

Minutes of the Cryosphere Division (CD) business meeting on 23 April 2009

- 1) The outgoing president Carmen de Jong opens the meeting. Discusses the need of CR officers in line with EGU proposal for 'good practice'. Possibly additional secretaries needed for sea ice and mountains. Number of submissions to CR sessions has gone up from 290 in 2007 to 397 in 2009.
- 2) Carmen introduces the new president G. Hilmar Gudmundsson.
- 3) Hilmar stresses the fact that EGU has a simple structure and is no old men's club, but very dynamic with bottom-up structure. The CR division will be shaped using Open Calls using a >1000 list of CD email addresses. Secretaries and officers to be nominated by open call. Elections at business meetings if more than one candidate for a position. This to propose secretaries, officers, awards (Louis Agassiz medal, Outstanding Young Scientist award).
- 4) We should nominate someone for the outstanding young scientist award every year. Selection procedure and definition of 'young scientist' on EGU webpage.
- 5) Plan for next couple of years is to take previous session program as a template for next year program. However, we need to limit too much overlap and a minimum number of papers needed. Proposal of minimum session size of 6 oral talks discussed and accepted.
- 6) Link between conference and journal TC could be strengthened. Possibility of having special session at EGU meetings and other activities such as union session, splinter meetings, etc., combined with a corresponding topical volume of TC.
- 7) Journal The Cryosphere: impact factor will be available in June 2009 or 2010. Proposal: referees not anonymous and comments published only when all reviews are in. In favour: they do not look at each-others comments. Against: uniformity among journals also important. Should papers on outreach be published? This subject is passed on to the editorial board of TC for further discussions.
- 8) Lively discussion about the Louis Agassiz medal. The length of service in the medal selection committee should be limited in line with guidelines by EGU council. Peter Wadhams stresses the need to make sure that in the future the expertise of the members of the medal committee covers the whole range of cryospheric sciences.
- 9) Until next business meeting CR has the following officers:
  - PC chair: G. Hilmar Gudmundsson
  - Journals: Jonathan L. Bamber.
  - Outreach Andy Kääh.
  - Division Medals: Drewry.
- 10) The number of functions of Secretaries is entirely up to CR. One of the functions of secretaries is help defining the program (sessions, union sessions, meetings with press). It is suggested to have additional secretaries for cryospheric modelling and alpine glaciology. Alpine glaciology could cover the area of 'Mountains'.

11) General discussion.

- a) Next year meeting in Vienna. Negotiation with Paris did not result in an acceptable offer.
- b) How can we attract more US scientist? W. Hibler points out that EGU conference fees are considerably higher than those for AGU. Hilmar explains that there might not be that much room for reduction. Special sessions on topics of great interest to the community combined with topical volume of TC might be a way of attracting scientist to the EGU general assembly.