

OFEG meeting n° 26
6th and 7th April 2011

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| Attendees : | Tom OLE DRANGE | IMR |
| | Erica KONING | NIOZ |
| | Barbara TANNER | PTJ/BMBF |
| | Klas LACKSCHEWITZ | IFM-GEOMAR |
| | Colin DAY | NOC |
| | Helen BEADMAN | NERC |
| | Jean-Xavier CASTREC | Ifremer |
| | Olivier LEFORT | Ifremer |

1/ Approval of last minutes

No remarks

2/ Actions list from 25th OFEG meetings

24/02 (Item 9) OFEG memners to go through agreement documents and decide if it is needed to rewrite or complete those documents. Closed. See action 25/01.

24/08 NSF barter offer description. No proposal has been received from Bob Hotman. Erika to contact Bob to know if and how NSF is really interested by a formal relationship with OFEG. Erika to send him an email and organize a video conference during next meeting (Action 24/08 closed and new action **26/01** open).

24/10 Safety training minimum requirements. After presentation of national approaches, it is decided that Colin should do a requirement matrix concerning safety training and medical requirements to be send and filed in by OFEG members before next meeting (Action 24/10 closed and new action **26/02** open)

25/01 To send Erika IMR, CSIC and NIOZ agreement concerning participation to OFEG. Still waiting for IMR document.

25/02 Dedicated ROV meeting on mid-life refits and New Discovery implementation.

Due to Isis crash the first part of that item is closed.

Concerning ROV deployment on New Discovery it appears that shipyards studies have began, and that equipment implementation studies are planned soon. To be able to integrate Marum, IFM Geomar and Ifremer ROV or heavy equipment installation and deployment constraints a meeting should be organized with technical representatives of NERC and those institutes and the shipyard. Possible dates are 21 and 22 April or 3, 4, and 5 May. To be confirmed and organized by NERC.

25/03 Eurofleets interoperability group situation. Presentation from Per postponed to next meeting.

25/04 OFEG seismic equipments. The idea is to coordinate a revue of OFEG seismic equipment available with a view on interoperability. Colin to list the national contacts in the

field of seismic, to send it for validation to other OFEG members and prepare a discussion on that item during next OFEG meeting.

25/05 ERG Phoenix. The discussion was concentrated on the impact of that agreement on OFEG :

- Coordination of submarines through OFEG is possible for some countries (Ifremer, NERC, Spain), but not for Germany as BMBF who has signed OFEG agreement is not financing operation of ROVs and AUVs.
- Phoenix is at the time of the meeting only concerning AWI, Marum, Ifremer.
- Decision from IFM geomar is foreseen.

Update on that agreement to be done next meeting.

3/ update on recent and planned barter cruises

France

- Tobi (NERC) has been successfully deployed on *Marion Dufresne* in September/October trough barter between Ifremer and NERC.

4/ Update on OFEG cruise programmes in 2011 and 2012-2013

See presentations in appendixes.

Germany

- *Poseidon* refit to be ended in 2011. AUV trials in Las Palmas in November 2011.
- *Sonne* open for charter from January to mid-April 2012 from Hong-Kong
- *Meteor* in Baltic Sea in 2012. Still open after August 2012

UK

- Barter opportunities on *Discovery* in December 2012 and on *James Cook* in February 2013

6/ Update of the OFEG activity document and output Performance Measures.

Output performances measures.

Discussion of Barter Savings documents (method and calculation for 2010) proposed by Helen. Jean-Xavier and Klaus pointed out that it is difficult to have a general rule : e.g. of French cruise *Sonne* for which it is difficult to speak of savings as the campaign should not have been done in case of no barter availability. It was concluded to have a new discussion on that subject during next meeting based on updates documents from Helen.

Importance of confidentiality of costs.

10/ OFEG-TECH activities

See Colin presentation in appendixes.

Colin propose the implementation in OFEG-TECH of two formal groups about coring and seismic. Countries not owning those types of equipment are welcome in those groups.

It is proposed to open those groups to AWI (seismic) and Marum and Ipev (coring) as OFEG could benefit from their experience.

11/ OFEG relations with other parties

a) Eurofleets

Per to represent OFEG at Eurofleets2 meeting in May and to report to OFEG

b) **Ifremer AWI-cooperation** : see action 25/05

c) **SIOS FP7 project**. See presentation in Appendix

12/ OFEG website

The parties have agreed that OFEG Website shall be maintained and developed by Eurocean.

The budget for migration is estimated 20 k€, which represent approx. 3,5 k€per member.

The annual maintenance cost should be 500 €per member.

All OFEG members agree on that budget as far as it is confirmed.

Colin to send a confirmation of budget from Eurocean and a formal invoice to OFEG members before end of April (**action 26/03**)

Principle for updating OFEG website with national information and news to be discussed and confirm during next OFEG (during session 24 Terje Hindernes (IMR) was designed as the 'press officer') (**action 26/04**).

13/ Cruise planning software

A presentation is made by Tom Ole (<http://toktssystem.imr.no/users/login>).

NERC, NIOZ and Ifremer are interested. A meeting to be planned by IMR in September 2011 for demonstration and possible development cooperation discussion. (**action 26/05**)