



First Data Analysis TNA Periodic Report

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The first three milestones due in the first reference period have been attained.

A web page was prepared to describe the TNA activities offered under Work Package 5, Data Analysis. The page is hosted at the University of Leicester and will be utilised for each call as required. The web page version for the second call is at

http://ardbeg.star.le.ac.uk/ahead/ahead_may4.php

The web page was opened for the first call on 2015 December 10 and remained open until 2016 January 15. The call was advertised via a variety of professional email distribution lists (such as the RAS, the IAU and COSPAR) as well as being on-line at the institutes and on the main AHEAD web site. By the closing date 16 proposals had been received for 95 visit days (plus travel time). This was in line with our expectation of 480 visit days over the course of the scheme (6 calls).

The applications were sent to the international NA-TNA Selection Committee along with a set of criteria by which to judge suitability. Based on the review scores, 14 of the 16 applicants were awarded TNA funding. The unsuccessful applicants, who were both considered as viable future candidates, were encouraged to resubmit in future rounds.

The 14 successful applicants from the first call visited their chosen hosts during the next six months. Of the eight possible host institutes available, six hosted visitors during the first period. After completion of their visit, all visitors completed a report on their activities and all of them were complementary of both the scheme and the host institution, complementing the training they received and hoping to maintain research links.

The second call was opened on 2016 May 16 and closed on 2016 June 30. This call resulted in 12 applications. Following the same review process as for the first call, all 12 proposals from the second call were approved with visitors spread across seven of the eight hosts. These visits will occur over the next six months.