



Minutes of GEOSNet board meeting, 5 December 2013, Hong Kong

Date: 5 December 2013

Time: 5:00-6:00 pm

Venue: IAS Theatre, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong

Present: D Straub (Chair), LM Zhang (co-Chair), Y Honjo (past Chair), S Paikowsky, DM Zhang, I Papaioannou (Secretariat)

Guests: S Nishimura, R Gilbert, P Cools, J Ching, and other participants of the ISGSR

1. Introduction and welcome

D Straub convened the meeting at 5:10 pm. Members and guests present introduced themselves.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

None.

3. Past/current activities

- a. Report of TG1 – Conference organisation: (LM Zhang)

D Straub invited LM Zhang to present a brief report on 4ISGSR. LM Zhang reported that 69 papers and 7 keynote papers have been received, 138 delegates have registered and everything has progressed smoothly thus far.

On behalf of the executive board, D Straub thanked LM Zhang and the members of the organizing committee for the efforts and successful organization of 4ISGSR.

- b. Report of TG2 – Design code developments in Asia
- c. Report of TG3 – Reliability benchmarking
- d. Report of TG4 – Design code updates

D Straub opined that the main objective of GEOSNet is to organize the ISGSR conferences and to facilitate networking in the community (essentially corresponding to TG1). Since TG2-TG4 are inactive, and their work is carried out in other existing committees, D Straub suggested to discontinue the activities of TG2-TG4. The board agreed.

4. Next ISGSR

D Straub announced that 5ISGSR will be held in Rotterdam, as proposed by P Cools and agreed by the board members via email. P Cools handed out the bid book to D Straub. The conference will take place in the fall of 2015, on Tuesday 13-Friday 16 October 2015. The conference duration will be two day (Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 October 2015). Tuesday 13 October will be devoted to workshops and registration and on Friday 16 October an excursion will be organized. The conference will be combined with the closure of the Geo-Impuls program and the presentation of its results.

J Ching suggested that the date of the 5ISGSR is close to the 16ECSMGE conference in Edinburgh, on 13-17 September 2015. D Straub and the other members responded that ECSMGE is a European conference, has more general focus and hence different audience.

5. Fifth GEOSNet Board

a. Chair and co-chair

D Straub announced that the new Chair of the executive board of GEOSNet will be the Chair of the 4ISGSR, LM Zhang. The new co-Chair will be the Chair of the organizing committee of 5ISGSR, P Cools.

b. Board members

The 4th board consisted of the following members:

D Straub (Chair)
LM Zhang (co-Chair)

Y Honjo (past Chair)
R Bathurst
A Bond
S Paikowsky
DM Zhang

Secretariat: I Papaioannou

D Straub proposed that the board members having served two terms be replaced by new board members. Y Honjo, DM Zhang and R Bathurst retired as GEOSNet board members and were replaced by S Nishimura, R Gilbert and P Cools.

D Straub suggested that I Papaioannou continues his role as secretary and webmaster of the GEOSNet website until the next board meeting. The board agreed.

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P Cools (co-Chair)

D Straub (past Chair)
A Bond
R Gilbert
S Nishimura
S Paikowsky

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6. Other Business

No additional other business. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.