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CEOS 16th Plenary, ESRIN, Frascati, Italy 20-21 November

Agenda Item (AI) (The agenda is included below as ATTACHMENT A)

NOTES:

- 1. Most of the information presented at the Plenary Meeting is included in the meeting papers that are available at <http://www.ceos.org> and on a CD-ROM which is available on request.**
- 2. Another three CD-ROMs are available: The CEOS Earth Observation Handbook, Material prepared by WGISS for the WSSD meeting, and the final report from the Disaster Management Support Group.**
- 3. Full minutes of the meeting will be available in due course.**

AI. 1. Welcome

Welcome by the CEOS Chair, Jose Achache

AI. 2.

Logistics presented by Josef Aschbacher

AI. 3.

The agenda was adopted with some minor changes in order of presentation

AI. 4.

The Action Items from the last Plenary were reviewed and the minutes of the meeting adopted with one minor change.

AI. 5.

The Chair presented his report which consisted of 4 main actions during the year, a) Planning, b) WSSD, c) CEOS Handbook, and d) many meetings of the Secretariat.

AI. 6.

Membership issues were discussed. MACRES is waiting one more year before application for membership. UNESCO had applied for associate membership and gave a presentation of their activities. The meeting accepted UNESCO as an associate member. UNESCO has a new program in Africa in remote sensing that includes oceanography, science education, and capacity building.

AI. 7.

The CRT-2 report was presented by Stephen Briggs (ESRIN). There were some concerns expressed by the meeting regarding the lack of milestones in the report. The report also called for a better interaction between CEOS Plenary and the WGs.

AI. 8.

8.1 IGOS report of the meeting in at ICSU/UNESCO in Paris 15 June 2002. Report accepted.

8.2 SIT report. The oceans theme had received a good response from data suppliers.

AI. 9.

The report on the WSSD meeting was accepted by the meeting. However, the proposal for follow-up actions was not accepted by the meeting and it was suggested that a task force be set up by the incoming CEOS Chair that would receive inputs on this subject from interested Members and Associates. These would be required by mid-January so that a concrete proposal could be finalised within 3 months. Inputs to go to Brent Smith of NOAA.

A proposal was put forward that CEOS should seek formal membership of the Committee for Sustainable Development (CSD). This was passed unanimously.

AI. 10.

Working Group reports from WGISS, WGCV, DMSG, and WGEdu.

This was the final report from the DMSG (Disaster Management) and a CD was supplied containing the report.

UN/OOSA (Sergio Camacho) was taking over as Chair of WGEdu

AI. 11.

Reports from other agencies

11.1 A report on the Space Policy summit was presented by Roy Gibson.

11.2 A report on the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change was presented. Concern was expressed that there was not sufficient time for CEOS Members to have any input to the document. Although the time available was very short draft copies would be provided to interested parties for immediate response and input.

11.3 GCOS reported on their latest activities.

11.4 The Space Frequency Coordination Group reported that some frequency bands were under threat by automobile anti-collision devices. The band is that used for microwave sounding for moisture.

11.5 COPOUS/Unispace-III reported to the meeting.

AI. 12.

Member reports of significant events

NASDA reported that they have 3 priorities for future EO missions – a) Greenhouse gas observations, b) water cycle observations, and c) climate change observations.

CSA Radarsat II has been approved with a 3m resolution SAR

ISPRS reported on recent activities

WCRP reported

CSIRO reported on the impending launch of FEDSAT along with ADEOS-II.

BNSC reported on the UK NERC Centres of Excellence and their small satellite program. Full details would be presented to the next CEOS Plenary.

AI. 13.

Next Plenary Meeting 18-20 November, 2003, at Broadmoor, Colorado Springs and to be hosted by NOAA.

China to host the 2004 Plenary, and a call for expressions of interest for 2005 was made.

AI. 14.

There was no other business.

AI. 15.

Review of Action Items. The only urgent one was for members to contact NOAA with proposals for involvement in the WSSD follow-on program. Proposals due by 15/12.

AI. 16.

The Chair was officially handed over to Greg Withee (NOAA).

END OF MEETING

ATTACHMENT A

CEOS Plenary Agenda

Topic	Lead Speaker
1. Welcome addresses and logistics information	ESA
2. Review and adoption of the Agenda	ESA
3. Record of the 15th Plenary	ESA
4. Report of the Chairman	ESA/Achache
5. Membership Issues	ESA
6. CEOS Review Team Report	ESA/Briggs
6.1. Chairman's Recommendations	
6.2. Way ahead	
7. IGOS-P and SIT	
7.1. IGOS-P Co-Chair's Report	ESA/Achache
7.2. SIT Report	EUMETSAT/Mohr
8. Working Group Recommendations	
8.1 WGISS	CCRS/Fisher
8.2 WGCV	ESA/Desnos
8.3 Ad-hoc DMS group	NOAA/Wood
8.4 Ad-hoc EO-Edu group	ISRO/Rao
9. WSSD	
9.1 WSSD 2002	ESA/Aschbacher
9.2 WSSD Follow-up	ESA/Achache
10. Other relevant activities	
10.1 UNFCCC (inc IPCC, GCOS)	NASDA/NOAA
10.2 COPUOS/UNISPACE III	COPUOS/Camacho
11. Updates on Significant Events by Members and Associates	Members+Associates
12. CEOS Planning	
12.1. Next Plenaries	NOAA+CHINA+TBD
13. Other Business	ESA
14. Review of Action Items	ESA
15. Chair handover to NOAA	ESA & NOAA
16. Adjourn	ESA