

9 March 2009

**EMCOL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
Minutes**

The Management meeting was held in the EMCOL meeting room at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 9 March 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:

- ESONET Marmara-DM project: A planning and coordination meeting was held in EMCOL during 9-13 February 2009, with the participation of Louis Geli, Pierre Henry, Luca Gasperini. Cruise plans, site survey studies, equipment deployment plans were discussed for the forthcoming cruises during August-October, 2009. Plans for organizing a training course on submarine observations in EMCOL on 18-19 August 2009 were also discussed. A meeting was also held with SHOD for their safety support during the marine suveys.
- ESONET project: A meeting was held with TPAO in Ankara on 19 February 2009. Namık Çağatay presented the results of ESONET Marmara-DM project and asked for the collaboration in and support of TPAO to the project.
- Annual project activity report for ITU EMCOL was submitted to the ESONET project coordination team by mid-February 2009. The next step is to prepare and submit the financial report by the end of this week.
- EMSO Project: EMSO and ESONET projects and their activities at the Marmara node were introduced to Dokuz Eylül University İzmir on 19 February 2009.
- EMCOL applied to the Ministry of Finance for the VAT exemption certificate for the EMSO project.
- Marnaut Project: Flowmeters and osmometers of the Scripps Oceanographic Institution were finally shipped to US by the end of last month.
- ICDP Drilling programme for the “Pleao-Van” project has been delayed to July 2010. The contract for the project “Lake Van hihh resolution water level changes” to be funded by TUBITAKct has not been received yet.
- EMCOL’s application for funds to Türkiye Ulusal Jeodezi ve Jeofizik Birliği (TUJJB) in 2008 for the earthquake records in the Sea of Marmara will be evaluated during the current year.
- Daniela Pantosti and two other scientists from INGV, Rome visited EMCOL during 2-6 February 2009, and used EMCOL’s Core Analysis and Sedimentology Labs for their work for the EC FP6 TRANSFER project.

- EMCOL's application for upgrading of its status to an Applied-Research Centre (UY-AR) will be discussed in the next meeting of the University Senate this week.

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

Core Analysis lab: XRF Core Scanner was used by the INGV (Rome) and Istanbul University teams during the last month. There was clogging of filters in the XRF tube, which were cleaned by Can Genç and Dursun Acar. Tests were made to ensure proper operation. The Cox Analytical Services checked the results and saw no problems.

The service contract with Cox Analytical Services ends by the end of March 2009. We are negotiation with them to extend the contract for at least another year.

The MSCL was used for the analysis of the MARNAUT cores for the work on the earthquake records in the Sea of Marmara.

Sedimentology Lab: Laser Particle Size Analyzer in the was used by the INGV (Rome) team. They discovered some faults with the set up of the software that were corrected after a visit of the technical person from the supplier company.

Core and equipment storage facilities: There are plans to built a new core storage and field equipment storage facility in the back yard of the Mining Faculty building.

## **3. Other matters**

- Gül Sürmelihiindi, an EMCOL scholarship student, successfully defended her MSc thesis in January 2009. Her paper submitted to EGU 2009 meeting in Vienna has been accepted for oral presentation in the Paleoclimate Session CL35.
- Kadir Eriş completed his Post-Doc studies in France. He has been offered an Assistant Professorship position in Fırat University (Elazığ). He will be leaving ITU within about a month for his new position.
- "Marine Geology and Geohazards" sesion at the 62th Geological Congress of Turkey will be convened by Namık Çağatay and Naci Görür during 12-16 April 2008. There will be several EMCOL presentaations at the congress.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:05.