

EMCOL
TWELFTH MONTHLY MEETING
Minutes

The meeting was convened in the Palaeontology Museum at 16:00 hours on Monday, 29 May 2006
with the following agenda:

1. EMCOL project activities
2. Equipment procurement activities
3. Other matters

1. EMCOL project activities

The following activities concerning EMCOL were reported:

The first year activity report of the EC FP6 “EMCOL” project was sent to EC in Brussels by e-mail and 3 hard and electronic copies by express cargo.

Contract negotiations are under way for the NoE project, “ESONET: European Seafloor Observatory Network” (Call identifier “FP6-2005-GLOBAL-4” - Proposal N° 036851-2). EMCOL is a partner in this project and has submitted A2-partner forms as requested by the coordinator Roland Person of IFREMER.

A meeting was held with Dr. Aurelia Hubert-Ferrari, coordinator of the EC - Marie Curie Excellence project on “Seismic Cycles of the Anatolian Faults”, on Thursday morning, 4 May, 2006. The meeting was attended by Namık Çağatay, Okan Tüysüz, Emin Demirbağ, Caner İmren and Lisa Doner from EMCOL. Project collaboration and planning of field work was discussed in this meeting. Aurelia Hubert-Ferrari will seek ways of involving EMCOL as a sub-contractor in the project.

EMCOL scientists will participate in the ICDP Lake Van workshop to be held in Van during 6-9 June 2006.

Namık Çağatay will participate in the “Deep Sea Floor Frontier” Workshop to be held in Naples, June 1-2, 2006. This workshop is being organized by ECORD (European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling) to prepare a science plan for an integrated study of the deep sea floor and its history. The following working groups are set up:

1. History, monitoring and prediction of geohazards
2. Fluid seeping and bacteria
3. Climatic control and feedbacks in the deep sea environment
4. Development and conservation of deep sea ecosystems
5. Deep sea landscape-sediment transport and fluxes
6. Sustainable exploitation of deep sea resources

2. Equipment procurement activities

- Sub-bottom profiling system Innomar SES-2000 was delivered in EMCOL on 17th May 2006.
- DGPS arrived in customs and will be cleared in a few days
- Boat with engine, trailer and accessories will be delivered tomorrow, 29 May 2006.
- Underwater vibrocorer: following up on the agreement made in Meeting 11 to proceed with the P-3 Vibrocorer if Lisa Doner purchased the generator to accompany it, Lisa Doner informed the group in this meeting that she had completed the purchase of a three-phase 10 KV generator costing 8,000 dollars. The costs of this generator, if accompanied by the P-3 vibrocorer, could be partially covered by funds from her NSF project to be used with underwater vibrocorer model P-3. She said she could donate the generator to EMCOL ownership if there was some compensation for this by EMCOL; ie., equipment for services as was agreed as acceptable alternative payment in EMCOL meeting 11. This

option was rejected by Namik Çağatay on the grounds that it was not in the best interest of EMCOL to buy an expensive 110 V, 115 kg generator, which could have no use other than to run the P-3 vibrocorer and that Lisa Doner never previously (i.e., in meeting 11 and before) mentioned any conditions regarding the purchase of the generator from the NSF funds (i.e., donation of the generator in exchange for the Itrax core scanner analysis). Remzi Akkök and Namik Çağatay expressed concern about the weight and size of the generator and vibrocorer model P-3. They recommended the purchase of the portable vibrocorer VT-1, the model listed in Annex I of the EMCOL project contract, which needs a small generator already available in the Faculty of Mines.

3. Other matters

- Emin Demirbağ informed that three free licences of “Kingdom Suite”, important seismic processing software, have been granted to the university. One of them will be installed in the computer located in the EMCOL student office.
- A discussion was held on the ownership of equipment purchased or built using different project funds. Namik Çağatay, Emin Demirbağ, Nilgün Okay and Remzi Akkök in the meeting stated that it is a fact that in most countries including Turkey, the ownership of such equipment after the completion of the project is granted by the funding agency to the host institution where the research is carried out. Lisa Doner pointed out that the ownership of equipment she purchased or built using her NSF fellowship project funds belonged to herself as the NSF fellow, according to the NSF rules.
- A discussion was held on the ways of EMCOL’s participation in collaborative projects planning to use EMCOL facilities. It was decided that EMCOL’s involvement in any project should be conveyed to the EMCOL’s coordinator and discussed in EMCOL’s management committee meetings.
- Sena Akçer, a former EMCOL PhD student, has been assigned to EMCOL project by Eurasia Institute of Earth Sciences as of 4 May 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:00.