

IUGS Commission for the Management and Application of Geoscience Information (CGI)**Council Meeting 9**

**British Geological Survey
Murchison House
Edinburgh**

08:30 – 18:00 2 July 2011

Notes and Actions

Present: Kristine Asch, Chair
Ian Jackson, Secretary General
Francois Robida, Treasurer
Gabriel Asato
Peter Baumann
Bruce Simmons
John Broome
Anna Nguno
Koji Wakita

Apologies: David Percy
Wang Jun
Linda Gundersen

1. Welcome, agenda and introductions

KA and IJ welcomed attendees to the meeting and BGS Edinburgh respectively, Apologies/absences were discussed. In the light of DP's failure to attend on 3 occasions Council agreed that his ability to make the required commitment to Council was now in question and that it was perhaps best he should step down.

Action 9/1	<i>Send letter to DP requesting that he justify multiple absences and explain that in the circumstances Council considered that it would be reasonable to request him to step down from his position on Council.</i>	KA	31 July
Action 9/2	<i>Send standard emails to WJ and LG explaining the commitment to attend Council meetings</i>	KA	31 July

2. Notes of last Council meeting (Berlin, 2010)

Approved.

3. Actions from last Council meeting

Actions were reviewed. Follow-on actions resulted.

Action 9/3	<i>Ensure formal invitations go out to Council members well in advance of Brisbane; these should explicitly say that Council members should be present</i>	IJ	30 Sept
Action 9/4	<i>Create list of CGI alliances and make available to CGI website</i>	JB	31 August
Action 9/5	<i>Produce a list of countries needing courses in S America and outline the core needs of such courses</i>	GA	31 August

4.	Chair’s update, including IUGS issues		
The following issues were raised and discussed: INSPIRE and the Data Specification work. IUGS Executive decisions on the future of CGI – no significant changes to MO and aims; adjust CGI name but keep title; refresh officers. IUGS Executive request to establish improved linkages with other Commissions – Council agreed we would do this when there was a practical reason to do so – eg Stan Finny and science language).			
5.	Treasurer’s Report		
<<FR to insert summary table of credit/debit/balance>> FR noted that CGI accumulates money but the only expenditure payment was the CGI website. We had agreed proposal for funding but no cash spent. BGS will invoice for GeoSciML work in next few months. AuScope work may get done after 31 July. Council agreed that FR’s summary table of planned expenditure (proposals) should be left and also that next year’s allocation should be left to the next Council.			
6.	Progress against 2008-2012 Action Plan		
JB reviewed each component of the Action Plan – the evidence was essentially the same as the previous year. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catalyse alliances: evidence cited – 1G, 1G-E, GIC, ICSU, IAMG, INSPIRE, GGIPAC, AUSCOPE, ICS, CGMW, EGS, OGC , YES;• Stimulate progress and standard geological concepts: evidence – CDTG, MTG, 1G-E multilingual vocabulary, science language workshop;• Promote use of data exchange standards: evidence – IWG, 1G, 1G-E;• Facilitate outreach: evidence – GIRAF, S. American workshop, 1G;• Role in coordination of regional initiatives: evidence – INSPIRE, 1G-E, CCOP .			
Action 9/6	Update list of alliances and Council to expand (use 1G-E list from IJ as a starter).	JB	30 Sept
7.	Working Groups		
Interoperability BS provided a summary. The issue of the advance of the standard (GeoSciML V3.2) and software lagging behind was raised. FR felt it to be a generic issue Council did not need to spend time on. A second issue was the perceived complexity of GeoSciML and the users (including software companies) needs for something simpler and lighter. The discussion then moved on to GeoSciML TV and the gap in communication between the technical and operational parts of CGI. The need for improved communication in future was agreed – the developments that the IWG were making were crucial and merited improved dialogue.			
Action 9/7	Produce a one page or ppt briefing on GeoSciML TV	BS	31 August
Action 9/8	Set up small task group of strategic/technical people (JB/BS/FR) and ensure improved future communication between IWG and Council – first job is to draft a statement of task	JB	31 August
Action 9/9	Draw a line under the merger of IWG CDTG and MTG (neither exist any longer)	BS	31 July
Action 9/10	Write to each group via SR and JG and formally close	KA	31 July

	<i>them</i>		
Action 9/11	<i>Produce a statement of task for the new group which will take over the MLT/CDTG work</i>	BS	31 August
8.	Regional Groups		
Reports from several of the RGs had been circulated prior to the meeting and the main points were presented to the meeting. KW raised the issue of needing to fund an expert at the upcoming workshop in Bangkok; it was agreed that his CGI funds could be used for this. GA requested approval to set up a language group in SA. Council agreed but any proposed changes must be submitted to and approved by the main IWG vocabulary group. BS noted work on Spatial Infrastructure Services and GeoServer. AN and KA briefed Council on MapAfrica and Giraf. FR noted OneGeology-Europe, INSPIRE and AEGOS. The Europe item produced a debate on multiple borehole models. JB provided a synopsis of the Canadian situation where there was much less proactivity than in previous years. A linked discussion on a future Council resulted in an action to invite people to nominate for election.			
Action 9/12	<i>Make sure GIRAF/CGI/1G websites and organisations are linked.</i>	KA/IJ	31 August
Action 9/13	<i>Each current CGI Councillor to encourage/nominate 2 or 3 people who should be approached to become Councillors after 2012. The list will be circulated amongst Council first to ensure no duplication.</i>	all	31 August
9.	CGI up to and after 2012		
KA gave Council a resume of the IUGS Exec position on CGI. Basically Council must be refreshed but some experience must also be retained. BS, IJ, JB and KW will definitely be standing down. The election guidance will state that 2 of the current executives will stand down and one will be retained but move post.			
Action 9/14	<i>Change wording of statutes so that under extenuating circumstances certain people may continue on Council after the normal term – but only with IUGS Ex</i>	IJ	30 September
10 and 11	INSPIRE, CGI, OGC (taken together)		
FR proposed a joint working group of CGI and OGC – co-ownership by the 2 organisations. BS felt that any “MoU” must be with IUGS and IWG must not act directly..			
Action 9/15	<i>Write to IUGS (PB) requesting that IUGS delegate the responsibility to deal with OGC to CGI (including the specification of the MoU). Also JB to brief PB informally first.</i>	JB/KA	31 August
Action 9/16	<i>Invite IWG to draft the OGC proposal and submit to CGI Council</i>	BS	31 August
Action 9/17	<i>Brief IWG on CGI Council position and on the need for IWG to always use the appropriate channels and not act unilaterally.</i>	BS	asap
12.	CODATA Report		
JB had produced a report. He summarised it.			
Action 9/18	<i>Circulate ppt slides used at CODATA event</i>	JB	31 August
13.	OneGeology – item not discussed: most of Council were aware of current status.		
14.	34IGC		
BS summarised current understanding of the Information Super Symposium			

Action 9/19	<i>Send current summary of Information Symposium to Council. Council to read and comment</i>	<i>BS, All</i>	<i>30 Sept</i>
Action 9/20	<i>Propose a short format for inclusion in sessions (eg 5 minute oral presentations)</i>	<i>BS</i>	<i>301 August</i>
14.	Groundwater (T Nalecz in attendance)		
TN gave a ppt presentation and made a proposal to Council to create a CGI Hydrogeology WG. Council were concerned there should be no duplication and TN was requested to define a scope and mission for this group. It was felt that OGC is the correct place for GW ML. A debate ensued on the current mission and vision of CGI instigated by PB.			
Action 9/21	<i>Ask TN to produce a short paper on his proposal (scope, mission, etc) and suggest people who would potentially form the WG</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>31 August</i>
Action 9/22	<i>Prepare and circulate a draft new mission and vision statement for CGI</i>	<i>PB</i>	<i>30 September</i>

16. **YES Network:** no attendee from YES; item not discussed

17. **AOB**

PB raised the topic of Earthserver. The election timetable was discussed. There was a need to better understand GEM.

Action 9/23	<i>Circulate information about Earthserver as it develops</i>	<i>PB</i>	<i>ongoing</i>
Action 9/24	<i>Draft election timetable and circulate</i>	<i>IJ</i>	<i>31 August</i>
Action 9/25	<i>Contact GEM about aims of potential mutual interest</i>	<i>JB</i>	<i>30 September</i>

18. **Date and Location of Next Meeting**

It will be in association with IGC.

Action 9/26	<i>Find out options for an all day meeting at IGC and report back. Then fix meeting date and place</i>	<i>IJ</i>	<i>31 August</i>
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Ian Jackson
13 July 2011