



Steering Group for the IOC 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 monthly online.

This report is the record of the online meeting for 09 February 2022

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ANNEX 1 - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening of the meeting

Johannes Karstensen, SG-OBPS Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 20.00 UTC on Wednesday 09 February 2022. Apologies were received from: Rachel Przeslawski; Juliet Hermes and Peter Pissierssens. A complete list of the meeting participants is shown in Annex I

JK explained that at SG-OBPS-III it was agreed the monthly meetings 'format' would rotate over a 3-month cycle :

Month 1: Discussions relating to strategic decisions (formal meeting where a quorum will be required)

Month 2: Open Chat

Month 3: Community dialogue with invited speaker(s)

This meeting was designated for an Open Chat informal session and the call for open chat topics had been provided [online](#) in GDrive one week before the SG meeting. It was agreed a recording would not be made, but brief notes would be prepared.

2. OBPS YouTube Channel

It was confirmed OBPS did not have a dedicated YouTube channel but did have some Workshop IV channels.

AGREED::

NR to implement a dedicated Channel **OBPS/OCEAN PRACTICES FOR THE DECADE** and all distributed content to be brought into this channel, and organised into themes,

3. Workshop VI, 2022

Discussion covered: whether to schedule the workshop and SG as back-to-back events; the workshop format (hybrid or virtual); the workshop content framework; who would lead the Workshop Coordination.

AGREED:

1. The Workshop would be held separately one month apart: Workshop (Nov, virtual); SG (Dec, in person hopefully - some funding could be provided from projects but in person participation may also have to be supported by the SG member's organizations)
2. Workshop to be Virtual; consider using the QiqoChat software again (breakout function was good) but grant funding would be required for this
3. Suggestion for content was to invite back the successful Working Groups from WSIV, eg Fisheries and expanding to Aquaculture; and the productive Task Teams sessions from WSV
4. All SG present were willing to be part of an organizing committee
5. Workshop Coordinator was not identified but a new prospective SG member had indicated an interest in workshop organization.

4. Search for WP7 Co-lead via email

A CV and Motivational Letter from a prospective new SG member, had been circulated, with the ask for SG agreement to prospect joining SG and support WP7 as co-lead. 8 positive responses had been received.. The 13 meeting participants all expressed support

AGREED:

1. JK to send out an assumptive email to all SG to confirm the new SG and WP7 nomination and the decision would be validated at the next Decision Making SG

meeting in April.

5. Search Committee for Co-Chairs

The present co-Chairs had agreed for a 3 year renewal of their position but had indicated they would withdraw sooner, although not at the same time! No expressions of interest had been received from SG members and therefore an external search needs to be made. The Chairs would contribute an article outlining the rotation and roles of the co-chairs and SG members to OBPS News Flash and the GOOS 'Update' and a search committee formed

AGREED:

1. JP/JK submit an article outlining the rotation and roles of the co-chairs and SG members to OBPS News Flash and to GOOS 'Update' to stimulate interest in the search
2. Search Committee to include EH/PP/IODE Co-Chairs and in collaboration with JP/JK can draw up a short list of people that can be approached.

6. Search Committee for WP8/OceanPractices Programme

Coordinator

Members were reminded that the WP8 Lead would also be the Programme Coordinator for the Ocean Practices for the Decade Programme.

AGREED:

1. That a call for this position should be made differently to the Co-Chair search and would follow once the Co-Chair replacements had been identified.

7. Ambassador Pilot

ECOP Decade Programme who already have regional networks and contacts, agreed to work with us on recruiting OceanPractices/OBPS Ambassadors; we would provide a document (a draft already available) on what roles and activities were involved, what experiences OBPS could offer: advocacy at conferences, mentoring; training in communication technology/techniques; possibly some travel funding and as with WSIV as Workshop Session co-leads. They could also be invited to the SG monthly meeting rotation when speakers on requested topics will be invited. It was expected to put out the call in May through ECOP Programme website and other channels - GOOS supports regional groups and GRA might be a route to find people

8. Publications out of Africa

Mika Odido (IOC Coordinator in Africa, IOC's Sub Commission for Africa & the Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA)) has identified the need for more publications from Africa. This could be as best practices or articles in journals such as 'Frontiers' and 'Oceanography'. It was agreed that the next SG Monthly Meeting in March 2022 would invite speakers on the topic of '*Best Practices in Developing Regions*' which would cover the South Pacific, but also Africa to respond to Mika's comments. SG were asked to suggest speakers.

9. Close of Meeting

Not all chat topics were covered in this session: EuroSea impact / lessons; Newsletter impact; Dissemination of OBPS Module one; Future of DEI TT; Endorsement final doc - and they would be added to the next Open Chat meeting, May 2022. The meeting closed at 16.15 CET

ANNEX I

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