



**IMBER Executive Committee Meeting  
7 April 2010  
Virtual Meeting**

**Minutes**

**ATTENDEES:**

**IMBER SSC members:**

Javier Aristegui (Spain)  
Julie Hall (Past-Chair, New Zealand)  
Eileen Hofmann, (Chair, USA)  
Carol Robinson (UK)  
Mike Roman (USA)

**IPO staff:**

Sophie Beauvais  
Lisa Maddison

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## **Introduction**

Eileen Hofmann thanked everyone for attending. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss the draft agenda for the IMBER SSC meeting in May.

### **1 Review of the action items from the previous meeting**

- 1.1 Eileen sent a letter of appreciation for Nick Owens, the Director of BAS, to Eugene for his comments.
- 1.2 Mike Roman to invite Eric Schwab from the National Marine Fisheries Service to attend the SSC meeting on 7 May.
- 1.3 Salvador Lluch-Cota will provide slides and a report on SPACC for the SSC meeting. There is interest in developing a SPACC program within IMBER.
- 1.4 IMBER nominated Javier, Wajih and Jean-Pierre as IPCC AR5 reviewers. Eileen mentioned the importance of continuing to include IMBER representatives in this activity.

**ACTION:** MIKE TO INVITE ERIC SCHWAB TO ATTEND THE SSC MEETING

### **2 Funding Proposals**

COST Action preliminary proposals were submitted for IMBER and the SOLAS-IMBER Ocean Acidification (SIOA) group. Reviews are expected by mid-May

On the subject of Ocean Acidification, Mike suggested that someone from the OA office at NOAA be invited to the SSC meeting.

**ACTION:** EILEEN TO CONTACT BETH TURNER AT NOAA TO INVITE THE RELEVANT PERSON FROM THE OCEAN ACIDIFICATION OFFICE TO THE SSC MEETING

### **3 IMBIZO**

- 3.1 Eileen has sent a draft NSF funding proposal to Julie and Mike. It will be submitted to Dave Garrison, Don Rice and Peter Milne for joint funding from their programs. The request is for \$25K to fund early career US scientists to attend the IMBIZO.
- 3.2 Eileen asked about the possibility of extending the registration deadline to allow time to advertise this potential funding. Julie was amenable to this, but there should be only a single extension. She suggested that there be a push for registrations now and a review of the new deadline on 15 April (original deadline).

**ACTION:** LISA TO SEND A DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT RE THE IMBIZO CLOSING DATE TO JULIE

### **4 SIBER Science Plan and SSC membership**

The Draft Science Plan has been sent to the reviewers (deadline 16 April 2010). Julie and Nick D'Adamo will compile a report from these to make recommendations to IMBER and IOGOOS in time for the SSC meeting.

Concern was expressed regarding the proposed SSC membership – its size and the gender and geographic balance. Also, some members have been invited to serve on the SSC, but it is the prerogative of the IMBER SSC to invite people. The rotation of members that has been suggested is not appropriate. It was agreed that the SIBER SSC should comprise 8-10 people. Mike offered to speak to Raleigh Hood regarding this. Eileen was also available to speak to him should this be required.

**ACTION:** MIKE TO SPEAK TO RALEIGH HOOD REGARDING THE SIBER SSC MEMBERSHIP

### **5 SSC meeting (5-7 May 2010)**

The draft agenda for the meeting was discussed.

Mike asked about if Scott Doney and Kendra Daly had been invited to the meeting. Scott will attend (probably only for the last 1.5 days). Eileen will invite Kendra.

Regarding the presentations for the agencies, Julie suggested that speakers be given guidelines about the message that needs to be put across. Eileen agreed and said that they need to show the agencies that IMBER science is relevant to their programs. She and Mike could put together information about the programs and web sites that would help the presenters structure their talks. Carol suggested that draft

presentations, showing the structure and main points, should be sent to Lisa by 26 April 2010, to ensure that they compliment and reinforce each other.

Carol pointed out that the 'Human Dimensions' and 'Synthesis and Integration' topics were not on the agenda. Eileen explained that they form part of the 'Way Forward discussion. Eileen commented that the discussion about the 'Way Forward for IMBER' requires a product, so that it is not open-ended. Carol suggested an 'action plan' listing the deliverables.

Julie suggested moving the budget report to Thursday, to allow more time for the presentations on Friday. Mike proposed inviting Phil Taylor to give a short presentation about the programs and how the agencies see them interfacing with IMBER. Information about joint funding announcements would also be useful.

It was suggested that a working lunch be organised in the Keck room and that the discussions to explore commonalities between IMBER research and agency goals continue until 15:00.

Carol requested that the list of Actions from the Exec Committee and previous SSC meeting be sent to SSC members prior to the meeting in Washington DC.

It had been suggested that a representative from LOICZ be invited to attend the SSC meeting. Julie said that invitations were sometimes extended to the Chairs of SOLAS, GLOBEC or LOICZ, but with the understanding that it was for their own expense. It was agreed that LOICZ should be invited to this meeting.

**ACTION:** EILEEN TO INVITE KENDRA DALY TO ATTEND THE SSC MEETING

**ACTION:** EILEEN AND MIKE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FEDERAL AGENCIES' PROGRAMS

**ACTION:** LISA AND EILEEN TO SEND THE REVISED AGENDA TO THE EXEC FOR FINAL COMMENTS

**ACTION:** LISA TO SEND THE FINAL AGENDA TOGETHER WITH THE LETTER THAT HAS BEEN DRAFTED TO THE FUND MANAGERS ON 16 APRIL 2010

**ACTION:** IPO TO SEND ACTION LIST TO SSC MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE SSC MEETING

**ACTION:** IPO TO SEND AN INVITATION TO THE SSC MEETING TO THE CHAIR OF LOICZ

## **6 National contacts**

- 6.1 Sophie reported that the role of IMBER national contacts is to provide links with IMBER science and to promote IMBER in their countries. Unfortunately, contact thus far has been very poor.
- 6.2 There are currently only 24 IMBER national contacts. Carol suggested that each SSC member could begin to collaborate with scientists who are not integrated into IMBER, from two or three 'new' countries. Javier stated that many people are involved in IMBER activities, but do not communicate this to the IPO. He considered that they would welcome the publicity of their work. Carol suggested that the uncommunicative national contacts should be contacted (perhaps phoned) to suggest an alternate. The COST Action had shown that there are many IMBER activities going on and IMBER could provide the international network. Eileen suggested that this be included as an agenda item for the SSC meeting.

## **7. Budget**

- 7.1 Lisa presented the budget report. There are still unspent funds from the previous SCOR NSF grant, and this year's grant has not been used yet. Although the final balance is still negative (-\$14 737) this includes several amounts that have been allocated for activities that may not take place.
- 7.2 A request for support for the PICES, ICES and IOC second symposium on "Effects of Climate Change on the World's Oceans" from May 14-18, 2012, in Yeosu (Republic of Korea) has been received. It was agreed that it is important for IMBER to maintain contact with these projects and that some level of support should be provided. The amount will be decided at a later date.

**ACTION:** IPO TO SEND A LETTER TO ALEX BYCHKOV STATING THAT IMBER WILL SUPPORT THE WORKSHOP BUT AT THIS STAGE THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT IS UNDECIDED

**Other business**

Regarding the development of the Human Dimensions topic, Mike asked whether IMBER would 'adopt' and continue the work of GLOBEC Focus 4 group. Eileen responded that this would be the case to a certain extent. The idea was for IMBER to use the information from the group and to decide how to take this forward. IGBP were supportive of this direction.

Mike mentioned the relevance of the OCB Summer Workshop (19-22 July 2010 in La Jolla, California) to IMBER and suggested that there needs to be an IMBER presence there. Topics include: Arctic, Low oxygen regions and Benthic-pelagic coupling. Carol may attend. Eileen was hoping that George Hunt from ESSAS would be there. She mentioned the IMBER poster that is being prepared for the IPY meeting and suggested that it could be used for people to easily present IMBER at meetings. Carol noted that there as a call out for speakers. The deadline was 7 April 2010.