

## **GGOS Working Group on User Linkage and Outreach Activity Report**

### **WG Charter:**

#### *Goals and Objectives*

The User Linkage and Outreach Working Group is working towards [a plan for ] an **integration of geodesy [GGOS]** in other IAG bodies, other sciences, international and regional organizations and system such as IGOS-P, GEOSS and United Nation authorities. The WG coordinates the drafting and development of a GGOS presentation and outreach strategy. Contact with the other IAG bodies and activities is important to ensure a common and holistic mode of operation.

The WG facilitates the process (including encouraging active involvement by the user communities) of **identifying and describing the user requirements** from the different user groups within scientific/geophysical disciplines, techniques, non-scientific organizations, national authorities, industry and others.

### **WG Members:**

Below is the original list of members of this WG group. Arthur Neill has signaled that he probable will not be able to contribute to this WG and as Angelyn Moore is no longer working with INDIGO she feels that those remaining with INDIGO should make the relevant contributions to the WG.

#### *Members of the Working Group*

- Angelyn Moore, JPL (IGS) (“ guest member”)
- Norman Beck, Geomatics Canada, (IGS)
- Mark Craymer, Geomatics Canada, (IGS)
- Mike Pearlman, Harvard Smithsonian (ILRS)
- Chopo Ma, NASA Goddard (IVS)
- Pascal Willis, JPL, IGN, (IDS)
- Zuheir Altamimi, IGN, (ITRF and Local Survey)
- Marcus Rothacher, GFZ,(GGOS EC,IERS Technique Combination Research Centers)
- Toni van Dam, ECGS
- Claude Boucher, IGN
- Arthur Neill, MIT, Haystack
- John LaBrecque, NASA HQ
- Hans-Peter Plag, UNR/NMA, (GGOS EC)
- Srinivas Bettapur, USA
- Bjørn Engen, NMA
- Bente Lilja Bye, NMA (WG chair)

### **Activities**

The GGOS data portal has been the main focus of the discussions of this WG so far. However, as it is closely linked with other WG of GGOS we are still in the process of defining the overall content. The involvement from the IAG services are important.

The Chair has written an application for African members of AFREF to attend the IUGG general

assembly in Perugia 2007.

User Linkage: We are in the process of establishing a network of contacts within different user groups (outside the geodetic community itself). Insurance companies and oil and gas industry contacts has been identified.

Attached is the very first draft of a Outreach. This will be the main topic at the forthcoming WG meeting in San Francisco 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

Update of the GGOS website is still necessary.