

Summary of CL business meeting

(Division Business Meeting for Climate: Past, Present & Future (CL))

Wednesday, 6 April 2011, Austria Centre Vienna: Room 15, 12:15-13:30

The meeting was attended by around 35 people, and was chaired by the division president, Denis Didier Rousseau (DDR). Much of the meeting consisted of the president's report, with comments from members.

1. The meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of Willi Dansgaard, a pioneer of palaeoclimate science, who died recently.
2. Structure of the CL Division: now structured as 4 parts (a) Past Climate, (b) Present Climate, (c) Future Climate, (d) Tools for Climate Studies. Officers are still needed for some of these sub-sections, and a volunteer to help work on the division web site would also be welcome. The medal committees (Milankovitch, Oeschger) are now constituted as a Chair, former Chair, and the medallists of the last 3 years.
3. Awards: the Outstanding poster prizes (formerly YSOPP) for 2010 had been awarded to Nube Gonzalez-Reviriego, Sebastian Bathiany and Matthew Toohey, though they were not at the CL meeting to receive their certificates. The CL nomination for the Union level Arne Richter awards for outstanding young scientists had not been selected.
4. Meeting statistics: Out of a total of 13462 abstracts submitted to EGU 2011, 1455 were in sessions involving CL. CL is one of the four largest divisions in this respect (with NH, HS, AS), which is helpful in bidding for oral blocks and rooms. Within the CL sessions, 33% of presentations were oral. There had been difficult discussions to get the right rooms for our sessions, which were mainly confined to the ground (yellow) floor.
5. New CL innovations this year at the General Assembly included:
 - (a) The Union session "Planet under Pressure" linked to next year's IGBP meeting in London
 - (b) The Masterclass in climate led by two senior experts from CL
 - (c) The continued arrangement of the programme in 4 sections, as listed in paragraph 2
 - (d) The poster presentation template, and use of poster summary ppts during gaps in sessions.
6. General Assembly and Union issues: Continuing this year had been the geocinema, a blog, and a presence on Twitter and Facebook, and the attempt to reserve the fifth time block each day for posters only. A web address for complaints and suggestions about the assembly is available (<http://tinyurl.com/EGU2011Feedback>). EGU has a new president (Don Dingwell), and a new Executive secretary (Philippe Courtial); Philippe will run the new Munich office. Attendance so far at the 2011

Assembly is a very healthy 10506. The next assembly will again be in Vienna, dates are already posted on the website.

7. EGU 2012: DDR would welcome ideas for the skeleton CL programme for 2012 as soon as possible.
8. Nominations for medals and awards: A call is out for nominations for the Oeschger and Milankovitch medals (deadline June 15th). (Note for information: the 2011 winners were Andrey Ganopolski (Milankovitch) and Robert Delmas (Oeschger)). The division may also nominate one candidate for an outstanding young scientist award; the Union will choose 3 of these nominations to receive Union Young Scientist awards. Before nominating people please check the rules and procedures on the EGU web pages, and then nominate for senior medals to awards.medals@egu.eu, or for the young scientists to DDR (denis.rousseau@lmd.ens.fr).
9. CP report presented by Thorsten Kiefer as chief among the Chief Editors for the last year. CP covers a wide range of topics, from the instrumental period to geologic time. Papers can be open, or in special issues. The 2009 impact factor was 3.8, and the number of papers submitted is increasing. Members are urged to support the journal by proposing special issues, submitting papers, reviewing when asked, and in some cases, acting as editors.
10. Election of CL President: DDR had been elected for a second term with 269 votes.
11. EGU topical conferences: Those agreed will receive 5000 Euros from EGU as seed money for organisation. DDR has proposed a CL series, the “Shackleton conferences”. A scientific steering committee has been built to oversee the meetings.
12. Comments from members: There was a suggestion to have sessions that link past, present and future, rather than only having separate sessions. No other comments came from the floor.
13. DDR closed the meeting by thanking members for attending, and hoping to see everyone at EGU 2012 in Vienna.