

## NCORE INTERNAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING: Summary Report

Dean's Conference Room, University of Miami – RSMAS  
19 September 2005

### Attendees:

Peter Swart (IAC Chairman)  
Jay Blaire (IAC Member)  
Bob Ginsburg (IAC Member)  
Tom Lee (IAC Member)  
Mike Schmale (IAC Member)  
Margaret Miller (IAC Member)  
John Wang (IAC Member)  
Rod Zika (IAC Member)  
Tyler Smith (IAC Student Representative)

John McManus (Director, NCORE)  
Per Glynn (NCORE, Scholar in Residence)  
Chris Langdon (Assistant Director, NCORE)  
Felimon Gayanilo (NCORE)

### Agenda:

- Approval of the minutes
- Nominations for SAC
- NCORE name change
- Update on action items
- Any other business

### *Approval of the minutes*

The meeting was opened by the IAC Chair and no changes were made to the proposed minutes of the meeting.

### *Nominations for SAC*

John explained how the SAC was formed and the purpose/objectives of the external committee. IAC unanimously agreed to maintain the SAC despite the change of NCORE's mandate for various reasons (e.g. obtain external and international perspective of projects, international stature).

This was followed with a series of nominations: Billy Causey, John Ogden, Rob van Woesik, Chantel Collier, Bernhard Reigel, Cheryl Woodely and Jim Hendee – to name a few.

Initially, 4 (Billy, John, Rob and Chantel) will be invited to be members of the SAC. John and Peter took responsibility in sending the invitations.

### *NCORE Name Change*

John proposed that the word “Caribbean” is no longer appropriate given the current and possible projects outside of the Caribbean (e.g. Hawaii, Kuwait, Western Samoa). It was unanimous that the word be deleted. Jay suggested that no formal announcement is necessary and the change should be made as subtle as possible.

However, it was also proposed that NCORE’s mission statement be modified (see below) to include a statement to indicate the center’s preference, experience and expertise with regards to the Caribbean region. This is necessary because of the group’s involvement in the WWBW conference and new project possibilities for the Caribbean.

John suggested group the need for the group to represent NCORE by using NCORE’s logo adjacent to the RSMAS logo in slide presentations and using the organization in large grant proposals.

### *Update on Action Items*

#### NCORE Workshop

It was agreed that the successful NCORE Workshop should be followed with targeted workshops. Three topics were suggested: (i) Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> on Coral Reefs (Chris will explore this possibility), (ii) Deep Reefs, and (iii) Coral Diseases. (Margaret will contact Cheryl Woodely on this possibility).

#### NCORE Statements

The revised NCORE statements now read:

**NCORE Vision:** “Science and Education to Protect Coral Reefs and Reef Dependent People”

**NCORE Mission:** “The National Center for Coral Reef Research (NCORE) is dedicated to improving the scientific basis of coral reef management. The center’s interest are the coral reef of the world but have a special interest in the Caribbean and western tropical Atlantic. Its

members conduct research on past and present coral reefs and reef-associated socioeconomic systems, train students to build on this research, and conduct outreach activities to bridge science, management, and public awareness. NCORE is an interdivisional organization within the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science of the University of Miami.”

#### Future of NCORE

As requested by the Dean’s office, John will document (bullet statements) what IAC has done to reorganize NCORE. To make the process as transparent as possible, minutes of IAC meetings will be posted on the NCORE website.

Other topics discussed:

- A web page will be drafted to post all of NCORE’s outreach activities, proposals submitted and other public lectures.
- There were discussions on the possibility of advertising NCORE and RSMAS via a Kiosk onboard the Explorer.
- Explorer activities should be documented and published.

#### Antigua Possibilities

John presented a summary report on the possibilities of constructing marine laboratories in Antigua through the financial support of Stanford Financials. A proposal is currently being prepared by John.

#### Punta Cana (Dominican Republic) Possibilities

John summarized a possible 3-year project in Punta Cana where NCORE members can participate.

#### *Any Other Business*

Tyler Smith has just completed his graduate program and will soon depart for BVI. Tyler took the responsibility to name a replacement. The new student representative will be presented to IAC in its next meeting (meeting date and time to be announced later).