

OneGeology Board Meeting #4

Canberra, Australia 2015

19th – 21nd January 2015

SUMMARY OF KEY OUTCOMES (Day 1: Workshop)

- A workshop was held on the first day with the objective of identifying a pathway to make OneGeology sustainable.
- The Board examined the outcomes from the meeting in Paris which contained a number of recommendations as to the issues which needed to be addressed to find the future funding for OneGeology. A range of opportunities and issues were identified and canvassed and these included:
 - raising fees
 - expanding the fee paying membership
 - seeking alternative sources of funding from foundations, charities and scientific agencies

As a consequence the Board has developed, as part of its 2015 Business Plan, a series of actions to capitalise on the workshop.

SUMMARY OF KEY OUTCOMES (Day 2 & 3: Board Meeting)

- The number of fee paying members of OneGeology has increased to 25 out of a possible 119.
- The Board noted a highly successful General Meeting hosted in Brazil focussing on South American OneGeology activity. The Board planned for a similar event focussing on Africa planned for August 2016.
- The Board agreed that the vision for the future of OneGeology that was articulated at the Paris meeting has been accepted – that is for OneGeology to become the test bed for the tools and techniques for sharing geoscience data.
- Board Members have been requested to follow up with Geological Surveys in their regions to encourage them to become active members of OneGeology.

- The Board made some minor changes to the Consortium Agreement to update it and to reflect the experience of the administration in establishing agreements.
- The Board developed a 2015 work program
- We examined the total budget for the work program that was established and identified that there was a significant budget shortfall. The Board acknowledges the contributions of the Lead Parties and acknowledge that there was still a significant shortfall in 2015.
 - OneGeology's current funding situation is that BGS & BRGM provide 300K€ per year and the rest of the Consortium provides funding of approximately 80K€. Possible funding scenarios facing OneGeology are:
 - <200K€ - ending OneGeology – funding will be insufficient
 - between 200 and 350K€ - maintain status quo
 - >350K€ - active development of OneGeology
- The Board discussed and agreed the following actions to address that budget shortfall:
 - to increase fees for members of OneGeology and the Chair of the Board will be writing to all fee paying members to advise them of this change
 - in addition, the Managing Director of OneGeology has been asked to work with Board Members to develop and capture funding opportunities from a range of potential funding sources.
- The Board agreed a set of principles for the tenure of the Chair, and agreed that the Board should identify a Deputy Chair; the Deputy Chair will rotate and become the Chair at an agreed time. Good practice, if possible, would have the Deputy Chair becoming the Chair at an appropriate time.
- Current Chair is Oceania. Maria Glicia da Nobrega Coutinho, The South American regional representative to the Board has agreed to become the Deputy Chair.
- The Board agreed that Outreach would be focussed on priority areas only. The principal focus for the OneGeology Board for this year will be to achieve financial sustainability for OneGeology.
- Should you require further information, the minutes will be posted on the OneGeology web-site, or talk to your local representative or the Managing Director.