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LTER Technology Committee Report to the Coordinating Committee
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This is a summary of activities since May 2003 LTER Coordinating Committee meeting held at the Kellogg Biological Station site.

There were no formal meetings of the Technology Committee in the past year. A large number of initiatives and projects within LTER have instead, been a part of the Committee's involvement by common membership on other LTER committees. Technological issues within the LTER Information Management Committee and the newly formed LTER Network Information System Advisory Committee are being addressed within those committees by representatives of the Technology Committee serving on those respective committees. Specific technological issues within the LTER have continued to be addressed by individuals of the Technology Committee. In particular were activities related to the use of wireless data transmission and related topics.

The most active involvement of the Technology Committee has been to keep information regarding technology updated on the LTER Technology page: <http://lternet.edu/technology/>.

A number of important changes and additions have been made including advanced sensor information for field measurements, registration of all sites for high resolution reconnaissance data with the Global Fiducial Program, and new information related to Geographic System Technology on the revised LTER GIS page: <http://www.lternet.edu/technology/ltergis/index.html>

With the growing need for information related to technology for new initiatives such as the LTER Network Information System (NIS), the Committee chair polled all committee members to assure that each site was currently represented on the Committee. Responses were missing from a number of sites, and the chair is now in the processes of contacting the PI of individual sites to suggest an appropriate person for the committee.

More information can be found on the LTER Technology Committee page at: <http://intranet.lternet.edu/committees/technology/>.

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