

Minutes – IAC Meeting, September 27, 2004.

Present: J. McManus (Chair), C. Langdon, P. Swart, J. Blaire, J. Serafy, D. Letson, R. Ginsburg.

Meeting started 10:15am.

1. Discussions on upcoming Internal Symposium

J. McManus requested ideas from the members for the upcoming symposium. The members suggested the following

a. Symposium Objectives/Goals:

Present an interdisciplinary event on all coral reef research at RSMAS ,
To show the diversity of study and research opportunity ,
To create/ increase a sense of identity, involvement and community,
To promote interest in coral reef research in University of Miami generally,
To increase internal communication by making abstracts available.

b. Format:

A 1 day event, 9:00am to 4:30 /5pm at RSMAS.
Each speaker allowed one 15– 20 minute presentation (with the maximum of two presentation if presenting on different areas)
Possibly 2 days depending on number of speakers who wish to present.
If possible all persons should have the opportunity to present.

c. Target Audience:

Include all graduate students at RSMAS (30)

P. Swart stated that we should also include the main campus reef scientists such as Kathryn Sullivan-Sealy and Dan Diresta.

The meeting agreed that the people at NOAA, such as Margaret Miller, should be included.

J. Blaire suggested that the event should be open to all RSMAS students as this could be an opportunity for new students who are undecided about their course of study to learn more about the area.

J. Blaire suggested that Alexis Bashira and Ivy Cupek be invited. They could be asked to assist with publicizing the event.

d. Proposed Date:

Saturday, Dec. 4.

It was suggested that we advertise a one day event and depending on responses, extend the symposium to Friday & Saturday, Dec.3- 4.
Suggested time 9:00am to 4:30/5pm.

Other ideas:

D. Letson suggested that the symposium planners encourage the speakers to send them the presentation titles or abstract in order to organize the presentations schedule and come up with a theme.

Also encourage speakers to post their presentation and abstracts on website.

Could post event on website.

D. Letson also suggested a panel discussion as the final item at the symposium, to discuss future direction and identify areas for proposals.

2. Other Business

a. IAC Meeting

There were concerns that there was no quorum at the last two IAC meetings. J.Blaire suggested to J.McManus that he contact the members and call another meeting soon. A quorum is required to set up the chair.

If the attendance situation remains it may be necessary to re-constitute the committee or obtain quorum votes by email.

b. Report on External Advisory Meetings

J. Blaire enquired about minutes for that last IAC Meeting and report about the External Advisory Meeting.

J. McManus advised that SAC was supportive of the symposium provided this was approved by the IAC.

They wanted to continue having an input in NCORE's activities and IAC minutes should be sent to them.

NCORE's EPA review for 2003 was good. They however requested that more IAC and PI meetings be held, that inter-lab standardization comparison for chemical analyses be strengthened, and that QA/QC documentation be updated and put on-line.

3. Next IAC Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2004, 10:00am at NCORE .