

Agenda for the 16th meeting of the Ocean Facilities Exchange Group (OFEG)

Meeting to be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands on the 20th and 21st April 2006

Attendees: Jacques Binot, Jean-Xavier Castrec, Juanjo Danobeitia, Colin Day, Linda Goad, Thomas Mueller, Per Nieuwejaar, Marieke Rietveld, Ingolf Roettingen, Marck Smit, Barbara Tanner, Mike Webb

Agenda

- 1 Welcome & introductions
- 2 Approval of minutes and matters arising
- 3 Feedback on barter cruises in 2005/06 and any clearance issues
- 4 Up-date on the 2006 cruise programmes and new barter opportunities
- 5 Up-date of the OFEG activity document and barter balances
- 6 Revision of OFEG ship deployment information for 2007/2008
- 7 Review of the OFEG booklet
8. Report on fleet and major equipment changes
 - *RRS James Cook* (Webb)
 - Norwegian national fleet, the national instrument pool activity and a proposal for new vessels (Nieuwejaar)
- 10 WWW
 - NERC marine planning website (Day)
 - Virtual equipment pool (Rietveld/Webb)
11. Marine equipment :
 - Marine gravimeter : what type on each vessel, what spares, possibility to lend... ? (Castrec)
 - Availability in 2007 of deep-sea winch with kevlar cable (Rietveld)
12. Any Other Business
 - Contact details

For information:

13. Draft OFWG report

Meeting dates

The Group's meeting dates 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 and if none of the attendees are financially disadvantaged by the change.

Future meeting dates are as follows: Autumn 2006 in the UK; Spring 2007 in Spain

For information:

Barter bids for 2005, 2006, and 2007 from the Spring 2005 meeting of OFEG

BIDS FOR 2005

1. UK requires 2-days ship-time for moorings recovery off the Canaries using Poseidon
2. France requires 2-days ship-time in the S Atlantic (15S, 25W) to recovery, and possibly drag for, moorings.

BIDS FOR 2006

1. The Netherlands requires 21 days ship-time in the Mozambique Channel – preferably in the 2nd half 2006 – for a mooring, CTD, and piston coring cruise. Discovery required.
2. The Netherlands requires 5-days ship-time in the Irminger Sea – preferably in late summer 2006 – for support of the LOCO moorings. (Discovery/Poseidon???)
3. The Netherlands requires 2-days ship-time in the Canary Basin to recovery ‘lost’ mooring. ROV may be required.
4. Germany require 3-days in the Vema Channel, S. Atlantic on JCR whilst on passage to the Falklands – preference for late 2006
5. Germany requires 3-days in the Irminger Sea in the summer to turnaround the ANIMATE mooring. Discovery possible.
6. The UK requires 22 days in the Celtic Sea – preferably in April-September. Possibly using Pelagia
7. The UK requires access to 40-50 days on a large dynamical positioned ship for deployment of the ROV off Portugal. Preference for the summer
8. France requires a 30-day cruise from Portugal – Greenland. Preference for summer 2006.
9. France requires 30-days ship-time off Sumatra. Preference Jan-April/Sept–Dec. Cruise will use seismics, OBS, and multibeam. (Sonne???)
10. France requires 22-days in Eastern Mediterranean, off Egypt – preference for summer – for physical oceanography (Poseidon???)

BIDS FOR 2007

1. The UK requires 35-days ship-time in Eastern Pacific (5-days steaming from Panama) for an ROV cruise (any ship)
2. Germany requires 20-days ship-time in eastern Indian Ocean, near Maldives. Preference for September (Pelagia???)
3. France requires 12-days ship-time in the Gulf of Aden. Preferably before June (to avoid monsoon). (Meteor?)
4. France require 30-days off Reunion for a multibeam, quick seismics, and coring cruise (Pelagia/James Cook???)
5. France requires 30-days in the Gulf of Aden for a multibeam and magnetometer cruise. Preferably in June. (Meteor???)