



EarthScienceMatters

Bringing knowledge of the Earth to everyone

Update Earth Science Matters Foundation by August 2016

Board & Secretariat

The Board consists of five persons: Wolfgang Eder (Chair), Sierd Cloetingh (member), Aberra Mogessie (member representing Geological Society of Africa), Jorgina Aspiazu-Ross (Treasurer, representing IAMG), and Wang Meng (member, representing YES). Secretariat: permanent members are Ed de Mulder (Director) and Courtney Jermyn (Deputy Director). Terms of some Board members are coming to an end and new members are being identified.

Partners:

ESM has five Partners: The International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), the International Association of Mathematical Geosciences (IAMG), the Geological Society of Africa (GSAf), the Young Earth Scientists (YES) Network, and the Peking Natural Science-Art Organisation (PNSO). During the last months of 2015, ESM and IAMG worked toward an agreement to arrive at a longer-term partnership. That agreement was signed on 9 December 2015. Further to a meeting in Dar-es-Salaam at CAG25 and a meeting of the Executive Director in China in October 2015, PNSO decided to join the ESM Foundation as a Partner in 2016.

Projects:

Geoscience for Future Earth Research: document composed on added value of the Earth Sciences for the Future Earth Research Agenda

Compositional Data Analysis: document on the current status of CoDa

Local Singularity Analysis: publication published in EPISODES on new, mathematically based exploration methodologies'

SILK ROAD-GIT NC: submitted EU proposal for geoscience innovation along the Silk Road economic zone.

BRIDGES: currently on hold; exploring new opportunities

GEO-ERA: currently on hold; reshaping, though partners anticipated

GEOHERITAGE/GEOPARKS: proposal to harmonize Geo-thematic maps.

National Focal Points

The current number of National Focal Point (NFP) is 26, 14 of which are in Africa. Three more NFP's are pending.

Financial situation

New partnerships made with the ESM Foundation in 2016, resulted in financial growth for ESM, which had reached a plateau two years prior. ESM's financial position is now both stable and sustainable.

In short:

ESM is in a proper condition, both conceptually through its projects and financially.