Minutes EXCOM Meeting  
Mendoza, Argentina  
2 October 2006

PRESENT EXCOM  
Rick Battarbee, Jérôme Chappellaz, Julie Brigham-Grette (Chair), Pinxian Wang (Vice-Chair), Heinz Wanner

PRESENT IPO  
Thorsten Kiefer, Christoph Kull

Workshop Funding
EXCOM agreed to spend a total of $22,000 on workshop funding as follows:

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<th>Workshop</th>
<th>Date 2007 &amp; Location</th>
<th>Applicant</th>
<th>Request</th>
<th>Decision</th>
<th>PAGES Liaison</th>
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<tr>
<td>Marine Connectivity</td>
<td>9-13 Jan Spain</td>
<td>M. Dawson</td>
<td>$8,580</td>
<td>$4,000</td>
<td>Jansen</td>
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<td>Coastal Environment</td>
<td>12-14 Feb India</td>
<td>A. Ramanathan</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
<td>Not funded</td>
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<td>SST and Hydrological Cycle</td>
<td>30 May-3 Jun Austria</td>
<td>M. Sarnthein</td>
<td>$12,000</td>
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<td>Kiefer</td>
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<td>Paleo Mangroves</td>
<td>9 Aug Australia</td>
<td>M. Wooller</td>
<td>$6,000</td>
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<td>Arid Lands</td>
<td>10-17 Sep China</td>
<td>X. Yang</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
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It was agreed to save the remaining $3,000 for later spending.  
EXCOM subsequently approved the allocation of this funding to the PAGES/CLIVAR 8.2 ky Event workshop held in the UK on 23 October 2006.

Thorsten suggested the idea of allocating minor sums to “innovative workshops”. This would allow PAGES to support workshops that are not central to PAGES but have the potential to explore new fields of PAGES involvement. The EXCOM agreed to this.

SSC Membership
Julie reminded EXCOM that three people needed to be elected to replace Ignacio, Olga and Ryuji. EXCOM discussed the candidates and put forward the following nominations:
1. Takeshi Nakatsuka
2. José Carriquiry
3. Pierre Francus
The SSC subsequently approved the suggestions made by EXCOM.

It was decided to request nominations to the SSC from India and Russia again in 2007.

Executive Director Contract
EXCOM unanimously agreed to renew Thorsten’s contract as Executive Director.