

Ischia, Italy, 16/07/2012-17/07/2012: WP 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Meetings

18 members of the FoFdation project travelled to the Isle of Ischia in Naples, Italy to discuss the progress of the FoFdation project itself, exchange thoughts with the IFaCOM project members, and to attend the 8th annual CIRP-ICME 2012 Conference. Meetings were held for work packages 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 with representatives from 15 out of the 16 consortium partners from 8 different countries being present in their respective work package gatherings.



WP7 consortium partners with the new roller banner, produced by Delcam as part of dissemination activities

The aim of the FoFdation meetings was to disclose the dissemination strategy in order to raise the profile and awareness of the project to the wider audience, and to discuss the communication between the three components that are to be developed in FoFdation; Smart Machine Controller (SMC), Smart Manufacturing Optimiser (SMO), and Smart Manufacturing Execution System (SMES).

The SMC, SMO and SMES were discussed in detail with all in- and output communication between these components being defined, and how they will be interlinked via the Manufacturing Information Pipeline (MIP) which is a fundamental development of the FoFdation project and will be handled in WP 6, who held their Kick Off meeting on Tuesday 17th July.

During the WP 7 meeting, Delcam, as one of the Task Leaders, presented what they had achieved so far in terms of dissemination to the rest of the Consortium partners. Everyone was very impressed with the new logo, which represented the project objectives much better, the roller banner, and the new template for PowerPoint presentations. This template, along with others for agendas and minutes, will be used from now onwards by all partners for all FoFdation project meetings. Social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter have also been created and were shared with partners, as well as a mock-up of the fresh new look website that Delcam will now manage.

Whilst a lot of hard work has already been done to raise awareness of the project which is already halfway through, there is plenty more to do. All partners in the project had a very positive reaction to everything that was shown and also what will be happening in the future, and this will enable the project to push forwards in all areas.

The meetings were hugely successful in sharing outcomes, and also as an open forum where face-to-face discussions could take place in a formal but friendly environment, ensuring that everyone had a clear understanding of results to date, work to be undertaken, and the direction that the project is going in. It was an enjoyable trip leaving all partners feeling optimistic about the remainder of the project and looking forward to the next meeting.

For more information about the FoFdation project visit <http://www.fofdation-project.eu> and the project's social media pages, including Facebook (#fofdationproject) and Twitter (@FoFdation).

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