

OneGeology Board Meeting #6

GoToMeeting 13 October 2015

(tel/con)

ATTENDEES

Marko Komac – Managing Director OneGeology
 Chris Pigram - Board Chair – CEO, Geoscience Australia
 Dr Eikichi TSUKUDA - Director General, Geological Survey of Japan
 Andrzej Przybycin - Director of the Polish Geological Survey
 Dr Lee Allison - State Geologist and Director, Arizona Geological Survey
 Dr Maria Glícia da Nóbrega Coutinho – Head International Affairs Office, CPRM – GS Brazil
 Francois Robida - Deputy Head of Division, Information Systems and Technologies Division, BRGM
 Matt Harrison – Director of Informatics, British Geological Survey
 Tim Duffy – OneGeology Project Manager, British Geological Survey
 Virginia Hannah – Administration Coordinator, British Geological Survey

APOLOGIES

Dr Mosidi Makgae - Scientific Research and Programmes Manager, Council for GeoScience

NOTES AND ACTIONS

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chris Pigram welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Apologies were given by Dr Mosidi Makgae - Scientific Research and Programmes Manager, Council for GeoScience.

It was noted that Dr Oleg Petrov, Director General of VSEGEI, Russian Federation, was not present.

2. Review of outstanding actions and matters arising – formal agreement of minutes from last Teleconference – 30th March 2015

The minutes were agreed as an accurate account of the last Telephone conference in March 2015. A review of the outstanding actions, are reflected in the action table below;

ITEM	ACTION	STATUS	DEADLINE
5.1	<i>TD to circulate full progress report when actions 4.5 & 4.18 are completed and thus board members have provided Virginia with the contact details of all the identified missing geological surveys in their areas, which were identified in Canberra.</i>	CLOSED	AUG 15
5.2	Marko to report back at the next meeting re IUGS Portal	ONGOING	27/01/16
5.3	<i>Marko and Lee will work together on funding issues. Lee will clarify with NSF whether they can, or cannot sub contract to OneGeology. Both will report to the next Board meeting in August.</i>	ONGOING	27/01/16
5.4	<i>Matt Harrison will get the contact details from Marko and take up liaisons with Rio Tinto representative and report back to the next meeting.</i>	ONGOING	27/01/16

3. Future of OneGeology

The Paper 'future of One Geology' was discussed. The Chair thanked Matt Harrison, François Robida et al, for the time they had spent putting this proposal together. Matt Harrison gave some background to the paper; discussions have taken place at the Technical Advisory Group meeting, which was held in May 2015 in conjunction with the Geological Information Consortium hosted at BGR in Hannover, Germany, where 20 or so geological surveys were present including 10 Principal Members. The main thrust of the discussion facilitated by Matt Harrison and Francois Robida was:

- The present financial model with 75 percent of OneGeology funding coming from BGS and BRGM and the rest coming from Principal member subscriptions is not sustainable.
- Some Principal Members are re-considering their sponsorship for next year or have fundamental problems with the membership-fee concept.
- There are a very small minority of countries that are still considering becoming Principal Members
- European surveys are questioning the purpose of OneGeology when they have several other national and international portals to deliver their data through
- Questions about the present strategy maintaining the present content as-is whilst and looking to fund that with extra slightly different content through commercial sponsorship- which hasn't been particularly forthcoming.

In subsequent bilateral discussions between Chris Pigram, Francois Robida, Marko Komac and Ian Jackson, Matt Harrison has been asked to coordinate this board paper to propose the beginnings of a new strategy. The board is asked to agree, to develop and introduce this strategy to Principal members at forthcoming workshops in ISPRA and Baltimore.

Eikichi Tsukuda, asked the board to note; he is working closely with CCOP on a 5 year plan, working towards the OneGeology current strategy.

Tim Duffy asked for clarification on whether it should be only Geological Surveys that are targeted for future membership. It was agreed that it would primarily be Surveys and research institutes that were approached but any organisation willing to pay for membership should never be ruled out. It was noted that the new strategy is still very much in the development stage that needs to be discussed and tested with users, before any final decisions are made.

AGREED: The Board agreed the proposed Strategy and to proceed with presenting it at the ISPRA and Baltimore Workshops, with full feedback and discussion to take place at the next Board meeting in January 2016. The report on the both meetings is to be prepared by Marko Komac.

ACTION 6.1: François Robida will present the OneGeology Strategy at the IUGS/CGI council meeting in ISPRA and Marko Komac and Matt Harrison will present at the the meeting in Baltimore. Both groups will report findings to the Board meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Jan 2016.

It was agreed that in light of the above agreement, collaboration with IUGS regarding episodes becoming available through the OneGeology Portal being added to their MoU, will now be put on hold but open discussions will continue. It was noted that any discussions should be handled sensitively and ensure that OneGeology doesn't get locked into any agreements it can't fulfil.

AGREED: It was agreed that while the new strategy is being introduced at ISPRA and Baltimore, efforts in chasing any outstanding membership money should be relaxed.

4. Update on the developments

Marko Komac reported:

- There has been no development since the last Board meeting regarding Mexico paying the OneGeology membership. It was decided to put follow ups on hold until we have received feedback from the proposed Strategy.
- Lee Allison is working on the NSF with Vic Labson.
- Marko Komac had a skype meeting with Robert Tomas at JRC on 02/10/15. The following was discussed;
 - Data “shortage” from EU perspective will be covered from the Minerals4EU project
 - Requirement for our data needs to come from other JRC units (not Robert’s)
 - 1G for Kids tailored to Commission’s needs:
 - DG education & Training – linking to their goals
 - Disaster management and Resilience Communication
 - Potential big call that Francois tailored with Max Craglia to create GEOSS/GEO Hub for geological services (through 1G Portal?) for EU
 - Topics that need to be covered with a clear use-case: Groundwater, Geohazards; Super Sites; risk communication; possibly engineering geology
 - Also – JRC is establishing a Disaster Knowledge Centre, cooperating with EGS
 - Send EGDl conclusion points for Robert to start working on.

Tim Duffy reported on data service and portal developments:

- Some data services have been updated with some news ones including from CPRM imminent
- Still on track to write to all current service providers Jan-March to upgrade their services to the new standards and to use the new thematic keyboards demonstrating that OneGeology is all of geoscience data not just Geological map data
- Awaiting small upgrades to the portal agreed in May to support the new OGC GeoSciML 4 standard and make it easy for users to find the thematic data they are interested in
- Portal upgrades delayed due to extra security checks by BRGM but should be live by end November?
- EGDl Bridging project action to convert 21+ out-of-date OneGeology-Europe WMS’ and WFS’ to being INSPIRE and OneGeology compliant data and available from the new OneGeology portal about to start as GeoSciML 4 as launched

Eikichi Tsukuda reported that Japan is currently working on Tsunami and volcanic activity and developing a knowledge centre in Bangkok, they are hoping to collaborate with EU centres, possibly through OneGeology.

Dr Maria Glícia da Nóbrega Coutinho said CPRM is involved in large programme in Geohazards & Groundwater, which already covers 50% of South American countries and the information could be used for OneGeology services. She advised that the president of CPRM will be attending the EuroGeoSurveys General Assembly in Madrid, 19-22 October 2015. Matt Harrison said that the Executive Director of BGS, John Ludden, will also be at this meeting, Matt will suggest that the two get together to discuss OneGeology.

ACTION 6.2: Matt Harrison will ask John Ludden to meet with CPRM Director at the EuroGeoSurveys General Assembly in Madrid 19-22 October 2015, to discuss OneGeology.

Andrzej Przybycin reported that he has recently sent new members letters to European countries, inviting them to join OneGeology, and has received a response from Cyprus and Kosovo. It was again decided to hold follow ups until we have feedback from the Ispra and Baltimore meetings.

ACTION 6.3: Andrzej Przybycin will send the details from Cyprus and Kosovo to Marko Komac for reference

5. Newsletter

It was noted that due to delay with the work on the portal, admin are running late with the Autumn Newsletter. It was agreed that we would wait for feedback from the Ispra and Baltimore meetings, so the newsletter will be prepared for distribution in early December.

ACTION 6.4: All board members are asked to send their regional update to onegeology@bgs.ac.uk by the last week in November.

6. Next Board meeting in Rio

January board meeting will take place in Rio de Janeiro 27-29 January 2016. Virginia Hannah will work closely with Dr Maria Glícia da Nóbrega Coutinho and the team at CRPM, to organise the meeting logistics and documentation.

7. AOB

The OneGeology Board was asked to agree that the annual budget of Managing Director for 2016 is changed in a way where 4500€ from the work costs is transferred to the travel costs and other expenses, whereas the total sum of the budget stays the same. New amount for 2016 are 12,500€ for travel costs and other expenses and 36,460€ for work costs.

AGREED: The Board agreed this proposal.

Andrzej Przybycin advised that he is hoping to organise a workshop in Warsaw, targeting the OneGeology community. This will be to promote OneGeology and the standards we are working too.

ACTION 6.5: Andrzej Przybycin to circulate details of the workshop around the board, once it is finalised.

Matt Harrison suggested, should we get positive feedback for the Strategy, the Board should start to think about the governance of OneGeology and how it would work. It was agreed that after feedback from the Ispra and Baltimore meetings is available, a plan should be produced and discussed at the next board meeting in January.

ACTION 6.6: Matt Harrison to lead on developing a draft plan for possible future governance of OneGeology, to take for discussion at the next board meeting in January 2016.

8. ACTION LIST

ITEM	ACTION	LEAD	DEADLINE
6.1	François Robida will present the OneGeology Strategy at the IUGS/CGI meeting in ISPRA, Marko Komac and Matt Harrison will present at the GSA meeting in Baltimore. Marko Komac report findings at the board meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Jan 2016.	FR/MK/MH	Jan 2016
6.2	Matt Harrison will ask John Ludden to meet with CRPM Director at the EuroGeoSurveys General Assembly in Madrid 19-22 October 2015, to discuss OneGeology	MH	16/10/15

6.3	Andrzej Przybycin will send the details of the countries interested in joining OneGeology, to Marko Komac for reference.	AP	23/10/15
6.4	All board members are asked to send their regional update to onegeology@bgs.ac.uk by the last week in November in time for the Newsletter distribution in December.	ALL	23/11/15
6.5	Andrzej Przybycin to circulate details of the workshop he is organising in Warsaw around the board, once it is finalised.	AP	30/11/15
6.6	Matt Harrison to lead on developing a draft plan for possible future governance of OneGeology, to take for discussion at the next board meeting in January 2016.	MH	Jan 2016

9. Date and Venue of next Meeting

CPRM Offices in Rio de Janeiro, 27-29 January 2015. Further details to follow.