
EUROMARC

Second Scientific Committee Meeting

Wednesday 17 September 2008, 14:00-15:30

Belambra Clubs, La Colle-sur-Loup, France

– Draft Minutes –

Present : Gilbert Camoin, Jose Monteiro, Gert De Lange, Eystein Jansen, Rolph-Birger Pedersen, Trond Dokken, Didier Hauglustaine, Anne-Sophie Gablin

Absent : Andrew Wheeler, Dick Kroon

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda adopted without any changes

2. **Reporting on Networking Activities in 2008**

The following networking activities have been organised in 2008:

- EGU General Assembly 2008: a EuroMARC session was organised in the framework of EuroFORUM 2008
- A workshop on *The geology of coral-rich carbonate systems: from tropical shallow water to cold, deep-water settings*, was organised by Andrew Wheeler and Gilbert Camoin on 5-8 May 2008, Sicily, Italy
- The First EuroMARC annual conference was held in La Colle-sur-Loup, France, 14-18 September 2008

3. **Discussion and Planning of the Networking activities for 2009**

It is agreed to have a EuroMARC session at EGU GA 2009. The deadline for session submission is on 19 September.

Action: Didier to centralise information and submit to the Copernicus system.

Concerning the situation of the budget for 2009, at least 90 000 EUR are anticipated as a total budget for EuroMARC networking activities. A list of activities will need to be provided by the end of the year by the Project Leaders after consultation with their PIs.

The present members agreed on a list of activities to be planned for 2009:

- 1 annual conference in Fall 2009
- 1 session at EGU GA 2009

- 2 workshops are anticipated
- 1 Summer school (ESSAC): 15 scholarships are provided through ECORD + fund the organisation. Is there any possibility for ESF/EMARC to fund scholarships and be involved in an ECORD summer school.
- Short term visits will be proposed.

Moreover, the format of the first annual conference was discussed and some comments were brought up to help out for the organisation of the next annual meeting:

- There should be less talks in order to avoid redundancy
- Some time should be allocated for breakout groups, this informal time should be a minimum organised: should figure on the programme and not be mentioned only as informal breaks
- Time is also needed for discussions within Individual Projects
- In the content of the talks, results should be given but it is also important that potential problems are put on the table
- After all the presentations from a same Collaborative Research Project have been given, there is a need for an open discussion with all participants.
- Each project should base presentations on posters, however, the main findings should be presented by PhD students/PostDocs in plenary session. Such a conference is an excellent opportunity for the young researchers to give talks.
- More topics could be added to the programme according to the presentations proposed, especially during breakout groups.

It is brought to attention that the next conference should not be planned early September 2009, neither on the last week of September as there will be a big meeting in Bremen on that week.

The possibility to go to the Belambra Clubs in Giens is evoked. (*Post-meeting note from Anne-Sophie: the Belambra general conditions have recently changed and they are now charging enormous amounts for cancellation charges from 60 days prior to the event: such anticipation is very difficult for the organisation of such a meeting and it might be preferable to find a different venue.*)

4. Dissemination & Communications Activities

Due to the changes in the financial situation of the EUROCORES in general, the acknowledgement wording has now changed to:

Action: new acknowledgement to be sent to all PLs and circulated to all PIs and all Project Members

EuroMARC Logo: first contacts have been taken, will soon be finalised and circulated.

Concerning internal communication, the PLs would like to receive a time schedule concerning the information to be delivered from Scientific Committee as well as the suitable deadlines.

5. Link with other activities and programs

There is a possibility with EuroDEEP and MAGELLAN. The SC of these programmes will be approached.

6. Election of the chair of the SC

At the first euroMARC meeting in 2007, the chair (Andrew Wheeler) and co-chair (Gilbert Camoin) of the SC had been elected for a year.

It is unanimously agreed that the co-chair should become chair and that a new co-chair should be elected

New chair: Gilbert Camoin

New co-chair: Trond Dokken

Action: the yearly chairs and co-chairs should be announced on the website.
Post-meeting comment: these have been added on the EuroMARC SC webpage.

7. Any Other Business

The RETRO researchers are facing problems with using shiptime, there is a need for a more reliable access to shiptime: demand for European facilities. There is some support from the French state (Marion Dufresne), but half needs to be funded by other sources.

Action: ESF to write a support letter for RETRO shiptime proposals to ANR.