

21 March 2008

**EMCOL  
MONTHLY MEETING  
Minutes**

The meeting was convened in the EMCOL meeting room at 16:00 hours on Friday, 21 March 2008, with the following agenda:

1. Communication items
2. EMCOL project activities
3. EMCOL labs
4. Discussion of EMCOL upgrading to Applied Research Centre (UY-GAR) status
5. Other matters

### **1. Communication items**

Namık Çağatay informed the meeting with the following communication items:

- The Advisory Committee meeting of EMCOL has been fixed 21-22 April 2008
- Several EMCOL scientists and graduate students will be participating in the 61 Geological Congress of Turkey in Ankara during 24-28 March. They will be presenting papers in the “Marine Geology” and “Sea of Marmara” sessions on 26 and 27 March 2008.

### **2. EMCOL project activities**

- History Channel visited EMCOL on 6 March 2008 for a documentary on “Black Sea Flood” hypothesis, interviewed Namık Çağatay and Kadir Eriş, and filmed the EMCOL Core Analysis Laboratory and and Core Storage Room.
- Two new project proposals were submitted to FP7-REGPOT-2008-1 call for research capacity development::

1. *EMCLIME “Eastern Mediterranean Climate and Environmental Changes”*. EPSS system with number 229862. The purpose are to develop Stable Isotope and Organic Geochemistry laboratories for, and train young scientists in advanced paleoclimate and environmental research.

2) *SeaMaxRegio “Supporting research infrastructures to maximize regional economic development”*. EPSS system with number 230072. The coordinator is INNOVA from Italy with participation of EMCOL is the leading Turkish partner, with SUTA (The Underwater Technologies Research Institute) and Istanbul Project Coordination Unit (IPCU) of Istanbul Special Provincial Administration (ISPA) from Turkey, representing research, industry and local authority..

- EMCOL submitted its First Year Activity Report to the ESONET project management on 20 March 2008.

### **3. EMCOL’s Labs and Field facility**

*Core Analysis Laboratory*

The cooling unit of XRF Core Scanner will be serviced by Cox Analytical during 1-3 April 2000. They will also install a new Mo X-ray tube.

### **Discussion of EMCOL upgrading to Applied Research Centre (UY-GAR) status**

The report prepared by Can Genç on the “Principles for Functioning of EMCOL as an Applied Research Centre” was discussed. Some amendments to the document were suggested and accepted. It was decided to present the document to the Senate of the University for approval, with an application and justification for the status change for EMCOL from a “Research Centre” to “Applied Research Centre” status. This change would enable EMCOL to request for employment its own scientific and technical personnel and to acquire needed lab space, among other advantages.

### **Discussion on project management and work distribution within EMCOL**

Namık Çağatay and some research assistants brought the matter of project work distribution within EMCOL; the situation is anticipated to become more serious with the involvement of EMCOL in new EC FP projects. After some discussion, it was agreed that Naci Görür prepare a project quality management plan for EMCOL, which would involve fair work distribution for individuals and performance evaluation for the project work and work units.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:30