Hi Ian,

How are you? I would like to obtain your opinion regarding an important decision I will take. I received recently an opportunity to do a post-doc in Italy (3 years) in my previous university in Torino. I think I would like to return back to academia in the future so for me it is a good opportunity. I know the challenges that there will be in the academic career but I could always go back to industry if I’ll see that is too difficult. My long term plan was to return back to Italy, so I think that this one is a good opportunity also to create good contacts in Italy for a possible job there in the marine industry also if there is probably a lot less possibilities compared to UK.

I am not really happy to leave MPS because at the moment it is quite stimulating and there are very interesting projects. I will also miss the team. So I was thinking maybe I could do a post-doc partially funded by MPS? I am not sure if it is a realistic idea so I would like to know your opinion about it. This post-doc will help me to increase the number of publications that I think is a requirement for an academic career. So I could publish and work partially with the university in Torino and partially with MPS. This is for now just my idea and I still need to notice John about this post-doc offer and my possible decision. The University in Torino is quite flexible for when I can start the post-doc even next April would be ok.

Your advise will be really helpful and precious for me.

Many thanks,

Emilio