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NORWEGIAN MEMBERSHIP IN OCEAN FLEET EXCHANGE GROUP (OFEG)

With reference to the meeting in Amsterdam on 20-21 April 2006, I have pleasure to confirm that the Institute of Marine Research (IMR) and the University of Bergen (UoB) are delighted to join the Ocean Fleet Exchange Group (OFEG), and accepts the terms of reference as laid down in the Tripartite Agreement signed between NERC, IFREMER and BMBF for the mutual cooperation of marine scientific interests and activities, and the signed bilateral agreement "Technical arrangements for the barter exchange of major marine facilities" between NERC, IMR and UoB.

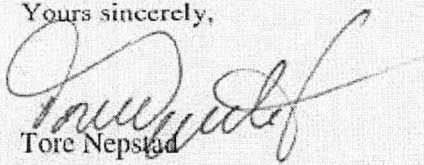
For barter exchange our vessels "G.O. Sars" and "Jan Mayen" will be available at the agreed 7 points exchange valuation, and at 6 points exchange valuation for the "Johan Hjort" and "Håkon Mosby". IMR and UoB will also have available its ROV Aglantha, a seismic system, giant piston corer, towed body with EK 60 (38/120 kHz) including winch with 1400 m fiberoptic cable, and an optical plankton counter (OPC) towed body. These can be added under the heading of Major Marine Equipment where appropriate.

For the website address for ship details I refer to: www.imr.no

Mr Per W. Nieuwejaar will be the contact for IMR and UoB.

Looking forward to a pleasant and fruitful cooperation

Yours sincerely,


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Dear members of the Ocean Facilities Exchange Group,

I have pleasure to confirm that the *Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas* (CSIC) is delighted to join the Ocean Facilities Exchange Group (OFEG), and accepts the terms of reference as laid down in the Agreement signed between NERC, IFREMER, BMBF and NIOZ for the mutual cooperation of marine scientific interests and activities.

For barter exchange our *R/V Sarmiento de Gamboa* and *R/V García del Cid* will be available at the agreed points exchange valuation, and CSIC also will have available its multichannel seismic system and mobile compressor as well as various mobile laboratories. These can be added under the heading of Major Marine Equipment where appropriate. In the near future the BIO Hespérides will be part of the agreement.

For the website address for ships details I can refer to:
<http://www.utm.csic.es/buques.asp>

The undersigned will be the contact for CSIC.

Looking forward to a pleasant and fruitful cooperation

With kind regards,
On behalf of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC)

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