**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 (VE) 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 Laura has the support of the group.
* P. Mergen: Caroline Michellier from Royal Museum for Central Africa is enthusiastic about the project and has already contributed. The Botanical Garden (Meise) has no ESG collections so it 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 continue 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 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: suggest 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 has left her position there will be less support from 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 very small.
* Are there any proposals of support from other institutes?
* P. Mergen: There is little support that I can give. However there may be opportunities to get funding for a position via Europeana projects and MOBILISE (2020).
* DISSCO and SYNTHESYS are the only routes for direct funding.
* J. Kroh also sees hardly chance for 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

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