

## **IGSN e.V. General Assembly**

December 9, 2013 Monday

San Francisco, Westin, 7:00-8:00am

### **Present:**

Lee Allison, David Arctur, Irina Bastrakova, Sky Bristol, Cathy Constable, Simon Cox, Dirk Fleischer, Peter Fox, Leslie Hsu, Jens Klump, Kerstin Lehnert, Marshall Ma, Anders Noren, Barbara Ransom, Lulin Song, Christoph Waldmann, Lesley Wyborn

### **Notes:**

1. Jens Klump was appointed as the meeting Chairperson.
2. Leslie Hsu was appointed as the minute taker.
3. The quorum was established.
4. There were no objections to the proposed Agenda.
5. Report by members of the executive board and discussion (led by Kerstin Lehnert)
  - a. The group has been holding quarterly teleconferences.
  - b. Membership of Marum was approved in June.
  - c. There was a workshop on DESC in September in Lamont. A main goal is to create a community around samples, and perhaps a consortium under the name of geosamples.
  - d. There was a Townhall on IGSN at EGU in April.
  - e. There was a Webinar on the IGSN in April, the materials are posted on [igsn.org](http://igsn.org) and [geosamples.org](http://geosamples.org).
  - f. There was a webinar on DESC, which was recorded
  - g. Webinars will continue because there are requests from new communities, e.g. Mineral Physics and Rock Deformation
  - h. There was a slight change to the IGSN e.V. statutes in the past year – this was necessary because the original statutes had some parts that were lost in translation – changes were made to be accepted as a non-profit organization. Changes were also made to be more precise about the wording of the aims of the organization. Members do not need to be non-profit organizations. This is important for State Geological surveys etc. The official change to the statutes still needs to be completed by notarization and signature by the exec com.
  - i. There is a townhall later today on Physical Samples in the digital age.
6. New applications for IGSN e.V. membership
  - a. Representatives from RPI and CSIRO were present, but not WHOI. Each gave a brief summary of the reason for application.
  - b. Simon Cox from CSIRO: CSIRO has had interest in IGSN e.V. since the inception and tried to act as members, such as attending the foundation meeting. Australian lawyers did not want to leave the national government subject to liability so it took some time to formalize membership. The approvals have been signed. CSIRO plans to become an IGSN allocating agency. Primarily Earth Science division will be using IGSNs, but Simon is now part of the water division, not

- earth science. CSIRO will start with rock samples but then expand to other types of samples. CSIRO will be an Australian node collaborating with others like Geoscience Australia.
- c. Kerstin Lehnert put the application of CSIRO up for vote by hand, only members could vote. There were at least 7 confirmation vote and no opposing or abstaining votes.
  - d. Peter Fox from RPI: RPI sponsored the first IGSN workshop at NCAR in 2004. Because of the Deep Carbon Observatory work by RPI, it is very important that samples have identification. RPI want to use the community standard. DCO is a large international program and will give more exposure to the IGSN. RPI plans to set up allocating agents. Marshall Ma is also here to represent RPI.
  - e. Kerstin Lehnert put the application of RPI up for vote by hand, there were at least 8 confirming votes. None opposed or abstained.
  - f. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution had no representative present. Bernhard Peuker-Erhenbrink was the driver behind the WHOI application. There is an effort to improve the management of the dredge collections. They also have a repository for river samples. Part of a larger effort at WHOI to identify as many things as possible.
  - g. Leslie Hsu read the relevant parts of the WHOI letter of application.
  - h. Kerstin will visit WHOI in January to start more intense conversation and planning.
  - i. Kerstin Lehnert put the application of WHOI up for vote by hand, at least 9 confirming votes. None opposed or abstained. (New confirmed members were allowed to vote.)
  - j. Kerstin: in the next year we will focus on technical issues. Should plan a get together with another meeting perhaps.
  - k. Kerstin welcomed David Arctur from UT Austin as a potential member. Bureau of Economic Geology, Glacier cores, UT Memorial Museum paleo invertebrate and vertebrate collections were handed to the Jackson School at UT Austin.
  - l. Sky Bristol gave an update on USGS membership. Although membership is still not possible because of rules and paperwork, Sky will start pressing forward with a cooperative agreement with Columbia for the core research center facility, cores, cuttings, hand samples. They will begin to get the registration agent details figured out so they can start to join and register.
  - m. Lesley Wyborn gave an update on Geoscience Australia membership. There is a new legal person at GA, it may be more difficult now. Irina Bastrakova is here. The fact that for-profits can join will help. GA signing up is equivalent to the government of Australia to sign up, and it is a small issue for the entire government. All national agencies have that problem. Simon: is GA a member of other international organizations? They are members of OneGeology. They are already members of other non-profit projects. This may help support IGSN e.V. membership.

7. OneGeology will have a meeting in January in Tucson about the future of OneGeology and possibly expanding into other types of data besides maps. This is a possibility for IGSN. Lee Allison is involved. There will be strategy sessions for expanding to other geologic data. Lee is the North American Board Member.
8. Kerstin mentioned that IGSNs should think about how to make it easier for international participation.
9. Biological community update – Kerstin has met with iPlant and iDigBio and they have biological specimen IDs under development. The contact is John Deck from UC Berkeley. This collaboration should be beneficial for the IGSN.
10. The budget: there are still no invoices because the account has not been set up in Germany. Last year the appointment with the bank did not happen. There is a plan to meet in early February 2014, before Jens moves to Australia.
11. Despite Jens imminent move from Germany to Australia, the operation of the handle service at GFZ will not change. Jens reports that GFZ will continue the service for IGSNs. Uli Harms and the library will also be involved. There is a good team in place that will continue running the services. This new process will be revisited during the regular meetings to make sure it is running smoothly. Uli Harms will have the role that Jens has now. The question was raised if there were any dissent to Jens continuing on the Executive Board? This could be on the next meeting or next Board election.
12. Kerstin mentioned interest from NASA in using IGSNs. There will be discussions coming up soon.
13. For the next phone call: Trying to get endorsement from standards organizations. There has been interest but still need to have discussions. Lesley can keep pushing the CGI. OGC – what part of the standards for sample numbering could it go through? Simon: The naming authority in OGC is only concerned with naming things that OGC takes care of, not names of things that members of OGC introduce. It may be out of scope. But could align with GeoSciML and the naming of sampling features, etc. But there could be a best practices document.
14. Simon: RDA is primarily driven by academic community. There will be future meetings. GLAM = galleries libraries archives museums. Some visibility in RDA, and IGSN work is related to this. RDA is more broad than geology.
15. Phone calls for technical issues will be set up.
16. The meeting was closed at 8:00a.