

MINUTES (Draft)
The 13th ILTER Coordinating Committee Meeting, 2005

Date: 28 October 2005

Time: 09:00 – 12:30

**Venue: Archivo Historico de la Universidad de Colima
Colima, Mexico**

- 1. Last Executive Committee Meeting**
 - a. **Hen-biau King, the Chair of ILTER Network, expressed thanks to Brazilian LTER Network of Central/South American Region for their efforts in successfully hosting the 12th ILTER Coordinating Committee Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting, 2004, in Manaus, Brazil.**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
 - a. **The proposed Agenda were unanimously adopted.**
- 3. ILTER Network Chair's Progress Report**
 - a. **Annual progress report of ILTER Network was presented by the Chair* and discussion followed.**
- 4. Progress Reports by Regional Networks**
 - a. **Progress reports were presented by the regional representatives and discussions on the reports followed.**
 - **Central/East Europe (Julius Oszlanyi)***
 - **Central/South America (Francisco Barbosa)***
 - **East Asia/Pacific (ZHAO Shidong)***
 - **North America (Manuel Maass)***
 - **Southern Africa (Joh Henschel)***
 - **West Europe (Michael Mirtl)***
 - b. **The issue of merging the Central/South America Regional Network and the North America Regional Network was suggested to be further discussed between the two regional networks.**
- 5. New Members of the ILTER Network**
 - a. **The Chair gave a background account of the appointments of Holly Kaufman and Eun-Shik Kim as the Executive Coordinator of ILTER Network and the General Secretary of the Executive Committee of ILTER Network, respectively. The ILTER Coordinating Committee formally confirmed their appointments.**
 - b. **Germany (D-LTER) and Lithuania petitioned for joining the**

ILTER Network as Member Networks beginning this year. **The two country networks made presentations to the ILTER Coordinating Committee Meeting***. With a quorum in place, their petitions were voted and they were unanimously accepted as ILTER Member Networks by the ILTER Coordinating Committee. By the addition of these two new Member Networks, the strength of the ILTER Network is much enhanced with 32 Member Networks.

6. Future ILTER Coordinating Committee Meetings

- a. **Joh Henschel of Namibia confirmed the intention of hosting the 14th ILTER Coordinating Committee Meeting in Namibia for 5 days in the third week of August 2006, and presented some specifics of the meeting, including tentative budget and program***.
- b. **ZHAO Shidong of China confirmed the intention of hosting the 15th ILTER Coordinating Committee Meeting in China during mid-September, 2007.**
- c. **Steve Hamburg of US LTER Network offered information about the next US LTER All Scientist's Meeting scheduled for September 2006 in Estes Park, CO, USA. He indicated the likelihood of financial support from US NSF to foreign LTER scientists participating in this meeting.**

7. Strategic Planning and Fundraising

- a. **The Chair explained the backgrounds for Michel Gutelman making efforts in fund raising in relation to UNDP. Gutelman then gave an account of potential funding sources for ILTER.**
- b. **The Chair raised the issue of ILTER Network without having a legal entity or secretariat in relation to the issue of fundraising.**
- c. **The Chair requested the ILTER Member Networks to cooperate with the team of Holly Kaufman in the efforts of strategic planning during the sessions scheduled in the afternoon and the next day convened by her.**

8. Closing

- a. **The Chair expressed his gratitude to all the participants in the ILTER Annual Meetings held in Colima, Mexico, and special thanks to Manuel Maass and his colleagues in the RED MEX-LTER for excellently hosting the events.**

***Specific information will be further provided for the items printed in bold blue.**

Attachment:

ILTER Member Networks and Participants

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| Austrian LTER Network | Michael Mirtl |
| Brazil LTER Network | Francisco Barbosa |
| Canada Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network (EMAN) | Hague Vaughan |
| Chinese Ecosystem Research Network | ZHAO Shidong, YU Guirui, OUYANG Zhu |
| Czech Republic LTER Network | Jaroslav Vrba |
| Latvia LTER Network | Viesturs Melecis |
| Mexico LTER Network | Manuel Maass, Miroslav Macek |
| Mongolia LTER Network | Jamsran Tsogtbaatar |
| Namibia LTER Network | Joh Henschel |
| Poland LTER Network | Kinga Krauze |
| Romania LTER Network | Angheluta Vadineanu |
| Slovakia LTER Network | Julius Oszlanyi |
| Slovenia LTER Network | Janez Mulec |
| Korea LTER Network | Eun-Shik Kim |
| Taiwan Ecological Research Network | Ling-Ling Lee, Chau-Chin Lin |
| UK Environmental Change Network (ECN) | Terry Parr |
| US LTER Network | Steven Hamburg, Mark Harmon, Laura Sadovnikoff, Matthew Helmus, Stephen Sebestyen |
| Venezuela LTER Network | Armando Torres L. |
| ILTER Network Office | Hen-biau King, Holly Kaufman, Miranda Anderson, Laura Sands, Emiline Ostilind |
| <i>Observers</i> | |
| Germany | Hendrick Schubert |
| Lithuania | Saulius Svazas |
| Italy | Bruno Petriccione |
| Thailand | Yongyut Trisurat |
| France | Michel Gutelman |
| GEO Secretariat | Antti Herlevi |

(Drafted by Hen-biau King and Eun-Shik Kim)