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Subject: Re: ILTER Annual Meeting Agenda

At 13:59 31/05/2000 -0600, you wrote:

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>the annual meeting of the ILTER Network will be held in Snowbird, Utah in
>association with the LTER All Scientists Meeting. The ILTER Business
>Meeting will occur on saturday morning, Aug. 4.

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>Since we only have 1/2 day for this business meeting, we will be limited
>to only a few items to discuss. Here are 4 suggestions for our agenda
>that would take the entire morning for discussion/presentation. If you
>have additional items, please let me know and we can try to accomodate
>them.

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>At this point I anticipate spending about 1 hour on each of the 4 items.

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>Item 1:
>Regional LTER Network Reports.
> We will not have sufficient time to hear progress or status
>reports from each of the 21 countries but we would like to know the status
>of regional developments for your areas. The Regional Scale LTER Network
>is likely to be an important organization for future interactions among
>countries and scientists and we would like to facilitate this development.

>
>I would like to get the name of a person that would make a short
>presentation for each of the following regions;

> Latin America
> North America (Gosz)
> Asia-Pacific (King)
> Europe/Central and Eastern Europe
> South Africa
> Middle East

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>In some cases a person may have to get information from the contacts of
>other countries in their region and we anticipate that there will be one
>person in each region that can do that.

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>Item 2:
> We will initiate a general discussion of what individual countries
>and regional networks need from ILTER. In order for countries to
>demonstrate that they benefit from the ILTER Network, they may need
>various activities, interactions, etc. that we can plan to develop. In
>addition to the ever present need for research money, there may be
>additional needs in training, cross-site research collaboration, new
>technology development, visits to help promote LTER science, etc. We will

*Identity and
role of regional
liaison groups.*

>try to compile a list and prioritize.

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>Item 3:

> We have identified the first demonstration project; the Net
>Primary Productivity project. We can report on the status, hopefully have
>some imagery to show, and develop the next steps involved with validation
>and delivery of important products to the country or region. There also
>are new demonstration projects that could be developed such as a
>biodiversity and productivity project and a soil biodiversity and
>decomposition project. We anticipate the workshops on these efforts
>during the All Scientists Meeting the days previous to the meeting will
>outline steps that we can follow.

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>Item 4:

> Future Plans. These can involve activities identified in the
>first three items plus new activities that may be results from the various
>workshops at the All Scientists Meeting. We would like to identify the
>workshops that hold promise for new ILTER activities and develop followup
>steps to achieve goals developed in the workshops.

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>After I receive feedback from you I will develop a more formal agenda with
>times and meeting location. If we need additional time past the morning,
>we can try to arrange for that, somewhere.

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>See you soon!!

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>Dear Jim,

sorry for taking long in replying but was at the Rio Doce Park and only
today could read your message. Your proposed agenda seems excellent and I am
sure we can discuss these 4 points and hopefully to insert some other
aspects important for the future of the ILTER with an emphasis on Regional
Networks.

Concerning Item 1, I believe I can try once more to be the "Rapporteur" for
Latin America for what I will be in touch with my colleagues. Actually just
received a message from Jorge (Costa Rica) with some good suggestions,
particularly concerning Item 2. So far did not manage to contact all the
Latinamerican colleagues but I do hope they will pass me the most updated
information from their countries and so I will try to summarize them for our
meeting.

For item 2, one particular point I find necessary is to discuss possible
ways of helping the involved countries in the process of
networking/connectivity. Certainly this will need specific projects per
countries but it seems important enough to discuss the possible ways ILTER
could help. Together I also would like to address the need for support of
regional meetings which is particularly important for Latin America,
considering the differences of involvement/support from the so far involved
countries. Finally, research money is another fundamental item for which I
believe cross-site research projects would be of very much interest. I
believe we could try to prepare a frame document for Latin America which
could perhaps be discussed with items 3 and 4.

Looking forward to meeting you soon and hoping to manage to "compile" the
ideas and suggestions of my Latin America colleagues, I remain.

Sincerely,

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