

# Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network

## Terms of Reference for Executive Council



*As agreed at EC meeting of 29 January 2015*

Members of the GOA-ON Executive Council are appointed either primarily on their scientific expertise ('science members') or as representatives of funders, sponsoring bodies and programs, recognizing some may serve both functions.

Science members are appointed for one 3-year term with the possibility to extend service for a maximum of two terms. For a member who subsequently becomes Co-Chair, the maximum period of service may be extended up to 9 years, with a maximum period of 6 years as Co-Chair.

Appointments will normally begin at the start of the calendar year. Arrangements to ensure a rotation of EC membership are expected to begin when founding science members reach the end of their first term.

### **Composition of the Executive Council**

- The EC will be composed of two Co-Chairs plus 10 - 15 additional members.
- Science members will be nominated<sup>1</sup> with effort for the EC to have geographic diversity, gender balance and an appropriate range of scientific expertise, with the EC collectively covering the main topic areas relevant to ocean acidification observing, as follows: marine physics, marine biogeochemistry, marine chemistry, marine biology, sensors and instruments, data management and modelling.
- Representatives of government agencies, relevant intergovernmental bodies<sup>2</sup> and national scientific programs will be appointed on the basis of their major involvement in GOA-ON relevant activities.
- Co-chairs should ideally have both scientific expertise and strong policy or funding linkages.

### **The responsibilities of the EC members are as follows**

- Attend, in person<sup>3</sup>, one EC meeting annually, nominally two full days. Annual EC meetings will likely be scheduled in conjunction with other workshops and meetings to reduce travel requirements by EC members.
- Participate in EC teleconferences<sup>4</sup> expected to be four times a year (planned at least 4 weeks in advance with sufficient flexibility in proposed dates).
- Report, in writing, to the GOA-ON Secretariat/Project Office (latter to be established) prior to the EC meetings a brief summary of matters relevant to GOA-ON in the area of their expertise and interests.

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<sup>1</sup> Nominations sought from existing members, on the basis of wider consultations and agreement of the nominated individual

<sup>2</sup> Currently IOC, IOCCP, GOOS and OA-ICC; others not excluded if strong interest

<sup>3</sup> Effort will be made to centrally cover the costs of in-person meeting participation. Arrangements will be discussed further on an individual basis on appointment.

<sup>4</sup> Occasional substitution is allowable if notified in advance, with the substitute having 'observer' status

- Provide information for the quarterly GOA-ON newsletter.
- Provide input to the Secretariat/Project Office on the international community needs regarding GOA-ON related issues and their area of expertise in particular. Suggest actions for GOA-ON to address these needs. Work together with the Secretariat/Project Office and Co-Chairs to execute these actions.
- Represent GOA-ON, particularly in their area of expertise, at international meetings and workshops.
- Promote the awareness of GOA-ON within the relevant scientific and observational communities.
- Encourage national and international funding agencies to support GOA-ON activities.
- Encourage coordination of efforts and collaboration with organizations and projects involved in ocean acidification observations.
- Report back to the EC and the Secretariat/Project Office on the outcome of meetings in a timely fashion.

If EC members are unable to provide significant contribution to GOA-ON, for example by not participating in the in-person annual meetings and quarterly teleconferences, the Co-Chairs have the option to nominate new members.

### ***Current GOA-ON EC Membership (24 February 2015)***

<u>Co-chairs:</u>	Libby Jewett (US - NOAA) Phillip Williamson (UK – UKOA/NERC)
<u>Science Members:</u>	Richard Bellerby (Norway - NIVA) Fai Chai (US – Univ of Maine) Chen-Tung Arthur Chen (Taiwan – National Sun Yet-Sen Univ) Minhan Dai (PR China – Xiamen Univ) Sam Dupont (Sweden – Univ of Göteborg) Richard Feely (US – NOAA) Kitack Lee (S Korea - Pohang Univ of Science & Technology) Jeremy Mathis (US – NOAA) Pedro Monteiro (South Africa - CSIR) Jan Newton (US – Univ of Washington/IOOS) Benjamin Pfeil (Norway – Univ of Bergen) Bronte Tilbrook (Australia – CSIRO)
<u>Representational members:</u>	Albert Fischer (Global Ocean Observing System/IOC-UNESCO) David Osborn (IAEA/OA International Coordination Centre) Maciej Telszewski (IOCCP) Jorge Luis Valdes (IOC-UNESCO)
<u>Technical Architect:</u>	Cathy Cosca (NOAA PMEL)
<u>Support:</u>	Kirsten Isensee (IOC-UNESCO) Lina Hansson (OA International Coordination Centre/IAEA)