**ESG Skype Meeting**

**3rd May 2019 at 15:00hr (CET)**

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*Agenda*

1. **Hazards and Disasters project**

* Advertisement of the recent publication – ways we can promote it.
* Virtual exhibition update.

1. **Biodiversity Next conference**
2. **Surveys progress (Cultural goods, field collection and type specimens)**
3. **Data standards update (from Patricia)**
4. **Other Business**

*Minutes*

J. Eder: Welcomes participants and asks does everyone agree with the last meeting minutes (October 2018)? Participants agree. Also does anyone have anything to add to this current meeting agenda? Participants: No.

**1. Hazards and Disasters Project**

L. Tilley presents progress.

Advertisement of the recent publication – way we can promote it.

* L. Tilley: Total views from the RIO website = 739. I am currently writing a blog post for SMNS advertising the importance of the Publication. I have also disseminated the paper on facebook, and twitter (including museum twitter), and written to the Earth Science Teachers Association (ESTA).
* Other suggestions from group include: Biology teacher platforms, research platforms (e.g. Palaeontology Association).
* A. Kroh: Research Gate and Academia.eu show higher views.

***Further actions***

* L. Tilley: Explore further and contact the suggested ways of advertising the publication.

Virtual exhibition update

* L. Tilley: I have started to add case studies to the WordPress Website – The current situation is that I have written the introduction/welcome page; 3 case studies (expanded on the Steinheim and Ries Impacts; East African Volcanoes – Caroline Michelle; Crete Earthquakes. My contract ends on the 5.06.2019 – I will still work on the VE as a volunteer after my work contract has finished. L. Tilley and J. Eder: However it is first important to ask who still thinks this is a good idea and worthwhile continuing? Because it is important that I have the support of the group.
* P. Mergen: Caroline Michelle from Royal Museum for Central Africa is enthusiastic about the project and has already contributed. The Botanical Garden (Meise) has no ESG collections so I cannot support in that way.
* A. Kroh and J. Frank: Also think that it is a good idea but they are also over committed – but will to help if they can.
* J. Eder: How do we propose to advertise the VE?
* J. Frank and A. Kroh: For it to work and be sustainable there has to be little text and lots of photos and written in a non-expert language. For it to be useful we really need to be clear on the target audience.
* L. Tilley: The VE will be used as a learning tool for outreach and something that teachers can use to supplement their science lessons.
* O. Hints: It would be useful but it needs to be translated into other European languages.
* J. Eder: I will approach the executive committee on how the VE could be advertised.
* A. Kroh: The advertisement is extremely important – because no one will use it otherwise.
* P. Mergen: Strongly recommends using Europeana to help advertise. You can upload images to the Europeana gallery along with metadata. Also they currently have a Time Machine exhibition – the VE may fit here. You can become an associated member of Europeana and then decide to join as a full member.
* J. Eder: It is clear that it is hard to get people to contribute to the VE so I propose that we have a target number of case studies to see if the VE is worthwhile pursuing.
* L. Tilley and J. Eder: Agree that 10 case studies should be the target and we should try and expand on the case studies that were included in the paper (**deadline end of May**) Group member participants agree.
* P. Mergen and J. Eder: suggests that we go beyond CETAF members to get further contributions (e.g. the director of RBINS has contacts with amateur fossil collectors).

***Further actions***:

* L. Tilley will continue with the VE and will aim to get 10 case studies by the end of May (approach people individually).
* L. Tilley Research Europeana as a platform for advertising the Exhibition.

**2. Biodiversity Next conference**

* J. Frank: Six presentations have been finalised for the Earth Science Symposium, 6 presentations was the limit. However, 10 abstracts where received - the other 4 did not fit the symposium – so the conference organisers still need to make a final decision on whether to include them in another symposium (mid – May).
* P. Mergen: There have been 5 talks accepted on data standards (e.g. TDWG and DarwinCore and how to make them compatible).
* There is said to at least 3 or 4 parallel sessions. There has been a discussion about a pre-conference meeting. It is also unclear of the price is to attend.
* J.Frank, P. Mergen and J. Eder will be attending the meeting. P. Mergen will try and attend the Earth Science Symposium
* J. Frank: Is anyone attending the SPNHC conference is Chicago – we could discuss the Hazard and Disaster project there – for potential contacts. I will be presenting a poster with Falko Gloeckler on metadata.
* J. Eder: We can discuss how we can approach the SPNHC conference with regards to Hazards and Disasters at Tartu.

**3. Surveys progress (Cultural goods, field collection and type specimens)**

* L. Tilley: There has been some progress with the surveys although slow.
* The Cultural Goods survey is now on the CETAF website (workbench area) there have been a few contributions since then.
* Contributions for the Field Collection survey has got off to a good start: Germany (partly), Greece, Austria, Israel and Sweden).
* There is no change to the Survey of Type Specimens.
* Meeting Participants: Ask for Laura to always attach the survey each time she sends and email reminding ESG members to contribute.

***Further actions:*** L. Tilley to send around another reminder and attach the surveys for members to fill in.

**4. Data standards update (from Patricia)**

* TDWG are undertaking reconciliation of ABCD standards to make it more compatible with Darwin Core.
* The Palaeo-group in TDWG are working on a lot of task this summer and there is a need for CETAF members to contribute more.
* There are two working in MOBILISE that will analyse the compatibility of old and new standards.
* ABCD and Darwin Core also include an Earth Science group working on how to expand on fossil standards.
* There is a New Zealand working group which focuses on cleaning data standards and how to communicate information to the wider communities in a clearer way – so that data standards can be more easily applied. It will take a while for the working groups to be more efficient but other projects such as SPNCH are making this easier.
* The next meeting will be in Poland.
* J. Eder: Who will be attending the next meeting?
* The J. Frank and J. Kvacek will be attending. Prague has special funding for these projects easier for them to contribute.

**5. Other business**

* **J. Eder:** After L. Tilley as left there will be less support for Stuttgart thus progress will be even slower. We are looking for a PhD student however who can take the role but the time committed to CETAF duties would only be small.
* Are there any proposals of support from other institutes?
* P. Mergen: There is little support that I can give. However there maybe opportunities to get funding for a position via Europeana projects and MOBILISE (2020).
* DISSCO and SYNTHESIS are the only routes for direct funding.
* Vienna would also find it difficult to give extra support.

***Further actions:***

* There needs to be further discussion on how the ESG proposes to continue without the support of L. Tilley.

Written by L. Tilley 03.05.2019