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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 OBPS convenes monthly online meetings to discuss progress and focus on delivery of the work plan

This report is the record of the online meeting for 15 May 2024

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ANNEX 1 - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening of the Meeting

Rene Garello (Co-Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed participants. A complete list of the meeting participants is shown in Annex I. Apologies were received from Rachel Przeslawski, Juliet Hermes, Frank Muller-Karger; Peter Pissierssens; Emma Heslop, Virginie van Dongen-Vogels and Talen Rimmer. All participants agreed the session should be recorded, available [here](#).

Rene Garello reported that the Unesco call for OBPS Project Manager and Repository Manager had not yet been published..

2. Advisory Board - membership

Jay Pearlman (JP) reminded members of their approval at SG-OBPS-V in December 2023, to establish an OBPS Advisory Board. The [spreadsheet of responses to the call for membership](#) was shared. Applications are still small (3) and it was agreed to send out a second call with the closing date still 31 May 2024. The workbook also includes a spreadsheet of [SG personal recommendations for membership](#) of the Advisory Board and JP again invited SG to continue to add their own recommendations. It was confirmed that the proposed number of members of the Advisory Board is 8.

ACTION:

2.1. SG was invited to continue to add their own Advisory Board membership recommendations to the [spreadsheet](#) particularly addressing global representation, before 31 May 2024

2.2. A second call for Advisory Board invitation to be sent out (PS) (DONE)

3. Science Policy Methodology Task Team

Jay Pearlman (JP) updated this action which will result in a draft ToR with members names submitted to the June 2024 monthly meeting He confirmed the Task Team would be led by Laura Meyer and that many interested in joining the TT are lawyers and senior researchers. He commented that Africa and Asia regions were not represented in the membership. Aileen Tan Shau Hwai offered to put out a call for members through IOC-WESTPAC, Rene Garello suggested Venkatesen and Matsui, and Rebecca Zitoun recommended Rosemary Rayfus from Australia. Carolina Peralta suggested IOCARIBE would be a good source of members and she will send JP recommendations, including Lorna Inniss.

Justin Buck mentioned his work on a paper and proposal on [metascience](#) and felt it had a relationship with the Science Policy TT - he would follow up with Laura Meyer.

ACTION:

Recommendations for members of the Science Policy Methodology Task Team should be sent to JP.

4. AISBL

Rene Garello (RG) updated members on the progress for OBPS to become an AISBL (Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif). It will be called OceanPractices AISBL and offer greater flexibility for OBPS to seek project funding, whilst still remaining within the IOC family. The application is now with the Notary and it could take some months for the process to be completed. RG will provide the Statutes for circulation to the Steering Group. He confirmed the officers would be: President: Johannes Karstensen (GEOMAR); Vice President: Henning Wehde (IMR); Treasurer: Rene Garello (IEEE); Secretary: Sebastian Legrand (RBINS) and would have an Executive Council of seven people; invites for Council members would be sent out at the beginning of 2025. A vote to confirm Executive Council members would be held at the General Assembly in early 2025.

ACTION:

The Ocean Practices AISBL draft Statutes to be circulated to SG. (RG/PS) (DONE)

5. Volunteer Opportunities within WorkPackages

Rebecca Zitoun (RZ) explained that at the UN Ocean Decade Barcelona meeting it became apparent that there was an interest in volunteering for OBPS activities. Last month it was agreed to ask Work Packages to use the workbook [WorkPackage Task List - Volunteer possibilities](#), to list where volunteer support could assist with Work Package tasks. RZ has listed names of interested volunteers in a separate spreadsheet in the workbook.

ACTION:

Work Package members to list tasks in [WorkPackage Task List - Volunteer possibilities](#), where volunteer help could assist

6. Ocean Practices Federated Network (OPFN)

Cristian Munoz Mas explained that the OPFN was a strategic objective identified in the 2021 OBPS Strategic Plan. The Ocean Practices Federated Network (OPFN) is now proposed, building on the foundation of the OBPS. The OPFN aims to create a global network of interconnected methodological systems, enabling users to easily find and access methods, best practices, and standards across ocean research, operations and applications.

Work had started to implement an OPFN pilot focusing on Fisheries and Aquaculture, with partners FAO (OpenASFA) and ICES, but there is also an opportunity for a funding proposal to be submitted to the Flanders Unesco Science Trust Fund (FUST) via IOC. A Concept Note will be submitted by 21 May and if acceptable a FUST proposal would be submitted by the deadline 30 June 2024. It would be a two year development, and we hope for proposal success.

7. Outputs Log and Future Event Log

A monthly reminder by Pauline Simpson, Project Manager was given on the importance of providing metrics on outputs from OBPS for the many reporting requirements. Members were requested to regularly complete the [Outputs log](#),

and upload the files, particularly for OBPS relevant published papers and presentations to Conference and Workshops. In addition, from last month's meeting it was requested that we maintain a log of [Future Events](#) and any expected OBPS attendance. This provides information for the OBPS members but can also be a source for the OBPS Website Events page. Members are asked to regularly add entries.

ACTION:

Members requested to regularly complete the [Outputs log](#) and [Future Events log](#)

8.A. Course Curricula

Carol Mazzuco (WP7 Co-Lead) was unable to attend the meeting to report on this Work Plan 2024 activity. Jay Pearlman updated that it is becoming apparent that whilst it was unlikely to have a whole University course on Best Practices and Standards, it was more likely to embed perhaps a 3 hour session on BP and Standards, into an existing University Course. A first meeting of the WP7 group to take this forward will be held on Friday 17 May @ 14.00 CEST.

8.B. ADAPT Project

Carolina Peralta (CP), WP7 Co-Lead and ADAPT Project Manager reported on the progress of the project which after a slow start because of administrative issues, was now gaining momentum. The ADAPT project aims to address training needs and priorities in the Caribbean region, and completed a training requirements survey in the first phase with those results informing phase 2 which is the design of the Course modules. An Expert Group will assist with the co-development of training content, involving recommendations in the development of fundamental concepts, methods, and educational resources focused in two key areas: 1) Marine Biodiversity Survey and Data Sharing Principles, and 2) Satellite Images for Ocean Assessment. Invitations to join the Expert Group are now being sent. The courses will be hosted in 2024, at INVEMAR and St. George's University, Grenada. CP shared and explained the image of the new ADAPT logo which had been created with the help of IOCARIBE.

9. AOB

A. Jay Pearlman mentioned the Citizen Science activity within the Iliad Project and its association with the European Citizen Science Association (ECSA) that has produced some CS guidelines (uploaded to OBPS). He called for interest from SG to be involved: Laura Khatib is interested, and Aileen Tan Shau Hwai and Justin Buck offered to provide some names.

B. Johannes Karstensen highlighted that he and George Petihakis were proposing a session in the **1st CIPM STG-CENV Stakeholder meeting**, 16 -18 September 2024 – BIPM Sèvres (France). Katherina Schoo said she would review the agenda to see if a presentation on ocean acidification and the SDGs would be a good fit, and Rene Garello recommended they should contact the

JERICO S3 project for speakers.

C. Rene Garelo wondered if OBPS had any interest in an IEEE call for proposals under the Blue Climate Initiative, on how technology can be used to fight climate change (young people)

ACTION:

9.B. George Petihakis will circulate details for participation in **1st CIPM STG-CENV Stakeholder** to JERICO S3 (DONE)

9. Close of the Meeting

Rene Garelo highlighted that the next OBPS Monthly Meeting would be 19 June 2024, when the JERICO S3 Final General Assembly was scheduled and a number of the SG would be attending. Every effort would be made to still hold the meeting on that day and at the same time, 12.00 UTC.

All Members were thanked for their meeting participation. The meeting closed at 13.10 UTC.

ANNEX I

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