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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 08 Feb 2023

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1. Opening of the meeting

George Petikahis (GP) (Co-Chair SG-OBPS) introduced the meeting by explaining that this SG was the first Open Chat Session for 2023 and confirmed that the agenda had been made available for a week for members to add the topics they wished to raise. A complete list of the meeting participants is shown in Annex I. Apologies were received from Peter Pissierssens. All participants agreed the session should be recorded for reporting purposes

2. WP3 - meeting to review strategy

GP introduced the need to convene a meeting with the WP3 co-leads to discuss WP3 deliverables/actions mapped to the OBPS Strategy. Some external advisors selected by the co-chairs in collaboration with the WP3 co-leads would be invited. The meeting would be open to all Steering Group members

ACTION: GP to contact agreed external advisors and arrange a dedicated meeting and send invite to all SG

3. OceanPrediction DCC Invitation to OBPS

GP explained that OBPS had been invited to participate in the **OceanPrediction DCC Ocean forecasting co-design team**. The main objective of this team is to identify an ocean forecasting architecture and define its building blocks, so these can later inspire Decade Programmes and Projects. Mercator hosts the DCC with dedicated funds for this activity. The invitation had been circulated to the SG members as well as to experts in the wider circle of the OBPS community asking for candidates, preferably ECOPs. Rebecca Zitoun proposed Meike Klischees, an ECOP at GEOMAR, while Nadia Pinardi proposed Eric Jansen (<https://www.cmcc.it/people/jansen-eric>), their CVs would be circulated to the DCC. Considering that apart from the ECOPs we also need a person for the more strategic placement in the activity Jay Pearlman was identified as lead.

ACTION: OBPS GDrive folder to be created for the DCC Team documents (PS/GP/RG)

4. Participation to WCMB2023

Jay Pearlman identified that the [6th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity](#) would be held 2-5 July 2023 in Penang, Malaysia and that Aileen Tan, an SG member, was Chair of the Conference. It was noted that another SG member, Frank Muller-Karger (FMK), was a keynote speaker. Aileen Tan had agreed to accept a proposal for a dedicated best practices symposium/session in the conference. After discussion it was agreed to propose a 1.5 hour Panel session including an OBPS background presentation and panel members representing disciplines where best practices are applied (ideally who were already attending the conference). FMK offered to moderate//chair the panel session.

ACTION: Rene Garello (RG) to contact Aileen Tan with the proposal for a dedicated best practices symposium/session.

5. Update on the AISBL

GP shared a scoping document (linked in the agenda) for the proposed AISBL and highlighted the main points. He and Johannes Karstensen would be progressing this

proposal, taking guidance from external advisors - an experienced ILIAD Partner had already been identified. GP expected to be arranging a meeting of the initial SG subgroup EH, PP, GP, RG, JK, JP, PS sometime around the 23 February 2023.

ACTION: GP to arrange a first meeting of the AISBL subgroup

6. Annual Workshop VII, 2023

Rene Garello (RG) (Co-chair SG-OBPS) identified that the end of October 2023 looked to be a good time to hold the workshop, taking into consideration the dates of other large ocean related meetings. It would be a Virtual Workshop and spread over a number of days/weeks. FMK suggested that the spread of the workshop should be over more than the usual two week period.

RG agreed to be the Workshop Chair and he would be calling for SG volunteers to join the Workshop Organizing Committee; FMK recommended Paul Van Ruth who had worked hard on Workshop VI as programme chair.

Other suggestions: to talk to WP5 (Rachel) re communication and outreach; talk to Pier Luigi Buttigieg (PLB) for his experience of organizing a 'different' virtual Workshop V; consider asking Jose Moutinho (Air Centre) to assist; Ana Carolina Mazzuco (ACM) had experience of a group working with the Ocean Literacy Network that might provide support

ACTION: RG to talk to : WP5; Jose Moutinho, PLB. ACM will make enquiries of what the group she has worked with can offer

7. Ocean-CD Hub

Ana Lara-Lopez reported on the launch of a prototype [Ocean-CD Hub](#) provided under the IOC Capacity Development Strategy. It is a collection of links to web sites/pages of organizations and programmes that offer **CD opportunities**. It was good to note that OBPS resources were identified under several relevant topics eg. Training and Higher Education. The OBPS links go to the relevant OBPS webpages and the creators had been warned that the CD pages and links on the OBPS would likely change when the new website redesign was completed.

8. Decade Project Proposals to the UN Ocean Decade

Lucie Cocquempot (LC), IFREMER, France used the presentation [Community Science Strategy](#) (CoastPredict GA ,19 Feb 2023) to report on the Decade Project proposal *Ocean Community: Engagement through Best Practices* (short name - 'CommunityScience'), which she had co-led and which is requested to be hosted under the Ocean Practices and CoastPredict Ocean Decade Programmes. LC confirmed that the proposal builds on the work of the OBPS Task Team 22-01 and that an ECOP (Anthony Ndah) would be a co-chair.

Rachel Przeslawski was expecting to report on her Decade Project Proposal *Advancing National Best Practices for Marine Monitoring*. to be hosted under the OceanPractices Programme but unfortunately due to time zone differences was unable to be present.

10. Close of Meeting

George Petihakis thanked all for their contributions. The meeting closed at 21.10 UTC.

ANNEX I

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