

12 June 2008

EMCOL
JOINT MANAGEMENT AND USER COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Minutes

The Management meeting was held in the EMCOL meeting room at 15:00 hours on Thursday, 12 June 2008, with the following agenda:

1. Communication items
2. Project activities
3. EMCOL labs
4. EMCOL's new project management
5. Other matters

1. Communication items

Namık Çağatay informed the meeting with the following communication items:

- EMCOL project (contract no: 17490): Third Period Activity and Final Reports were sent by Fast registered mail service (APS) to the EC FP Project Office on 5 June 2008.
- Namık Çağatay held a meeting in EMCOL on 23 May 2008 with the Turkish partners and collaborators of the ESONET project for the Sea of Marmara node. Naci Görür (ITU-EMCOL), Günay Çifci and Mustafa Ergun (DEU-IMST), and Cemil Gürbüz (KOERI) attended the meeting. ESONET and EMSO activities at the Sea of Marmara node and the forthcoming Marmara-DM project workshop and kick-off meeting were discussed.

2. EMCOL project activities

- Marmara Workshop: ESONET Marmara-DM (Demonstration Mission) project will hold a workshop and the Kick-off meeting during 16-18 June 2008. These events are being organized by EMCOL in Istanbul Technical University. The workshop will involve presentations on the results of the MARNAUT project, followed by the kick-off meeting of the ESONET Marmara-DM project during which the plan of research activities will be discussed.
- MARNAUT project: 7 Flowmeters and osmometers deployed in the Çınarcık basin, Western High and Tekirdağ Basin during the Marnaut cruise (12 May-11 June 2007) will be recovered using the IU-Faculty of Fisheries' research vessel Yunus during 19-20 June 2008. Mike Tryon (SCRIPSS) and Dursun Acar (EMCOL) will carry out the operation.
- There have been a total of 475 project proposals submitted to FP7-REGPOT-2008-1 call for research capacity development. Of these proposals 190 are from Turkey. We expect to hear about the results of the evaluations of our proposals *EMCLIME* "Eastern Mediterranean Climate and Environmental Changes" and *SeaMaxRegio* "Supporting research infrastructures to maximize regional economic development".
- The two projects: "*HYPHX: In situ monitoring of oxygen depletion in hypoxic ecosystems of coastal and open seas, and land-locked water bodies*", submitted to EC FP7 Call ENV.2008.4.1.2.1" and "*DEPREM: Dynamic Environment for Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Evaluation: Marmara test area*", submitted to EC FP7 Call "ENV.2008.1.3.1.1."

both passed the evaluation threshold. HYPOX has a very good chance of being funded with a total mark of 14.5 out 15.

- EMSO project: A letter was sent to TUBITAK as a funding organization to provide a member on the Strategic Committee of the EMSO, as requested by the project coordinator, Paolo Favali of INGV, Rome.
- ICDP Lake Van Drilling will take place during summer of 2009. Namık Çağatay will meet Thomas Litt in Istanbul on 13 July to discuss and plan the logistics of the drilling and MSCL (core logging) operations.
- EMCOL has to obtain VAT exemption certificates for ESONET and EMSO projects. Sena Akçer will take care of these applications.

3. EMCOL's Labs and Field Facility

Core Analysis lab: The Itrax XRF core scanner is being used to analyze the cores for Sena Akçer's project.

Dursun Acar is preparing an inventory of and data base for the field equipment.

4. EMCOL's new project management

Naci Görür reported that he has prepared a plan for performance-based management of most of the EMCOL projects. He suggested that we discuss and implement these plans with the start of the new academic year in September 2008.

5. Other matters

Namık Çağatay suggested that we put in the application for the EMCOL to be upgraded to the status of "Applied Research Centre" (UY-GAR) in September 2008, after the elections for the new Rector of the University.

Graduate students Sena Akçer, Ümmühan Sancar, Demet Biltekin and Gül Sürmelihindi reported about their thesis research.

Kadir Eriş explained that he obtained a post-doc scholarship from TÜBİTAK to study the Sea of Marmara sesimoturbidites with Christian Beck in France for six months.

Nil Irvalı had a succesful MSc thesis defence of her thesis on "Holocene history of the Golden Horn Estuary. She explained that she is now writing a paper on the same topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:45.