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First of all I would like to thank everyone for bringing their expertise and experience, and engaging in such a fruitful constructive and open exchanges throughout the whole day fourth management committee meeting of COST Action CA16207 “European Network for Problematic Usage of the Internet” in Warsaw.

Special thanks to the working groups leads and their representatives Dr Ioannidis, Dr Cinosi, Dr Demetrovics and Prof Zohar for their progress reports signifying an (expected) outstanding achievements in the project according to a timeline.

Both workshops chaired by Dr Ioannidis and Dr Sales produced high quality debate as chairmen of the workshops ensured that a lot of ground was covered across the various work streams starting from PUI media portrayal, existing ontology, experiments on individuals with PUI, instruments to assess the problematic online behavior and possible patient-public involvement into research development. I am particularly happy that throughout our meetings we can observe that the agenda of the dialogue is deepening to include a thematic dialogue on specific topics which various research teams might pursue further.

HERE IS A KEY TAKE-AWAYS FROM OUR TIME TOGETHER:

- Working Group 5 was approved by MC. Dr. Sales (ITC country) was nominated as group lead. ‘Citizens’ involvement work group’ was voted as a best name for the newly established team. This working group will identify 2-3 Action members to oversee existing PPI groups, create lay summary materials, arrange meetings, training activities and focus groups.
- Developing an open access research database was also voted and approved this would include a database of all consenting COST members and their credentials, to act as a rich information source for research, education and dissemination networking activities.
- There is a budget allowance for short-term scientific missions (STSM) and inclusiveness target country (ITC) grants during this period. We would like to encourage you to consider applications for both STSM and ITC grants. STSM’s are open to all Action members’.

Research of PUI have never been more relevant or top of mind for the general public. Politicians’ note that the success of a society and its economy depend on how well do we manage this emerging issue. Please visit [the link](#) to find out more. I believe that our COST Action members – researchers and practitioners alike – have a lot to contribute to public policy and to society.

BEST WISHES TO ALL!
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