

CNC-SCOR 2021 Mid-Year Conference Call

7 January 2022

Zoom Meeting 11-12 Pacific = 12-13 Mountain = 13-14 Central = 14-15 Eastern = 15-16 Atlantic =
16:30-17:30 Newfoundland

Attending: Paul Myers, Dave Greenberg, Lisa Miller, Markus Kienast, Gordon Griffiths, Michael Scarratt, David Beauchesne, Jim Abraham, David Fissel, Steve Milhaly, Peter Galbraith, Stephanie Waterman, Paul Snelgrove

Regrets: Jay Cullen, Christopher Poitras

1 Review of Agenda

Paul corrected the month of the AGM from May to June (Agenda item 2).

2 Review of Minutes of June 2021 AGM (attached)

There were no changes to the minutes as distributed. Changes submitted when the draft minutes were distributed earlier, were already incorporated.

3 Review of Action Items

3.ii Paul has started on an item requesting postdoc participation and expects to have something for the January or February newsletter.

Paul has reworded the description of our Early Career Scientist award to make obligations of the recipient optional. It has been translated and featured in the November newsletter. The deadline has been extended to February 15 and it will be included in the January newsletter.

4.i There were no people planning on leaving the committee.

Lisa is continuing on the committee as a regular member as her SOLAS connection is ending.

Action Paul: Confirm invitation to Martina to join Committee as SOLAS rep has been sent.

4.ii Action Paul: Review possible additional members including Ontario representation. Still open.

6.iv Paul has shared the SCOR International web items.

Jody has made some progress on the CNC-SCOR website, but more is to be done. Action Paul: Continue on this.

7.i Planning for the tour speaker was delayed in the hope that it could be done as in the past, but that was not possible. Action: Paul, speaker committee: See what can be arranged for tour speakers. Markus, Stephanie and Paul S. agreed to assist. We note that Eric Oliver will be the CMOS speaker.

7.ii Paul has been in touch with CMOS concerning Project Maury/Ocean. Will be advertising for a teacher for this year.

7.iii Paul noted an increase in article diversity in the newsletter. Dave G expressed appreciation for increased contributions and suggestions from committee members. Action all: Continue to provide contributions and suggestions.

9.i To be considered in the meeting agenda.

10.i,iii Proposed working group rankings were completed via email and submitted to SCOR International.

11. The doodle poll was completed to arrange this meeting.

4 UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

Paul has been actively working on many aspects of this. There have been town hall and coordination meetings involving many ocean related groups. The October town hall meeting addressed increasing Canadian activity. Another town hall is planned as part of the MEOPAR meeting in late January. MEOPAR will be hiring a coordinator to help coordination and interaction. CNC-SCOR will be contributing \$5K to support the MEOPAR coordinator. Paul suggested that CNC-SCOR help support early career scientists getting involved with the UN Decade. ICES has a meeting of early career researchers in May. **Action Paul: Provide article for the newsletter (or use letter MEOPAR submitted to CMOS for this item**

5 Committee Membership

There has been some activity on increasing membership. Paul noted suggestions in the chat. He expects to act on this before the AGM. **Action all: Suggestions to Paul.**

6 News from 2021 SCOR International Meeting

The meeting was held virtually as was the case in 2020. There were about 150 people connected to the meeting most days. SCOR International is sound financially. Dues will remain the same for next year. Three new working groups were formed this year. NRC, who pay Canada's dues, needs an MOU between CNC-SCOR and DFO. It has been challenging to get this MOU signed.

7 Tour Speakers

After the delay waiting for the COVID picture to clarify, the committee will now reactivate.

Action Paul: Convene meeting.

Action all: suggestions to Paul.

There is the possibility of piggy backing on the CMOS tour speaker - Eric Oliver initially booked in the Ottawa CMOS Centre program and scheduled for March 17.

8 Early Career Ocean Scientist Award

Paul noted that we have no nominations so far in spite of many worthy candidates. The full description of the blurb with the translation was sent out in one of the mailings of material for this meeting. The deadline will be extended to February 15 and will need to be amended in the document before being mailed out. Paul will work on a general blurb for distribution.

Action Paul: Prepare an abbreviated version for the newsletter. And find link to original notice on website.

Action all: Get the message out. Make a nomination. If using the original notice, note the change in deadline.

9 CMOS Oceanographic Awards

Paul noted that there are several awards that are presented at the CMOS congress. Not infrequently there are few or no nominations. Awards open to oceanographers include:

- 9.a CMOS Fellows
- 9.b President's Prize
- 9.c Francois J. Saucier Prize in Applied Oceanography
- 9.d Tully Medal
- 9.e Tertia Hughes Graduate Student Prizes
- 9.f Roger Daley Post-doctoral Publication Award
- 9.g Parsons Award (DFO)
- 9.h Project Ocean summer workshop for science teachers.

Action All: Make and promote nominations.

10 Annual Performance Review

CNC-SCOR continues to pass the NRC annual review with flying colours. They pay Canada's dues to SCOR international which are \$28,500 US.

11 Budget

Financial statements were sent out with pre-meeting material. With travel being limited, suggestions for using the excess are welcome. Suggestions thus far included spending on the UN Decade of the Ocean, Emerging scientists and CMOS invited speakers.

Action all: Suggestions to Paul.

Jim Abraham is meeting with DFO ADM on Jan 14 and will discuss the ECCC arrangement where they made a contribution to the 2021 Congress that covered bulk registration for ECCC. The hope is that will include DFO this year. Other things could be considered so if there are SCOR related items that Jim might address, they should be sent to him PDQ.

Action Paul: Anything SCOR related for this meeting to Jim.

The 2023 Congress will be in St. John's and will be hybrid. To avoid cancellation charges because Saskatoon was switched to virtual and will host a hybrid conference in 2025.

12 Contribution Agreement with DFO

The current agreement is 2 year duration, terminating this March. Gordon is talking to Andrew Stewart. The renewal process has been initiated. There are bureaucratic challenges.

13 Newsletter

The newsletter has been discussed above in section 3-7.iii.

14 Website

The CNC-SCOR website is still a work in progress. As noted in 3-6.iv, Paul will be connecting with Jody Klymak to move things forward.

15 CMOS Congresses

Discussed with Budget, agenda item 11.

16 Annual General Meeting

The CNC-SCOR will be around the time of the CMOS Congress, before or after, depending on what works best for committee members.

17 Secretarial Items

Nothing issues at this time.

18 Other Business

Paul noted that he has been CNC-SCOR Chair for several years and has a very busy schedule. Although not planning on resigning at this time, if someone was interested in working into this position, he would be be receptive to working with them. Action all: Think about if this is something you might enjoy or if there is someone who be a good fit.

The Meeting adjourned at the 1 hour mark.