

Annual LTER Committee Report for 2010-11

Today's Date: May 5, 2011

Committee: Graduate Students

Chair/Co-chairs: Sally Koerner and Kim LaPierre

Current committee composition and changes in 2010-11: 1-2 representatives per site (see appendix below)

Frequency / Number of times met in 2010-11 (since May 2010): none

Activities / accomplishments since May 2010:

- At ESA August 2010, the LTER graduate students sponsored and ran an organized oral session entitled "The Role of Student Research in Long-Term Studies: Insights into Climate Change and Disturbance Theory."
- In January 2011, Kim LaPierre (KNZ) succeeded Chelse Prather (LUQ) as graduate student committee co-chair, working alongside Sally Koerner (KNZ). This replacement was determined through a nomination and election process.
- To keep up-to-date membership, graduate student listservs were maintained by denoting graduate student status on individual LTER profiles.
- Graduate Students were asked to send in pictures of field work, their field sites, or any other LTER related site or activity. Pictures were collected and sent to the LNO office, with the goal of putting them on the LTER graduate student website.
- LTER Graduate Student Representatives were encouraged to submit a list of all products produced by graduate students from their site. The goal was to generate a comprehensive list of graduate student products to come out of the LTER and post them on the LTER graduate student website. As of yet, we have received limited responses.

Plans for leadership transitions, if any: None planned at this time

Plans for 2011-12:

- We plan to host a meeting of the LTER graduate student representatives at ESA 2011 to begin discussion of ASM 2012.
- The graduate student LTER website will be updated and reworked to better serve the graduate student community.

- A list of all LTER student products will be generated and posted on the updated LTER graduate student website.
- We plan to hold a graduate student symposium at ASM 2012 much like the one from ASM 2009. This fall we will write a proposal for funding for the symposium, advertise to students, and begin to get working groups together.

Other information pertinent to Committee activities:

The Next All Scientist meeting is approaching quickly, and after the success of the last meeting's Graduate Symposium Day, we plan to do it again. Planning for the Graduate Student Symposium Day will consume the majority of the committee's time in the months to come and will be our major objective for the coming year.

In addition, we hope to foster more cross site work among all graduate students and increased communication between graduate representatives from each site. We will work toward this goal at the meeting of the graduate student representatives at ESA 2011.

APPENDIX: Committee Membership

Sarah Frey (AND)

Monica Hubbard (AND)

Julia Larouche (ARC)

Tammy Newcomer (BES)

Rebecca Hewitt (BNZ)

Benjamin Warner (CAP)

Alexis Pasulka (CCE)

Heather Whittington (CDR)

John Chamblee (CWT)

Jay Munyon (FCE)

Christine Hladik (GCE)

Colin Fuss (HBR)

Alix Contosta (HFR)

Darroc Goolsby (JRN)

Megan Woltz (KBS)

Shan Ma (KBS)

Lauren Kinsman (KBS)

Dan Carter (KNZ)

Omar Perez-Reyes (LUQ)

Deb Leslie (MCM)

Sammy Davis (MCR)

Jordan Read (NTL)

Anthony Darrouzet-nardi (NWT)

Kristen Gorman (PAL)

Nat Morse (PIE)

Kyle Cavanaugh (SBC)

Karie Cherwin (SGS)

Ian Murray (SEV)

Luke Cole (VCR)