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MEMO TO: LTER PIs

FROM: Jerry Franklin, Chairman, LTER/CC

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

SUBJECT: Upcoming LTER/CC Meetings

At the Executive Committee meeting last week we discussed the problem of the LTER/CC meetings becoming unwieldy because of their increasing size. We adopted the following policy with the objective of keeping meetings under 50 participants. Unfortunately, we have also reached the point (actually reached it last year) where the sites will have to pay their travel costs for future LTER/CC meetings.

The adopted policy is

Participation at the LTER/CC meetings will normally be limited to two persons per site with the participating site to pay all of the travel expenses.

Exceptions are: (1) a hosting LTER site is not restricted in participation by its personnel; (2) travel expenses of executive committee members will be paid by the LTER/CC grant; (3) scientists invited by the LTER/CC to come to a meeting as LTER/CC resources (e.g., chair or representative of working group or committee) do not count against a sites' allotment of two participants at a LTER/CC meeting and their expenses will be paid by the LTER/CC grant.

I am sorry that we have had to impose these restrictions. It is partially a consequence of the increased number of sites. The really positive side is, however, that it also reflects the increased importance of an interest in the LTER/CC meetings.

You should be thinking NOW about making your reservations for the spring LTER/CC meeting in Albuquerque. Gosz is going to need to know soon how many of you will be coming from each site and what your arrival/departure schedule is going to be. Judy Brenneman will be contacting you about this in order to collect this information for Gosz. This is a very full two days of meeting followed by a Saturday field trip; please be sure to arrive by the evening of Wednesday, April 12.

Your comments on the draft agenda (enclosed) for the April meeting are invited.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98195

DATE: March 29, 1989

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representatives attending LTER/CC Meeting 4/11-16

FR: Jerry Franklin and Caroline Bledsoe

RE: Preparation for the LTER/CC meeting

Agenda

Enclosed is a revised agenda for the April LTER/CC meeting. There will be a packet for each of you at the hotel when you arrive Wednesday evening. Please read through these materials (reports from the GIS & Scientific/Technology committees, etc.). Also, at the Fall meeting, we discussed the acquisition of remotely sensed data for all LTER sites. If any of you would be interested in developing such a service for the LTER network, please come prepared to discuss this possible activity with the LTER/CC. As you can see from the agenda, it will be a busy three days. But not **all** work. . . .

LTER Tasting

We invite you to participate in an "LTER Tasting!" Have you ever wondered what LTER tastes like? Now's your chance. Please bring a food or beverage from your site (or a nearby location if necessary) to contribute to a tasting session at 6 p.m. Thursday evening, April 13.

If you can't imagine what to bring, here are a few crazy ideas: Fresh lake water from North Temperate Lakes? Blueberry jam from Arctic Lakes/Tundra? Prickly pear wine from Jornada? Squirrel stew from Coweeta? Whole pickled elk from H.J. Andrews? Who knows what will appear on April 13.

See you there.

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MEMO TO: Dr. Jerry Franklin, Chair, LTER/CC

FROM: Ad Hoc LTER Information Resource Group: Susan Stafford,
Robert Robbins, James Callahan, and Caroline Bledsoe

DATE: March 30, 1989 *Susan Stafford.*

SUBJECT: Establishment of an LTER/CC Committee on Information
Resource Development (IRD)

In an informal meeting, February 15, at NSF, we discussed the need for an LTER committee on Information Resource Development. This memo suggests establishment of this committee by the LTER/CC (Coordinating Committee) at their April meeting. The need for, purposes of, and structure of such a committee are outlined.

Need for an IRD Committee

As LTER develops, scientists ask--what data are available? How can I access the data? What tools do I need to work efficiently with large data sets? Are steps being taken to ensure long-term preservation and future access to key data sets? An IRD committee could discuss these questions and devise solutions.

We suggest that there are two major tasks for data personnel and two different types of people needed, one for each task. The types of people are a research-oriented person and a "hands-on" data manager. The two tasks are:

- (1) site-specific data management, storage, "handling," synthesis, etc.;
- (2) broad-based research on data use--e.g., inter-site access to data, development of easily-accessible data bases, development of a "user-interface" to allow uninitiated users to use complex data sets for synthetic research.

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An IRD committee could provide support for both types of persons at LTER sites to get together two times a year to facilitate communication among sites on accomplishment of both tasks. One meeting would be held in conjunction with the annual Data Managers' Meeting and the other would be held at some central location to minimize travel costs.

Purposes of IRD Committee:

- (1) move beyond the "here-and-now" to develop long-term plans for research on use of long-term databases;
- (2) provide coordination of data management issues for sites and for the network;
- (3) develop linkages between LTER and the wider ecological community;
- (4) work with Network Office Data Manager to establish protocols for data exchange across the network;
- (5) discuss the development of "specialized sites" or "nodes" to provide specific functions for data management and research.

Suggested Committee Structure:

We recommend the establishment of a standing committee for Information Resource Development (IRD), pending discussion and approval by the LTER/CC in April in Albuquerque.

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cc: LTER Executive Committee: Lauenroth, Magnuson, and Vernberg;
Michener, co-chair, LTER Data Managers'
Committee