

Appendix 1

International Antarctic Institute

Report of Meeting Hobart 6-7 November 2004

Background

The University of Tasmania has had a long interest in Antarctic teaching and research and has developed linkages with a number of other institutions around the world. In considering ways to complement and extend these linkages, and to facilitate the development of Antarctic related education, the University of Tasmania established a steering committee to examine possible options in advancing this objective. The steering committee developed a background paper canvassing various issues central to the development of what was provisionally titled the “International Antarctic Institute”. Invitations were extended to Universities and relevant institutions directly concerned with Antarctic undergraduate and postgraduate education to send a representative to meet in Hobart to discuss these matters. The steering committee encouraged participants to come to the meeting with material on their teaching programs and responses to the background paper

Meeting

The meeting, held in Hobart on the 5th and 6th November 2004, involved 30 participants from 19 institutions, and with participants representing institutions and programs in 12 countries. (See Appendix 1 for list of participants). The meeting was chaired by Sir Guy Green AC KBE, chair of the IAI steering committee

Agenda and Program

The agenda (see Appendix 2) provided background to the IAI initiative and included overview presentations from all participating institutions. These presentations also addressed issues raised in the Background Paper, and also provided an opportunity to discuss future developments in Antarctic education in each institution. Extensive discussion took place between participants, both in the formal sessions and outside the meeting, including a dinner on the night of the 5th November.

The concept of the IAI received unanimous support from the participants at the meeting, who recognised a range of practical issues related to establishing and implementing such an Institute, including its funding and infrastructure needs and support.

Discussion centred on a number of key issues related to the role and status of the IAI. These issues included discussion on the focus of the IAI’s Antarctic education program (undergraduate and/or postgraduate), the IAI’s role in encouraging and facilitating the cross-crediting of Antarctic related courses or units, managing the issue of fees charged by some countries and/or institutions, the ability of the IAI to provide opportunity for increased access to and participation in relevant field programmes.

Outcomes

The meeting discussed and passed unanimously the following resolutions:

1. This meeting endorses in principle the proposal that an international Antarctic institute (“the Institute”) be established.
2. The Institute:
 - a. Shall comprise a consortium of participating institutions (“the Participating Institutions”);
 - b. Shall be governed by a council comprising a person appointed by each Participating Institution.
3. It is envisaged that the Institute would be multi-campus and multi-disciplinary and would:
 - a. Develop undergraduate and/or postgraduate courses and associated activities and provide joint supervision of student projects;
 - b. Be a vehicle to draw upon the strengths of each Participating Institution;
 - c. Facilitate student and faculty exchange.
4. The offer by the University of Tasmania to establish and resource an interim Secretariat to provide administrative support for the establishment of the Institute be accepted.
5. The offer by the University of Tasmania to establish and resource a Secretariat for the operation of the Institute for an initial period following its establishment is accepted.
6. As soon as practicable, each participating Institution shall provide the interim Secretariat with the name and contact details of a representative.
7. Following consultation with the Participating Institutions, the interim Secretariat shall generate detailed proposals and business plans for the structure and operation of the Institute for consideration and ratification by the appropriate institutional bodies.
8. That the interim Secretariat be authorised to inform the International Polar Year (IPY) Committee of the proposal to establish an international Antarctic institute and to register a Statement of Intent in anticipation of the establishment of the Institute.

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**International Antarctic Institute Meeting
Marina room, Elizabeth Street Pier
Hobart**

November 6th and 7th

Agenda



The Lady Nelson docked at Elizabeth Street Pier, Hobart

Saturday 6th November

- 9.00am Assemble and informal meeting
- 9.15am Welcome and Introduction - Sir Guy Green, Chairman-International Antarctic Institute- Steering Group
- 9.30am Antarctic Education, Global View - Professor Daryl Le Grew, VC, University of Tasmania
- 9.45am International Antarctic Institute-Presentation
Professor Andrew McMinn, Director, Institute of Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies, University of Tasmania
Dr Patti Virtue, Institute of Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies, University of Tasmania

- 10.30 'Why do this/ is there a market'- Professor Bryan Storey, Director, Gateway Antarctica, University of Canterbury
- 10.45am Morning Tea
- 11.00am Presentations by delegates: who they are, what involvement they have in Antarctic Education, comments on IAI Position paper, what they envisage might be their input to IAI (approx 15 minutes each).
- 1.00-2.00pm Lunch - Marina room, Elizabeth Street Pier
- 2.00pm Presentations by delegates continue
- 3.45 pm Afternoon Tea
- 4.00pm General Discussion.
- 5.00 pm Close
- 6.00pm Transportation by ML Egeria- (governor's launch) to Moorilla
- 7.00pm Dinner – Moorilla Estate Winery

Sunday 6th November

- 9.30am Presentation by Dr Ian Allison- International Polar Year
Presentation by Professor Julian Dowdeswell, Scott Polar Institute.
- Group Forum: “The Way Ahead”– Led by Sir Guy Green and Professor Daryl Le Grew
Consideration of resolutions in principle
Steps to implementation
Establishment of IAI sub committee
Other matters
- 1.00-2.00pm Lunch - Marina room, Elizabeth Street Pier
- 2.00pm Group Forum resumes

Meeting Concludes
- 4.30-6.00pm An afternoon sail on the Lady Nelson - Derwent River and D'Entrecasteaux Channel