

LTER Executive Committee Meeting

June 18-201992, Washington, D.C.

In attendance: Jerry Franklin (NET), JohnVande Castle (NET), James Gosz (SEV), Caroline Bledsoe, Tim Seastedt (NWI), Fred Swanson (AND), Judy Meyer (CWT), Liz Blood (NIN)

10-Year LTER Prooram Review

LTER NASA Collaboration

1993 All Scientists Meeting

The Executive Committee (EXEC) discussed the final draft of the 10-Year LTER Program evaluation document to be presented to the

National Science Foundation (NSF) July 1. The document resulted from initial discussions with NSF at the North Temperate Lakes LTER Coordinating Committee meeting in February 1992 and later discussion among the LTER/EXEC. (Since it was finalized, the document has been submitted to NSF, and copies sent to site principal investigators.)

The LTER/EXEC met with NASA representatives about future LTER-NASA collaboration, proposed by Steve Running (NASA's D.C. office) at the Trout Lake meeting, and followed up by Steve Running and Dick Waring (NASA), Warren Cohen, Gay Bradshaw and other HJ. Andrews scientists, and John Vande Castle of the Network Office. The Andrews group prepared a white paper with suggested commitments and potential areas of collaboration. The EXEC determined that the paper provided an excellent basis for their discussions with NASA representatives, as well as for future interactions between LTER sites and NASA projects.

The logistics for the 1993 LTER All Scientists Meeting were discussed, with particular attention given to meeting location and scheduling. At the Trout Lake meeting, it had been suggested that the meeting be scheduled in mid- to late September 1993, and that the previous location of Estes Park, Colorado was suitable, but that other locations should also be investigated. Carl Bowser, chair of the site selection committee, investigated a number of other options, but the YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park still seemed the best choice. The EXEC discussed other details, including the need for better

locations for posters, and additional meeting areas and break-out rooms. The EXEC selected September 18-23 as the dates for the event, with an expected 500 attendees. Committees formed at Trout Lake are expected to meet at this summer's Coordinating Committee meeting in Alaska to proceed with planning. The 1993 All Scientists Meeting will be a major agenda item.

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North Inlet (NIN) Renewal Review

LTER/EXEC - NSF Meeting

## LTER/EXEC - NASA Meeting

The EXEC discussed the recent NSF renewal review of the N1N site with Liz Blood and decided that Judy Meyer would write a letter to the panel pointing out the altruistic networking activities (particularly in the areas of data management and global positioning systems technology) North Inlet had initiated, and the discouraging signal re data management activities this outcome could give to other sites. Chair Jerry Franklin will also send a letter which notes the important contributions of the site, and suggests the perspective needed for proper review of LTER activities.

The full EXEC met with NSF personnel, including Jim Edwards, Tom Callahan, Polly Penhale (Polar Programs), and Jim Reynolds. Jim Edwards addressed the 10 year review with the LTER/EXEC, and seemed very satisfied with the draft recommendation document, stating that it provided excellent information from which to proceed with developing a review plan for the LTER Program. He pointed out a number of other initiatives including a short timeline (one week) DOD deadline for expanding biological legacy analysis to DOD sites. He also distributed the product of a recent NSF-supported data management workshop held at KBS. Other discussions were held regarding the status of programs, etc., followed by a brief discussion on funding for

the 1993 LTER All Scientists Meeting. (The All Scientists meeting will be a line item in the LTER collaboration proposal currently being drafted.)

The full EXEC met with NASA personnel (including Dianne Wickland, Bob Murphy, Locke Stuart, Dick Waring, Steve Running, and Tony Janetos) at NASA headquarters to discuss potential collaborative projects. Steve Running and John Vande Castle reviewed the activities proposed thus far, and a number of key ideas for collaborative research projects were developed and discussed.

Neither group wants this to be a remote sensing/ground truth exercise. Dianne Wickland stressed two key areas for research: (1) historical time series, including Thematic Mapper data but not excluding other forms., and (2) an experimental approach to high spatial/spectral resolution research (overflight projects, etc.). The ideas presented in the AND white paper, including an exchange of scientists as well as information, were well received by both groups. It was decided that a meeting would be held in Seattle to put together specific ideas, since Steve Running would already be there July 13, and since it is within reasonable driving distance for the AND research group.

Field Trip - SERC, Maryland

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Jerry Franklin, Tim Seastedt and John Vande Castle visited the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC), the Smithsonian Institution's long-term research site at Edgewater, Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay. Director Robert Corell provided a tour of forest canopy research studies, the tidelflat CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment studies, as well as the newer forest CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment study.

Notes by John Vande Castle, 6/13/92