

**Minutes EXCOM Meeting
Mendoza, Argentina
2 October 2006**

PRESENT EXCOM

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

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Thorsten Kiefer, Christoph Kull

Workshop Funding

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

	Workshop	Date 2007 & Location	Applicant	Request	Decision	PAGES Liaison
1	Marine Connectivity	9-13 Jan Spain	M. Dawson	\$8,580	\$4,000	Jansen
2	Coastal Environment	12-14 Feb India	A. Ramanathan	\$10,000	Not funded	
3	SST and Hydrological Cycle	30 May-3 Jun Austria	M. Sarnthein	\$12,000	\$6,000	Kiefer
4	Paleo Mangroves	9 Aug Australia	M. Wooller	\$6,000	\$6,000	Whitlock, Kershaw
5	Arid Lands	10-17 Sep China	X. Yang	\$10,000	\$6,000	Wang

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.