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Record of Decisions – 5th Steering Committee Meeting

Date, Time: 17 September 2019, 09:15 - 12:10
Location: Swiss Academy of Sciences SCNAT

Haus der Akademien, Laupenstrasse 7, 3008 Bern

Room: Mönch

Participants:

Steering Committee T. Stocker (University of Bern, Chair), W. Haeberli (University of Zurich), M. Rebetez

(University of Neuchâtel), C. Schär (ETH Zurich), R. Stöckli (MeteoSwiss)

Swiss GCOS Office B. Calpini, F. Fontana, A. Schmid (Minutes)

Excused K. Ammon (ProClim), M. Stalder (Swiss GCOS Office)

Invitee (Item 5) WGMS: M. Zemp (University of Zurich)

1 Welcome and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair welcomes the GCOS Switzerland Steering Committee (StC) to its fifth meeting. The agenda is adopted.

2 Adoption of minutes of last StC meeting

The minutes and the record of decisions of the fourth StC meeting are adopted.

3 Core Tasks and Projects

a) Core Tasks and Projects: Status Reports

The StC takes note of the status reports.

b) Allocation of Funds relative to Strategic Pillars

The StC takes note of the information reported on the past allocation of funds relative to the four strategic pillars.

4 Projects

a) Call for Proposals 10/2019

The StC defines a financial volume of 821 kCHF, the thematic focus, and indicative duration of projects for the Call for Proposals 10/2019:

(1)	Enhance collaboration at national level: make better use of existing infrastructure and	1-2 years
	identify new partner institutions (Strategic Priority 2.1)	
(2)	Ensure that requirements of the Swiss science community, policy makers, and the public	1-2 years
	are taken into account (Strategic Priority 3.1)	
(3)	Enhance process understanding through a more integrative monitoring approach	2-3 years
	(Strategic Priority 3.2)	

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b) Evaluation Procedure

Based on the lessons learnt from the last call for proposals, the Swiss GCOS Office proposes a refined evaluation procedure. The StC adopts the refined evaluation procedure for future calls for proposals.

5 Core Tasks

a) GLAMOS Proposal 2020 - 2023

The members of the StC declare their conflicts of interest with regard to the proposal submitted. The StC approves the GLAMOS proposal 2020 – 2023 of 70 kCHF/year subject to minor revisions.

b) Euro-Climhist Proposal 2020 - 2023

The members of the StC declare their conflicts of interest with regard to the proposal submitted. The StC approves the Euro-Climhist proposal 2020-2023 of 88 kCHF/year.

c) Outcome of Evaluation of WGMS

The members of the StC declare their conflicts of interest. The StC decides to invite WGMS to submit a follow-up proposal for the period 2021-2024. The funding level is set to CHF 300 kCHF/year for the period 2021-2024. In addition, the StC would agree to fund 50% of a new fulltime position of a WGMS data base manager on the condition that the University of Zurich will match the remaining 50%.

d) Adoption of ToRs of SWE Evaluations

The StC adopts the Terms of Reference for the self-assessments of WSL SLF and Meteodat GmbH.

6 GCOS-GAW Symposium

The Swiss GCOS Office informs the StC about the roadmap to the joint national GCOS-GAW Symposium planned to take place on 29 and 30 September 2020.

7 Snow Monitoring Workshop

The Swiss GCOS Office presents a summary of the snow monitoring workshop that took place on 13 September 2019 at WSL SLF in Davos.

8 Varia

a) Date of next meetings

The next StC meetings will take place as follows:

- a. Spring meeting 2020: Tue, 17 March 2020, 13:30 18:00, Bern
- b. Autumn meeting 2020: Tue, 15 September 2020, 13:30-18:00, tbd
- c. Spring meeting 2021: tbd