

Geoengineering Extreme Events Reconnaissance (GEER) Association
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GEER Steering Committee Teleconference

03/24/09 from 9:00 to 11:00 am PST

Webex Meeting No.: 575 369 703 Call-in #: 866-699-3239 Password: geerup

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Introduction
 - (a) Meeting objectives
 - (b) Identification of additional issues to discuss

- 2) May 18-19, 2009 GEER Workshop
 - a) Goals
 - b) Format
 - c) Attendees (see current list of attendees in the provided EXCEL file)

- 3) GEER Steering Committee and Advisory Panel Membership
 - (a) Additional Members to the Steering Committee

- 4) Recent Post-Event Reconnaissance Reports
 - (a) May 2008 Wenchuan, China earthquake
 - (b) September 2008 Hurricanes Gustav and Ike

- 5) Status of GEER SC Member Action Items
 - (a) Post-EQ reconnaissance guidance document preparation (Kayen)
 - (b) GEER response event response plan (Bray)
 - (c) GEER strategic plan development (Bray)
 - (d) Targeted GEER membership drive (Bray)

- 6) Schedule
 - a) Next SC teleconference

Attendees: Jon Bray, David Frost, Ellen Rathje, Les Youd, Nick Sitar, Ben Mason and Katherine Jones

May GEER Workshop Discussion

- See attached workshop agenda
- Workshop Comments:
 - Nick Sitar – think about relationships with government agencies when performing international reconnaissance – it is better to have strong contacts with the Universities and get invited to come rather than go through the State department in most cases (David Frost – going through the State department gets you there later, but the access is also good)
 - Nick Sitar – need to start thinking about going to a single device reconnaissance support system; i.e., have a cell phone that has GPS and Google Earth
 - David Frost – further talks with Chengdu University are occurring to strengthen that relationship; envisions 18 to 20 MOUs across the world that will foster collaboration with important partners
 - David Frost – GEER was created as a network of good earthquake engineers across the United States (and world) – so we should extend that network to include all possible post-event organizations
 - Go with format similar to that of the 2004 workshop. Emphasize GEER accomplishments, linkages to other organizations, movement into hazards other than earthquakes, emerging technologies that can be exploited, share reconnaissance guidance document, and solicit input.
- Other possible attendees
 - Goal is to bring in those with experience in reconnaissance and also those with different perspectives. Attain diversity and bring on people who are outside of earthquake engineering. Invite people from Google Earth and ESRI as well as tsunami, hurricane and submarine slide experts.

Steering Committee Membership

- Invite Jeff Keaton, Laurie Johnson, and Bob Gilbert to be Steering Committee members
- Invite Annie Kammerer and Mary Ellen Hynes to the Advisory Panel
- Look into a time table to bring on and rotate off Steering Committee and Advisory Panel members to keep the leadership of the organization constantly evolving

Wenchuan Earthquake Report

- About a month away from being released (~later April)
- Need to re-emphasize our goal of publishing a quick report (~7 to 10 days after the event) followed by a more elaborate) report (~6 months after the event, if required, for future recon events

Next Teleconference

- April 14, 2009 9am to 11am
- Finalize the workshop agenda and finalize the attendees list