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Following the publication of the first call for applications for EDIT support to exchange of researchers (see Component 2.4.2), 13 applications were received by 12 September 2008, which was deadline for applications.

A request was sent on 12 September to the EDIT teamleaders to suggest two reviewers coming from EDIT partner institutions which were neither home institution of the applicants, nor home institution of the research partner the applicant wanted to visit. From the list of four suggested persons, two were selected who, together with the WP2 leader, constituted the evaluation panel. The letter to the evaluators, which contains their names, as well as the criteria for evaluation, is appended (Appendix 1) to the present document.

Of the 13 applications, 3 were ineligible because the applicant did not come from an EDIT partner institution. One of the remaining 10 applications was deemed unfundable because the project was not demonstrably collaborative. The last nine applications are all funded with the full amount applied for, cf. the following table:

Applicant	Institution	Host	Host institution	Grant (EURO)	applicant informed
1. Bochkov	ZINRAS	Wauthy	RBINS	1290	27.x.
2. Frolov	ZINRAS	Montreuil	MNHN	1455	27.x.
3. Daugeron	MNHN	Grootaert	RBINS	1380	27.x.
4. Mironov	ZINRAS	Wauthy	RBINS	1290	27.x.
9. Wieringa	NHN	Mayo	RBGK	694	28.x.
10. Bakker	NHN	Mayo	RBGK	694	28.x.
11. Horne	NHML	Martens, Schön	RBINS	1250	28.x.
12. Flann	NHN	Hind	RBGK	454	28.x.
13. Akhmetova	ZINRAS	Montreuil	MNHN	1455	28.x.

The letter sent to the successful applicants is appended (Appendix 2) to the present document.

In letters sent to ineligible applicants, the text “It is my pleasure to inform that you have been granted EURO for the purpose stated in your application.” was replaced by:

“The panel found that your application does not fulfill the criteria for eligibility, cf. the following quote from the call text:

Who can apply?

- Researchers employed in any of EDIT’s partner institutions (excl. USA)
- Ph.d. students working in any of EDIT’s partner institutions (excl. USA)
- Research associates in any of EDIT’s partner institutions (excl. USA)

For this reason, your application has been rejected.”

In the letter sent to the applicant who was eligible but was rejected, the same text was replaced by:

“The panel found that your application did not clearly demonstrate that the project is truly collaborative. For this reason, it has been rejected”.

The grants given amount to 9962 EURO. This amount will be transferred to UKBH from where the applicants will be refunded upon presentation of appropriate documentation.

In this first round of grants, the number of applications was modest. As the word spreads, more applications are expected that future round.

Appendix 1: Letter to evaluators

European Distributed Institute of Taxonomy (EDIT)
EDIT SUPPORT TO EXCHANGE OF RESEARCHERS
Guidelines for evaluation of applications

29 September 2008

Dear Michel Louette and Nicole Voogd,

Many thanks for agreeing to evaluate the first round of applications for support to exchange of researchers by EDIT workpackage 2.

The panel for this round consists of:

1. Prof. Henrik Enghoff, Natural History Museum of Denmark, University of Copenhagen, henghoff@snm.ku.dk , workpackage leader, EDIT WP2
2. Dr. Michel Louette, Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren, michel.louette@africamuseum.be
3. Dr. Nicole Voogd, Naturalis, Leiden voogd@naturalis.nl

Thirteen applications have been received (see list). Those for which the institution is highlighted do, as far as I can see, not meet the eligibility criteria (criterion 1 in the table). If you agree with this (eligibility = 0), don't evaluate these applications in detail.

Each panel member should score all eligible applications according to the following criteria:

(0 = not at all, 5 = fully)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Is the applicant eligible for support ¹						
Does the research project fall within taxonomy ²						
Is the research project truly collaborative, involving the applicant as well as at least one partner in the host institution?						
Is at least one co-authored publication by applicant and partner in host institution planned?						

(0 = low, 5 = high)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of the research project						
CV of applicant						
Justification for visit						

¹ Eligible are: Researchers employed in any of EDIT's partner institutions (excl. USA), Ph.d. students working in any of EDIT's partner institutions (excl. USA), Research associates in any of EDIT's partner institutions (excl. USA)

² Taxonomy in a broad sense cf. Enghoff & Seberg 2006 (attached)

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Level of co-financing (0 = 0-10%, 1 = 11-20%, 2 = 21-30%, 3 = 31-40%, 4 = 41-50%, 5 = >50%)						

A copy of the above table has been attached to each of the applications for your convenience

Because of the modest number of applications, and the modest amounts applied for, money is not a limiting factor in this first round. It is therefore not necessary to spend a lot of speculation on prioritising the applications. In addition to filling in the evaluation form above, each panel member should therefore simply indicate for each application whether it is regarded fundable or not.

Based on your evaluations, and my own, I will produce a list of funded applications and the amount of support granted for each of these. The list will be sent to you for comments/approval before the final decision is made by me as work package leader.

Please return your evaluations to:

Jesper Birkedal Schmidt, jbschmidt@snm.ku.dk, before **14 October** 2008, if this is possible at all. If not, please let us know when you will be able to send evaluations plus list.

With the best regards,

yours sincerely

Henrik Enghoff

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Appendix 2: Letter to successful applicants

European Distributed Institute of Taxonomy (EDIT)
EDIT SUPPORT TO EXCHANGE OF RESEARCHERS
Evaluation of applications

27 October, 2008

Dear

Your application for EDIT support to your collaborative project on has been evaluated by panel consisting of three EDIT scientists, neither of which comes from your institution, nor from the institution you want to visit in connection with your project.

It is my pleasure to inform that you have been granted EURO for the purpose stated in your application.

In order to claim the money, please send an invoice addressed to:

EDIT WP2, att. Jesper Birkedal Schmidt
Natural History Museum of Denmark (Zoological Museum), EAN No. 5798000418004
University of Copenhagen
Universitetsparken 15
DK-2100 Copenhagen OE
email: jbschmidt@snm.ku.dk

The invoice should indicate your name and institutional address, as well as the name of the institution you have visited. All expenses to be covered should be specified, and for each of these, a copy of the paid bill should be attached. (Copies of) tickets/boarding passes should also be attached. For per diems, a form specifying the number of days spent at the foreign institution and the per diem rate of the host institution should be attached; this form should be signed by your scientific host. The total amount claimed cannot exceed the granted sum specified above.

In order that the transfer can take place without problems, please provide complete banking information, including

- name, registration number, and address of bank,
- account number, name of account holder, IBAN number, and SWIFT.

According to the call for application, the research funded by this grant must result in **minimum one publication co-authored by host and visitor**. Please keep EDIT WP2, att. Jesper Birkedal Schmidt, informed about such publications from the moment they are “in preparation”, until they have been published. In connection with reporting activities of EDIT, we may come back to you, asking for further information about the progress of the publications.

With the best regards,

yours sincerely

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