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# 7th meeting of the OP '24 Symposium Science Committee

14 February 2024

## Agenda

1. Design of science program:
   a. Themes final approval + Ideas for Invited speakers?
   b. OP'24 draft agenda + Ideas for forum/discussion/Training/others?
   c. Process for reviewing abstracts, incl. criteria for allocating oral and poster presentations, communication among theme co-leads regarding allocation of presentations etc.
2. Symposium registration opening and website
3. Optional: brief update from the organizing committee – information of relevance to the Science Committee

- **ACTIONS** to feed the discussion during the OP'24 SC meeting:
  → **Action 01:** Could you please suggest ideas for Invited speakers in the word document online. Link to the document: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZKs_nMClzLEWivN0G2PMUYZlWn7HIBm4/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=11543844871655488619&rtpof=true&sd=true
  → **Action 03**: Could you please suggest ideas for Forum / Discussion / Training / others in the Table online. Link to the document: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jzRxu4thDst-aJgdvRRsqfE_tEhEeDYC/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=11543844871655488619&rtpof=true&sd=true

## Attendance

| No | Name | Name | Affiliation | Country |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Santha | Akella | NASA | USA |
| 2 | Eric | Bayler | NOAA | USA |
| 3 | Stephanie | Cuven | MOi | France |
| 4 | Eric | Chassignet | FSU | USA |
| 5 | Fraser | Davidson | ECCC | Canada |
| 6 | Marie | Drevillon | MOi | France |
| 7 | Alexander | Kurapov | NOAA | USA |
| 8 | Pierre-Yves | Le Traon | MOi | France |
| 9 | Joanna | Post | IOC/UNESCO | France |
| 10 | Elisabeth | Remy | MOi | France |
| 11 | Ann Kristin | Sperrevik | Met.no | Norway |
| 12 | PN | Vinayachandran | Indian Institute of Science | India |
| 13 | Kirsten | Wilmer-Becker | Met Office | UK |

## Discussion summary

### 1. Invitation

It was agreed to invite Audrey Hasson as new member of the OP 24 Science Committee. Audrey is Head of the GEO Blue Planet European Office.

**Action 1:** KWB to add Audrey to the OP 24 SC Teams invitation

### 2. Themes final approval

The symposium themes have been approved and are ready to be added to the symposium website. The website is planned for a soft launch by the end of Feb and the full launch by mid-March. The soft launch will allow the science committee members to provide input/feedback on the website content, specifically the themes.

### 3. Keynote organization

Proposed names of keynote speakers on the google doc were discussed and more names added. The name of the EU commissioner under theme 1 may need to be updated. When inviting keynote speakers we should consider

- Regional representation (it seems that the southern hemisphere and speakers from Asia are in the minority)
- Age representation / blend of all generations (not always fall back on the long-established names but consider a wide range of age groups, including early to mid-career scientists)
- Community representation

Keynote speeches should be inspirational and forward-looking. They could be programmatic or scientific and should be a representation of the community(ies) involved.

It was proposed to develop a ToR for keynote speeches considering some of the points mentioned above to share with the invited speakers. It might also be possible to identify some of the abstract submitters as keynote speakers.

### 4. Symposium schedule

A draft OP symposium schedule was shared to discuss options for keynote slots times and lengths, as well as other symposium features, such as daily summaries and fora.

It is still to be decided how the structure of the schedule will be set up

- a long (2 hours) or shorter (1 hour) morning plenary slot?
- a morning and an afternoon (after lunch) keynote plenary slot?
- whether Q&A should be part of the keynote plenary slot?

- all plenary intro / keynote talks on day 1?


Generally, it was stated that keynote talks are useful as they provide unity and inspiration for the audience. They generate discussions and they can link the plenary and splinter sessions providing consistency.

**Action 2:** Andreas, Eric C and Marie to develop the schedule to present it at the next meeting for discussion, taking into consideration the contributions and ideas above.


## 5. Abstract review process

For the previous symposium abstracts were considered/rejected/accepted by the theme leads. Passing on of abstracts between themes was organized by the involved theme leads. The abstract submission form will collect information on the themes from the authors. I was requested that themes should be ranked according to interest and suitability as understood by the author in the first instance. Changes to themes can still be made by the theme leads afterwards. Poster and oral preferences should be collected and assign depending on abstract numbers and available oral slots.

Poster introductions could be made as 5 min talks (hybrid), but this would require good discipline. Alternatively, brief videos of poster introductions could be produced and added to the website, YouTube or other before the event, but would take a lot of preparation. There was no agreement of either idea yet. It maybe useful to do some calculations of the time these ideas would take before making a decision.


## 6. Symposium website

The website soft launch is planned for later Feb to allow the science committee to review the themes and other parts which will allow 2 weeks to finalize the website for the full launch.


## 1. Next OP'24 meeting of Science Committee

Wed, 13 March 2024, 13:00 UTC


### After meeting additions

- Focus the for a/ townhalls on ForeSea, OP-DCC/UN Decade, but also on "observing for predictions"
- Possibility to consider Frontiers publication of keynote talks / white paper or community paper
  - Hard to achieve by the symposium date but could be a good idea for a later publication when symposium results & recommendations could be included
  - Requires time and buy-in from the keynote speakers
  - Could also focus on the fora outcomes