

Minutes of 3rd IGFS Steering Board Meeting Istanbul, Aug 29, 2006

Participants:

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Agenda:

1. *Welcome and status of regional meetings and other IGFS-initiated activities*
2. *Status of IGFS services (BGI, IGeS, ICET, IGEM, IDEMS)*
3. *GGOS status*
4. *What can be done to really get IGFS to be a true umbrella service ready to serve GGOS?*
5. *Web site*
6. *AOB*

1.

The chairman (RF) welcomed the participants and gave a brief summary of the IGFS workshop in Mongolia and the planned workshop in Argentina.

2.

Services doing services as usual. ICET to change chairman, IAG will make call (later confirmed to be in University of French Polynesia, with chairman J P Barriot).

New director of BGI is temporary R Biancale, to be taken over by Sylvain Bonvalot. IGeS continues to issue Newtons Bulletin, at about 1/year frequency. There is also new initiatives concerning the geoid in the Adriatic Sea.

3.

GGOS cooperation doing well. Retreat planned in the US Feb 2007. Need for improved gravity representation and joint models and standards.

4.

Agreement that more action is needed. It was proposed to make a 1-day technical workshop. Alternatively a 1-day retreat. For future projects, such as EGM06, IGFS should endorse the project, not the product.

Also need for more formal structures. It would also be useful for other branches of geodesy with a general gravity “product catalog”. A Central Bureau, taking initiative with e.g. gravity conventions and fundamental constants for satellite processing (maybe as a WG) would also be useful.

A joint WG with IAG section 2 on “*EGM06 validation*” was decided to be formed, with J Huang (NRCAN) as chairman.

It was also decided to form a dedicated WG on “*Absolute Gravimetry – standards and networks*”, with Herbert Wilmes (BKG, Germany) as chairman.

5.

Web requested to be updated, and more general outreach material.

6.

AOB.

Next steering meeting to be held in Perugia 2007 at IUGG General Assembly (changed to a more informal IGFS dinner)

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