

MEMO to R2K 2010 Meeting Participants

To: Ridge 2000 (R2K) 2010 Meeting Participants
From: R2K Meeting Organizing Committee and Steering Committee
Subject: Thank you, Post-Meeting Reminders and Survey
Date: Nov. 5, 2010

Dear Meeting Participants-

We want to take the opportunity thank you very much for your participation and hard work at the R2K Community Meeting in Portland last week. All of the Thematic (TWG) and ISS Working Groups made significant progress on important research papers that will report on data and provide new perspectives on oceanic spreading center processes across multiple disciplines. Much work remains to be done and the R2K Office stands ready to help facilitate your collaborative interactions in the coming months to help you accomplish your research and integration and synthesis goals.

We outline below some important options and opportunities you have for helping to ensure that you continue the work you have started to produce these important results. The R2K Steering Committee and NSF met on Nov. 1 and discussed all of these suggested mechanisms to foster continued work on the integration efforts and as new information and/or opportunities arise we will be sure to relay those to you.

As was discussed at the Portland meeting, please keep in mind that future R2K-related or oceanic spreading center topical meetings will need to be driven from the community; the R2K Office does not have financial support for future meetings. We encourage those of you with ideas for future meetings to discuss them with your colleagues and NSF Program Managers soon in order to get them funded and scheduled on a timely basis. We provide below some suggestions for you to consider.

- **Continue to use the R2K Meeting Wiki**

<http://ridge2000.marine-geo.org/>

Please continue to use the Meeting Wiki for your group deliberations or to link to Google documents that are being prepared. If you have notes from the meeting that have not been put up on the Wiki please do so as soon as possible. The Wiki will remain as a permanent archive of the meeting deliberations and your continued progress to accomplish the paper writing and collaboration involved in your synthesis work.

- **StCom-led post-meeting coordination plans and outreach efforts**

Over the coming month, members of the R2K Steering Committee (StCom) will be coordinating with each of the TWG and ISS group leaders as to the progress of the work started in Portland. Initially we plan to summarize the meeting deliberations in an Eos article to be submitted very soon in order to communicate our progress to the broader ocean/earth science community. The StCom and Organizing Committee will be reviewing with the group leaders the intended publication venues so as to coordinate those efforts and suggest areas where perhaps combined or joint publications could be used strategically to ensure that we are making the best use of

journal access to get high visibility for the research articles you all are developing. We also plan to develop a straw-outline for a themed volume of Oceanography magazine on R2K/MOR. We will be circulating that draft to all the meeting participants and seeking input and authors. Below is the URL for Oceanography: <http://www.tos.org/oceanography/issues.html>.

We intend to post regular summaries on the R2K website and Meeting Wiki of progress on various TWG and ISS synthesis and integrations studies identified at the meeting.

- **R2K Sponsored Teleconferencing and Webconferencing**

The R2K Office has teleconferencing and web-conferencing subscriptions that can be made available to groups requiring virtual meetings. Group leaders should contact Janet Moore or Stace Beaulieu at the R2K Office (ridge2000@who.edu) to get the URL and toll-free access numbers, and schedule these conferences through the R2K Office. The intention is for these online capabilities to help replace some of the need for face-to-face meetings of small groups to continue their collaboration.

- **NSF Research Coordination Networks (RCNs)**

As was discussed at the meeting, some of the broader topical questions or possibly oceanic spreading center science in general could make the case for establishing a RCN that can serve as a way to coordinate this type of multidisciplinary science once the R2K Office structure ends in 2012. The time is at hand to be thinking about proposing this type of coordinating structure and it will need to be grass-roots – led from groups of you – the MOR research community. We believe this is especially important as we seek to develop new programs that capitalize on R2K and RIDGE science accomplished in the last ~20 years, and the new insights and research problems that can nucleate new lines of inquiry and new funding opportunities.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=11691

RCN Program description from the NSF website URL above:

The goal of the RCN program is to advance a field or create new directions in research or education. Innovative ideas for implementing novel networking strategies are especially encouraged. Groups of investigators will be supported to communicate and coordinate their research, training and educational activities across disciplinary, organizational, geographic and international boundaries.

Proposed networking activities directed to the general RCN program should focus on a theme to give coherence to the collaboration, such as a broad research question or particular technologies or approaches.

- **Proposals – Next NSF-OCE deadline is Feb. 15, 2011**

The upcoming NSF-OCE deadline presents an opportunity to write proposals for integration and synthesis efforts started in Portland that require additional focused effort, both in terms of salary support and travel/coordination to get small groups together to complete the analysis of data and writing of papers. Proposals for small group meetings will be reviewed at NSF following the same criteria as more traditional proposals and will be held to similar standards. In particular, clear scientific goals are necessary to justify the proposed activities. NSF Program Managers stand ready to discuss your ideas with you and offer suggestions.

- **Meeting in small groups at future national meetings**

We encourage those of you that normally meet several times a year at national meetings to try to establish routine meetings where some or all members of your thematic or ISS group can get together for several hours to meet and discuss progress on your integration efforts. This is a way to continue face-to-face meetings, albeit for short time, but nonetheless they can be useful venues that can foster direct discussion time.

- **Gordon or Chapman Conference meetings or other symposia ideas**

Some of you suggested that the time is right for proposing Gordon or Chapman conferences on various topics. We provide below the links to those meeting websites and encourage those of you with ideas for future conferences like this to pursue them, and the link to NSF guidelines on these activities. We encourage you to keep the R2K Office and community informed of your plans via the Wiki, Facebook and normal email communication links to the Program Office.

Gordon Research Conferences website URL: <http://www.grc.org/>

AGU Chapman Conferences website URL: <http://www.agu.org/meetings/chapman/>

For workshop proposals, it is very important to contact relevant NSF Program Managers to discuss your ideas and plans for submission. The new NSF- Jan. 2011 guidelines, Chapter II: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf11001/gpg_2.jsp Scroll down to section D. Special Guidelines, and go to 8. Proposals for Conferences, Symposia and Workshops.

- **R2K Facebook page**

Ridge 2000 now has a Facebook page and we will be exploring other social networking capabilities as well as more traditional print articles in lay literature to get R2K and MOR science into the public eye. We will post links on various R2K webpages advertising the Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, please visit (and "Like") the page and feel free to contribute to it:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ridge-2000/158741644163784>

- **Post-Meeting Survey**

We have set up a brief Survey on SurveyMonkey to provide some anonymous input to the StCom and NSF regarding your views on the various topics discussed at the meeting. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey. We are especially interested in the students and younger faculty members' views as you are the future of oceanic spreading center, multidisciplinary science. The URL is:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XCFQTKK>

Again, thank you very much for your past and continued hard work. We are all grateful for your interest, energy, and commitment to exploring the myriad processes involved in the transfer of energy from the mantle to the hydrosphere at oceanic spreading centers.

Best Regards,

The Meeting Organizing Committee and R2K StCom