

Minutes of Throughflow Board Meeting  
Royal Holloway University of London  
July 8, 2010



**Attending:** Oliver Bacon, Fauzie Hasibuan, Ann Holbourn, Ken Johnson, Wolfgang Kuhnt, Wout Krijgsman, Robert Morley, Wolfgang Müller, Matthias Prange, Willem Renema, Paul Taylor, Jon Todd, Jeremy Young

Start 14:00 at Department of Earth Sciences, RHUL

### **NTA-1 Report**

Wolfgang Mueller reported on the success of NTA-1, including the intense but comprehensive three-day review of Southeast Asian Geology, the brief hands-on tutorial on GIS, and a enjoyable half-day excursion to Windsor Great Park. Nine of the ESRs were able to attend along with two of Robert Hall's new students. Administrators are working on the budgets, and institutions will receive bills in the coming months.

### **NTA-2 Planning**

Planning is underway for the workshop and field training activity in Indonesia in September/October. In-country expenses for the event are to be handled by Leiden, with per-person charges estimated to be approximately €3,600. Estimates generated by Ken Johnson, Willem Renema, and Oliver Bacon. A draft agenda for the Activity was shown, including a workshop to be held in Bandung during the first week on stratigraphy. This will allow time for processing of immigration, police, and research permit documentation in Jakarta prior to departing for the field training in East Kalimantan. Provisional programme for the workshop including teaching commitments was produced and is available in the presentation for the day (can be downloaded from [ipaeg.org/throughflow](http://ipaeg.org/throughflow)). Complementary and transferable skills component will be science communication - including producing blogs, videos, and other content for use by European and Indonesian partner institutions.

Field logistics discussed in detail, including availability of transport (5-6 vehicles will be hired), and the approach for breaking into small teams for individualized field training. Supplies and equipment will be purchased jointly, we will circulate a list of supplies to be purchased via email list to allow participants to add to the order. All samples to be shipped to NHM at close of workshop, with "sampling party" planned for NTA-3 in London during January 2011.

All ESRs should submit a preliminary report at the end of the NTA. Joint data can be attached as a single appendix.

### **Administrative Update**

Oliver Bacon discussed progress in completing Consortium agreement, grant agreement, transfer of funds and budget allocations. Work is in progress and should be complete in August.

### **Recruitment Update**

Candidates for all 11 ESRs have been selected, but only 7 have been hired. Three others (at NHM, NCB, and RHUL) are expected to be in place by Sept. 1. The final position (at Utrecht)

is being held for a candidate who due to personal reasons most likely will not be able to start until December 2010. Of the eleven ESRs and candidates, 6 are female and 5 are male.

### **Future NTAs**

Provisional dates for NTA-3 set for week of January 10, 2011 and for NTA-4 (Field training) for 12 June-17 July. These need to be confirmed with all project partners. NTA-5 planned for May 2012 in Kiel, and NTA-6 planned for October 2012 in Spain. The final symposium is now scheduled for May 2013 and will be held in collaboration with colleagues at the Museum für Naturkunde in Berlin.

It was agreed that at each subsequent NTA, we should schedule 1 day for ESRs to present and discuss progress reports.

### **Midterm Review**

We must schedule a midterm review meeting for Feb/March 2012 to be held in Leiden. This should include members of the scientific advisory board, and needs to be confirmed with the funding agency.

### **Project Website**

The project website exists at <http://ipaeg.org/throughflow>. This is built within a "Scratchpad" content management system that is being developed by the EU-funded project "EDIT" - European Distributed Institute for Taxonomy. It is hoped that we will use this system for all data related to the project and it will facilitate sharing information within the network and between the network and the broader community. Currently it does not look very nice, volunteers needed to contribute content and design to improve this resource. There is a private area that can only be seen by Throughflow network members. This will be used as document repository. A bibliography system is available and will be used to keep track of publications and other contributions resulting from the project.

### **Collaboration Plan**

A well-thought out plan is required to maximize collaboration among work packages and individual ESRs. We would like to encourage joint publications, and are strongly considering publishing a special issue of a journal (Palaeo3, Geologica Scripta) that will include the entire set of "raw data" papers.

It was agreed in the Consortium agreement that all proposed publications must be submitted to the network for approval prior to submission. This includes abstracts. For any proposed publication, please send a title, author list, and brief (3 sentence) description of the content to Ken Johnson at least one month prior to submission. He will put this on the project website and determine if any project members have objections.

It was agreed that for abstracts, the authorship format be used that includes the set of primary authors followed by "Throughflow Marie Curie Initial Training Network" - following standard usage for IODP publication ("Shipboard Party").

Secondments should be encouraged, and should flow from plans for joint publication.

### **Other Business**

No other business was raised and the meeting was closed at 17:30