Education Committee Report

The Education Committee has had 4 primary areas of work.

The first is that several members of the education representatives have participated in meetings and working groups of LTER network planning.

LTER –related NSF Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Science Education proposal to the Teacher Professional Continuum program were submitted Sept 16.

LTER scientists John Moore was part of the development of one of these and Robert, Tim Kratz and Barbara Benson were involved in the development of a second. Each of these are multi-site efforts and will contribute educational resources to LTER and will also draw upon LTER resources as a way of furthering the goal of integrating research and education.

There may have been other submissions; these are the two that the committee is aware of at the time of the submission.

The LTER Education Handbook is nearing completion. The education community is doing final reviews. These were to have been submitted to Monica Elser by August 31. Considerations were to:

- 1) Determine is there other topics that should be included? If so, are you willing to write them?
- 2) Addition of an appendix with articles published about SLTER projects, please send me your references.
- 3) Plans are to publish this to Network LTER web site. Are there other suggestions?
- 4) Should there be a working group formed to follow-up on the handbook so new additions and changes can be made?

And finally, the education committee is preparing to promote the development of several education-related workshops at the upcoming All Scientists meeting. We will seek suggestions from LTER Planning and working groups for workshop ideas.

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