

GeoHab Business Meeting

4 May 2016, Winchester, UK

1. Propose and accept meeting chair: Dr. Peter T. Harris
2. Propose and accept Recording Secretary
3. Formal thanks extended to Tim LeBas and the entire 2016 organizing team
4. Discuss, modify, and adopt 2016 business meeting agenda
5. Business held over from 2015
6. Financial report: Gary Greene and Jerry Wilson
~\$60 000 (ie, good shape)
7. Ron McDowell student award report: Alex Bastos and Tim LeBas
Besides Ron McDowell-funded students, one student was funded through additional funds from Brazil. About \$10 000 will be available for next year.
8. Review student award selection process
Consider the number of people involved in reviewing applications (currently 18). Consider also the priority system (from last hosting country, higher priority), and whether or not to consider PhD students (junior, higher priority). We seem to agree with this system; the problem seems to be that it hasn't always been implemented in the same way. It's up to Tim to do this for next year, as well as decide on the size of the committee. First, though, need to standardize guidelines for applying (make sure they are the same in all documents).
9. Update of host guidance manual

Brian will update it/tweak it. Should the scientific committee also be downsized? Note that the number in the guidelines is the minimum, and is not “enforceable”, it’s up to the hosting country

10. Report on GeoHab website – Massimo DiStefano/Guy Cochrane

Continue, now officially, with the two-website system (one for the house keeping staff, and another one for the annual event). Massimo suggests that it could be a directory of the main website (e.g. geohab.org/2017). No final decision made.

The minutes from the Brazil business meeting seem to be missing? Also, how should they be made available? Public or under login? Make them available upon request? No final decision made, but it was decided to put in the guidelines that the minutes from the year before should be passed on to the hosting country before the meeting (not clear who is going to do this). Also, Brian will contact Erin (?) to get any missing ones.

Contact Massimo to publish content, announcements, etc. on the website

11. Publications: BSWG (Geoffroy Lamarche) and other proposals

At the moment, the BSWG report is only on the website. Geoffroy will try to get a doi for it.

Another proposal (by Geoffroy): special issue on BS. Seconded, if GeoHab puts in an editorial.

Proposal: WG on geocological context. Counter proposal: session for the next GeoHab conference. Accepted as a session or workshop for next year, and if there is sufficient interest, “promote” it to a WG.

12. 2017 Progress report for Nova Scotia, Canada: Craig Brown and Brian Todd

Suggestions for workshop (which is usually sponsored by CPC):
landscape ecology, water column, mapping the white zone using
UAVs/LIDAR. Open until first circular.

Another suggestion: run a “summer school” on the basics of habitat
mapping for students (so that they can better follow this rather
multidisciplinary conference).

Should the presentations be better integrated into the sessions,
and/or sessions with each other?

13. 2018 Progress report for Santa Barbara, California, USA: Guy
Cochrane

Things are on track there...

14. 2019 and beyond: offers and discussion

Terengganu, Malaysia (proposed by Ismael (?))

Saint Petersburg

15. Any other business

Conduct a questionnaire to get feedback on the GeoHab conference
(e.g. survey monkey). Veerle has been volunteered.

Use the mailing list!

16. Declare 2016 business meeting closed