



ISIRA Meeting

27 March 2009, 18.30-20.30
ASSW 2009, Bergen, Norway

***draft* Minutes**

1 OPENING AND REPORTING

1.1 WELCOME

The Chair of the ISIRA Group opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

1.2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Secretariat did not receive any comments on the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved.

1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

1.4 NATIONAL REPORTS

Under this agenda item, brief updates on bilateral and multilateral activities were presented by the ISIRA members. The reports will be made available on the ISIRA website under the IASC website (www.iasc.info).

1.5 EARLY CAREER SCIENTIST PRESENTATIONS

The ISIRA Group noted that the presentations of the early career scientists were given at the ASSW 2009 Science Symposium, 24-26 March 2009. IASC provided travel support for 12 Russian early career scientists.

Members agreed that Russian early career scientists should be encouraged to present their papers at international conferences. The IASC travel grant program as a mechanism to enable the participation of early career scientists in international conferences, such as the ASSW 2009, was very positively received.



2 MAIN ISSUES

2.1 THE ROLE OF ISIRA IN THE NEW IASC STRUCTURE

At the last meeting, it was concluded that the future of the ISIRA Group will depend on the new IASC structure. This new structure was presented to the IASC Council at the ASSW 2009.

- ***The brochure “IASC in Transition”, describing the proposed new structure, is given in Annex 2.1.***

ISIRA Members noted that IASC Council did not come to final decision on the new IASC structure. Thus, the ISIRA Group decided to postpone the discussions under this agenda item to the next meeting.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

4 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in St. Petersburg (Russia) in early 2010. The dates will be determined once the new IASC structure has been formally adopted.