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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 10 May 2023

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ANNEX 1 - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening of the meeting

George Petihakis (Co-Chair SG-OBPS) introduced the meeting by explaining that this SG was the second quarterly SG Open Chat Session for 2023. A complete list of the meeting participants is shown in Annex I. Apologies were received from Arno Lambert; Nick Roden; Frank Muller-Karger; Paul Van Ruth; Rachel Przeslawski; Peter Pissierssens. All participants agreed the session should be recorded (see https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wl7yaDjy3JxmZMi9tDjQOeE51hlep3RI/view?usp=share_link)

2. AISBL

George Petihakis (GP) explained that work has moved forward on the proposal for an OceanPractices AISBL (Association Internationale sans but Lucratif) to be established. At a recent meeting in Croatia Jay Pearlman (JP) had approached candidate AISBL members (European) and had positive responses. Now it is believed that the work is mature enough to approach possible members who would be willing to join. When ready it will be distributed globally to gain an indication of the interest and possible commitment. GP is working on a document explaining the rationale for the AISBL, its benefits, added value of joining etc, that can be used for discussions with prospective partners. Rene Garello (RG) added that the document will be an introduction to the application and include the proposed constitution which must be in French and have two endorsers. When ready it will be presented to the Belgium authorities. It was felt that the establishment of the AISBL should go ahead rather than waiting for members to make a commitment. At IODC-II, RG had the opportunity to discuss the legal requirements with likely host, RBINS (Serge Scory) who provided some helpful copies from other AISBL. JP requested that the material be available by 20 May to start the process.

Action:

2.1 Share AISBL document with SG when finalised (GP)

2.2 AISBL material particularly, one page flyer prepared by 20 May (GP/RG/JP)

3. OBPS Workshop VII

Rene Garello (RG) provided some updates of the workshop to be held 9-13 Oct. He agreed we should start now to publicise the workshop and put out a call for papers. It has not yet been decided what meeting infrastructure will be used (zoom, qiqochat etc and also consider whether Ben Roberts should still be used as technical support); RG needs to discuss with Jose (AirCentre) if his meeting facilities could be used. The Call for Papers will be sent out through IODE and GOOS mailing lists plus social media and each SG asked to distribute through their own networks. GP raised the sponsorship offer of JMSE (MDPI) publishers (but of a monthly SG!!). RG and GP know these publishers (and they are even competitors with IEEE publishing) so felt it was a global mailshot not specific to OBPS; it was decided not pursue this offer. PS will politely decline the offer.

The Call for Papers will be sent out asap and submission of abstracts will close Sep. Include in the Call a response Gform asking for interest in leading/moderating the Challenge tracks.

JP queried the sessions structure based on the Challenges. RG said at the moment depends on what papers are submitted but RG also wanted keynote speakers to be solicited. He agreed we should solicit papers from the Ocean Decade Programmes/Actions. JP suggested a small team be formed to approach Programmes that map to the Challenges. Ana Carolina Mazucco recommended that there should not be concurrent workshop sessions and Cora Hoerstman (Workshop Co-Chair) recommended the ECOP and Ambassadors be invited as co-leads for the Challenges tracks.

Action:

3.1 Workshop Organizing Committee: RG/GP/JP/PS/CH/RZ but Iso ask the rest of the SG for volunteers. (PS)

3.2. Small group to be formed to approach Ocean Decade Programmes to lead/moderate/contribute to Challenge tracks (JP)

3.2 Draft Call for Papers by 26 May 2023 (PS)

4. OceanPractices FedNet (OPFN)

Cristian Munoz Mas (CMM) presented an overview of the proposed OceanPractices Federated Network (see his presentation

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1cU5VSufCWUNY9v2svGVkzytE37PUCmwa08B2oRdCbsE/edit?usp=share_link, and the temporary webpage

<https://www.oceanbestpractices.org/ocean-practices-for-the-decade/oceanpractices-fednet/>. He outlined the hosting relationship with ODIS Architecture/Ocean InfoHub and

walked us through some early thoughts on OPFN configuration. He acknowledged there were still many detailed decisions to be made and invited all to attend the next OPFN meeting on 12 May 2023.

5. Work Package 7

Ana-Lara Lopez announced that she would be leaving the SG at the end of May 2023 and reported that Ana Carolina Peralta would take her place and Ana Carolina Mazucco (Carol) would be the WP7 Co-Lead. She thanked all for the many enjoyable years of working together. The meeting was delighted to hear Ana confirm that she will continue to volunteer for WP7.

The Co-Chairs and members, expressed their gratitude to Ana for all her hard work and support for the OBPS and for taking substantial initiatives in WP7 forward. They offered their best wishes for her future

4. Close of Meeting

George Petihakis thanked the members for their constructive interventions and discussions

The meeting closed at 13.10 UTC

Post Meeting: Rachel Przeslawski reported the WP5 co-leads were now herself and Vinnie Van Dongen-Vogels.

ANNEX I

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