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4) Annegaaike Leopold and Ross Smith report on Canberra
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1 Welcome  Thomas-Benjamin Seiler welcomed all attendees, everybody introduced themselves

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2 Steering committee elections  The terms of the following steering committee members end after three years:

ACADEMIA
- Thomas-Benjamin Seiler, RWTH Aachen University, Germany
- Henner Hollert, RWTH Aachen University, Germany
- Agnieszka Hunka, RISE Research Institutes of Sweden, Sweden

GOVERNMENT
- Sarah Bowman, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, USA
Gerd Maack, UBA, Germany

BUSINESS
- Silke Bollmohr, EcoTrac, Kenya (also NGO)
- Pernille Thorbeck, BASF, Germany

Agnieszka Hunka, Sarah Bowman, Gerd Maack and Silke Bollmohr did not stand for relection.

Three SCIRIC members stood for election:

ACADEMIA
- Leonie Nüßer, RWTH Aachen University, Germany
- Ngozi, Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research, Nigeria

BUSINESS
- Geoff Hodges, Unilever, UK

To the participating members at the SCIRIC meeting it was proposed to approve the following new steering committee:

ACADEMIA
- Thomas-Benjamin Seiler (2nd term)
- Henner Hollert (2nd term)
- Leonie Nüßer (NEW)
- Ngozi Oguguah (NEW)

BUSINESS
- Annegaaike Leopold (1st term ends in 2020)
- Pernille Thorbek (2nd term)
- Geoff Hodges (NEW)

Appointment of Ngozi Oguguah needs to be approved by SEC, since the affiliation is not in Europe. Thomas will put forward a motion in the SEC to approve the steering committee membership of Ngozi.

Edit: Meanwhile Ngozi got approved as SCIRIC SC member by SEC.

The steering committee is now tasked to find SCIRIC members from government that are interested in serving on the steering committee, to restore sector balance and add the governmental perspective to SCIRIC work.

3 Call for involvement in NGO/Volunteer/Citizen Science event in Toronto

Thomas reported on an initiative by Trudy Watson-Leung, co-chair of the Toronto meeting, to organise an event with NGOs/volunteer initiatives/citizen science groups at the Thursday of the Toronto meeting, and called for involvement and help by SCIRIC members. Whoever is interested in doing their share to make this a success, please contact Thomas. We are especially in need for a third co-chair from business for the sub-committee to organise this. Here’s some info by Trudy on the tasks for the co-chair:

Since this is a new initiative we do not have a sub-committee yet so I am looking for at least one more chair but also other volunteers. Lisa Erdle from the University of Toronto has agreed to be a co-chair and I am hoping to entice the chair of the citizen science session that has been proposed for Toronto. Co-chairs, along with my support, would be responsible for brainstorming who to invite and what the event should look like to interest and entice NGOs, citizen science groups and
volunteer organizations, tracking who has agreed to come and making sure they have everything they need, communicating with the exhibitors and being available to answer their questions and acting as a liaison between them and the Toronto program committee (PC), and helping people to set up on the day of the event (attendance at the conference is a requirement of the position). It would also be necessary to have periodic conference calls for planning and it would be helpful to have at least one co-chair sit in on the monthly Toronto PC conference call and to write up a summary of activities to update the PC.

This is a great opportunity to set the stage for this to be something that might be able to continue at other meetings if it is successful in Toronto. We really have a blank slate here and it will take people that have connections with NGOs to really understand what would make it worth their while to attend this meeting. I’m envisioning this great interchange between NGOs and citizen science groups with SETAC members that could lead to collaborations and partnerships or more volunteers however I can also envision people sitting at a booth and not having anyone come by and feeling very frustrated so we need to make sure that doesn’t happen. I’m also concerned that we’ll only get Toronto organizations attending since they would not have to pay for travel so I want to figure out how to tap in to people involved in citizen science or volunteer organizations that are already planning to come to SETAC in Toronto and might be willing to participate in this on the Thursday. This will require some brainstorming too. I do know that the head office is supportive of adding a “session” for this to allow increased dialogue and interaction beyond just sitting at a booth.

This event needs have enough of an outline to be put onto the website in June and I’d like to have a Globe article drafted up for the end of May so there is an urgent need to get some conversations started and I know people are going to be busy in Helsinki soon. If you have any thoughts of a format let me know via email and maybe I will email the listserv as well. I can make the article vague for now.

4 Annegaaike Leopold and Ross Smith report on Canberra  

Last year in October 29 and 30 October, 2018, Annegaaike and Ross met in Canberra and visited a number of leaders of organisations involved in science and risk communication to talk to them about their work, initiatives, ideas, and how this could help or taken up by SETAC and SCIRIC in particular. The names of people we met and organisations they led:

1. Dr. Anna Maria Arabia, Chief Executive of Science and Technology Australia.
2. Professor Graham Durant, Questacon of the National Science and Technology Centre.
3. Dr. Kylie Walker, CEO, Science and Technology, Australia.
4. Dr. Rod Lamberts and Dr. Will Grant of The Centre for the Public Awareness of Science

These visits were all very valuable and led to some good follow up actions. Further follow up is still in the planning. There is a report available of these visits and please contact Annegaaike for more information.

6 Next meeting  
The next regular SCIRIC meeting will be held at the SETAC Europe AM 2020 in Dublin. It should again include a workshop like organised for Helsinki, since this has the advantage of being free of charge and participants might not have to come earlier to the conference and maybe book one extra night at a hotel.
Thomas plans to hold conference calls every three months with a presentation of one member on a topic related to SCIRIC work, updates from the WGs on the progress within the working programme, and clear definition of tasks and actions. Sam Maynard volunteered to give a presentation at the first call. Thomas will send an invite. The steering committee could already meet 30 min before each call.

**ACTIONS**

SRC0008: **Thomas** to send invite for first conference call; coordinate with steering committee to have a steecom call 30 min ahead  
SRC0007: **Thomas** to put forward a motion to SEC to approve Ngozi’s membership on the steering committee  
SRC0006: **Steering committee** to find SCIRIC members from government that are interested in  
SRC0005: **Steering Committee** to connect to other professional organisations (WG PEOPLE)  
SRC0004: **Thomas** to ask Rebecca Bundschuh for results from the survey, draft a Globe article (WG PEOPLE/WG TOPIC)  
SRC0003: **Leonie** to compile a list of all presenters at past and upcoming (SW/SNA Orlando, SE Brussels, SE Rome) communication sessions (WG PEOPLE)  
SRC0002: **Thomas** to update the directory of risk communication experts (WG PEOPLE)  
SRC0001: **All members** to identify and suggest science that deserves attention (see Rome minutes)