

13 December 2007

EMCOL
MONTHLY MEETING
Minutes

The meeting was convened in the Palaeontology Laboratory (General Geology) at 16:00 hours on Thursday, 13 December 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 communication items:

- Namık Çağatay participated in the Steering Committee meeting of the EC-FP6 ESONET NoE project held in INGV in Rome during 26-27 November 2007. The evaluation process of the Demo-Mission project proposals, including “MARMARA-DM (Title: Permanent, Long-Term, Seafloor Monitoring of Seismogenic Hazards in the Sea of Marmara)” were incomplete. The decision will be made during the next steering Committee meeting in Paris on 14 January.
- New calls for project proposals have been announced under EC FP7 2008. There are several Activity types under Theme 6: Environment (Including climate change) that are within the interest of EMCOL, such as : 6.4: Earth Observation and Assessment tools for sustainable development. There is also a call called REGPOT under “Work Programme 2008 Capacitis Part 4 (Reserch Potential)”, suitable for Laboratory development. These calls will be carefully studied before preparing any possible proposals.
- Namık Çağatay presented a paper entitled “ Late Quaternary Paleoceanography of the Marmara Sea” at the “Geology of Istanbul” symposium held in İTÜ’s Süleyman Demirel Congress and Cultural Centre during 7-9 December, 2007.

2. EMCOL project activities

The following project activities concerning EMCOL were reported:

- The 4th Progress Report of the “Seismic Risk assessment in the Sea of Marmara”, funded by Istanbul Municipality (IBB), was submitted to IBB this morning.
- Cores for the “Tsunami project” (EC project of Istanbul University) are being analyzed in the EMCOL’s Core Analysis Laboratory using the EMCOL’s MSCL and Itrax Core Scanner. The analyses started on 26 November 2007.

3. EMCOL’s Labs and Field facility

Cores from B. Çekmece lagoon have been analyzed Sena Akçer’s PhD thesis. Gül Sürmelihiindi has finishd the core analysis in the Core analysis laboratory for her MSc thesis,

and is now using the Sedimentology and Geochemistry Lab to analyze samples for her MSc thesis project.

4. Other matters:

It was decided to invite some potential scientists from European research centres (e.g., Laurent Labeyrie, Helge Arz and Sebastian Krastel) for giving short courses for EMCOL's scientists.

EMCOL's research assistants Ümmühan Sancar, Sena Akçer, Emre Damcı, Demet Biltekin, Deniz Dikçe and Nil Irvalı gave information about their thesis research projects, all of which were found to be satisfactorily progressing.

Another good news is that Kadir Eriş (EMCOL reserch assistant), who has just comleted his PhD under Namık Çağatay supervision, has been offered the Assistant Professorship position at Fırat University in Elazığ.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:25.