

PAGES ExCom Meeting
San Francisco, Crown Plaza Hotel
Union Square, 480 Sutter Street
Room Savoy
9 December 2001
13:00-18:00 (followed by dinner)

Attending ☐ Keith Alverson, Tom Pedersen, Vera Markgraf, Dominique Raynaud, Ashok Singhvi

Regrets: Thomas Stocker

Guests: Julie Brigham Grette [entire meeting], Laurent Labeyrie [17:00-18:00], Ray Bradley [17:00-18:00]

Summary of Action items:

1. Ex-com discussed and approved the 2000 ex-com minutes (San Francisco) and 2001 SSC minutes (Amsterdam)
2. Ex-com nominates the following SSC replacements after Moscow
 - For DeDecker: either Gagan or Goodwin
 - For Raynaud: either Valerie Masson or Catherine Ritz
 - For Pedersen: Shawn MarshallA Spanish and/or Italian scientist was considered a high priority to keep in mind.
- Action Item:** Alverson to obtain their CV's for discussion in Moscow. Although not discussed, KA will also announce SSC slots in newsletter and/or on listserv to ensure an open and free process.
3. Decisions on vice-chair and ex-com replacements after Moscow were delayed. Ex com will consider this either in Moscow or a fall ex-comm meeting next year or by email.
4. Several points from Dave Verardo were discussed. A decision was made to be open to all suggestions as how to better engage PAGES with the US. Several proactive measures were planned as well. It was agreed to invite Verardo to all future ssc and ex-com meetings. It was decided that the IPO should begin a process of broadening national contributions to PAGES after consultation with IGBP to ensure this is ok with them.

Action Item: KA to initiate a PAGES session at INQUA congress in July 23-31, 2003. 2003 SSC meeting to be held in or near RENO alongside INQUA congress

Action Item: KA to discuss plan to broadening funding base with IGBP office

Action Item: All, to help the IPO find best way to obtain 10-50k US/dollar per year commitments from their home countries. Germany, Canada, France and UK are suggested as priority targets.

5. The Open Science Meeting was discussed. Ex-com preferred more plenaries and less parallel sessions than are in current draft format. It is vital that we come up with exciting question based themes for the sessions.

Action Item: IPO (Larocque) to coordinate a plan to present at Moscow SSC for discussion.

6. Ex com noted that the synthesis book is dragging on too long. Some members expressed the opinion that this was a flawed top-down operation from the start. The OSM output (QSR special issue) was viewed as a much more valuable PAGES product than this book is likely to be, both because it was in a journal and because it was driven by PAGES community interests.

7. Ex com accepted the idea of not supporting tasks and activities any longer. It was agreed that the leader of IMAGES should be the SC chair. [Labeyrie -2001, Curry 2002-]. We also discussed if we should move towards subsuming polar programs within PANASH and then have only 4 foci.

Action Item: Alverson to invite 5 focus leaders to Moscow. Require they present the status and 3-5 year future for their respective foci. Require they present a goal they are seeking to achieve. What is your vision. Who is on your committee. How can PAGES help. They are Bradley, Duplessy and/or Overpeck, Labeyrie and/or Curry, Saarnisto, Dearing. (and/or decisions are pending funding clarity). Ex-com was opposed to a meeting of all of the old task and activity leaders and in favor of ending most tasks and activities.

8. 2002 newsletter lineup was suggested to be dendro (larocque), isotopes (edwards), polar programs (Saarnisto/Brigham-Grette/Raynaud).

9. Ex-com suggested that Orange was an important trademark color for PAGES and that it should not be completely abandoned in the new website.

Action Item: IPO (Gratwohl) to ensure a sufficient amount of orange remains in new website so as not to lose the PAGES flavor that people know and love.

10. Ex-com discussed the major-minor foundation application and decided that this was advocacy that PAGES should not participate in. Should the grant be successful, PAGES should not accept it.

11. Funding decisions (all pending US agency decision)

7.1.1 Battarbee, LIMPACS workshop 4k low
low, reapply after booklet is produced, not a balanced group

7.1.2 Battarbee, LIMPACS booklet 7k medium
yes, only if draft is available prior to moscow

7.2 Grosjean, summer school 5k high
high

7.3	Dearing, office support	17k	no
	no		
7.4	Wooler, paleograsslands 2	5k	high
	yes, if not just more of same		
7.5	Bradley, Hadley cell	10k	high
	yes, REDIE plus PANASH steering group		
7.6	Dobberton, bibliography	3k	no
	no		

12. Ex com approved the 2001 and 2002 budgets presented
 13. Ex com approved moving to an ICSU per-diem system for meal reimbursements
 14. Ex com approved the plans to be more proactive in attracting visiting scientists to the IPO
 15. Ex com approved staffing suggestions, including minor raises for all staff. Additional changes include (1) moving Kull to level consistent with his University pay and increasing him to 80% (2) moving Alverson to professorial pay grade (3) A priority for replacing Larocque, with flexibility as to exactly when she leaves, with a developing country scientist.
 16. Ex com approved SSC meetings after Moscow at or near INQUA congress (Reno, July, 2003) followed by alongside the OSM2 (Beijing, May 2004). Future excom meetings were not discussed, but fall AGU continues to be an attractive venue since many people attend anyway so costs are low.
- Action Item:** IPO (larocque) to find venue in or near Reno and set dates for 2003 meeting, communicate to SSC well ahead of time.