

13 September 2007

EMCOL
MONTHLY MEETING
Minutes

The meeting was convened in the Tectonics Laboratory (General Geology) at 15:00 hours on Thursday, 13 September 2007, with the following agenda:

1. Communication items
2. EMCOL project activities
3. EMCOL labs
4. Other matters

1. Communication items

Namık Çağatay informed the meeting with the following developments.

- Financial and scientific officers of EMCOL have been changed. The new financial officer has requested some minor changes in Table 2 of the 2nd year Management Activity Report and audit certificate. The requested changes will be made soon and the revised documents sent to the EC project office in Brussels next week.

2. EMCOL project activities

The following project activities concerning EMCOL were reported:

- Marnaut project: 4 OBSs and 1 piezometer were recovered on 12 September 2007. We used a rented fishing boat instead of R/V Seismic-1 for the operations. Emre Damcı from EMCOL participated in the recovery operations along with two French engineers from IFREMER.
- Tsunami project with Istanbul University: Coring campaign will be carried out during the next few days in Küçük Çekmece Lagoon for tsunami and climate records. Sena Akçer, Dursun Acar and Umut Ulgen will participate in the coring operations.
- Namık Çağatay participated by invitation in the IODP (Integrated Ocean Drilling Program) Geohazards Workshop in Portland, Oregon during 26-30 August 2007, and gave a presentation on seismoturbidites.
- “All regions workshop” of ESONET was held in Barcelona during 5-7 September 2007. Namık Çağatay presented a talk entitled “The Sea of Marmara: an important seafloor observatory site for earthquake, landslide and oceanographic studies”. A proposal preparation for a demonstration mission in the Sea of Marmara is underway with our French and Italian colleagues. The proposal will be submitted before the 26 September 2007 deadline.
- A meeting of of the EMSO (European Multidisciplinary Seafloor Observation) infrastructure project was also held during the ESONET meeting in Barcelona on 6 September 2007. Negotiations will start with the EC for the EMSO EC-FP7 project. EMCOL obtained a letter of mandate from Turkish Government Planning Organization (DPT) to represent Turkey, and is one of the 12 European partners. The project is expected to start January 2008 and last for four years.

- Seismic Cycles project (EC - Marie Curie Excellence project with the Belgium Royal Observatory): Coring in lakes along the North Anatolian Fault was carried out during 6 August-30 August 2007. The lakes include Ladik and Boraboy (Samsun), Zinav, Göllüköy (Tokat, Reşadiye), Gölova-Aşağıtepecik (Sivas, Gölova)-and Yeniçağa (Bolu) lakes. F. Dursun Acar and Sena Akçer from EMCOL participated in these field work. EMCOL's platform, and hammer corer, together with the truck of the Faculty of Mines, were used in this work.
- The “Seismic Risk assessment in the Sea of Marmara” funded by Istanbul Municipality (IBB): the fourth progress report is due on 15 December 2007.

3. EMCOL's Labs and Field facility

UPS (power supply unit) for ITRAX XRF Core Scanner will be repaired and upgraded to power the scanner at full capacity.

4. Other matters

There were no other matters for discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 16:45.