



INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RESCUE ORGANIZATION

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Summary of IEDRO Volunteer Activities for the Weeks of April 7 and 14, 2011

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Attendees:

April 7: Rick Crouthamel, Penny Paugh, Jean-Paul Miller

April 14: Rick Crouthamel, Penny Paugh, Doug Klotter, Tommy Owens

Board Meeting

A meeting of the Board was convened on April 14th. Dr. Joe Friday, who has been on our Advisory Board, has joined our Board of Directors. We are delighted and honored to have this addition to our Board!

Penny will arrange for the appointment to be announced in multiple media.

Administration

Penny started making email addresses and broke the pattern of a single initial.last name convention. To lower confusion, Penny made up a master IEDRO mailing list of those who have IEDRO addresses and distributed it to managers.

Penny has ordered business cards for Tommy, Marlei and herself. Jake fixed the dpi for each image and the printer has written that the order has been shipped.

Strip Chart Digitization Program

Tommy Owens has set up a test site as IEDRO headquarters and has established a remote desktop capability. This is something we might be able to use at actual sites as a quality control aid. Rick has asked Tommy to provide instructions as he sets up a test site at headquarters.

Site Management

In preparation for the quarterly meeting of the World Meteorology Organization, Rick, Penny and Teddy Allen have prepared a letter to go to each country's meteorology services department. The letter has been translated in all but Portuguese. Marlei is sending it out, via email and regular mail, to all of our sites.

Rick is planning to visit Malawi, Niger, Namibia and the Republic of South Africa in July. During his trip, Rick will work with Malawi to establish the basis

of proposals we might make for hiring persons now working as volunteers at project sites.

Teddy will be visiting El Salvador in June and would like to arrange to visit our project site while there. He also may visit Barbados and visit their meteorology society while visiting.

Rick is making plans for a follow-up trip to Bolivia.

Teddy, Doug Klotter and Penny are working on developing a manual to be sent to each data rescue site to give instructions to volunteers for making quality photographs. Larry suggested that using an easel would be easier to set up and lighter to ship. Doug will incorporate this into the instructions.

Conferences

Teddy Allen is waiting to hear a response to abstracts he submitted to CIMR. He hopes to hear back in May.

Collaboration

Penny and Rick have made the script for a DVD to hand out at the World Meteorological Organization meeting in May. A letter will be enclosed that is from the World Meteorology Organization and IEDRO. Rick will arrange to have it produced this week. Penny has found a narrator. French and Spanish translators are working on the script which includes the letter.

Public Relations Teams

Much of the work performed by our teams is ongoing.

Website Development

We have made our first sale on the Fair Trade online page. We are not sure how, since the page had not been live yet! Marketing Team members quality checked everyone on the online shop and raised the prices to accommodate Amazon's commission.

Jake continues to make graphics that have writing on them on the website into each language.

Volunteer Recruitment

We have recruited someone to do our GIS projects: Caitlin, a George Mason U student. Welcome!

Farhad, a agriculture researcher residing in Iran, has offered to be a liaison with World Bank and other agencies. Penny has referred him to Rick.

Rick, Teddy and Tommy continue to look for a Senior Scientist.

Newsletter

We have recruited a new managing editor, Ran Meng. She also will be writing articles for our blog. She has begun helping Penny with the March/April issue. Layout has been finished of all versions except Mandarin. Max will be training Ran in making the summary email on Saturday. Penny will take notes so instructions can be written.

Doug will write a short article describing Sharon Le Duc's textbook about Africa's climate which will be finished sometime in the summer. We run the it in the May/June issue.

Networking

We have recruited two new people who are helping with the sister organization list. The list is growing! We also have gained two new members who are writers for our networking sites, Sara and Ran. Sara has written her first article already. Finally, we will be able to keep up an interesting blog.

Penny has received permission from the speakers of two extraordinary TED videos regarding data rescue on our blog. She has written to get permission from TED. Still no answer has been received from TED. She will nudge them.

Penny is continuing regular backups of the blog and marketing materials.

Conference Displays

When Rick and Penny were working together on the DVD script, Rick edited both displays. Penny will polish both in the next fortnight.

Presentations

Nataliya translated our introductory PowerPoint for our May meeting with a contingent. Penny put the text into the slide show and sent it to new Russian translator, Olga, who finished the quality check. Thank you both!

Fundraising

Penny has been delegated as proposal manager for a project involving our strip chart digitizer program. Susan Callis will provide the shell. Looks like something might be written in April. Tommy has indicated that once the first test of the software has been done, the team will be ready to write up a proposal.

Help Wanted

- A Public Relations deputy manager – energetic, dedicated person desired.
- Scientists who will be a liaison between us and NOAA as well as other key agencies.
- A developer to help us make foreign language versions of our website and newsletter. The site is in Dreamweaver.
- Graphic designers who know Photoshop.
- Scientists who will write newsletter articles for us.
- Persons to develop and maintain networking sites. We need a Plaxo developer, specifically.