



November 16, 1984

MEMO TO: LTER Site Coordinators

FROM: Jerry F. Franklin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry".

SUBJECT: January Meeting

As most of you are aware, we are planning to meet on January 21 and 22 at the headquarters of Channel Islands National Park in Ventura, California. Ventura is on the California coast about 40 miles northwest of Los Angeles. Judy Brenneman will talk with each of you about accommodations and travel arrangements. You can get there either by driving or commuter airline. I would ask that you arrange to arrive on the evening of January 20 so that we can get in a full days work on the 21st.

My objective in meeting at Channel Islands is to provide an opportunity for you to be exposed to the developing long-term research and monitoring programs within the National Park Service. Channel Islands has the outstanding marine biological monitoring program to which I have been exposed. I am asking Dr. David Parsons from Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park to come in and talk to us about the baseline research and monitoring program that is being developed at Sequoia and several other parks. I feel that these programs have strong relationships to some of the things that we are trying to do. I also figured that special airline fares could probably get us to the LA area as cheaply as anywhere else.

My agenda for our meeting includes:

1. Renewal proposals - guidance from Callahan and sharing among the sites about our experience. The first 6 sites should be well into their LTER II preparation by the time we meet.
2. Intersite collaboration - after an upbeat year or so, things seem to be pretty quiet in this area. We have got to begin thinking about some substantive and probably rather different approaches. What can we (as individuals and programs) do in this area and what resources are needed? What further support or structures can NSF provide? I find it curious that we, the leaders in our respective programs, are often not leading or even participating in collaborative efforts. Seems to me that this ought to be a logical activity for the senior investigators, yet we seem to be delegating it to others.

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3. Workshop reports and proposals - including reports on the data management workshop and the meeting of the Organization Biological Field Stations.

Please provide me with suggestions for other agenda items. Enclosed is a copy of a letter Dick wrote me raising some philosophical questions.

As noted, we will plan to get together on the evening of January 20 for an initial session and spend January 21 on business. I plan to ask Parsons to make a presentation on the evening of January 21 and to have a visit to Channel Islands on January 22. That will, of course, depend upon the weather. If you want to participate in this I would suggest that you schedule a morning departure from LA on January 23.

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cc: T. Callahan

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26 November 1984

Dr. Jerry F. Franklin
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Dear Jerry:

I received your memo of 16 November, 1984, but a copy of the letter from Dick Marzolf was not enclosed. I would like to obtain a copy before our meeting on 21-22 January.

I have some comments about the tentative agenda. I share your concern about intersite collaboration and I think some collaboration should be built into the renewal proposals. I think data management has been an intersite success story -- the group got off to a good start, meets annually, makes substantive progress, and will shortly produce a book resulting from the latest workshop/symposium. Other intersite groups have accomplished their task and disbanded, which is as it should be. I think our weakness in many cases is failure to follow up an initial meeting. We need some first-class ideas for intersite collaboration, but beyond that, one person needs to assume leadership and goad everyone else to keep the project moving.

I will come prepared to discuss the hydrology/sedimentology workshop which is coming up this spring at our site.

I look forward to seeing everyone in January!

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Sparks
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20 September 1984

Dr. Jerry Franklin
Department of Forest Science
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Corvallis, OR 97331

Dear Jerry:

I have read Walt Whitford's request for travel money to start a collaborative experiment on termites and decomposition.

This is in the same category of support that the committee supplied to John Fitzgerald, i.e. little grants to individuals... a little bit of money for someone that is trusted to do good things. I felt that we were heading for trouble when we approved that request.

Walt is a good scientist and a trustworthy fellow. If he says that he will set up an experiment then he will. He'll get results and he'll publish them. He and Vernberg will rightly claim collaboration in their LTER annual reports.

BUT!

The work might also include similar evaluation at other sites where wood decomposition is a significant process. As a comparative experiment this is less robust than it could be. Isn't there a group effort in wood decomposition? How does this fit in with those efforts?

It will be very hard for you not to meet Walt's request because the precedent was set and he will perform. For that reason I approve. I think, however, that he and Liz are a little out of line in tapping this source for travel money.

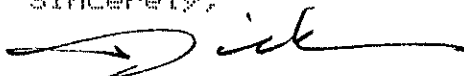
The questions that this request raises for discussion when we next meet are:

How does the money spent from the coordination grant foster comparative ecosystem research?

How does the money spent from the coordination grant foster coordination of investigation of significant long term phenomena (questions, methods, analytical approaches) at the network of sites.

Now that I've been a critic of travel expenditure I wonder if I should change my plans to go to OBFS and discuss with them our progress at the network level. Wish me luck. I'll send the bill.

Sincerely,



G. Richard Marzolf
Professor



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Dec. 17, 1984

Dr. F. John Vernberg
Baruch Institute/U.S.C.
Columbia, SC 29208

Dear Dr. Vernberg,

All bills from the symposium and workshop have now been tabulated. Since many of the non-LTER primary authors did not seek the partial reimbursement for travel which they were entitled to, approximately \$ 2700 remains under the travel category. I would like to ask that the LTER Coordinating Committee consider allocating this remaining travel money to fund travel and lodging expenses for the Editorial Review Board to meet in Denver March 8, 1985. The purpose of this meeting is to act as a final review process for all submitted papers and finalize the format and organization of the volume. This meeting is important to insure that papers are of the highest quality, the best possible order of papers is used, and the technical layout is acceptable. Additionally, the meeting should result in decreased publication time since much of what we plan to accomplish would normally require several mailings.

Six of the seven members of the Editorial Review Board can attend the March 8 meeting including Dick Marzolf (Kansas), Carl Bowser (Wisconsin), Walt Conley (New Mexico), Susan Stafford and Paul Alabach (Oregon), and William Michener (South Carolina). I plan to meet with the seventh member (Mike Farrell of ORNL) the following week.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Coordinating Committee for their support of the symposium and LTER data management workshop.

Sincerely,

William K. Michener

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Dr. D.A. Crossley
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University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dr. Crossley:

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I hope to hear from you by September 24, 1984. Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,
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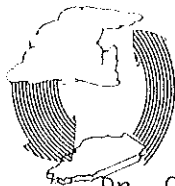
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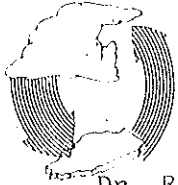
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December 21, 1984

MEMO TO: LTER Site Coordinators

FROM: Judy Brenneman, Admin. Assistant

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy".

SUBJECT: Information Concerning January 21-22 Meeting

Enclosed please find material you will need, or at least want to read, for the January meeting at Channel Islands National Park.

I have also enclosed material about the Harbortown Motel where we will be staying. They are giving us a special rate of \$50.00 a night (the same rate for single or double) so please mention the meeting and The National Park Service when making your reservation. Each person is responsible for making their own reservation.

If your schedules will allow you to leave a day early, most airlines have drastically reduced rates if you stay over a Saturday night (January 19th). When you find out your flight schedule please let me know so that we can coordinate rides between Los Angeles Airport and Ventura. If you plan to rent a car maybe you could provide a ride for someone with a similar airline schedule.

Just a reminder - Because of a scheduling problem with the tour boat at Channel Islands National Park we will have a tour of the Park on Monday, January 21, and spend the 22nd in meetings.

Thank you for your assistance, and I'm looking forward to meeting all of you in January.

jb
enclosures

cc: Y. Callahan

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February 5, 1985

Mr. William Ehorn
Superintendent
Channel Islands National Park
1001 Spinnaker Drive
Ventura, CA 93001

Dear Bill:

This is a belated thank you for the job that you and your staff did hosting the meeting of the Long-Term Ecological Research Coordinating Committee. You folks did the excellent job that I expected and, with Dave Parsons, certainly achieved my objective of impressing the group with the magnitude and quality of NPS research and monitoring programs. It was also an effective meeting for dealing with our Committee's immediate business.

I especially want to thank you for the boat trip and the assistance of Bill Halverson and Gary Davis. The trip was a real treat even without a landing, and I appreciated your personal participation.

I do expect to see some effective affiliation between the first rank NPS programs and the LTER groups in the near future. You can be sure I will be working for it.

Thanks again. Holler if I can help you with anything.

Sincerely,

JERRY F. FRANKLIN
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December 28, 1984

MEMO TO: LTER Coordinating Committee

FROM: Jerry F. Franklin

SUBJECT: Reallocation of Funds From Data Managers Workshop

Please read the enclosed letter from William Michener requesting reallocation of unspent funds from the Data Managers Workshop. If you approve of the request no action is necessary. If you do not approve please contact me within 10 days. The request will be approved if I do not hear from you by January 8th.

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Jerry Franklin
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Dear Jerry:

The enclosed letter from Bill Michener is self explanatory. I recommend to you that his request be approved. Happy Holidays.

See you in January.

Sincerely yours,

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SUBJECT: Information Concerning January 21-22 Meeting

Enclosed please find material you will need, or at least want to read, for the January meeting at Channel Islands National Park.

I have also enclosed material about the Harbortown Motel where we will be staying. They are giving us a special rate of \$50.00 a night (the same rate for single or double) so please mention the meeting and The National Park Service when making your reservation. Each person is responsible for making their own reservation.

If your schedules will allow you to leave a day early, most airlines have drastically reduced rates if you stay over a Saturday night (January 19th). When you find out your flight schedule please let me know so that we can coordinate rides between Los Angeles Airport and Ventura. If you plan to rent a car maybe you could provide a ride for someone with a similar airline schedule.

Just a reminder - Because of a scheduling problem with the tour boat at Channel Islands National Park we will have a tour of the Park on Monday, January 21, and spend the 22nd in meetings.

Thank you for your assistance, and I'm looking forward to meeting all of you in January.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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December 21, 1984


Dr. Jerry Franklin
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Dear Jerry:

We are looking forward to your visit. The field trip is now scheduled to take place on Monday, January 21st. We will be using our larger boat, the Pacific Ranger, and take you to Anacapa Island (time and weather permitting, we'll also go for a look at Santa Cruz Island). Anacapa is about 15 miles from Ventura and Santa Cruz is about 20 miles, so you can expect an hour and a half to two hours each way. The peak of the California grey whale migration usually occurs at that time, so we should see some whales during the passage to and from the islands. The enclosed materials give you an idea of what to expect and guidelines for our boat operation. Please share them with your group.

Have a good holiday season. We'll see you on the 20th.

Sincerely,


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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT TRAVELING
ON THE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BOATS

Welcome Aboard!

Channel Islands National Park operates two major vessels to meet its transportation and logistic needs between the mainland and the islands. One is the "Sea Ranger", a 41-foot vessel equipped for law enforcement patrol and search and rescue operations. She carries a passenger limit of 13 plus the crew of two. The other boat is the "Pacific Ranger", a 56-foot steel hull vessel used for major equipment transportation, research, and personnel and passenger transportation. She carries a passenger limit of 28 plus the crew.

While a trip to the islands is usually an exciting and pleasurable experience, it is essential to remember that these are working boats and that their support role to island operations takes precedence over all other activities. To ensure that your trip is safe and enjoyable, please keep in mind the following:

1. All trips are loaded at 0800 hours and depart the dock at 0830 hours unless specifically noted otherwise. To meet operation schedules it is important to leave on time. Don't be left behind at the dock.
2. The captain and his deckhand are in charge while the boat is underway. They will brief you before they depart the dock regarding safety and operational facts that you need to know. Because the boats are involved in cargo transport, difficult landings at the islands, and traversing unpredictable waters, it is critical that all directions be followed at all times. This is for the safety of all aboard.
3. Because these are official boats, we ask if you are not in uniform you remain below decks while entering or leaving the harbor. While within the waters surrounding the islands your conduct onboard must be in keeping with the professional purpose of the boats.
4. Please be mindful that the crews live onboard the boats much of the time and treat the facilities as you would your home.

We hope this trip is a rewarding experience for you and that you can join us again. We thank you for your cooperation.