

14th Session of the CliC Scientific Steering Group (SSG)
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Meeting Report

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AGENDA

1. Review of budget and project proposals
2. SSG membership (extending and expiring members)
3. Future hosting of the CliC office
4. New WCRP strategy
5. SSG meeting in Davos

MINUTES

1. Review of budget and project proposals

The 2018 budget was drafted based on the initial allocation from WCRP which might increase once WCRP gets their own allocation for the year, expected within a month.

The SSG reviewed and approved the 2018 budget proposal from the CliC IPO. The IPO will inform the various projects of their budget allocations.

All of the funded activities were previously funded by CliC, except for the Northern Oceans Region Panel, which is a new CLIVAR-CliC joint panel. Three extraordinary workshops will also be funded in 2018.

If the allocation from WCRP is higher than on the approved CliC budget, it was agreed that the IPO will recirculate a new version of the budget to the SSG, asking for their approval within a week.

2. SSG membership (extending and expiring members)

Lars H. Smedsrud, Stephen Hudson, Hiroyuki Enomoto, Dario Trombotto, and Shichang Kang

were invited to extend their SSG membership for another year, until December 2019. They all accepted.

Alexandra Jahn and Sebastian Mernild who had already received a 2-year extension and have been on the SSG for 5-years, accepted to rotate off.

Replacements for these two SSG members will be identified and recommendations will be sent to the WCRP Joint Scientific Committee (JSC) before their next meeting in April. First the CliC SSG and IPO will identify the gaps in geographical representation and expertise within the SSG. It was noted that the female representation on the SSG is now quite weak and that this should be changed. Once the gaps are identified, an open call for applications will be published. The SSG and IPO will also canvass the community in the meantime to try and identify potential members.

There was an initial discussion about the gaps in expertise among the SSG members:

-glaciologist/ice-sheet modelling (since S. Mernild is leaving the SSG) – the ISMIP6 community might have recommendations for such expert.

-sea-ice modelling (since A. Jahn is leaving the SSG) in Arctic and/or Antarctic

In addition to the open call, the IPO will identify a preliminary list of people to contact and share it with the SSG.

[3. Future hosting of the CliC office](#)

The current hosting agreement with the Norwegian Polar Institute ends at the end of June. WCRP published an open call on their website, which was shared on all of the WCRP and CliC social media channels. The call will remain open until a suitable host is found.

At the moment, the WCRP JPS Liaison, assisted by the CliC Director, is having preliminary discussions with the Qingdao Marine Laboratory in China. Contacts have also been established in Canada, Sweden, and Finland.

Other countries have expressed interest in supporting part of the office through staff time or sponsoring a meeting.

The SSG members are welcome to provide any suggestions for new hosts that they might have.

[4. New WCRP strategy](#)

CliC Co-Chair James Renwick will go to the next JSC meeting in China in April.

The CliC Co-Chairs are in charge of drafting the Cryosphere component of the 'Emphases of the programme' section of the new WCRP Strategic Plan. The WCRP JPS and Joint Scientific Committee (JSC) Liaisons will then review the various components and will put them out for comment to additional interested people. During a writing retreat to be held in Paris at the end of February, the WCRP JSC and JPS officers and the co-sponsors will work on the whole

draft of the WCRP Strategic Plan before it goes out to all partners and activities for comment. The Strategic Plan will then be finalized at the next WCRP JSC meeting. The next step will be to work on the WCRP Implementation Plan.

The CliC SSG will have the opportunity to comment on the Strategic Plan between the writing retreat and the JSC meeting.

5. SSG meeting in Davos

The CliC Co-Chairs are unlikely to be at the POLAR18 meeting in Davos in June. Other SSG members are going but are scattered throughout the week.

It was agreed that CliC SSG members who will be in Davos will meet informally. A social event might be organized by the IPO when the Conference gets closer. No official SSG meeting will be held in Davos.

SSG members Hiroyuki Enomoto and Lars H. Smedsrud will be at POLAR18. Stephen Hudson might participate.

Other matters

Chris Derksen is stepping down from the WCRP reanalysis inter-comparison panel as the CliC representative. A replacement should be suggested to replace him. Chris Derksen will be asked to suggest someone to replace him. Ben Galton-Fenzi, the CliC representative on WDAC will also be consulted to find a replacement for C. Derksen.

M. Sparrow and J. Renwick are coordinating the input for WCRP, CliC, and PCPI for the next meeting of the Executive Council Panel of Experts Polar and High Mountain Observations, Research and Services (EC-PHORS) to be held at the end of March in Finland. They will ask for comments/input from the SSG and IPO.

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