

15th Core Curators Meeting
Balmer Lawn Hotel, Brockenhurst, Hampshire
15-18 May 2011

Minutes

Meeting outputs session

The core curators have been meeting biannually since 1977; it might be timely to produce an academic output to celebrate these meetings. Three types of publications were possible:

1. A laboratory manual for training students and core describers
2. A book celebrating the work of core repositories and the science they engender
3. A textbook on marine and lake sediments for undergraduate/postgraduate students.

Consensus among curators was that the second option (a book celebrating the work of core repositories and the science they engender) would be a useful and timely publication.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Curators to send outlines of their proposed contribution and chapter(s) title(s) to Guy Rothwell (rgr@noc.ac.uk) **by 1 September 2011** (ACTION: ALL CURATORS). Guy Rothwell to compile and circulate the tentative contents list to curators in September 2011, for approval, which will form the basis of a book proposal to be circulated to potential publishers (ACTION: GUY ROTHWELL).
2. Collaboration to realise an online laboratory manual for core description and analysis was considered a useful venture, which would provide a valuable resource for core describers.
 - Bobbi Conard suggested a possible chapter/module reviewing coring techniques.
 - Phil Rumford proposed a chapter/module identifying drilling disturbances in cores.

Curators agreed to consider their potential contributions to such a resource with the view to formalising a collaborative project at the next meeting (ACTION: ALL CURATORS).

3. With the large number of national (and facility) online databases and curatorial resources (e.g. PsiCat), an online portal listing database and resource URLs would be beneficial. Carla Moore offered to host this on the NGDC website (ACTION: CARLA MOORE). Curators should send links to relevant pages to Carla (carla.j.moore@noaa.gov) (ACTION: ALL CURATORS). It would be particularly useful if non-US Curators could send links to national core databases.
4. Purchasing two simple-to-remember domain names to re-direct traffic to the NGDC *Index to Marine & Lacustrine Geological Samples* website was suggested. Splitting Google hits and points would be a small consequence of creating two new domain name re-directs. Two domain names were proposed: i) www.seabedsamples.org (ACTION: TBD), and ii) www.lakebedsamples.org (ACTION: ANDERS NOREN)

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