

Education Section Working Group
Ancillary Day
ASM Meeting Sept 2006

The Education Section Working Group meeting was divided into two tasks.

Morning: Discussions and sharing of best practices from our respective sites related to teacher professional development programs and student activities/curriculum. Prior to the ASM meeting, Stevan McGee (LUQ LTER) sent frameworks for professional development and student activities to all the LTER Ed Reps. Using this information, he organized further discussion among the representatives with a goal of developing new frameworks that represented the variety of activities being conducted across the LTER sites. These resultant frameworks could then be shared among the sites to enhance cross-site efforts.

Afternoon: Re-inventing the SLTER web pages on the LTER network website. The afternoon session was designed to gather input from the LTER Education Representatives on creating a more useful Education pages on the LTER network website. The following questions were addressed by the group during the session facilitated by Monica Elser (CAP LTER) and Marshall White (Network Office).

- What is the mission of the SLTER web pages?
- Who are the intended audiences?
- Why will people come to the SLTER web pages?
- How will people use the SLTER web pages?

A subset of the LTER Ed Reps (Ali Whitmer, Monica Elser, Carol Landis, Scott Simon) agreed to work with Marshall White on updating the website. The results of the discussion and ideas on the website were collected and sent to the committee members and Marshall White after the ASM meeting.