

EMCOL
FOURTH MONTHLY MEETING
Minutes

The meeting was convened in Palaeontology Laboratory at 12:30 with the following agenda:

1. Communication items
2. Laboratory renewal activities
3. Equipment purchase

1. Communication items

Namık Çağatay informed the meeting of the following:

- i. EMCOL's management committee has been officially appointed by the Rector and the University Senate as follows:

Coordinator: Namık Çağatay
Sedimentology: Lisa Doner
Geochemistry: Remzi Akkök
Core Analyses: Can Genç and Nilgün Okay
Core Repository: Nilgün Okay
Field Equipment: Mahir Vardar
- ii. The selection committee for the EMCOL's PhD students, consisting of Namık Çağatay, Lisa Doner and Remzi Akkök, evaluated the credentials of the 5 applicants before a final interview on Friday 5th August, 2005. The committee decided that only Sena Akçer (Geological Engineering graduate) and Emre Damcı (Geophysical Engineering Graduate) met the necessary conditions set for the EMCOL positions. They were offered the positions after the interview. They officially started working for the project as of 1 September 2005.
- iii. EMCOL's first project "Earthquake Risk Assessment in the Marmara Sea" has been signed by the Rector of the University and Istanbul Municipality. The project involves offshore and onshore geological and geophysical studies. A marine survey is underway during 10 September-1 October, 2005 in the Marmara Sea and Gulf of Saros with the CNR Marine Geology Institute (Bologna, Italy) using the Italian R/V Urania. EMCOL's participation in the project is being funded (about 400.000 YTL) by the Istanbul Municipality.
- iv. Another project proposal "Assessment of the natural and antropogenic risks in the fresh water reservoirs of Istanbul" is being prepared to be presented to ISKI (Istanbul Water and Sewerage Works).
- v. An EC FP-6 NoE project proposal "ESONET: European Seafloor Observatory Network" is underway. Marmara Sea as a natural laboratory is one of the important target areas in this project, in which EMCOL is expected to be a partner.

2. Laboratory renewal activities

Gökhan Şans informed the meeting on the developments about the renovation of the EMCOL' laboratory and office space. He explained that despite some delays, the renewal process is going well and is expected to be completed in the first half of October.

Kadir Eriş informed that the company previously chosen to build the new shelves for the core storage gave up to do the job, but a new company has been found to complete the work nextweek. The University Döner Sermaye İşletmeleri (Accounting) has given the necessary approval for the new company to start the work.

3. Equipment Purchase

Namık Çağatay informed that all te formalities with ordering of Itrax Core Scanner, the major equipment in the Core Analyses Laboratory, has been completed in the University Doner Sermaye. The Bank is preparing the letter of credit.

He urged the Task Leaders in charge of EMCOL's laboratories to follow the same procedures and order the lab and field equipment.

Emin Demirbağ informed that after a long search for the most suitable subbbottom profiler (Bathy 2000P Chirp System, ODEC) for EMCOL's work, he is ready to order it.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:00 hours.