

AGU Natural Hazards Focus Group

Business Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 25, 2009, 7:00–8:00 AM
Toronto Convention Center, Level 7, Room 710
Toronto, Ontario, CANADA

Attendees (alphabetically)

- Andrea Broadhurst Manager, AGU Leadership Support
- Tom Grove AGU President
- Yev Kontar Member of the group executive committee
- Robert Van Hook AGU Interim Executive Director
- Alik Ismail-Zadeh Group Chair
- Ilya Zaliapin Group Secretary

Note taker

- Ilya Zaliapin Group Secretary

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Group teleconference

2 min

Conclusion: At a request of several FG members not present at the meeting an extended teleconference with executive FG committee, committee members for 2009 AGU Fall meeting, and Young Researcher Award Committee Members should be organized in June-July 2009.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

Determine convenient conference time	Ilya Zaliapin	June 10, 2009
Setup a teleconference	Ilya Zaliapin, Andrea Broadhurst	July 15, 2009

2. Introduction of the group members

5 min

Comment: Members not present at the meeting were introduced by Alik Ismail-Zadeh. See *Appendix 1* for updated member list.

3. Scope of the group

5 min

Conclusion: Accept the proposed scope of the group with edits emphasizing connections to similar efforts by other global programs. See *Appendix 2* for updated scope.

4. NH sessions at the 2009 AGU Fall meeting

5 min

Decision: Appoint Dr. Cornelis Creemer (U of Nevada, Reno) and Dr. Allan James (U of So. Carolina) members of the AGU program committee for the Fall 2009 meeting.

Comment: Two NH sessions have been proposed as of May 31, 2009

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Solicit NH sessions	All group members	June 12, 2009
Discuss cross-posting with NG	Alik Ismail-Zadeh	June 12, 2009

5. NH sessions at the 2010 AGU "Meeting of the Americas" meeting (August 8-13, 2010, Iguassu Falls, Brazil)	5 min
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Conclusion: Two candidates for the program committee have been suggested: Dr. Hector Mora (Universidad de Manizales, Colombia) and Dr. Yev Kontar (Illinois State Geological Survey). The appointment of candidates will be discussed at a forthcoming group meeting.

6. Natural Hazards Focus Group Award for Graduate Research	10 min
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Decision: Approve the award proposal with editorial changes suggested by AGU and a new deadline (see *Appendix 3*).

Decision: Approve the following candidates to the Award Committee: Eve Grunfest (Uni Colorado, Colorado Springs), social sciences and flash flooding; Michael Ghil (UCLA & ENS Paris), atmospheric hazards; Efi Foufoula-Georgiou (U of Minnesota), hydrological hazards; Friedemann Wenzel (KIT, Germany), seismic hazards.

Comment: The proposal has been approved by AGU council on May 27, 2009

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Approach the approved candidates for the Award committee	Alik Ismail-Zadeh	June 20, 2009
Place Award solicitation in EOS	Ilya Zaliapin (via Andrea Broadhurst)	June 15, 2009
Solicit nominees	All group members	August 20, 2009

7. Focus Group web-page	2 min
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Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Appoint a web master	All group members	Sep. 1, 2009

8. NH fundraising campaign	5 min
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Conclusion: Consider a possibility to write a fundraising proposal to the AGU Development Department.

9. The Gilbert F. White Medal/Lecture	5 min
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Decision: Write a proposal to AGU to establish a named lecture in honor of Gilbert F. White's tireless efforts to promote holistic approach in natural hazard research, which arises from the interplay of physical, social, and biological systems.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Draft a proposal	Susan Cutter	Sep. 15, 2009
10. Nomination to AGU Fellowship		5 min
Conclusion: No NH nominees will be suggested for the 2009 fellowship due to a close deadline (July 1, 2009).		
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Suggest candidates for 2010 fellowship	All group members	July 1, 2010
11. AGU Chapman Conference on Complexity and Extreme Events		5 min
Conclusion: Consider participation in organizing the conference		
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Approach the conference program committee	Ilya Zaliapin	June 15, 2009
12. Young Scientist Outstanding Paper Award		5 min
Decision: Establish YSOPA and select the first awardees during AGU Fall 2010 meeting		
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Draft YSOPA scope	Alik Ismail-Zadeh	December 1, 2009



The meeting participants (left to right):
 Andrea Broadhurst, Yev Kontar, Tim Grove, Alik Ismail-Zadeh, Ilya Zaliapin, Robert Van Hook
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