

Agenda for the 17th meeting of the Ocean Facilities Exchange Group (OFEG)

Meeting to be held in Madrid, Spain on the 23rd November 2006

Attendees: Jacques Binot, Jean-Xavier Castrec, Juanjo Danobeitia, Antoine Dosdat, Thomas Mueller, Per Nieuwejaar, Marieke Rietveld, Barbara Tanner, Mike Webb

[Meeting to start at 9am and finish no later than 4pm]

Agenda

- 1 Welcome & introductions
- 2 Tripartite Agreement: new membership (Nieuwejaar; Danobeitia)
- 3 Approval of minutes and matters arising (all)
- 4 Feedback on barter cruises in 2006 and any clearance issues (all)
 - OFEG post cruise assessment form? (Webb)
- 5 Up-date on the 2006, 2007 & 2008 cruise programmes and new barter opportunities (all)
- 6 Up-date of the OFEG activity document and barter balances (all)
- 7 Revision of OFEG ship deployment information for 2007/2008 (all)
- 8 Review of the OFEG booklet (all)
- 9 Report on fleet and major equipment changes (all)
- 10 Up-date on website developments¹ (all)
 - OFEG deep platforms equipment pool [<http://www.nioz.nl/ofeg>] (Rietveld/Webb)
 - Seismics (Webb)
- 11 Ocean research Fleets Working Group (OFWG) (Binot)
- 12 Any Other Business
 - Contact details
 - RV Alliance (Webb)
 - Future meetings (Webb)

Meeting dates

The Group has two meetings a year: a two-day meeting in the Spring and a one-day meeting in the Autumn. The date(s) for meetings are set well in advance to ensure that as many members as possible can attend. Meeting dates can only be changed at late notice if all members can attend on the proposed new date(s) and no one is financially disadvantaged by the change.

Future meeting venues/dates are as follows: Spring 2007 in the UK; Autumn 2007 in Norway (?)

¹ Standing item at OFEG's Autumn meeting

Barter exchange enquires protocol:

Barter exchange enquires should only come from OFEG members and any barter exchange enquiries from members of the science community should be directed back to the appropriate national OFEG member.

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Barter bids for 2007/08 from the Spring 2006 meeting of OFEG

BIDS FOR 2007

1. The Netherlands requires 7-days shiptime in the North Sea in September/October (Alkor or Proseidon???)
2. France requires 5-days on MAR for OBS recovery
3. France requires 20-days science time in Gulf of California, Mexico for a ROV cruise
4. France requires 10-days in March in the Bay of Biscay
5. France requires a 3-leg cruise in Indian Ocean (near Reunion) – leg 1 is for 13-days (and may possibly not be needed); leg 2 is for 11-days SAR or TOBI; leg 3 is for 14-days ROV, dredging and coring
6. France require 30-days in Indian Ocean (near Reunion) for a multibeam, quick seismics, and coring cruise (Pelagia/James Cook???)
7. Germany requires 20-days ship-time in eastern Indian Ocean, near Maldives. Preference for September (Pelagia???)
8. Germany requires 3-4 weeks science time off Chile in 2007/08. (James Cook???)
9. UK requires three cruises, totalling ca.90-days ship-time, working off Sumatra for a marine geology and geophysics science programme in either 2007 or 2008 (Sonne???)
10. UK requires 3-4 weeks ship time on the Pakistan Shelf and upper parts of the Indus Canyon (Arabian Sea) for marine geology/geophysics in 2007/08 (Pelagia???)