

17 November 2008

EMCOL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
Minutes

The Management meeting was held in the EMCOL meeting room at 10:00 hours on Monday, 17 November 2008, with the following agenda:

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

### 1. Communication items on project activities

Namık Çağatay informed the meeting with the following communication items:

- EMCOL project (contract no: 17490): Evaluation of the Third Period Activity and Final Reports are near completion. We have sent all the requested amended documents. There is a change of the financial officer. We hope that this will not delay the finalization of the evaluation procedure.
- ESONET General Assembly was held in Faro, Portugal during 20-24 November, 2008. Namık Çağatay presented the “Progress of the ESONET Marmara-DM Project” in the meeting. There were also meetings concerning the EMSO project in Faro, to which Namık Çağatay attended.
- ESONET Marmara Demonstration Mission project: Workshop and coordination/planning meeting of the project was held in Ifremer, Brest during 20-30 November. Namık Çağatay and Umut Ulgen from EMCOL participated in the meeting. Namık Çağatay presented a paper on “Geological risks in the Sea of Marmara”. After a series of scientific presentations during the first day, a coordination/planning meeting was held during the second day to discuss the marine operations such as site investigations and sensors and equipment to be deployed during 2009 were discussed. Cruises onboard RVs Le Suroit, Piri Reis and Urania will be held during 2009.
- Marnaut Project: The recovered flowmeters and osmometers of Scripps Oceanographic Institution are still waiting for shipping. SHOD wrote a letter to the Customs requesting their release for shipment to the USA.
- HYPOX project: “*In situ monitoring of oxygen depletion in hypoxic ecosystems of coastal and open seas, and landlocked water bodies*”. The kick-off will take place in Bremen during Mid-April. EMCOL will be involved in organizing a 7-10 days cruise in the area off the Bosphorus exit, carrying out high resolution seismics and coring. Ifremer and IMP-Bremen are interested in participating in the cruise.
- EMCOL was invited by TUBITAK to attend the EC FP 7 REGPOT-2009 meeting at Bogaziçi University on 7 November 2008. Umut Ulgen attended the meeting. It is possible to modify and resubmit EMCOL’s former proposal *EMCLIME “Eastern Mediterranean Climate and Environmental Changes”* to the new call with a deadline of Feb. 2009.
- EMCOL applied for VAT exemption certificate for the ESONET project and waiting for the answer.

- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IBB) funded “Earthquake Risk Assessment in the Sea of Marmara” project: The preparation of the final report is underway and the submission deadline 28 November 2008.
- Daniela Pantosti of INGV Rome will use EMCOL’s Core analysis and Sedimentology lab for their EC FP6 TRANSFER project during later half of January 2009.

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

Core Analysis lab: The MSCL is presently being used for the analysis of cores for the PhD thesis of Özlem.

Dursun Acar has prepared a plan for a new core storage facility. It will be studied and an application will be made to the University for allocation of the necessary space.

## **3. Other matters**

- Paper submitted by Nil Irvalı, a former EMCOL student, and Namık Çağatay on “Holocene history of the Golden Horn Estuary”, has been accepted for publication in *Geo-Marine Letters*.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.