
EUROMARC

Third Scientific Committee Meeting

Tuesday 14th September 2009, 21:00-21:30

Club Belambra, La Presqu'île de Giens, France

-Minutes -

Present: Trond Dokken, Kikki Kissel (in place of Eystein Jansen), Gert De Lange, Dick Kroon, Thomas Felis (in place of Gilbert Camoin), Alexander Thomas (in place of Gilbert Camoin), Fernando Barriga (in place of Rolf-Birger Pedersen), Shane Murphy

Apologies: Gilbert Camoin, Eystein Jansen, Rolf-Birger Pedersen

1. Adoption of the agenda

Agenda Adopted

2. Reporting on Networking and Dissemination Activities in 2009

EuroMARC activities organised this year are:

- EGU General General Assembly 2009: a EuroMARC session was organised
- The second EuroMARC Annual Conference was held in La Presqu'île de Giens, France
- 2 Junior Researchers have received travel grants to attend the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2009.
- 1 Junior Researcher received a travel grant to attend the 79th Annual Meeting of the German Paleontological Society.

3. Discussion and Planning of the Networking activities for 2010

It was agreed that cross CRP interaction has been limited to date due to the fact that all CRP are heavily dependent on field campaigns which require extensive work at the start of the programme – therefore networking stage only starts in earnest towards the latter half of the programme. For this reason a transfer of funding from this year to next is required.

Action: Shane to move unspent money in budget from this year into next year.

A joint EuroMARC / EuroDEEP / MICROSYSTEMS (a CRP in EuroDIVERSITY) session has been submitted for EGU General Assembly 2010. All CRP's are stressed to encourage attendance at this event as well as raise awareness of the session. Kikki states that all AMOCINT students will be present at this meeting.

The format for the 3rd annual conference was discussed with the following suggestions:

- There should be more Junior Researcher presentations as the conference is an excellent opportunity for early stage researchers to give oral presentations.
- Conference should be run during week days rather than involving the weekend.
- A dissemination day could be organised as part of the EuroMARC final conference
- The last meeting should focus on publications from EuroMARC

There is general agreement among the members present to have the 3rd and final EuroMARC conference in Lisbon at the suggestion of Fernando Barriga. There is also preference to stage the conference in January 2011 as university term time makes attendance for Project Leaders and Principle Investigators very difficult. However, it is noted that this date is after the end of the run time of the EuroMARC programme.

Action: Shane is to investigate the possibility of extending the run time of the EuroMARC programme.

The following activities for 2010 were agreed by the members present

- A joint EuroMARC / EuroDEEP / EuroDIVERSITY session at EGU 2010
- 1 Annual conference held towards the end of 2010/beginning of 2011 if possible
- Workshops/meeting to be organised based on themes proposed during open discussions at annual meeting
- Short term travel grants are to be utilised

Concern regarding the dissemination of information about EuroMARC events and grants was raised with information about available travel grants and events not always reaching Junior Researchers.

Action: Shane to compile a list of the Junior Researchers in the EuroMARC programme with the help of PLs who will provide names and e-mail addresses of Junior Researchers in their CRP. ESF can directly contact the Junior Researchers regarding programme events and grants that are on offer.

4. Dissemination & Communications Activities

EuroMARC logo: there was a general consensus that it was too late for any future work on a logo and that the EuroMARC banner would be sufficient

For the final year of the programme the following dissemination activities were proposed:

- a general publication about EuroMARC in EOS should be made
- the organisation of a dissemination day at the last EuroMARC conference where the media are invited to attend.

There was general agreement that production of an interactive CD as a dissemination tool should be looked at in more detail. It was proposed that a similar format to that used in the EuroDEEP CD could be used with Junior Researchers from the different CRP's helping in the CD's creation.

Action: Shane to contact company used by other EuroCORES programmes

Post meeting note: Shane has established contact with the company, GeolD, used by other EuroCORES programmes in producing interactive dissemination CDs and they are very interested in engaging with EuroMARC. An example of the pricing will be sent to the SC.

Action: Shane to contact the Communications Unit in ESF about help with regard to a dissemination day

5. Link with other activities and programs

A joint MiCROSYSTEMS (a CRP in EuroDIVERSITY) / CHECREEF (a CRP in EuroMARC) Workshop and Field Seminar will take place in Oviedo, Spain, from 16 – 20 September 2009 entitled *Carbonate Mounds in Shallow and Deep Time*

A joint EuroMARC/EuroDEEP/MiCROSYSTEMS session has already been proposed for the EGU 2010 meeting.

Andy Wheeler stated that there has been links between the EuroMARC CRP Carbonate and the European Commission's Framework 7 programme HERMIONE (Hotspot Ecosystem Research and Man's Impact on European Seas) in terms of data sharing and personal.

There was a general consensus that links between EuroMARC and ECORD should be examined.

Action: Shane to ask Gilbert Camoin to explore possible links between EuroMARC and ECORD

6. Election of the chair of the SC

New Chair: Trond Dokken

New co-chair: Gert de Lange

Action: the yearly chair and co-chair will be announced on the EuroMARC webpage

7. AOB

None