

Minutes of the Biogeosciences business meeting at the EGU 2010 general assembly

Welcome by the Division President

Report on the 2009/2010 BG Activities

The science officers of the division are presented to the business meeting. Juergen Kesselmeier and Antje Boetius apologize for not being able to attend, being respectively ill and on a sea-going expedition. Most of the officers have agreed to stay on for at least one more year. Tim Lenton has stepped down as a science officer for the sub-division "Earth System modeling". He is thanked for his input over the last 3 years. The president will contact possible candidates, and also asked the business meeting attendees to look around for suitable candidates. Stephan Glatzer volunteered last year to become more active within the Biogeosciences council. He is appointed co-science officer in the freshwater and wetlands sub division within Biogeosciences. The president asks the business meeting attendees for suitable candidates to set up a new BG sub-division focusing on genomics and evolution. Until such a candidate has been identified no such sub-division will be installed.

Albert Benthien has agreed to act as a vice-president for the coming year. The business meeting agrees with this. The president invites people to become more actively involved in the BG organization. Not only a new vice-president is needed next year, but also the president needs to be replaced at some point.

Suggestions for the EGU 2011 Programme

The president asks the conveners to keep track of the "no-show" poster presentations and to contact these persons. Several of the conveners indicate to already have done this. The general feeling is that the large number of no-shows is a major problem for making the poster sessions a success.

The attendees is asked again whether they want to stay in the present set-up, with the poster area close to the two rooms BG presently uses. The business meeting is overwhelmingly positive about the current setup and prefers to keep it organized as it was this year.

The president remarks that room 24 was several times overfilled during the i-LEAPS co-sponsored sessions. We might consider moving these sessions to a larger room next year. Although more chairs could be added in room 24, this would disrupt traffic between presentations.

BG Publications

Jack Middelburg has given an overview of the BG open access publishing.

Vladimir Vernadsky Medal + OYSA

Jack Middelburg has been the chair of the Vernadski medal committee last year. He is thanked for successfully taking care of this duty last year as he

resigns. The candidate to become the new Vernadski medal committee chair Michael Boettcher is unanimously accepted by the business meeting attendees. He is appointed for a three year period. The Vernadski medal committee will also take care of the ranking of the nominations of the YSOPP submitted to the BG division.

YSOPP awards

Emmanuelle Javaux has organized this years' YSOPP. Concern exists with the fact that some conveners have not reacted on repeated e-mails explaining the procedures and importance of organizing the YSOPP at their poster sessions. An e-mail will be send around to thank those conveners that did actively participate in the YSOPP. Some conveners expressed their concern on whether the participation in the YSOPP was advertised clearly enough at the web site when people submitted their abstract. Emmanuelle Javaux agreed to organize the YSOPP again next year.

Suggestions regarding the Activities of the Union, such as Meetings, Publications and Outreach Activities

The different opportunities for getting active within EONS have been communicated to the business meeting attendees.

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