

CNC-SCOR Mid-Year Conference Call

15 December 2014

12:00 - 13:00 Mountain Time

Agenda

1. 2014 SCOR Executive Committee Meeting
2. Committee membership
3. Young oceanographer's prize
4. Annual performance review
5. Contribution Agreement with DFO
6. Newsletter
7. Website
8. CNC-SCOR sponsorship of a GEOTRACES meeting
9. Canadian Marine Science Society
10. CMOS Congresses
11. Spring Annual Meeting

Participants: Rob Macdonald, Michel Mitchell, Paul Myers, Ian Perry, Bjorn Sundby, Len Zedel, Jody Klymak, Paul Lyon, Michael Scarratt

Regrets: Céline Guégen, Markus Kienast, Alfonso Mucci, Paul Snelgrove, Martin Taillefer, Harinder Ahluwalia, Andrew Bell, Jean-Éric Tremblay

Item added to Agenda:

Review and Approval of minutes from last meeting and review of action items

This item should be a permanent addition to the agendas of all future mid-year conference calls.

The minutes from the June 2014 CNC-SCOR meeting, distributed prior to the conference call, were approved without change.

The action items ensuing from the June 2014 annual meeting were reviewed. Most of the items not completed will be actioned in the next few days or discussed as agenda items during the conference call.

- 100th anniversary of the Fisheries Expedition: If Mike Sinclair is unable to provide an article for the newsletter, perhaps Bob Fournier from Dalhousie would be willing.

Action: Mitchell

- Thesis List: Committee members are to send to Mitchell the name of a contact person who can provide the list of graduate's thesis for their respective universities.

Action: All

Action: Mitchell to update the action items list and sent to committee members.

1. 2014 SCOR Executive Committee Meeting

Paul Myers attended the General Meeting on 15-17 September 2014 in Bremen, Germany. Of note is the approval of 3 new WGs: two -WGs were the highest priority for Canada, and the third WG was pushed by other countries.

The next meeting will be the 2015 Executive Meeting in Goa, India.

2. Committee membership

Paul will poll the committee members by email over the next few weeks. Addressing the identified vacancies will be handled by email afterward.

3. Young oceanographer's prize

CNC-SCOR no longer provides a scholarship supplement. This should be removed from the slides provided to the tour speakers. **Action: Mitchell**

The committee felt that CNC-SCOR should provide an award for an early career oceanographer. Such a named award presented to a person of merit would be of value on a CV and help the scientist in advancing his/her career.

For the 1st award, the CNC-SCOR could create criteria and choose a first recipient.

The award should include travel to the annual CMOS meeting and the recipient would be expected to present a paper. The future selection processes will have to be early in the year to ensure the winner has sufficient time to adjust his/her schedule to present at the following CMOS meeting.

The name of the award should be functional in both English and French. The award could be based on age considerations or on number of years since PhD.

Potential name: *CNC-SCOR Early Career Oceanography Prize*.

Action: P. Myers and Rob Macdonald will work together to prepare a proposal and submit to committee for review and consideration.

4. Annual performance review

The Annual Performance Review (APR) request has been received from NRC. The questionnaire is the same as last year's. Submission to NRC is due 17 January. Paul Lyon is the official contact person from DFO but he has yet to receive the request from NRC.

Action: Paul Myers will send the email from NRC to Paul Lyon;

Action: Paul Lyon to advise NRC that he is the official DFO contact by 17 Dec.

M. Mitchell has updated the information from last year's APR and distributed to committee members via email. Paul Myers will review Mitchell's draft and provide comments to Mitchell and committee. Paul will also sent the Scores from last year's APR to the committee. **Action: Myers**
Committee members will then provide comments and input to Mitchell. **Action: ALL**

5. Contribution Agreement with DFO

The current agreement with DFO ends on 31 March 2016, the end of DFO Fiscal year 2015-16. In order to facilitate the renewal of the agreement, the process should be initiated early in the new fiscal year. Paul Lyon was involved in the last renewal process that was coordinated between DFO and CMOS. CNC-SCOR should contact CMOS after April 2015 to recommend initiating the renewal process. Paul Lyon will likely be able to provide the required letters and documents.

Action: Mitchell, Lyon.

6. Newsletter

Committee members are reminded to continue seeking contributions from their organizations for submission to Mitchell for the newsletter.

7. Website

The CMOS web site has been re-designed. In the process, the CNC-SCOR page has all but disappeared because its format no longer fits the CMOS model. It is currently accessible through links on the CMOS archives section.

Action: Mitchell to contact new webmaster to request that a more direct link be created if possible.

Paul Myers has identified a person who is willing to assist with the re-design of our page. The committee agreed that \$1000-2000 could be expended toward this renewal project.

8. CNC-SCOR sponsorship of a GEOTRACES meeting

The GEOTRACES Scientific Steering Committee Annual Meeting will be held at UBC, from July 13-17, 2015. A request was sent to Paul for CNC-SCOR to support financially this meeting. A financial contribution of perhaps \$1000-2000 would provide visibility for CNC-SCOR. The committee wondered about the value of increasing our visibility to a community who is already well aware of SCOR. A better value for our dollar to improve our visibility would be to have an exhibitor's booth at the CMOS meeting in Whistler next spring.

Action: Paul M to contact the GEOTRACES meeting organizers and clarify what is actually being requested and email the committee for further discussion.

9. Canadian Marine Science Society

As follow up to the report of Canadian Academies and the ensuing discussions, Paul drafted a document "Do we need a Marine Science Society" that is to be included in the January newsletter. The document aims to get feedback from the ocean science community. Paul will send the draft to committee members for review and feedback.

Action: Myers, ALL

10. CMOS Congresses

The next CMOS congress is in Whistler, 31 May - 4 June 2015. The CMOS congress will be in Fredericton in 2016 and in Winnipeg in 2017.

The one element largely missing from the CMOS congress is Biology. Perhaps joint meetings every 2-3 years would be beneficial.

11. Spring Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be on Sunday 31 May 2015, the first day of the CMOS congress. It is sensible for us to continue having our annual meetings at the CMOS congress.