

9 January 2009

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
Minutes

The Management meeting was held in the EMCOL meeting room at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, 9 January 2009, with the following agenda:

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

**1. Communication items, including the projects**

Namık Çağatay informed the meeting with the following communication items:

- EMCOL project (contract no: 17490): We still have not heard about the fate of the evaluation of the third period and final reports of the project, despite providing all the requested documents to the EC project office in Brussels.
- Namık Çağatay participated in the AGU meeting held in San Francisco during 15-19 December 2008 and presented a paper on EMCOL work entitled “*Geochemical and Sedimentological Characteristics of the Turbidites Related to Earthquake Activity in the Sea of Marmara*”.
- Marnaut Project: The Turkish Customs agreed to allow the shipment of the recovered flowmeters and osmometers of the Scripps Oceanographic Institution.
- EMCOL participated in the meeting of TÜBİTAK – Helmholtz Association at TÜBİTAK Marmara Research Centre during December 3-5, 2008. The aim of the meeting to bring together Turkish and German scientists to prepare joint research projects in Earth and Environmental sciences, Material Science, etc. Namık Çağatay and Umut Ulgen participated in the meeting. Namık Çağatay presented a talk introducing the EMCOL facilities and projects. There is possibility of a project proposal on paleoclimate jointly prepared by by EMCOL and GFZ Potsdam.
- “Earthquake Risk Assessment in the Sea of Marmara” project funded by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İBB): The final report was submitted in mid-November, 2009, and has been accepted by the İBB.
- EMCOL has been asked to provide some information on the legal aspects of science infrastructures in Turkey. Work is underway with ITU’s International Relations and Legal department
- EMCOL obtained VAT exemption certificate for the ESONET project, and will be applying for the same for the EMSO project.
- Umut Ulgen will participate in ESONET workshop on “project reporting” in Paris on 26 January 2008.

- Daniela Pantosti of INGV Rome would like to use EMCOL's Core Analysis and Sedimentology labs for their EC FP6 TRANSFER project during 2-6 February 2009. They plan to analyze two cores totalling about 9 m.
- Namık Çağatay had a meeting with Vice Rector Prof. Mehmet Karaca on 7 January 2009. They discussed EMCOL business, including the upgrading of the EMCOL's status to Applied-Research Centre (UYGAR). It was agreed that the application be submitted to the University to start the procedure.

## **2. EMCOL's Labs and Field Facility**

Core Analysis lab: The MSCL is presently being used for the analysis of the MARNAUT cruise for the work on the earthquake records in the Sea of Marmara.

Itrax Core scanner is being used for the core analysis of Funda Şimşek's PhD thesis work.

After discussion, it was decided that Daniela Pantosti could use the sedimentology and Core analysis lab for their EC FP6 Transfer project work during early February, 2009.

## **3. Other matters**

- After discussion, it was agreed to submit to the University authorities the application for EMCOL to be upgraded to the Applied-Research Centre (UYGAR) status.
- Paper submitted by Nil İrvalı, a former EMCOL student, and Namık Çağatay on "Holocene history of the Golden Horn Estuary", has been published in *Geo-Marine Letters* on the internet.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:00.