

TELECON with WCRP JPS, SPARC, GEWEX, CLIVAR, CliC, CORDEX, S2S & CORA - 13 March 2020

Attendants

CliC: Gwen Hammon

SPARC: Hans Volkert & Mareike Kenntner

CORDEX: Irene Lake, Linda Nilsson & Anna Eronn

CLIVAR: Jose dos Santos & Jing Li

GEWEX: Peter van Oevelen

JPS: Mike Sparrow, Mich Rixen & Narelle van der Wel

CORA: Beatriz Balino & Anke Schlunse-Rico

S2S: Seungon Hwang & Yukyung Hyun

CORA

The Task Team for Regional Activities delivered its report to the JSC in December prior to AGU. Regarding elements for the Implementation Plan, the TT will tentatively recommend:

- To replace the WGRC with a Working Group on Information for Regions and Society. This shall cut across WCRP in whatever form it takes in the future
- Use the Frontiers of Climate Information (FoCI) concept for the co-production with stakeholders of climate information for regions. This will imply including translational science as a vehicle for operation with stakeholders, social scientists, etc.
- To draw upon the experience and expertise of IPCC AR6, in particular from the 'regional' chapters at the end of the Working Group I report. This material will help to identify gaps and research questions relevant for WCRP's regional agenda.

CliC

- 6 new members appointed to the SSG in 2020.
- At its last meeting, the SSG decided that all CliC projects will be categorised as either activities or MIPs.
- CliC is currently in the process of updating its Action Plan
- The SSG also discussed how to evaluate CliC's work and impact (e.g. which indicators to use).

CLIVAR

- 5 new members in the SSG
- The Agreement with FIO to host the IPO in Qingdao has been renewed for another 5 years.
- Jose is working from Ecuador and will remain there until the coronavirus crisis improves
- Several panel meetings (IORP, NORP, SORP...) have already been postponed.
- About the CLIVAR Monsoons Project Office: the host Institute of Tropical Meteorology renewed its commitment for 1 year. Kumar Kolli is proposing some changes that would be discussed in the months to come.
- Main concern now is the organisation of the summer course in China schedule to start on July 6th (due to the coronavirus).

GEWEX

- No new members this year, this is unique.
- GASS is reorganising now, and connecting to WWRP nicely.
- RHP panel – ANDEX when will be kicked-off?
- The activities in SE Asia are mostly Japanese lead so it must turn it international
- The TPE is worrisome: it is very big and little coordinated. Expectant as what will happen in the future. It links to CORDEX and CliC. GEWEX interested in the observational side.
- New project in Central Asia (with the «xx-kan» countries) CORA assisted in putting together a funding grant application for the 1. workshop.
- North America: the Global Water Future project in Canada is doing well. A new project maybe coming up
- A new project in East Africa might come up too.
- GLASS needs to re-organise, as well as the membership. Big ideas on Global Observatories might be of interest to CliC and CORDEX
- Working on the GEWEX Science plan, 60-70% is done, the rest will depend on how WCRP will look like in next decade.

SPARC

- Seok-Woo Son appointed as new SPARC co-chair in 2019; Judith Perlwitz had to step down as co-chair in February due to personal reasons.
- New Newsletter on line
- Who is WMO liaison for SPARC? They continue cc Boram and Mike in the meantime. In a month time it will be clarified
- New SPARC report being written by S-RIP (SPARC Reanalysis Intercomparison Project). This report is currently in review and we aim to publish within 2020.
- SPARC working on a new science strategy, based on the discussions held at the SSG in Boulder, December 2019
- Hans will retire this June and Mareike will take over as director of the IPO

CORDEX

- The IPO has 2 new part-time positions: Lindha Nilsson and Anna Eronn
- Scientific Advisory Team (SAT): Daniela Jacob replaces Gutwoski as co-chair, while Tereza Cavazos and John Cassano replace Anne Frigon and Jacob.
- CORDEX White paper almost finished on the new science strategy in light of the WCRP strategy and Implementation Plan
- Downscaling the CMIP6: the standards have been finalized but not the downscaling itself
- Working on a new CORDEX Communication Plan. CliC wants to follow this up as well.
- Future events: will funds workshops in Asia, SA and Africa

S2S International Coordination Office

- Finished renewal of the S2S homepage for S2S Phase 2 (s2sprediction.net).
- Added ocean data in the S2S database.
- Couple of new S2S model will join to provide S2S forecast/hindcast data.
- 2020 ASP summer colloquium (Workshop on S2S science and predictions) in NCAR is not yet decided to cancel.
- AOGS 17th Annual meeting at Korea in June was cancelled.
- No workshop and training course held by KMA this year. The budget on next year is not yet determined.

JPS

- Will inform about the JSC-41 next week
- Asked the CP to report on the past successes to include in applications for funding
- Will distribute the report of the Hamburg workshop in late March.
- JPS will contact us about our C-footprint
- New: A CMIP IPO might be in place next year

AoB: Communications

How to conduct effective communications in the future was brought up by CORA and CORDEX since for many it is difficult to follow up by email. There are a number of platforms that service communications well for certain tasks or activities, e.g. Teams, Slack, Trello, Alfresco, DropBox, Google Drive. We should have a discussion around this issue by, e.g. exchanging best practices.

Actions

- Make suggestion on how to evaluate the WCRP activities, e.g. which indicators can be used
- Communications: come up with novel ways to communicate
- Due to the coronavirus, almost all meetings are being postponed to the fall/winter. The JPS & IPOs must try to coordinate among the projects
- Prepare a Doodle to settle the next telecon in April