

COST634 Scientific Committee

Notes from meeting on 15th September 2005, Lublin, Poland

The meeting started 5.15pm; it was agreed that it would need to continue tomorrow. In the absence of Katharina Helming, Dave Favis-Mortlock agreed to take notes.

1. Next WG meetings, WG progress

Two forthcoming meetings:

- *Erosion processes through remote sensing and GIS techniques (WG3 + MC) (provisional title), Andreas Vassilopoulos and Victor Jetten, May 2006, Greece.*

Andreas reported that early arrangements have been made, and a draft leaflet produced. First links have been made with hotels, airlines, related companies, etc.

The registration fee will include hotel cost and meals. Short (e.g. 3-page) papers will go into a Book of Abstracts/CD, also onto the COST634 web page. A subset of papers will be submitted in full journal versions, after the meeting.

Vero commented that must also include option for people to make their own arrangements re. accommodation.

Other comments:

- Need to arrange payment by credit card
- Will make arrangements for accompanying persons (details to appear on second circular)
- Abstracts/papers need to include a sentence which links their paper to WG objective(s)
- A climate change/land use change session will be part of the meeting. Need to review names of people on Scientific Committee, in light of this. May also wish to modify the name of the meeting

***** ACTION POINTS:** see above. Once draft First Circular has been modified, Andreas to circulate this to COST634 Scientific Committee. Final version of First Circular to be ready by beginning of October 2005.

- *Adoptions of soil and water conservation measures in relation to on- and offsite impact of erosion (WG1 & 2), Jan de Graaff et al., Sept 2006, Wageningen, NL.*

Needs to have submissions in, and be approved, before June 2006, so need abstracts by end March. Note abstracts/papers need to include a sentence which links their paper to WG objective(s).

***** ACTION POINT:** WG 1 and 2 Chairs to discuss with Jan de Graaf, get a firm proposal etc.

2. SGM, MC meetings

Small Group Meeting needed before Greek meeting. Also will provide an opportunity to meet new COST Officer John Williams. Could be in e.g. Brussels, maybe end of January. Note that a separate MC meeting in January was previously discussed, this may not now be necessary.

***** ACTION POINT:** arrange this meeting.

3. Publications (Rouen, Lublin)

To be discussed tomorrow.

4. Other proposals

To be discussed tomorrow.

5. Contribution to the ISCO 2006 (Marrakech 14-19 Mai)

Suggest presentation there to flag up COST634's existence. Title could be: *EU COST Action "On- and Off-site Environmental Impacts of Runoff and Erosion"*, with suggested authors: A.-V. Auzet, J. Boardman, K. Helming, M. Kirkby, J. Poesen, P. Olsen, J. Rejman, J. Schuler.

***** ACTION POINT:** write and submit abstract

6. Internet consultation on Soil Thematic Strategy

Agreed that will write a COST634 statement, with individuals also submitting their own statements if they wish. Must make sure that all COST634 members have the opportunity to see the COST634 statement, but note that time is short!

To be discussed further tomorrow.

***** ACTION POINT:** write this statement

7. AOB

DFM mentioned that purchasing of COST634 domain names (suggested cost634.org and cost634.org) could now go ahead. Agreed that should circulate costings for this to SC.

DFM also reported that the owner of the web host on which the COST634 website lives, Andrew Whalley, had requested a small payment of 8 UK pounds per month for hosting the COST634 website. Agreed that DFM would arrange for an invoice to be submitted for this, covering the remainder of COST634's lifetime (until end 2008?)

***** ACTION POINT:** DFM to do the above

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Notes from meeting on 16th September 2005, Lublin, Poland

This was a continuation of the previous day's meeting.

1. Publications (Rouen, Lublin)

The journals:

- Agricultural Ecology and Environment
- Land Degradation and Development

are possibilities for papers from Rouen/Lublin. Suggest one journal, one meeting; altho' it may be necessary to 'overflow' some papers from Lublin into the Rouen special issue since only c. 12 Rouen papers are likely, this may not be enough to fill one special issue.

*** **ACTION POINT:** Vero to approach journals, with Mike assisting

2. Other proposals

- *Tolerance limit: its meaning, how to define and implement it in different contexts (policy, science, etc.) – Firenze (Francesca Ventura, Paolo Bazzoffi, Dino Torri)*

Lorenzo says that there is some uncertainty re. Dino Torri's involvement here, but Paolo Bazzoffi is more positive. May need to find a guest institution to host the meeting in order to reduce the cost; thus may end up being in Tuscany but not Firenze.

Vero suggested could be in May 2007.

*** **ACTION POINT:** Lorenzo to meet Paolo Bazzoffi and discuss

- *Prague, on erosion modelling (Tomas Dostal)*

This proposal would be part of the 300th anniversary celebrations of the Technical University of Prague in 1997. Since the focus is rather narrow, and with a limited socio-economic focus, the proposed theme could be combined with:

- *Implementation of land use changes: technology, effects and modelling – Tuscany or Catalunya, (J.A. Martinez Casanovas, M. Concepcion Ramos, P. Bazzoffi, D. Torri)*

Suggested date for the combined meeting is Autumn 2007.

*** **ACTION POINTS:** Vero to contact Tomas Dostal, and Lorenzo to contact Paolo Bazzoffi

Delivery of sediment and phosphorus to waters, mitigation measures for soil erosion and phosphorus, UK (Lancaster) – J. Quinton et L. Heathwaite

This meeting is associated with a new COST Action on Phosphorus, so we cannot proceed with any planning until we know whether this new Action is likely to be approved or not. If it is, could be joint between COST634 and the new Action, ideally as the first meeting of the new Action. Suggested that sometime in 2007 might be appropriate.

Note that there has been a communication from Brian Conran (Vero has details) to suggest that this meeting could be in Denmark, as part of a larger Phosphorus meeting that is already going ahead.

***** ACTION POINT:** Dave F-M to contact John Quinton to ask re. progress of the new application.

- *Innovative approaches to mitigate on- and off-site impacts of runoff and erosion at farm and landscape levels (C. Bielders & J. Poesen), Belgium*

This might be a good final meeting for COST634, in or before April 2008.

***** ACTION POINT:** Vero to contact Jean Poesen.

3. Internet consultation on Soil Thematic Strategy

Continuing yesterday's discussion, each member of the SC is to write their response on a photocopy of the EU web form, and Vero will collate. We will get the collated response posted to the COST634 web page for comment by all COST634 members, altho' time is short for this.

***** ACTION POINTS:** see above.
