

ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science Board Meeting

10am-4pm, February 22, 2012

Monash City Campus, Level 7, 30 Collins St, Melbourne, 3000

Introductions and welcome:

Stephen Gray was welcomed to his first Board meeting as Centre Manager. Ian Dunlop and Jean Palutikof also welcomed (absent at previous meeting)

Action from last meeting:

- Terms of Reference paper circulated. Revisions requested around how the Board will function. A replacement version is attached.
- Provide a list of Board members and their roles on the Web site (SG)
- Stretch targets – paper circulated. Board requested an update in respect of these targets at each Board meeting (AJP)
- Risk document circulated. The Board asked for a re-styled version (replacement attached)
- Lay-summary of research programs – paper circulated. The board indicated these were not a lay summary and requested a much plainer English version (replacement attached)

Update by the Director:

- The Centre is progressing well.
- The Administration team is settled and effective under Stephen Gray's leadership
- Graduate Director under offer (since filled)
- The Computational Modelling Support team is settled and effective under Mike Rezny's leadership. This team is driving rapid developments
- On-going and valuable partner support both nationally and internationally
- We remain limited by access to high performance computing
- A Centre newsletter to begin in March (bi-monthly)
- Winter school under planning
- Not increasing PhDs as fast as I would like – the appointment of the Graduate Director will help.

- The topic of a launch was raised. This is under active consideration – but aiming at a long-term commitment to a high profile lecture series as a means to build and maintain profile.

The 2011 Annual Report:

- The 2001 Annual Report was tabled. Well received and largely positive comment. Edits proposed include:
 - Key points to be highlighted in Director's report
 - Add 1-page strategic plan to Annual Report
 - Ensure key take home messages are clear and illuminated in each section
- There is a commitment to a 4 page version of this report
- We intent to post this Annual Report on-line, omitting financial data

The report will be re-formatted, illustrated and forwarded to the ARC by March deadline.

The Centre Strategic Plan:

- The Vision statement needs to be re-visited
- The 1 page plan fails to identify the research we actually plan to do
- Several sections need revision. (New version of both plans are attached)
- Glossary of acronyms suggested (included in longer strategic plan)

Science update:

- Professor Matthew England presented the science of, early achievements of, and intended strategies of the oceans program.
- Well received – leading to a request for future presentations (likely the Convection program is next).

Update on ACCESS progress:

- A paper provided by Tony Hirst was tabled. This reported on progress round ACCESS 1.0 and ACCESS 1.3. The progress is impressive and the on-going collaboration at the level of the science between CAWCR and the CoE was noted.

- The Centre has been provided ACCESS 1.3 in a form that can be used for AMIP-style simulations which is ideal for a significant fraction of Centre research.

Actions and close:

- Next meeting is intended to be coincident with the Centre's Hobart workshop.
- Harinder offered to speak at the next meeting on the state of play from the Department's perspective