

Agenda WCRP IPO & JPS Meeting 29th of June 2020 15.00 CEST (UTC+2)

- Welcome from CORDEX
Irène asked all to inform shortly about the COVID-19 situation, coming back to office and if there is anything that will affect the work/IPO interaction.
- Update from CORA (5 min)
Anke informed that CORA is in the process of bringing the database into the beta version.
CORA thinks about the roadmap of the Task Team for Regional Activities and seek to create synergies.
CORA has updated their sections *Meetings* and *Documents* on the WCRP webpage.
- Update from CLIVAR (5min)
The CLIVAR offices are working as normal as possible given the situation. The staff in Qingdao has been able to go back work at the office but José is still in Ecuador and will probably not be back in Qingdao until the end of August.

The CLIVAR activities are going according to plans. For most of the panels there are teleconferences and people are encouraged to be active. These teleconferences are coordinated by the offices; for the Monsoon Panel by the Pune office and for all other panels by the Qingdao office.

There has been a proposal from the US CLIVAR office, which has sponsored the US Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation Programme, to sunset the programme. International CLIVAR is however discussing to start providing support to the AMOC Programme.

The Tropical Basin Interaction Research FOCI is planning a conference; it will probably be held during the AGU, a special session on Tropical Basin Interaction has been proposed.

During the JSC41 meeting an ICMPO (CLIVAR Monsoons Project Office) initiative to merge the monsoon activities of WCRP and WWRP was discussed. JSC has endorsed this and the ICMPO is currently working on the proposal.

The 2nd international workshop on the monsoons is going to be held early 2021 in New Delhi, India, if the situation allows it.

One special issue for CLIVAR Exchanges is being prepared and to be released in November 2020 together with a special edition of the GEWEX quarterly magazine both focused on the Monsoons and with the coordination of the ICMPO.

A big meeting, only CLIVAR groups/community plus invited guests from partners organizations, at ICTP in Italy is planned for next year.

- Update from GEWEX (5min)
No one present from GEWEX
- Update from SPARC (5min)
The remote work will probably proceed most of the year.
SPARC is right now working on the 6 month newsletter that will be ready within a month.
Hans will retire in August and Mareike will take over his position. It is planned for someone to join her in the SPARC work, but it has been delayed due to COVID-19.
After the newsletter a discussion within SPARC regarding the new strategy and how SPARC will fit within the new WCRP structure will kick off.
- Update from CLiC (5 min)
Staff is slowly going back to partly work at the office in Geneva. CLiC is currently planning for two annual meetings that will be held online during summer. The first one is the Antarctic Sea Ice Processes and Climate group and the other one is BEPSII, Biogeochemical Exchanges Processes at Sea Ice Interfaces.

The next issue of the CLiC newsletter will soon be published.

Regarding ISMIP6, Ice Sheet Model Intercomparison Project for CMIP6 a special issue in the Cryosphere Journal has been published.

Also following up on the JSC41 meeting and how CLiC fits within the WCRP structure.

- Update from CORDEX (5min)
CORDEX staff will hopefully return to the office at the end of August.

The office has collected comments on the CORDEX experiment design for dynamical downscaling of CMIP6. SAT-members will proceed with evaluation and when the document is finalized it will be circulated.

There is also a draft on CORDEX White Paper regarding the scientific challenges and opportunities for the coming years open for comments with deadline 2 July.

The first workshop meeting for 2020 has been held. Meetings for each individual workshop will follow. All workshops planned this year have been either postponed or will be held online, but office and organizers proceed with preparing the activities.

Last week and this week CORDEX are having three longer SAT-meetings replacing the planned Face to Face meeting.

CORDEX will soon issue an open Flagship Pilot Studies call + a call dedicated to Climate Risks which fits well with the WCRP Lighthouse Activity "My Climate Risk". The deadline will probably be in September.

CORDEX is also looking into how CORDEX will fit within the new WCRP structure.

- Update from S2S (5min)
 1. S2S project has a new Liaison member, Zhuo Wang (U. Illinois) for WWRP Working Group on Tropical Meteorological Research.
 2. There has been S2S SG/LG teleconf with discussions about AI/ML activity, Webinar, updates for S2S database, model and ocean data, updates for Ensemble subproject, coming S2S SG/LG annual virtual meeting, and the S2S session of coming AGU. Zewdu gave a presentation on ICPAC (WMO Regional Climate Centre for East Africa serving 8 countries) activities.
 3. S2S ICO gave a brief answer to WCRP and WWRP to the questions and suggestions received in a teleconference with S2S co-chair regarding future extensive activities for the ICO. ICO will arrange nearly all teleconferences and webinars related to S2S via Doodle polls and Webex system. ICO will cooperate with an organization in the Asian region, which will be discussed in upcoming S2S annual meeting in September. APCC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Climate Center) will extensively join in S2S ICO activities. Korean researchers in AI/ML field are going to participate in S2S AI/ML activities.
 4. Last week ICO had another teleconference with 2 Co-chairs to check up about ICO's future extensive activities.
 5. S2S has a webinar on the last Wednesday every month. The second webinar on S2S Ocean subproject was held on June 24. There were 4 presentations during one hour. A total of 57 people joined this webinar. Next month there will also be a webinar with 4 speakers. Information on the webinars can be found at the S2S website.
 6. As of June 25, the number of subscribers for S2S Google mailing list reached 600. This was broken down into countries to know where subscribers come from. They are from 60 countries. The majority is from USA 33%, followed by South Korea 9%, and China 6%. Broken down by continent; North America 34%, Asia 25%, Europe 23%, and South America 6%. Africa seems a bit low, this is why Andrew Robertson asked Zewdu Segele in Kenya to advertise the S2S project widely in Africa.
- Update from JPS (5 min)

The JPS staff are very busy with the outcome of the JSC41 meeting and preparing for the JSC41.5 (extraordinary session) and the JSC42 session. The JSC41.5 will probably be of a similar format as the JSC41. An email to answer a doodle with suggested dates in December was just sent to the community. The aim is to make decisions and move forward on the structure of WCRP; homes and Lighthouse Activities. Helen and Detlef will be in touch with the WCRP groups leadership.

The JSC42 is planned for the end of June (the weeks that starts with 21st or 28th June). It is not decided where or how this meeting will be held; online, F2F or hybrid with regional hubs.

- YESS (5min)

YESS has been really active with organizing webinar series. The first webinar had around 40 persons attending and a second webinar is coming up this week.

There was also a survey for the Early Career Researchers. They were asked to leave their experiences on how their work has changed due to COVID-19. 200 responses have been received. The result is being analyzed and will be published at the YESS website late July. It seems that most of the ECRs are experiencing some difficulties in their work.

YESS ask the other offices to inform about any activities that could be interesting for ECRs so they can be included in the YESS calendar.

YESS are also organizing regional webinars within 2-3 of their regions.

In South America YESS will probably not be able to go back to the office until October.

Irène: We can discuss if and how we could help facilitate for the ECRs under the current circumstances.

- Plans for next year's workshops – coordinated/back to back? (10min)

Irène: Since there will be many workshops next year maybe we could try to coordinate them, back to back and/or co-finance.

Mike: We are working on two different scenarios for the budget next year, one with the same structure as now and one with the new structure. We need to look at the best funding model. This could be part of the discussion during the JSC41.5.

Even if funds from 2020 are being transferred to 2021 it is still possible to apply for additional funds. Asking for funds next year will most likely be following the same procedure as earlier.

Gwen: It is a good idea to try to coordinate, but our groups decide on the dates themselves so I don't know how much we can control this.

Irène: This probably holds true for many activities/groups but we could possibly suggest solutions where back-to-back options would be possible and save time and funds.

Narelle has updated the WCRP Calendar- all planned meetings should be there otherwise contact Narelle for updates.

- AOB and Schedule of next call

GEWEX will host the next meeting sometime in September.