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Ref. COST Action E49: Prof. Barbu – Leader of Working Group 1

To whom it may concern,

I hereby confirm that I was the former Chairman of COST Action E49: Processes and Performance of Wood-Based Panels between 2005 and 2009. E49 consisted of three Working Groups of which my colleague Professor Marius C. Barbu from the Faculty of Wood Engineering, "Transilvania" University Brasov, was the leader of the Working Group 1 (Process optimisation and process innovation) during this time. Due to the fact that this COST E49 ended 8 years ago the website associated with this Action no longer exists. In addition Basic information can be found at the COST website at this link (http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/fps/E49).

As Leader of WG1, Prof. Barbu initiated and coordinated activities like workshops, meeting with country representative, annual conferences and group budget, approved short scientific meetings and training schools, edited proceedings and wrote a chapter together with me in a booklet "Wood-based Panels: An introduction for specialists" published 2010 in Brunel University Publishing house (ISBN: 978-1-90231-682-6).

As Chairman of COST E49 I can confirm that the annual budget increased from 55,300 to 110,000 €/year as the Action grew in size. The budget was shared fairly equally between the three Working Groups. This budget which was managed according to COST rules and Prof. Barbu was responsible for proposing expenditure for the Working Group 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Yours faithfully,

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