



IAI Council Meeting Minutes

SCAR - XXXII Open Science Conference, Portland, Oregon
Tuesday 17 July 2012

McCormick & Schmicks (Habourside at the Marina) Seafood restaurant 6.30- 10pm

Delegates:

Dr Alain Hubert, Chairman of the International Polar Foundation, Bruxelles
Ms Nighat.F.D. Johnson-Amin, International Polar Foundation, Bruxelles
Associate Professor Satoshi Imura, National Institute for Polar Research, Japan
Dr Mitsuo Fukuchi, National Institute for Polar Research, Japan
Assoc. Prof. Dr Wan Maznah Wan Omar Universiti Sains Malaysia
Professor Eugene Domack Hamilton College, USA
Dr Shigeru Aoki, Institute of Low Temperature Science, Hokkaido University, Japan
Professor Dr Wilhelm Hagen, Universität Bremen, Germany
Professor Bryan Storey, University of Canterbury, NZ
Dr Azizan Abu Samah, University of Malaya
Dr Carlos Alberto Ricci Universita' di Siena, Italy
Professor Andrew McMinn, IAI Director
Dr Patti Virtue, IAI secretariat

Representatives from the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists: Rob Johnson (for Zhongnan Jia- APECS Oceania President), Tosca Ballerini and Dr Alexey Pavlov, APECS President.

Apologies:

Dr Victor Fajardo, Rector, Universidad de Magallanes, Chile
Dr Carlos Rios Cardoza, Universidad de Magallanes, Chile
Associate Professor Else Nost Hegseth- University of Tromso
Dr Eva Bucciarelli, Universite de Bretagne Occidentale and European Institute for Marine Studies
Professor Julian Dowdeswell -Scott Polar
Professor Berry Lyons, Byrd Polar Institute, USA (concurrent meetings)
Professor Miquel Canals, Universitat de Barcelona
Dr Phillippe Koubbi, Université Pierre et Marie Curie- Paris VI
Dr Yves Frenot, IPEV, French Polar Institute
Dr Claudia Hanfland, Alfred Wegener Institute, Germany

- 1) Director's introduction- Prof Andrew McMinn
- 2) Chairman's address - Sir Guy Green

*Message from the Chairman to the Members of the Council
Portland Oregon 17 July 2012*

2014 will mark the tenth anniversary of the meeting held in Hobart when the proposal to set up the International Antarctic Institute was endorsed and agreement was reached upon the form it should take.

In the time which has passed since then the Institute has been shown to be a viable and productive concept which can add real value to an institution's Antarctic programmes.

I suggest that the Institute is also fulfilling a wider role. The Antarctic culture has never been stronger. The Antarctic Treaty System continues to grow both in terms of membership and the scope of its work and is proving itself to be robust and resilient; the global significance of Antarctic science is now being recognised and the political ethos which underpins the Antarctic culture is being respected and defended. The IAI contributes to the reinforcement and continuing development of that culture.

In order to realise its full potential the Institute now needs to move onto the next stage of its development. I do hope that the members of the council will endorse the proposal that a meeting be held in Hobart in 2014 at which a strategic review of the IAI will be undertaken with a view to taking the Institute to that next stage.

*I extend my best wishes for an interesting and productive meeting.
Sir Guy Green*

- 3) IAI activities – staff and student exchanges
Professor Willy Hagen, Dr Shigeru Aoki, Dr Patti Virtue and others
- 4) Scholarships: discussion on ways to increase IAI activity- it was proposed that to be considered an active IAI member, at least one student (or staff member) must travel to another member institute per year (in the form of one student scholarship per year or staff travel to contribute to either teaching or research associated with students). This would be trialed for the next year, and then put to council for consideration as a condition of IAI membership.

This proposal was not accepted- rather it was suggested that it would be applied to new members only.

5) New membership discussion

- New member: Shanghai Oceans, China (MOU to be signed in September 2012)
- Potential new members: KORPRI Korea, Moscow, Uruguay

6) Proposal to hold a special Council meeting in Hobart in 2014 to review the conditions of membership, strategic direction and administration of the IAI.

As the next SCAR Open Science Conference 2014 was announced today (Tuesday 17 July 2012) it was agreed that this IAI special meeting could be held in Auckland in conjunction with this SCAR 2014 meeting.

7) Proposal that the Secretariat continue to be funded and located at the University of Tasmania until the 2014 meeting.

8) Representatives from the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists: Rob Johnson (Zhongnan Jia), Tosca Ballerini and Dr Alexey Pavlov discussed ways IAI and APECS can work together.