



Geophysical Instrumentation and Data Systems – Division

Annual General Assembly of the European Geophysical Union

Division Meeting

Vienna, 6th of May 2010

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Geoscience Instrumentation and Data Systems (GI) Division

Memo Minutes of the business meeting
Time Thu 6th May, 2010, at 12:15 – 13.15
Location Vienna, ACV, Room 39
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Introduction

Welcomes by the president. Number of participants in the meeting was 21. This is the official business meeting of the Geoscience Instrumentation and Data Systems Division (GI) of the European Geoscience Union (EGU).

Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed and was adopted as suggested in the beginning of the meeting. The agenda is depicted on the cover page of this memo.

Report on GI 2010 activities and EGU-2010

The program for the General Assembly in 2010 was prepared based on the input from the division, and was finalized in two council meetings.

The participation and the number of submitted abstracts for 2010 were discussed. The number of accepted abstracts in 2010 was 191 (including about ten abstracts in a joint GI-ESSI session), which shows a steady growth. This is a good solid number and also an indication of the importance of our division.

Christiaan Huygens medal, medal committee

The Christiaan Huygens medal is intended for the field of instrumentation, measurement methodologies and data systems. It fits very well to the GI division and covers nicely all current sessions.

The EGU Christiaan Huygens Medal a medal for the Geosciences Instrumentation and Data Systems Division will be awarded to an individual that has made outstanding contributions to one or several fields within the scope of the division. It can refer to one outstanding activity that have had dramatic implications in its field or it may serve as a recognition for several smaller but significant contributions during an extended period. The medal was awarded for the first time during the 2008 General Assembly.

Suggested candidates for nomination can be sent (in pdf-format) to the e mail address: awards.medals@egu.eu. Candidate nominations for the 2011 Medal shall be submitted no later than 15th June, 2010.

A candidate nomination package should include:

- **Nomination letter (1 page)**. This must clearly detail why the candidate deserves this recognition, in particular his/her scientific contributions to the field, their importance, their impact on the discipline and their implications for the future.
- **Curriculum Vitae (2 pages)**
- **Selected bibliography (2 pages)**.
- **Supporting letters**. Between 3 and 5 letters of support (maximum 1 page each) should be submitted. These letters should clearly establish the nominee's recognized contribution to the field.

The EGU wants to have coherent rules for the Medal Committees, and there are Best Practices -instructions that the committees should obey. That is applicable for our Christiaan Huygens Medal Committee.

Key points for the new Medal Award Committee are

- Medalists should be part of the committee
- At least 4 Committee members
- 2 Ex-officio members (GI president, Chair of Union award)
- Max 4-year terms

How to proceed:

- The current committee (H. Svedhem, M. Rose and S. Luthi) has served for 3 years, so they have got one year to go.
- Three medalists will be added this year (→ 3 +3 members)
- In 2011 one more medalist will appear, but 3 earlier members will drop out
- The Medal Committee will suggest the Committee Staff -strategy for 2012 in the 2011 business meeting and for GI president 1 month earlier.

Publications (GI Journal)

After many years of discussions the GI Journal has a real chance to be launched. In 2009 division meeting Dr. Vivekanandan was nominated as the publications officer of the GI division, and he assessed the possibility and opportunities of having a GI Journal. The result of the assessment is shown as appendix of this memo.

If launched, the Editor-in-Chief of the GI Journal would be Jothiram Vivekanandan. A few associate editors have already volunteered themselves (N. Masini, F. Soldovieri, H. Svedhem, M. Syrjasuo, A.-M. Harri, W. Schmidt + more needed, please volunteer). It is important that GI areas are covered by editors to have sufficient expertise of the all the fields.

The division meeting decided to form a GI Journal committee to complete analysis of this journal opportunity. The members of the committee are Vivekanandan, H. Svedhem, W. Schmidt, N. Masini, A-M Harri (Chair) et al. The division meeting gave the mandate to the GI Journal committee to ask for the EGU acceptance for the journal incase the result

of their analysis is as favorable as situation looks now. The near future actions are as follows.

- AMH to check with U. Plosch the EGU iopen access journal requiremens and EGU Publications rules/help, and to report those for the committee by 10-May, 2010.
- AMH to distribute the GI Business meet comments for Committee. 10-May, 2010.
- Vivek to take the above list (Plosch) and to modify the GI Journal Business Plan accordingly by 10-July, and to send it to Committee.
- AMH to take vivek's Business Plan and to formulate the official application for EGU to start GI Journal, and to send it for comments for committee. By 20-July, 2010.
- Iteration
- Final GI-Committee decision to go ahead. By 30 September, 2010.
- GI division Lead will present the GI Journal scope and business plan for EGU council in October 2010.

GI President, elections in 2011

AMH has now served as the GI president now for 3 years, and will still lead the GI-division until EGU2011. This year we need to elect a new president, and we want to have 2-3 candidates.

The Division President term is 2 years plus a possible 2-year extension. The tentative timeline for the elections is as follows:

- 20 August 2010: Deadline for proposal of candidates
- October 2010: Approval of candidates
- 1 November 2010: Elections begin (electronic)
- 1 December 2010: Elections over

Candidates could (preferably) be proposed already during EGU2010. Please let AMH know if any of you could consider volunteering as one candidate. We already have got one name (as we discussed in the meeting), but we need 1-2 more names.

GI program for 2011: discussion (e.g. additional sessions)

The division meeting agreed that the current program will be used as the default program for 2011 Assembly. When the EGU sessions configuration tool is activated, the session conveners can modify their sessions if needed, and EGU members can suggest new sessions. The meeting underlined the importance of having interdivisional sessions (e.g. Web sensors with ESSI).

A specific wish was raised for the Conveners to be more visible during the poster sessions. It was suggested and also agreed by the Meeting that the conveners should visit the posters at least during for 30 minutes, and this should preferably take place in the beginning of the poster session

Discussion and comments on this meeting, venue

Vienna will serve as the venue still for EGU-2011.

Complaints and praises

- Only few electronic plugs on the corridors
- WIFI is lame
- Book is bad: no author index (place and time) etc. Book is useless. Please don't print it for the next year.
- USB stick is ok.
- Medalist presentation times (primetime vs. nighttime). Meeting preferred that the medals lectures would be given in the middle of the GI sessions.

AOB

We didn't have any other business