

Argo Steering Team Meeting (AST-9)
Exeter U.K., March 18-20 2008
Host: U.K. Met Office, Location:

Meeting of Argo Steering Team Executive, Monday afternoon March 17, 1 p.m.
(Roemmich, Freeland, Ravichandran, Wijffels, Shikama, Thierry, Pouliquen,
Ignaszewsky, Scanderbeg, Belbéoch, Turton, Xu, Gould)

Provisional agenda: Begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday March 18

1. Welcome and local arrangements (Turton)
2. Objectives of the meeting
Present state of the Argo Program and its relationship to other observing system elements. (Discussion)
3. Action items from AST-8 and Argo Exec (Scanderbeg)
4. Data Management related Issues
 - 4.1 Feedback from ADMT8 (Pouliquen/Ignaszewski)
 - 4.2 Delayed Mode QC
 - 4.2.1 Status on Delayed mode QC and DMQC-3 plans (King)
 - 4.2.2 Progress on Argo Reference Database (Diggs)
 - 4.2.3 Use of Argo data in a reference database (LeTraon, Gilson)
 - 4.3 Report on the first ARC Meeting (Schmid/Potemra)
 - 4.4 Status of correction to pressure offset errors in WHOI floats (Owens)
 - 4.5 Using satellite altimetry data in Argo quality control (Guinehut)
 - 4.6 Systematic surface pressure error (Shikama)
 - 4.7 Status of trajectory data (King)
 - 4.8 Status of oxygen data (Kobayashi)
 - 4.9 Other potential data streams (e.g. bio data)
5. Issues arising from National Reports.
6. Technical issues
 - 6.1 Float technology progress (Riser, Shikama, Pouliquen, Roemmich, ...)
 - 6.2 Tracking technical performance (Belbéoch to describe present procedure)
 - 6.3 Profiling under ice (Owens, Fischer, Riser, ... + discussion)
 - 6.4 Near surface profiling (Turton)
 - 6.5 Update on Oxygen White Paper (Riser)
7. Demonstrating Argo's value
 - 7.1 Report on GEO Ministerial (Freeland, Belbéoch)
 - 7.2 Upcoming science meetings
 - 7.2.1 GODAE Final Symposium (Le Traon, Roemmich)
 - 7.2.2 OceanObs'09
 - 7.2.3 3rd Argo Science Workshop (Xu, Freeland) (+AST-10?)
 - 7.2.4 Operational Oceanography session at IAPSO/IAMAS Montreal (Freeland)
 - 7.3 Argo products

- 7.3.1 The Pacific Marine Atlas (Scanderbeg)
- 7.3.2 Other presentations on products...
- 7.3.3 Bibliography (Scanderbeg)
- 7.4 UKMO uses of Argo data (operational FOAM system and decadal forecasts):
Matt Martin, Doug Smith
- 8. Implementation issues
 - 8.1 Review/discuss commitments table
 - 8.1.1 Regional initiatives (EuroARGO (Le Traon), + ??)
 - 8.1.2 Argo activities in the Mediterranean Sea (P.M. Poulain)
 - 8.2 AIC Report (Belbéoch) (+ discussion on beached floats, deployment planning)
 - 8.3 Deployment in remote ocean regions.
 - 8.4 Update on JCOMM Observing Program Support Centre.
- 9. Argo outreach activities –
- 10. Future meetings
 - 10.1 ADMT-9
 - 10.2 DMQC-3
 - 10.3 AST-10
- 11. Membership
- 12. Other business

Special Invited Science Presentation (Tues., 18 Mar., time to be determined):

K. Heywood, University of East Anglia