

21 January 2008

**EMCOL
MONTHLY MEETING
Minutes**

The meeting was convened in the Palaeontology Laboratory (General Geology) at 14:00 hours on Thursday, 21 January 2008, 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 Paris on 14 January 2008. In this meeting decision made on the selection of the Demo-Mission project proposals. “MARMARA-DM (Title: Permanent, Long-Term, Seafloor Monitoring of Seismogenic Hazards in the Sea of Marmara)” is one of the proposals accepted to be funded with 500 k€ budget. EMCOL is one of the key partners in this project.
- There will be a training short-course and best practice workshop to be held in Bremen during 27-30 January 2008. EMCOL graduate students Emre Damcı and Dursun Acar will participate in these workshops. Namık Çağatay will give talk in the training workshop about the Marmara-DM project planned in the Sea of Marmara for earthquake monitoring.
- EGU (European Geosciences Union)-2008 meeting will be held in Vienna during 13-18 April. EMCOL will be represented with some paper presentations. The kick-off meeting of EMSO project and Steering Committee meeting ESONET project will also be held during that time in Vienna.
- Prof. Laurent Labeyrie (Université Versailles St-Quentin and Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement Domaine du CNRS, Gif/Yvette) will visit EMCOL during 18-23 February and deliver a short course on “*Geochemical tools/proxies in paleoceanography and paleoclimatology*” and the traditional Ketin Lecture. This activity has already been announced on the EMCOL web-page and circulated to the EMCOL mail list.
- Sebastian Krastel of Bremen University informed that he will not be able to come for a short course on Kingdom Suite Software because of his busy schedule.
- A meeting was held by representatives from SUTA (Sualtı Teknolojileri Araştırma Enstitüsü, www.suta.org.tr) on 26 December 2007. SUTA is an SME established in Bodrum, Turkey, developing underwater equipment for seafloor monitoring. Possibility of collaboration between EMCOL and SUTA was discussed in the ESONET and other future seafloor observatory projects.
- Namık Çağatay participated in the SAFE project meeting organized jointly by the SAFE project team and TÜBİTAK in Istanbul 9-10 January 2008. SAFE is a SME Specific Support Action project for the Environment, sponsored by the 6th Framework Programme of European Commission. It is designed to stimulate, encourage and facilitate the

participation of organisations from the New Member States and Associated Candidate Countries (NMAS) in the activities of the Environmental (ENV) Theme of FP7. EMCOL's plans for participating in FP7 projects were input in the web-page of the meeting for possible interaction with other research organizations.

- An article introducing EMCOL to Science community and general public has been prepared for publication in the popular science/technology magazine "Cumhuriyet Bilim ve Teknoloji".

2. EMCOL project activities

The 4th Progress Report of the "Seismic Risk assessment in the Sea of Marmara", funded has been evaluated highly and accepted by the funding agency Istanbul Greater City Municipality (IBB).

EMCOL will have to submit a progress report to ESONET about the activities in the Sea of Marmara node by 15 February.

3. EMCOL's Labs and Field facility

The malfunctioning of the Core Scanner has been corrected with instructions from the Cox Analytical. Cores from Gemlik Gulf for the project "Seismic Risk assessment in the Sea of Marmara" are now being analyzed using XRF core scanner

A meeting/seminar room for EMCOL will be set up in the area next to the EMCOL Geochemistry/Sedimentology Laboratory. EMCOL scientists are requested to report their opinion regarding details of the set up in this facility.

There were no other matters for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:00