

**Argo Steering Team Meeting (AST-8)**  
**Paris France, March 7 - 9 2007**  
**Host: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO**  
**Location: UNESCO Annexe Building, 1 Rue Miollis**

Meeting of Argo Executive, Tuesday afternoon March 6, 1 p.m.. (Roemmich, Freeland, Ravichandran, Wijffels, Shikama, Thierry, Pouliquen, Ignaszewsky, Gould, Scanderbeg, Belbeoch)

**Provisional agenda: Begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday March 7**

1. Welcome and local arrangements (Bernal and IOC staff)
2. Action items from AST-7\* and Argo Exec (Scanderbeg/Gould/Roemmich/Freeland)
3. Issues from ADMT-7\* (Pouliquen/Ignaszewski)
4. Other Data Management Issues
  - 4.1 CTD data for updating the Reference Database\* (Diggs)
  - 4.2 Are organized training sessions needed for DACS? (Pouliquen)
  - 4.3 Glider plans; practical issues for inclusion of glider data (Owens)
5. Assessment of long-term funding prospects and new initiatives for national Argo programs (see all National Reports\*; Le Traon to report on ESFRI; update of commitments table). Any other issues arising from National Reports?
  - 5.1 Status of AIC Report
6. Technical issues
  - 6.1 Pressure offset errors in WHOI FSI floats
  - 6.2 Report from DMQC-2\* (King)
    - 6.2.1 Follow-up DMQC inter-comparison exercise (Wijffels)
    - 6.2.2 Use of Argo data in the reference database (Owens)
    - 6.2.3 Surface pressure offset (G. Johnson paper)
  - 6.3 Report from ATW\* (King)
  - 6.4 Oxygen White Paper\* (Gruber et al)
  - 6.5 QC procedures for oxygen (Kobayashi)\*
  - 6.6 Float lifetime prediction (Kobayashi)
  - 6.7 Extending the lifetime and capabilities of Argo floats (Riser, "Technical developments in Japan Argo" by Shikama, Pouliquen/Le Traon(?), ...)
7. Demonstrating Argo's value/ Feedback on user requirements
  - 7.1 Operational applications (This item to be Thursday 8 March pm)
    - 7.1.1 UKMO\* (Martin)
    - 7.1.2 JMA\* (Takatsuki)
    - 7.1.3 Mercator\* (Guinehut)
    - 7.1.4 ECMWF\* (Balmaseda)
    - 7.1.5 Bluelink\* (Wijffels for Schiller)
    - 7.1.6 US Centers\* (Cummings, written rpt only)

- 7.1.7 AIC user feedback from online survey (Belbeoch)
  - 7.2 Argo products (Roemmich/discussion)
- 8. Implementation issues
  - 8.1 "Sustaining Argo"\* (Gould)
  - 8.2 Coverage/deployment planning (Belbeoch)
  - 8.3 Status of recovery of beached instruments (Belbeoch)
  - 8.4 AIC report\* (Belbeoch)
  - 8.5 ABELOS status report (Piotrowicz)
- 9. Argo outreach activities –
  - 9.1 Report on Ghana Workshop\* (Garzoli)
  - 9.2 SEREAD status\* (Roemmich)
- 10. Future meetings
  - 10.1 Argo/GODAE session at IUGG Assembly (Gould/LeTraon)
  - 10.2 Argo Science Workshop-3 ?
  - 10.3 Technical Workshops (DMQC, ATW etc)
  - 10.4 ARC Workshop (Ignaszewsky/Pouliquen)
  - 10.4 AST-9
- 11. Other business