

WHOI Postdoctoral Association

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 28

Monday, February 9, 2009

Caryn House

Committee members present: Ernst Galutschek, Mar Nieto-Cid, Ananya Sen Gupta, Jong Jin Park, Sam Laney, Anna McIntyre-Wressnig; Michelle Portman via telephone

Other representatives present: Jim Yoder (Vice President for Academic Programs & Dean), Janet Fields (Postdoctoral Coordinator / Academic Programs)

1. *Oceanus* magazine:

Ernst tells about Michael Berumen's suggestion to present Post-Docs and their projects in an issue of *Oceanus*. All agree that the format should be different to the recent JP issue. We could link "our" issue with the next Post-Doc symposium. Ernst will contact the *Oceanus* editor, Lonny Lippsett.

2. *Coffee hour:*

A coffee hour will be held at the end of March. James Kinsey will organise a demonstration of remote controlled vehicles. Ernst suggests to hold another coffee at the end of February in the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory. Janet contacted the lab after the last PDA meeting, she will do so again this week. Ernst will organise the coffee hour.

3. *Career workshop:*

Sam, Ananya and Michelle have prepared an outline for a possible career workshop for WHOI post-docs and possibly also JP students. The outline was sent to all committee members and Janet last week. All committee members support the proposal. Jim Yoder

agrees with the committee that the workshop should be for both post-docs and JP students. Anyanya will proceed with contacting a potential speaker for the workshop.

4. National PDA conference:

The National PDA conference will be held in Houston / Texas in March 2009.

Information about it can be found on the website of the National Postdoctoral Association (www.nationalpostdoc.org). Academic Programs will pay for one person to attend.

Michelle attended last year's conference in Boston and thought it very informative.

Anyana is interested, she will talk to her advisor about it and let Janet know next week. If Anyanya does not end up going a note will be sent out to all post-docs to find a participant.

5. New post-docs:

Ernst asks Janet whether any new post-docs have arrived at WHOI since the post-doc breakfast in December. Janet will send Ernst an updated list so departmental PDA representatives can introduce themselves and the PDA to new post-docs within their departments.

6. New "TGIF":

Ernst proposes an alternative to the social calendar in the hope of attracting more post-docs: Instead of meeting on Friday after work an informal get-together will occur every Wednesday in the post-doc lounge, before the Redfield movie.

7. Bottle and can recycling in post-doc lounge:

Janet will contact Dave Derosier to organise a large WHOI can and bottle recycling bin for the lounge. This bin would not have to be emptied by the post-docs.

8. Update from the treasurer:

Michelle informs us that we have \$ 62 from drinks in the post-doc lounge. She will check if any beverages have to be bought.

9. Next PDA meeting:

The committee agrees that from now on PDA meetings will be announced to all post-docs. This is in accordance with the PDA charter.

Meeting closed 1 pm

Minutes recorded by Anna McIntyre-Wressnig