proposed by members of HOPS at any time, although it is expected that most will have already emerged at the Montreux and Malta meetings.
- Activities will have separate meetings and agree their plan of action and deliverables at each MC and WG meeting.

*Tasks of HOPS Activities:*

- Activities will support the work of HOPS internally, via the WGs and the MC, and externally in terms of research and publications etc.

- Activities will define a work plan and goals for up to October 2007 with associated deliverables and timetable for their delivery. This work plan must be defined and agreed before the end of the Prague meeting in March for all existing Activities.
- A timetable for agreement on work plan and deliverables for any new Activities must be agreed with the MC Core Group.
- Activities will produce and publish papers on both fundamental and applied research associated with the remit of HOPS.
- Activities will deliver support to the production of the framework for the field which is a requirement on HOPS by the end of its life.

**Technical working groups:**

- HOPS web site: In 2004 a Working group was established to develop and implement a A29 web site. Since 2005 the site is online (cf. 6.3)

## 4. PARTICIPATION AND COORDINATION

### 4.1 Management Committee

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#### *France*

- Dr. Jean-Michel Hoc, Directeur de Recherche au CNRS, IRCCyN, PsyCoTec, Nantes
- Dr. Nasser Mebarki, University of Nantes, IUT, Department OGP

#### *Germany*

- Dipl. Ing. Ralph Riedel, Technische Universität Chemnitz
- Prof. Dr. Rüdiger von der Weth, Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Dresden

#### *Ireland*

- Dr. Peter Williams, University of Limerick

#### *Malta*

- Dr. Anthony S. Theuma, University of Malta

#### *Netherlands*

- Prof. Dr. Jan C. Fransoo, Technische Universiteit Eindhoven (Vice Chairperson, *Member of the MC Board*)
- Dr. Wout van Wezel, University of Groningen

#### *Slovakia*

- Prof. Dr. Miroslav Majtan, University of Economics Bratislava
- Dr. Stefan Marsina, University of Economics Bratislava

#### *Spain*

- Prof. Dr. Philip G. Moscoso, IESE Business School, University of Navarra

#### *Sweden*

- Martina Berglund, Linköpings Universitet
- Johan Karlton, Ingenjörshögskolan Jönköping

#### *Switzerland*

- Prof. Dieter Fischer, University of Applied Science Northwestern Switzerland, Dept. of Technology
- Prof. Dr. Toni Wäfler, University of Applied Science Northwestern Switzerland, School of Applied Psychology (Chairperson, *Member of the MC Board*)

#### *United Kingdom*

- Prof. Dr. John Wilson, University of Nottingham (*Member of the MC Board*)

## 4.2 Participating Institutions

### *Croatia*

- Institute of Social Sciences "Ivo Pilar", Zagreb

### *Czech Republic*

- Czech Technical University, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Management and Economics

### *Finland*

- Helsinki University of Technology, Department of Industrial Engineering and Management

### *France*

- CNRS, IRCCyN, PsyCoTec, Nantes
- University of Nantes, IUT, Department OGP
- ENIT, Tarbes Cedex

### *Germany*

- Technische Universität Chemnitz, Professur Fabrikplanung und Fabrikbetrieb, Institut für Betriebswissenschaften und Fabrikssysteme
- Technische Universität Dresden, Institut für Arbeits- & Organisationspsychologie
- Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Dresden, Fachbereich Wirtschaftswissenschaften

### *Ireland*

- University of Limerick, Department of Manufacturing and Operations Engineering

### *Malta*

- University of Malta

### *Netherlands*

- Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, Department of Technology Management
- University of Groningen, Faculty of Management and Organization

### *Slovakia*

- University of Economics, Faculty of Business Management, Department of Management, Bratislava

### *Spain*

- IESE Business School, University of Navarra

### *Sweden*

- Linköpings Universitet, Avd för kvalitet, människa och teknik
- Ingenjörshögskolan Jönköping, Maskinteknik och industriell organisation
- Chalmers University of Technology Göteborg, Div of Logistics and Transportation

### *Switzerland*

- University of Applied Science Northwestern Switzerland, School of Applied Psychology
- University of Applied Science Northwestern Switzerland, Dept. of Technology
- Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETHZ), Zurich, Institute of Work Psychology
- Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), STI-IPR-LGPP

### *United Kingdom*

- University of Nottingham, Institute for Occupational Ergonomics
- Nottingham University Business School, Centre for Concurrent Enterprise
- The University of Sheffield, Institute of Work Psychology

#### **4.3 Meetings of the Management Committee**

- 29./30.6.2004, COST Office Brussels
- 19.11.2004, COST Office Brussels
- 10.3.2005, Montreux, Switzerland
- 14.10.2005, Attard, Malta (MC Core Group)
- 19.1.2006, Olten Switzerland (MC Core Group)
- 16.3.2006, (scheduled) Prague, Czech Republic

#### **4.4 Meetings of the Working Groups**

- 10./11.3.2005, Montreux, Switzerland (all WG's; additionally funded with EURO 4600 by the Swiss government.)
- 2.8.2005, Salerno, Italy (Special Session within ICPR-18) (all WG's)
- 14./15.10.2005, Attard, Malta (all WG's; including external experts)
- 25.11.2005, Manchester (Activity-Meeting)
- 1./2.12.2005, Nantes (Activity-Meeting)
- 7./8.12.2005, Madrid (Activity-Meeting)
- 15.12.2005, Brussels (Web Site Meeting)
- 16./17.3.2006, (scheduled), Prague, Czech Republic (all WG's)
- 07/2006, (scheduled), Masstricht NL (Special Session within IEA 2006) (all WG's)

#### **4.5 Short-term scientific missions**

- 29.3.2005-8.4.2005, Ralph Riedel (Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany) at Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, NL
- 1.6.2005-18.6.2005, Julien Cegarra (IRCCyN/CNRS, Nantes, France) at University of Groningen, NL
- 30.11.2005-9.12.2005, Jelka Meyer (Dresden University of Technology, Germany) at University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland

## 5. RESULTS

The Action A29 became active in the second half of 2004. The two MC meetings that took place in 2004 were used for structuring A29 and for organizing future cooperation. Three thematic working groups have been established. The thematic positioning of these groups reflects the objectives as outlined in the A29 MoU. Whereas working group 1 covers the sociotechnical characteristics of PSC, working group 2 covers the individual cognitive aspects. Both groups do research regarding basic knowledge (HOPS goal 1) and applicability (HOPS goals 2 & 3).

Working group 3 on the other hand is positioned in a cross sectional manner. It provides an excellent platform for mutual learning in and collaborative innovating of PSC research methods. This working group is specially important since the A29 consortium is – in accordance with the subject matter – deliberately composed in a very interdisciplinary manner. The research methods applied by the different members of the consortium are based on social sciences as well as on engineering and economic sciences. A combination of these methods is supposed to provide a major benefit for applied research in PSC.

In detail the three working groups are positioned as following:

- WG1: Distributed / collaborative PSC: This group investigates *human factors* in individual as well as in institutional collaboration in PSC. It tackles research questions such as:
  - What are good practices for distributed PSC?
  - Why is there so little collaborative PSC in industrial practice? How can respective collaboration be promoted?
  - What are the preconditions, the contingencies, and the critical aspects of good practices in collaborative PSC?
- WG2: Decision support systems (DSS) in PSC: This group investigates how individual decision making in PSC can best be supported by technology. The group aims at:
  - A better understanding of human behaviour in PSC
  - Developing a method for task description that avoids to be normative
  - The development of a DSS infrastructure and technology
- WG3: Research methods in PSC: This cross-sectional group aims at enhancing methodological competences in human oriented PSC research. It provides a platform for:
  - Evaluating the transferability of methods
  - Deepening and integrating methodological competencies
  - Developing new methods (for specific questions)

WG objectives, as well as common research questions and products have been defined by the MC. On the occasion of their first meeting in March 05 the respective working groups will elaborate a detailed working plan including deliverables and collaboration opportunities.

### Results achieved by HOPS in 2005

As a result of the collaboration between HOPS members as initialized and supported by the two working group meetings (cf. 4.4) the following sub-topics emerged within the working groups: Applicability of task analysis and function allocation approaches for planning and scheduling

- Competence-oriented planning: from individuals to organisations
- Control capacity of sociotechnical systems
- Development of a generic model of Front-end processes that align customer requirements to enterprise capability
- How human planners can improve the performance of hierarchical planning systems
- Measuring supply chain performance: current research and future directions
- Modelling Dynamics in Decision Support Systems
- Project Management and Convergence of Social Science and Engineering Domains: Opportunity at the Locus of Implementation.
- Quality of supply chain relationships across the relationship lifecycle

Around these topics HOPS Activities (cf. 3) were initialized. HOPS Activities are sub-groups

within the working groups. They are expected to submit joint proposals for future work, bring together current activities in a rational fashion, and produce joint research papers. Each Activity will define a work plan and goals for up to October 2007 with associated deliverables and timetable for their delivery. This work plan must be defined and agreed before the end of the Prague meeting in March for all existing Activities. However, failing Activities are likely to disappear whereas new Activities may emerge during the course of HOPS. Some of the Activities already met in Activity-meetings (cf. 4.4) and started to produce joint publications. Furthermore, in August 2006 HOPS organized a special session within the 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Production Research (ICPR-18). The following papers have been presented (published in: 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Production Research (ICPR-18). Conference Proceedings (CD-ROM). Salerno, Italy. July 31 - August 4.)

- A Foundation for Analysis of Human Cooperation in Multi-Party Scheduling  
*By Kaveh Nezamirad, Peter G Higgins and Simon Dunstall*
- Sociotechnical design of shopfloor planning and control  
*By Toni Wäfler*
- Design of integrated management systems for the extended shop-floor  
*By Philip G. Moscoso*
- A cultural framework for production management  
*By Ralph Riedel*
- Prochart toolkit to re-design production planning, scheduling and control processes  
*By J.E. Guinery, B.L. MacCarthy*
- The Contribution of Human Planners  
*By Jan Fransoo and Vincent Wiers*
- On assessing the PSC process from an MTO-perspective  
*By Martina Berglund and Johan Karlton*
- Algorithmic support for human rail shunting planners  
*By W.M.C. van Wezel, J. Riezebos*

The planning of 2006 was made in accordance with the A29 timetable as outlined in the MoU. The main objective for 2006 is the strengthening of the HOPS Activities (cf. 3).

- A workshop (AWS2) including an MC meeting as well as all working groups will be organized in March 06 (Prague, Czech Republic). This workshop serves the further establishing of the HOPS Activities. All Activities will have to define a work plan and goals for up to October 2007 with associated deliverables and timetable for their delivery. Approximately 30 members of A29 will participate in this special issue.
- In July 2006 A29 organizes two special sessions in the 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Ergonomics (IEA 2006, Maastricht, NL; <http://www.iea2006.org/>):
  - Human and Organizational Aspects in Industrial Planning and Scheduling – Scheduling Work (Chair: Martina Berglund):
    - How human planners can improve the performance of hierarchical planning systems (309 46-HOPS, Moscoso)
    - A cognitive typology to design planning algorithms (979 46-HOPS, Wezel)
    - Complacency failure in human-machine cooperation in scheduling (526 46-HOPS, Cegarra)
    - Schedulers' Work Content – A Quantified Analysis (855 46-HOPS, Berglund)
    - Work Analysis for the Cognitive and Social Settings of Scheduling and Control (1291 46-HOPS, Wilson)
  - Human and Organizational Aspects in Industrial Planning and Scheduling – Specific Settings (Chair: Johan Karlton):
    - An Exploratory Investigation of Dynamic Scheduling Processes for Surgical Operations (943 46-HOPS, Williams)

- Modelling decision-making activities in planning production coordinated across a supply chain (981 46-HOPS, Higgins)
- Success factors of collaborative planning in supply networks (873 46-HOPS, Günter)
- Performance measurement in supply networks (735 46-HOPS, Shepherd)
- A seminar (ASr2) including all working groups as well as some invited external expert will be organized in October 2006 (Madrid).
- MC Core Group meetings are organized as required, conjoint with the activities described above.
- Activity meetings as well as STSMs are wanted and supported as much as possible.
- The further progression of A29 follows the timetable as outlined in the MoU.

## 6. DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

### 6.1 Publications and Reports

Members of A29 MC or A29 working groups have produced or have participated in producing the following numbers of publications or reports (cf. Annex 1)

- 2004: 33
- 2005: 63
- 2006: 10
- in press: 30

### 6.2 Conferences and Workshops

Members of A29 MC or A29 working groups have participated in the following conferences or workshops:

2004:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> World POM Conference on POM and 15th annual POM Conference, Cancun, 2004
- 6<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Human Factors in Planning, Scheduling and Control in Manufacturing, 2004, Jönköping, Sweden. (*Organized and hosted by A29 members*)
- 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Manufacturing & Management (PCMM 2004), Gold Coast, Australia.
- 9th International Conference on Human Aspects of Advanced Manufacturing (HAAMAHA): Agility & Hybrid Automation, 2004, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland
- 12<sup>th</sup> GERPISA International Colloquium, 2004, Paris, France
- 13<sup>th</sup> international working seminar on Production Economics, 2004 Igls/Innsbruck, Austria.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual NOFOMA 2004, Linköping, Sweden (The Nordic Logistics Research Network)
- 44. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychologie, 2004, Göttingen Deutschland.
- Bridging the Cultural Gap: Comprehending Cultural Notions in order to Address Pharmacy Personnel Management, Malte, 2004.
- EurOMa 2004 Conference, Fontainebleau, France.
- Geneme 2004, Dresden Deutschland.
- Global Repositioning of Maltese SME, Malta, 2004.
- IMS International Forum 2004 - Global Challenges in Manufacturing, Cernobbio Italy.
- Knowledge Exploration in Science and Technology , Milano, Italy, 2004
- Logistics Research Network Annual Conference, Dublin, Ireland, 2004
- Mobile virtual work, a new paradigm?. Ranäs Castle, Sweden, 2004.
- VPP2004, Technical University of Chemnitz, September

2005:

- 15th international conference on Flexible automation and Intelligent manufacturing, Bilbao, Spain, July 2005
- 17th Annual NOFOMA Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 9-10, 2005
- 6th IFIP Working Conference on VIRTUAL ENTERPRISES, September 26-28, 2005, Valencia.
- 7th International Workshop on Human Factors in Planning, Scheduling and Control in Manufacturing, Groningen, Netherlands.
- APMS 2005 conference, Rockville, MD, USA, September 19-21, 2005.
- EPIQUE'05, Toulouse, France
- EurOMA International Conference on Operations and Global Competitiveness, Budapest, 19.-22.06.2005
- Fachtagung zur Psychologie der Tätigkeit in Obergurgl, Österreich.
- ICAM 2005, International Conference on Agility, Helsinki, Finland, July 27-28, 2005

- IMS-NoE (Intelligent Manufacturing Systems), Special Interest Group “The healthy human in intelligent manufacturing”, Valencia, Spain (25/26.04.05)
- Interdisziplinärer Workshop „Sicheres handeln in kritischen Situationen“ Thema: Hattingen, Veranstalter: Plattform Menschen in komplexen Arbeitswelten.
- International conference of Faculty of Business Management, University of Economics in Bratislava. Bratislava 24th – 25th November, 2005.
- International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Systems Management, May 16-19, 2005, Marrakech.
- International Conference on Production Research (ICPR 18), Salerno, Italy, July-Aug 2005
- Organizational Design and Management – VIII. 8th International Symposium, Maui, Hawaii, 22-25 June, 2005.
- Production and Operations Management Society, April 2005, Chicago
- Second European Conference on Rail Human Factors, November 2003, London, UK.
- topsoft, Fachtagung für ERP-Systeme, Fachhochschule CH-5212 Schönenwerd (8. / 9. März 2005). Organisation und Informatik: erweiterte Methoden zur Optimierung der Auftragsabwicklung.
- topsoft, Fachtagung für ERP-Systeme, Fachhochschule CH-8000 Zürich (21. / 22. September 2006). Organisation und Informatik: erweiterte Methoden zur Optimierung der Auftragsabwicklung.
- University Technology Partnership (UTP) Conference, 4th - 5th April, Derby, U.K.
- Wissenschaftliche Tagung der Akademie für Regionalforschung und Landesplanung, Ravensburg.
- Workshop 2005 on Human Factor in Production Management, Scientific Seminar of Czech Technical University Prague
- Workshop Polca, Quick Response Manufacturing Centre, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA, April 2005

### 6.3 Web site

In 2004 the (cf. Annex 2).specification for a HOPS web site has been elaborated.

In 2005 these specification has been implemented (coordinator: Dr. Wout van Wezel, University of Groningen NL). Extensive discussions at the various meetings have resulted in a further specification of the structure, contents, roles, and authorization schemes. The website (URL: <http://www.hops-research.org/>) is structured around sections. The following kinds of sections were identified:

- Working group (for example for HOPS: WG1, WG2, WG3)
- Project (for example, Cognitive issues of algorithms in WG2)
- Meeting (e.g., workshop, STSM)
- Miscellaneous

Each section can have the following elements:

- Introductory text
- What’s new items
- Forum to exchange messages
- Projects
- Members
- Documents (minutes, papers, progress reports, etc.)
- Commented references
- List with relevant URL’s
- Calendar with events
- Images (photo’s)

Sections can be ordered hierarchically, for example, a working group can have multiple projects and meetings. The security model allows individual members to add and change

information, upload documents, etc. All contents can be either public (viewable by everyone) or private (viewable by members only). The public contents can be used to disseminate information about HOPS to the public and to publish papers. The private contents can be used to setup a virtual private working space for a project or meeting in order to exchange messages, share draft papers, etc. To be able to find relevant information in the various sections, a search engine has been added to the website. The costs of developing the website was approximately E1200, which was within the budget. This included the design of the website and implementing the Content Management System (CMS) to be able to view and edit data using a webbrowser. Hosting and use of the search engine have been offered free of charge by one of the HOPS members (Dr. Wout van Wezel, University of Groningen NL).

#### 6.4 Scientific and Technical Co-operation

Members of A29 MC or A29 working groups have established co-operations and contacts with the following scientific institutions:

##### *International Scientific Networks*

- Global Manufacturing Research Group (GMRG)

##### *Australia*

- Swinburn University, Melbourne
- University of Western Australia
- University of Wollongong

##### *Austria*

- University of Innsbruck

##### *Canada*

- University of Waterloo

##### *France*

- CERTOP, France
- Ecole Nationale des Mines de Saint Etienne - Competence management
- INSEAD, France

##### *Germany*

- Akademie Raumforschung und Landesplanung, Germany
- Stuttgart University of Applied Science
- TU Berlin
- TU Dresden, Institut für Internationale Forstwirtschaft
- TU Dresden, Klinik für Anästhesiologie
- University of Bamberg
- University of Stuttgart
- Westsächsische Hochschule Zwickau (FH)

##### *Hungary*

- Hungarian Academy of Sciences

##### *Italy*

- Politecnico di Torino, Italy

##### *Japan*

- Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation, Hiroshima University,
- Institute for Science of Labour, Toyko, Japan
- Kyoto Institute of Technology, Japan
- Kansai University, Japan

##### *Netherlands*

- TU Delft

##### *Norway*

- Norwegian School of Management

##### *Singapore*

- School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

##### *Slovakia*

- The Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava

##### *Spain*

- University of Vigo, Spain

##### *Sweden*

- KTH Stockholm, Dep. of Industrial Economics and Management
- National Institute for Working Life – west, Göteborg

- ROMUS, Swedish Production Research network ([www.romus.se](http://www.romus.se))

#### *Switzerland*

- Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research (WSL)
- Zürcher Hochschule, Institut für Datenanalyse und Prozessdesign

#### *United Kingdom*

- Cambridge University, England
- Cardiff University, Wales
- Heriot-Watt, Scotland
- Southampton Universities
- University of Sussex

#### *USA*

- New York state university
- Ohio University
- University of California Los Angeles, USA
- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA
- University of Nevada, Arizona State University,.
- University of Wisconsin

Members of A29 MC or A29 working groups have established co-operations and contacts with the following research programmes:

- Part of an INCO-SSA Application: Facilitation of Research Collaboration and Strategy Development on Wooden Plant resources Management in Drylands of Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan.

### **6.5 Transfer of results**

Members of A29 MC or A29 working groups have established co-operations and contacts with the following industries and bodies:

#### *Czech Republic*

- Buzuluk Komarov, Inc., Czech Republic, rubber-processing machines, piston rings and enamel chemistry
- Kovosvit, Sezimovo Usti, Czech Republic, machining centers
- Narex, Czech Republic, machine tools
- Tajmac ZPS, Czech Republic, machining centers,
- TOWER Automotive Inc., Slovakia, automobile component

#### *Finland*

- Alekski Virkkunen, Tradeka, Helsinki, Finland
- Metso Automation
- Nina Tuomikangas, Cloette Fazer Confectionary, Vantaa, Finland
- Nokia

#### *France*

- Airbus Saint-Nazaire
- Ford, Balnquefort, France
- French National Railroad Company (SNCF – Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Français)
- Goodrich Actuation systems
- MecaProtec, France

#### *Germany*

- BGAG Dresden
- C.K. Siebenwurst Modellfabrik und Formenbau GmbH & Co. KG, Dietfurt
- CBS GmbH, Chemnitz (solution provider for MS Business Solutions)
- Christian Karl Siebenwurst Modell- und Formenbau GmbH & Co. KG, Dietfurt

- Emil Löffelhardt GmbH & Co. KG
- Günther Spelsberg GmbH + Co. KG, D-58579 Schalksmühle
- ID Ingenieurgesellschaft für Datentechnik mbH, Aachen & Erndtebrueck
- Infineon Technologies, Dresden
- RKT Rödinger Kunststofftechnik GmbH, Roding
- SIGMA Chemnitz GmbH / SSA Global

#### *Netherlands*

- ANWB (Netherlands Automobile Association) , The Netherlands
- ATOS, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Bartimeus (Zeist), The Netherlands
- Corus Packaging Plus, IJmuiden, The Netherlands
- Gasunie, Groningen, The Netherlands
- GGZ-Drenthe (General Mental Health Institution, Assen, The Netherlands)
- GVB (public transport), Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Koninklijke Theodorus Niemeijer, Groningen, The Netherlands
- LogicaCMG, Groningen, The Netherlands
- Magentis, Groningen, The Netherlands
- NS (Netherlands Railways), Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Ortec, Groningen, The Netherlands
- Parker Arlon Filtration B.V., Arnhem, The Netherlands
- Power-packer Europe, Oldenzaal, The Netherlands
- Quintiq, Den Bosch, The Netherlands
- Vertis, Groningen, The Netherlands
- Vion Foods Group, Boxtel, The Netherlands

#### *Slovakia*

- Slovak Centre for Productivity, Univerzitna 1, O1O26 Zilina, Slovakia

#### *Sweden*

- Aerospace industry: Volvo Aero Corporation,
- Apparel industry: ETON Fashion, Lindex AB.
- Automotive industry: e.g. Autoliv AB, Volvo Cars Corp., Volvo Powertrain Corp., Volvo Logistics Corp.,
- PLAN, the Swedish Production and Inventory Management Society

#### *Switzerland*

- Alstom (Schweiz) Ltd. Power Service, Zentralstrasse 40, CH-5242 Birr
- Codex Information Systems AG, 4142 Münchenstein / Basel
- Ernst Schweizer AG Metallbau, CH-8908 Hedingen
- ETS Meylan (Dapples, CH)
- Forestry and wood industry in Switzerland (supply networks in Luzern, Solothurn, Bern)
- IBM Switzerland (Geneva, CH)
- KWC Armaturenfabrik, Hauptstrasse 57, CH-5726 Unterkulm
- Oerlikon Contraves AG Defence, Birchstrasse 155, CH-8050 Zürich
- Oertli Werkzeuge AG, Hofstrasse 1, CH-8181 Höri
- Parker (Geneva, CH)
- Rheinhäfen des Kantons Basellandschaft, CH 4127 Birsfelden
- SAP (Schweiz), CH-8105 Regensdorf
- SOLID (Geneva, CH)
- Swisscom Fixnet AG, FX-FWS-NDO-PDN-PIM-PPC, CH-3011 Bern
- Tornos SA (Moutier, CH)
- TRILAB Software AG, Hauptbahnhofstrasse 8, CH-4501 Solothurn

#### *United Kingdom*

- Aerospace industry: MBDA, Rolls-Royce & BAE Systems (UTP)
- Alcoa, Birmingham, UK
- CC Food Research Association
- Network Rail
- Other businesses: Northern Foods, MSD, Abacus, Linread, Tuborex, Steelcraft
- PROCHART Consortium members: CORUS, BAE Systems, GE Druck, Sara Lee Courtaulds, Henkel.
- Rail Safety and Standards Board

#### 6.6 Contacts in the ERA

Members of A29 MC or A29 working groups have established the following co-operations and contacts in the ERA:

- Special interest group 2 ‘Manufacturing Scheduling and Control in the Extended Enterprise’ of IMS NoE (Intelligent Manufacturing Systems Network of Excellence) funded by FP6 IST programme.
- Special interest group 2 ‘The Healthy human in Intelligent Manufacturing’ of IMS NoE (Intelligent Manufacturing Systems Network of Excellence) funded by FP6 IST programme.

### 7. ECONOMIC DIMENSION

Estimation of total manpower (expressed in person years) dedicated in 2004 to the activities of the Action (i.e. for research projects within the HOPS topics; for dissemination of results, for participating at conferences and workshops, for participating at A29 meetings).

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Person Years</i> |
|-------------|---------------------|
| 2004        | 12.8                |
| 2005        | 11.1                |
| Total       | 23.9                |

Funds received from the COST budget for each year and for the entire duration of the Action utilised for Secretariat, Publications, Workshops and Seminars, MC meetings, Short-Terms scientific missions, other and Total

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Secretariat</i> | <i>Publications</i> | <i>Workshops / Seminars</i> | <i>MC meetings</i> | <i>STSM</i> | <i>other</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2004        | -                  | -                   | -                           | 14'004             | -           | -            | 14'004       |
| 2005        | 680                |                     |                             | 53'993             | 788         | 1320         | 56'781       |
|             |                    |                     |                             |                    |             | Total        | 70'785       |

### 8. SELF EVALUATION (only in the last annual progress report)

Indicate, in no more than 1 page, what were, in the opinion of the MC, the main successes, the drawbacks (if any) and the key difficulties encountered (if any).

## ANNEX 1: List of publications and reports 2004 / 2005 / 2006 / in press

### *Published in 2004*

In 2004 members of A29 MC or A29 working groups have produced or have participated in producing 33 publications or reports:

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## **ANNEX 2: Specification HOPS website**

### **I. Web site for HOPS**

#### **Content**

According to table below.

A simple and straightforward layout, fast to download, comparable to other actions websites.

A structure of the content that is easy to navigate in, similar structure for MC, WGs and human factors workshop as well as additional initiatives.

#### **Priorities**

The different contents of the website are differently prioritised.

1 means that it should be included as soon as possible

2 means that it should be strived for to be included.

3 means that it may be included if found applicable.

#### **Technology**

The website can be hosted by Wout von Wezel in his private company's web server.

Wout will take care of the necessary programming and the practicalities necessary for putting the web site into operation since he has the necessary knowledge for managing this job.

#### **Cost**

It is expected to be decided that a sum of € 2000 will be possible to reserve for maintaining the website during the next year. This will then cover the expenses for putting the website into operation.