

ISEB 18th Executive Board Meeting 12 November 2007 1730.

Taupo Great Lake Center

Attendees: Ron Oremland, Grant Ferris, Doug Capone, Jerzy Weber, Goran Kniewald, Bill Ghiorse, J. Faganeli, Murat Budakoglu, Mustafa Kumral, Jenny Webster-Brown.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 by Grant Ferris

1. Next meeting. Oliver Dilly proposed the 3rd or 4th week in September 2009. The last meeting in Germany was in 1977.

Title- Biogeochemical buffers. Oliver outlined 9 topics/ themes: Global changes, biogeochemical changes, more detailed sediments soil sessions, adjustment to extreme conditions, ecological and social assessments, urban aspects.

He suggested involvement of organizations and representatives of other countries from the European Union. The European Union is big on biogeochemical issues now.

There is the possibility of 3 excursions involving the meeting themes: e.g. human impacts on biogeochemical cycles.

Possible venues include the Technical University of Brandenburg in Berlin, Hamburg and a third option in Cottbus. More information on this soon.

National committee for the meeting. University of Hamburg, Eva Marie Pfeiffer, Reinhard Huttel- several others including reps from other EU countries..

Antje Botius and/ or Marcel Kuypers from Max Planck Marine Microbiology were suggested. Doug C. suggested possibly bringing in someone from Kiel. Also, Maren Voss at the Baltic Sea Institute.

Possible funding sources - German National Foundation.

2. Future Meetings. Grant noted many people from the EU interested in hosting the ISEB meetings. Having them on the organizing committee would be good and he encourage this.

Grant: Looking down the road, there are a number of other people interested in hosting meetings.

Croatia/ Slovenia proposal: Goran Kniewald,– ISEB should consider his hosting a meeting in Croatia. Joint meeting with my distinguished colleague from Slovenia, J. Faganeli. Possibly organize jointly by Slovenia and Croatia. He has a very tentative plan at this time- but will provide a more informative proposal to present at 2009 meeting with a target for either 2011 or 2013. Have had 3 or 4 successful meetings together and participants have been quite happy with them. Both Kniewald and J. Faganeli at marine/estuarine sciences, so marine themes as well as all other biogeochemical themes. With regard to logistics, we just had a meeting by Jim Cloern on the Istria peninsula. One possibility is to do first 2 meetings days in one country, then visit the only Adriatic fjord and then move to the other country. It would be a matter of detail- a movable

meeting - would move the hotel. Perhaps 2 days in Provins and then to Potiroch and 2 days at the other site. A day of transfer.
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Grant: it is not a trivial task to bring together, might need some lead time.

Turkish proposal: Mustafa Kumral (kumral@itu.edu.tr), and Murat Budakoglu (budak@itu.edu.tr) from Istanbul Technical University Faculty of Mines, Department of Geology Ore Deposits and Geochemistry Divisions, Maslak, Istanbul, Turkey. They offer to organize a symposium in Istanbul, have a great facility and sponsors for the program will not be a problem. They have lots of experience and just had a successful meeting last year. In 95 and 99 ran meeting in industrial geology. Every 2 or 3 years. Have the Turkish University, NSF. There are lots of geothermal systems. For excursions. Can do it in 2011.
Microbiology and geochemist are interested and there is increasing interest in these areas.

Grant: Executive board is a sounding board. We will take forward Oliver's proposal for the next ISEB to the IC, as well as these preliminary proposals about future meetings.

3, Appreciation for NZ Meeting.

Ron O: Deep thanks and appreciation for Jenny Webster-Brown and the National Committee for doing the Taupo (Toe-paw) meeting. It is gratifying to me that as I move out of the presidency this year we have 3 meetings lined up.

4. Treasurer's report from Bill Ghiorse.

Treasurer's report was circulated 31 Oct to IC. Several comments about the ISEB account. We are paying more taxes but just about staying even. We have not spent a lot of money on things.

The proceeds of the ISEB 2005 was \$20,000 US dollars. came directly to NZ. No additional request from Jenny and the NZ organizers.

Motion to accept the report, seconded and report accepted.

5. Secretary Report by Doug Capone.

Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were circulated/edited and circulated again 5 Nov 2007 by email.

Motion to accept, seconded. Minutes accepted.

Status of the Executive Board- terms expiring.

Ron Oremland is stepping down as President

Jerzy Weber's term is up as Vice Chair.

Phillipe vanCapellen as Member at Large

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Oliver Dilly will become the next member on the executive board as National if meeting approved by IC

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About 25 of 60 IC member terms due for reappointment. Need to consult IC about reappointment.

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King, G.

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Krumbein, W.

Maderia, M.

Maritkaninen, P.

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Oremlan, R.

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Rosling, A.

Senesi, N.

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Wagner, M.

Weber, J.

The EB recommended reappointment of all except Gallardo, Madeira, Nannipieri, Oren, Villegas-Delgado, and Wagner. This will be presented to the IC.

Website subcommittee: Grant- Nothing happening here and expect to dissolve itself (Jill Banfield and others). Still need a lot of content but at least we have a presence on the world wide web. Has been very useful for NZ meeting.

Doug C.- we have a history from Henry, but there was an issue of copyright from geomicrobial journal. Need to update the status here.

Nominations subcommittee: Brad Tebo (absent).

Grant- We have one nomination for president. Jacques Berthelin.

Also, for Member at large, Phil Bennett to replace P. Van Cappellen.

Doug C. and Jerzy W. willing to stay on in their positions.

Other Business:

Grant- Raising ISEB Visibility. ISEB sponsorship of Workshops & short courses.

Try to move on this- talked about it with Gary King. Encourage IC members to include on Workshops or short Courses they already are planning as well as those in the future.

Grant- also, we should try to get an endowment. \$500,000 to a million dollars would be ideal to help with meeting organization. We might need a trust.

Grant has discussed with this with Phil Bennett who is familiar with raising private endowment at U Texas (Oil money). He is willing to run with this ball and see what we can do.

Additional comments and motions.

No old business.

New business. EB and IC motions....

We will talk Oliver's motion for the meeting in 2009 to the IC.

Vishniac Award: There are 4 nominations. Grant, Bill, and Larry will judge it.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 1830.

**IC Meeting called to order by Grant Ferris at @ 1700 13 Nov 2007
Great Lake Center**

Grant Ferris, Ron Oremland, Geoff Gadd, Bill Ghiorse, Larry Miller, Oliver Dilly, Doug Capone, Nicola Sensi, Anna Gorbushina, Jerzy Weber, Goran Kniewald, Mustafa Kumral, Murat Budakoglu, Jacques Berthelin, Jenny Webster-Brown, Siobhan Staunton, Tsutomu Hattori, Kazuyuki Inubushi, Fumio Kitajima, John Parkes.

Motion made by Grant and seconded by Ron to thank to Jenny Webster-Brown and her national committee for all their excellent work.

Treasurers's report: (Bill Ghiorse) - for 2 years, it is pretty flat @ \$25,000 US. We have just paid some fees.

Motion made to accept Treasuere's report by Grant and then seconded by Capone and Jerzy Weber.

Secretary's Report: (Doug Capone)

The minutes of the last meeting which were circulated for final acceptance 5 Nov 07.

Motion to accept by Grant, seconded by Ron.

Future Meeting Venues.

1. Germany 2009

Oliver Dilly proposed a meeting in Germany in 2009.

Main Theme: Environmental Biochemical Stability. He wants to extend it on some other topics: Global change, Human impacts, soils, environmental biogeochemistry and social and economic assessments. Oliver will put together a German team with some folks from the EU, not just Germany.

He will propose 3 excursions e.g. to an open cast mining, one with an urban biogeochemical theme, perhaps one focusing on long term biogeochemical events.

Three possible venues- Cotworst, Berlin, and Hamburg. Folks seemed most interested in Berlin but can't have more than 250 people in Berlin.

Oliver's preference is Hamburg.

Target registration level - about 400 to 450 level.

Siobhan asked possibility of students accommodations and Oliver said there will be discounted rates for doctoral students.

September is the best month, classes have not started.

Grant thanked Oliver stating we will follow it closely as things develop.

2. Beyond 2009

We now have two other parties interested in 2011, 2013 Geochemistry departments from Istanbul and Croatia/ Slovenia. Both groups have had previous experiment with meetings.

Istanbul proposal: Mustafa Kumral (kumral@itu.edu.tr), and Murat Budakoglu (budak@itu.edu.tr) from Istanbul Technical University Faculty of Mines, Department of Geology Ore Deposits and Geochemistry Divisions, Maslak, Istanbul, Turkey. They offer to organize a symposium in Istanbul, have a great facility and sponsors for the program will not be a problem. For a possible Turkish meeting, the Turkish NSF maybe will put in \$30000 and the University will support it as well. The University does not charge for our convention centers.

They have lots of experience and just had a successful meeting last year. In 95 and 99 ran meeting in industrial geology. Every 2 or 3 years. 41st Forum of industrial geology. There are lots of geothermal systems for excursions. Did a 5 day field trip.

Istanbul is a great place. Can do it in 2011.

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Grant- The call for nominations was put up on the website and our ad hoc nominations Committee was Brad Tebo. Brad ended up with 2 nominations: Jacques Berthelin for the position of President and Phil Bennett from the University of Texas for a member at large. Yesterday, I talked with Jerzy Weber and I think he agreed to stand as vice-chair again and Doug Capone has agreed to stay on as secretary.

Nominations were open from the floor with none forthcoming. Nominations were then closed.

Larry Miller made a motion to move on this as a slate, which was seconded. A call for a vote was unanimous.

Jacques Berthelin says the job will be easy with a great Secretary and Treasurer.

Grant moved to acknowledge Ron O's many years of outstanding service to the organization.

Ron- I have been on the EB for 20 years, but we need to move people out and bring in New people.

The Secretary then read the names of those on the IC up for reappointment. About 25 of 60 IC member terms.

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The EB had some recommendations on who not to reappoint. J. Gallardo, M. Madeira, P. Nannipieri, A. Oren, R. Villegas-Delgado, and M. Wagner.

Grant- call for a motion.

Larry M. moved on the acceptance as a block. Bill G. second.

Grant called for a vote.

Vote was again unanimous.

The following nominations have come in:

Murat Budakoglu from Istanbul, Turkey
Slavomir Wilkomerski from Warsaw, Poland
Vernon Phoenix from Glasgow, Scotland
Yoshira Takahashi from Japan
Isabelle Auvray – France
Lesley Warren – Canada
J. Faganeli- Slovenia

Grant opened the floor for further nominations.

Jenny suggested Australian representative –
Simon Apte and Peter Franzmann – Australia

Bruce Mountain, NZ was also suggested.

Goren suggested J. Faganeli from Slovenia, who would on the Croatia/ Slovenia meeting.

Larry Miller moved that we vote on the new IC members as a block. Jerzy and Ron Oremland second it. The vote was unanimous.

4. New business

Grant- Things that are evolving, new developments.

Talked with Gary King and Jacques about doing ISEB sponsored short courses and workshops.. To use them as a vehicle for greater identification and to help finance meetings for the future.

Jacques suggested to do them at special sites e.g. contaminated site covering both practical and theoretical aspects.

Grant- Phil Bennett is coming on board EB to help find endowment for the society.

\$500,000 to \$1M would be the target- which could conservatively yield an annual fund of \$25,000 to \$50,000 at 5% to help finance the meetings

Need to give it a good old college try, something to continue talking about.

Bill G- if you want to do this, then we really have to have an image that appeals to Donors- e.g. Environmental change and sustainability. We might partner with Folks that already have workshops going.

Grant- Any other new business?

Motion to adjourn.. Ron O - so move.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Note added 13 Mar:

Subsequent to the meeting, Grant Ferris in an email to the IC (28 Nov 07) proposed establishment of an ISEB Fellowship and proposed

J. Skujins
H. Ehrlich
G. Stotzsky
R. Hallberg
R. Oremland

This motion was unanimously accepted.

Also, Jim Davis was also nominated and elected to the IC.