



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

Monthly Meeting
10 Nov 2021
20.00-21.00 UTC
[ONLINE]

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 monthly online.

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

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1. Opening of the meeting

Johannes Karstensen, SG-OBPS Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 20.00 UTC on Wednesday 10 November 2021. Apologies were received from: Kirsten Isensee; Adam Leadbetter; Jay Pearlman; Rachel Przeslawski; Ana Lara-Lopez; Peter Pissierssens; A complete list of the meeting participants is shown in Annex II. 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 SG meeting for Work Package (WP) leads to contribute topics for decision or report. A draft version of this meeting report is provided to participants to give them the opportunity to provide any additional brief text for inclusion, though Decisions and Motion text cannot be changed.

Johannes Karstensen (JK) welcomed the participants. He called for any additional agenda items; there were none. He noted that the main(only) discussion for this meeting was to obtain feedback from members on the SG-OBPS-III draft agenda.

2. SG-OBPS-III - Annual Meeting 2021

The draft agenda for SG-OBPS-III is available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sWQe4BDrqOuQDmn9ppyrzeoHwYXeoZZU/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105513756557565631412&rtpof=true&sd=true>. It was confirmed that the meeting would be hybrid with 11 members attending in-person in Oostende and 10 members participating by Zoom. (1 member has not confirmed attendance). Note: Agenda Item numbers used in this report reflect the updated agenda following this meeting.

Annotation has been included on the agenda to provide members with an indication of the scope of discussions. All members realised that the spread of members' time zones made it impossible for everyone to be present for each agenda item. To try to overcome this, agenda items have been scheduled to map to time zones to appropriate WP leads; Zoom would be open for the whole meeting day but virtual participants are not expected to join for the whole day. All sessions would be recorded and available within a short time of session finishing. It is understood that this is still not ideal.

JK proposed that the meeting work through the agenda to provide an opportunity to raise questions and comments.

Logistics - Claudia Delgado (CD) expressed concern on how the hybrid meeting would work. Time zones were the biggest problem to address. Sessions had tried to be scheduled to accommodate appropriate WP. Since the whole meeting was to be recorded it was important particularly for virtual that everyone could be heard. Francoise Pearlman (FP) suggested that someone in the in-person room should be responsible for moving the microphone to the speakers. Pauline Simpson (PS) asked if there could be individual microphones for each in-person participant desk? Juliet Hermes (JH) shared that she had experienced a hybrid meeting where everyone logged in to a laptop to the Zoom but cautioned that discipline was required in controlling each laptop's microphone. It did allow everyone to see who was speaking.

Emma Heslop (EH) agreed with JH and added that personal headphones would be needed particularly for the in-person group. Frank Muller-Karger (FMK) cautioned that

everyone in the in-person room on Zoom will inhibit participation.

Agenda Item 3 - REVIEW OF [IMPLEMENTATION PLAN](#) ; [2021 Work Plan](#) and Planning for 2022. (Session A). This is a particularly important session so the agenda item has been repeated as Item 8 (Session B) in order to allow for all time zones to meet at a reasonable hour. By 16 Nov, a ppt template will be provided to each WP lead for submission to the meeting, by 29 Nov. Upto 6 slides should cover an overview of WP achievements, opportunities and challenges and a forward look for the 2022 work plan.

EH reminded that for the repeated session at Item 8, the recording, but more importantly a report-out of Agenda Item 3 discussion and outcomes would need to be provided for Item 8 to link both sessions. PS confirmed that there would be more than one rapporteur for all sessions particularly to address this need on Item 3 and 8 to have the session report available almost immediately. It was likely that presenters would be asked to provide session text for the summary report possibly in advance.

EH identified that Items 3 and 8 will provide answers to 'are we making progress toward the High Level Objectives (HLO), are we directing our attention to the right HLO'?

Agenda Item 5 -TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

JK noted that capacity development overarches other WP so needs more additional discussion other than in Items 3 and 8. CD noted the added annotations.

Agenda Item 6 - WORKSHOP V REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND PLANNING FOR WORKSHOP VI

EH suggested discussion should include 'what does OBPS want from these workshops now, because they have evolved from one purpose to another'.

Agenda Item 9 - Ocean Practices for the Decade

JK confirmed that the OP Decade Programme needed to prepare start-up activities and there was still a lot to discuss. Breakout Groups that follow this item will contribute to that process. JK added that there may be more from the OceanPractices discussion that would need to go into the 2022 Work Plan and may instigate some adaptation of HLOs.

JK emphasized that the annual meeting was a good opportunity for members to brainstorm, to produce new ideas and understand if we can do things better. EH suggested a second Open Discussion session should be organized later in the meeting with discussion topics grouped, covering earlier and later agenda items. JH remembered that at one meeting, there was a shared 'Virtual Lunch' where all participants including online were provided with a delivered lunch to permit more open discussion/brainstorming to occur. Lunchtime could be when a side event on a particular topic could be arranged.

Although WP successes and achievement discussion would occur in Agenda Item 3 and 8, JK asked if there were some WP topics that should have more time or a session added. Mark Bushnell (MB) said that Endorsement had been a success and could be discussed in the context of WP4 and WP6 but was important enough to have a

separate session. JK recommended that convergence should be included in this new Endorsement session. MB suggested the Newsletter could be mined to document success stories during the past year, and JK agreed to consider the Newsletter as a separate session item. Post meeting Rachel Przeslawski, WP5 lead, suggested that if the Newsletter becomes an agenda item, it should be extended to a session on **COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH CHANNELS (newsletter, website, social media)**. Engagement was also suggested but this is covered by Item 14.

For the User Engagement session, EH recommended targeting new communities and building on experiences learnt from EuroSea and JERICO S3, about getting BP created and asked have these projects benefitted OBPS? JK and PS responded that in both projects, progress had been made on raising the profile of best practices and gaining real buy-in to create them.

EH asked what new communities should be targeted? (data, bioeco etc?). FMK remembered that attempts had been made to engage the modelling and forecasting community which had not taken-off and recommended that it would be better to engage some Decade Programmes and convince Funding Agencies to include in their Call for Proposals, guidelines for best practices and the need to develop BP as part of any proposal.

ACTION:

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3. Closing of the Meeting

Johannes Karstensen thanked SG members for their contributions. The meeting was closed at 21.05 UTC.

The next SG monthly meeting is scheduled to be held Wed 12 Jan 2022 @ 20.00 UTC

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