

Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Reflections

'Celebrating collaboration' - COST Action 15221 – We ReLaTe

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My STSM was about ... identifying core academic values and key research processes as reflected in research article acknowledgments in different disciplines and from international vs local publications perspective. A corpus of research article acknowledgments from 5 disciplines (Literary studies, Linguistics, Economics, Medicine, Mathematics) and 3 languages (English, Lithuanian and French) was compiled (63,550 words) and analysed quantitatively and qualitatively. The linguistic analysis was supplemented by interviews with scholars from the disciplines selected for the analysis.

The most significant thing that I learned from my STSM ... was that acknowledgments are indeed indicative of certain traditions that can be linked to disciplinary or cultural values. The highest number of acknowledgments for collegial support in most of the analysed disciplines confirms the value of sharing ideas between colleagues, and this is one of the driving forces that facilitates research, writing, learning and teaching processes.

What I enjoyed most about my STSM was ... a possibility to have a full focus on one research task as well as a possibility cooperate with my colleagues extensively.

My advice to colleagues considering an STSM is ... definitely go for it! It is a very rewarding opportunity to both do research and strengthen your cooperation with the colleagues.

And finally, ... I would like to thank COST Action 15221 and the involved colleagues for making my STSM possible. Check the COST Action website for the upcoming publication if you want to find out more about the disciplinary values and processes reflected in research article acknowledgments!