



# **IOC Steering Group for the Ocean Best Practices System (SG-OBPS)**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The IOC Ocean Best Practices System Steering Group (SG-OBPS) meets annually at a face-to-face/hybrid/online meeting. During the intervening months the SG-OBPS meets online monthly.

This report is the record of the online meeting for 10 February 2021

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## 1. Opening of the meeting

Jay Pearlman, SG-OBPS Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 20.00 UTC on Wednesday 10 February 2021. Apologies were received from, Peter Pissierssens; Kirsten Isensee; Frank Muller-Karger and Adam Leadbetter. A complete list of the meeting participants is shown in Annex I. Participants confirmed that they accepted that the meeting was to be recorded to assist with reporting purposes.

The meeting agenda had been provided [online](#) in GDrive one week before the meeting and Work Package(WP) leads had contributed topics they wished to report or discuss. A draft version of this meeting report will be provided to participants to give them the opportunity to provide any additional brief text for inclusion.

Jay Pearlman welcomed the participants and noted it had been a busy month, with the Decade Programme Application, OBPS Volunteers discussions, Strategic plan drafting and Budget submissions. He informed that agenda items in bold would be addressed first. Only the following agenda items were discussed in the one hour available.

## 2. 2021 Workshop V Planning

Johannes Karstensen outlined

- A first planning meeting was held Friday 5th February.
- Need teams to organise the WS5. SG agreed there should be a Logistics Committee and a Programme Committee and called for volunteers. CM, CH, JVS, JH, RP, AL, EH said they would be in the Programme Committee.
- A Chair or Co-Chairs needed for the overall workshop that would interact with both committees. Co-Chair role could be filled by an ECOP. A self nomination call has been made
- Sessions: pre-selected by the programme committee or an open call? If there was an open call it was agreed that we do not have to accept all of them. Our limit is probably 10 WG. A question in the call could be "Why do you wish to have your meeting as part of the OBPS WS?; "What is your link and your expectation to gain from OBPS"?
- Should the OceanPractices proposal partnership be part of the WS5 sessions?  
Emma suggested having a single day in the middle of the WS dedicated to Ocean Practices for the Decade - need agreement and also dialogue with the Ocean Practices for the Decade partners.

**ACTION:** in the next two months

- Send out a self-nomination call for Chair/co-chairs of WS5 to the SG (JK)
- Establish chairs of Programme Committee (PC) and Logistics Committee (LC)
- Programme Committee (PC) to discuss if open call for WS5 sessions to be made. If so, PC to create application templates (lead PC)
- For PC when planning: A session and/or specific Working Groups for the activities related to the OceanPractices (UN Decade Proposal) to be planned for a single day within the schedule (probably in between WG sessions)

### 3. OBPS Volunteers

Rachel Przeslawski and Francoise Pearlman reported the following volunteers had been recruited:

- Newsletter Assistant Editor - Virginie Van Dongel-Vogens
- Newsletter Regional Representatives - Margarita Fernandez; Mario Cabral; Rebecca Zitoun; Suchithra Sundaram
- Website Administrator - Rafael Laso Perez
- Wikipedia article submission : Suchithra Sundaram
- Webinar organizers(4) - Rebecca Zitoun; Virginie Van Dongel-Vogens; Raissa Meyer; Rajesh Nair; Rafael Laso Perez

Some 10 volunteers had self nominated supporting WP7 and Ana reported that she and Claudia had identified Fabio Nascimento, Cathryn Wynn-Edwards and Florence Jovinary Peter to work with them and would be contacting them next week.

Discussion briefly extended to the [Capacity Development Proposal](#) with a suggested cross linking a redesigned WP7 webpage and relevant GOOS webinars. Emma highlighted the OCG had a Capacity Development team and Juliet and WP7 agreed to talk. Juliet mentioned that this team was considering creating a best practice for CD.

Jay Pearlman reminded those WP who were not included in the first volunteer exercise could still submit requests for volunteer assistance.

**ACTION:**

- Invite all the above volunteers to the next SG online meeting in March for an opportunity to meet the team 03 Mar 2021(PS)

### 4. OBPS Decade Programme Proposal

Johannes Karstensen confirmed the OBPS Decade Proposal Application submission and considered what would be the path forward. Rumours indicate 250 applications had been made but we know significantly less will be selected; there is likely to be much merging. According to PLB, many Programme applications were actually more on a Decade Project and not Programme level. JK raised the question of the relationship between OBPS and the OBPS Decade Programme and Emma remembered that the OBPS Decade Programme had re-used in the application, most of the OBPS strategic plan/high level objectives defined at the OBPS strategic planning meeting in December which will go into the OBPS Strategic Plan. If endorsed the Ocean Practices for the Decade would not be an OBPS side event but the two should synergistically develop together.

There will be a wait before decisions are made known, but Johannes requested a meeting.

**ACTION:**

- Arrange a meeting dedicated to discuss the Ocean Practices for the Decade Programme before the next SG (JK)

## 5. OBPS Task Team 21-01: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity in Ocean Best Practices Development

Jordan van Stavel and Cora Horstman introduced the [OBPS Task Team 21-01 Terms of Reference](#) on which SG had made many comments, and queried the scope of the Task Team. Do we have the capacity to extend this beyond the OBPS community? It was suggested that the Task Team should focus on the OBPS community (defined as creators and users of ocean methodologies, contributing to related efforts in the wider ocean community and related sectors) and then reassess after the TT year. Pier Luigi suggested that we do not have the mandate or capacity to address the general state of diversity, inclusivity and equity in the whole ocean community. Jordan and Cora were congratulated on putting this together.

### **ACTION:**

- Jordan and Cora to 'clean up' the ToR document and then make it available to the SG to review.
- SG members add their name to the bottom of the ToR document to indicate they have reviewed and sign off on it. Deadline to review and sign off 19 Feb 2021.
- MB/FMK/JvS/CH to arrange a small meeting post 19 Feb to finalise

## 3. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

SG members were thanked for participating. The meeting was closed at 21.05 UTC.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled to be held 10 March 2021 @ 20.00 UTC

## ANNEX I

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