

**Minutes EXCOM Meeting**  
**Beijing, China**  
**8 August 2005**

Present

EXCOM: Rick Battarbee, Julie Brigham-Grette (Chair), Ashok Singhvi, Pinxian Wang, Heinz Wanner  
IPO: Thorsten Kiefer, Leah Christen

**Workshop Funding Policy:**

The current workshop funding policy was discussed. It was suggested that there could/should be 3 different types of funding:

1. PAGES endorsement and logo without financial support
2. PAGES-specified workshops (e.g. one for each Foci every 1-2 years)
3. Community-specified workshops (open call)

For the third type, it was decided that the old requirement that an SSC member or Foci leader be involved be reintroduced. Also, that the same participant cannot normally be funded more than once in 3 years. As was decided by the SSC, it was agreed that there should be a standard form on the PAGES website to be completed by workshop organizers, so that each proposal can be judged on the same basis.

*Action Item: IPO to design and publish a workshop funding application form on the website.*

**Workshop Funding Proposals:**

It was decided to allocate the \$20,000 available to the 9 submitted proposals as follows:

- Arica Southern Deserts	\$2,000
- Past Climates Australasia	\$2,000
- Tree Rings China	\$2,500
- Southern Africa Climate Variability	\$2,000
- Cenozoic Records	no funding (timescales beyond PAGES scope)
- Dark Nature Final Meeting	\$2,000
- Karst Record	\$2,500
- HOLIVAR OSM	\$5,000
- LUCIFS Workshop	\$2,000

*Action Item: Decide which SSC member/Foci leader to assign to each of the funded workshops.*

**New SSC Members:**

The 8 nominated replacements for Olago and Singhvi were discussed at length. It was decided to recommend that Umer (Ethiopia) replace Olago (Kenya) and Singh (India) replace Singhvi (India). It was also recommended to nominate Whitlock and Otto-Bliesner to redress the deficit of modelers and to increase US participation on the SSC. It was suggested that these two new members begin their service in 2006, rather than in 2007 when the next set of SSC members would be rotating off. This would increase the number of SSC members in 2006 to 18.

**New EXCOM Member:**

Singhvi's replacement on the EXCOM starting 2006 was discussed. It was decided that Brigham-Grette would seek nominations from SSC members by email.

*Action Item: Brigham-Grette to email SSC members individually for nominations to EXCOM.*

**Next EXCOM Meeting:**

The next EXCOM meeting will be held on Sunday 4 Dec. 2005 in San Francisco, one day before AGU.