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## Minutes

### 126th MEETING OF THE CHALLENGER SOCIETY COUNCIL

Wednesday December 9 2020, 1000 - 1300

The meeting will be held online.

#### List of Attendees (A=apologies sent)

John Allen	JA		Ed Mawji	EM	
Stephanie Allen	SA		Rachel Mills	RM	A
John Bacon	JB	A	Nick Owens	NO	
Chelsey Baker	CV		Ros Rickaby	RR	
Lidia Carracedo	LC		Katie St John Glew	KSG	
Angela Colling	AC		Terry Sloane	TS	
Stephen Dye	SD		Alessandro Tagliabue	AT	
Rob Upstill-Goddard	RUG	A	David Thomas	DT	
Mattias Green	MG		Sophie Wilmes	SBW	
Richard Herrington	RiH		Judith Wolf	JW	
Kerry Howell	KH				

## Actions arising at the 126th meeting

126-1	Check Team Tech and University of Surrey	TS	
126-2	Formal thanks to outgoing council members	MG/RR	
126-3	Invite Anna McGregor to council as comms portfolio holder	MG	Done
126-4	TS to join be invited to the 2021 organising committee meeting	NO	
126-5	Update from the 2022 organisers for the next meeting	MG/RiH	
126-6	Invite KeH and Peter Burkill to be on the UK SCOR committee	AT	
126-7	Report to council on how UK can engage more in the IIOE	AT	
126-8	Deadlines for capacity development applications to be advertised	AT/MG	
126-9	Advertisement in CW about SCOR sponsored attendance at the Challenger conferences	AT	
126-10	Note about potential delays to be added when joining the society and paying by bank transfer	JB	
126-11	ECR portfolio holder to link up with IMAREST and represent challenger on the IMAREST council	TS/LC	
126-12	Draft new Stepping Stone purpose	SBW	
126-13	Update Travel awards criteria to allow for virtual attendances	SBW	
126-14	Advertise the Chris Daniels award	MG/JB	
126-15	Advertise Challenger Fellows	MG/JB	Done
126-16	Ensure the 150 page is set up and linked to ours	JW/JB	
126-17	Investigate Challenger merchandise	JW	
126-18	Contact Kate Hendry about the Diversity SIG proposal; invite Kate to join council as lead of a task group for diversity	RR/SA	
126-19	Chairs of NOC-A and UK SCOR to liaise about COP26 and the Decade of the Ocean	AT/DT	
126-20	Email membership about updated ECR pages	LC/JB	
126-21	Ensure there is a finance update at next council	EM/MG	
126-22	Poll for 2021 council meetings	MG	Done

## Outstanding actions from the 124th meeting

124-1	Talk to JA about diversity and ECR for Challenger Wave	JA/LC	Ongoing
124-2	Ask fellows to join the OC editorial board	SD	Done
124-3	Ask SIG leads for OC articles	AT/SD	Done
124-4	Contact John Gould about updates to the history SIG	RM	Ongoing
124-5	Query with Young coastal scientists if they want to be a SIG	JW	Done
124-6	SCOR executive committee opportunity advertised to membership	JB	Done
124-7	Invite Peter Burkill to council as ex officio member for SCOR	RUG	Ongoing
124-8	Email membership about gift aid addresses	RoH/JB	Done
124-9	Clear out membership of inactive members	RoH	Done
124-10	Update webpage part on diversity	LC	Ongoing
124-11	Contact Lucy Daniels and keep her informed about the Chris Daniels award	KSG	Done
124-12	Article in OC about diversity in marine science	LC	Done
124-13	Suggest diversity interviewees for OC	ALL	Ongoing

124-14	Add who to contact for blog writers to webpage	JB	ongoing
124-15	Check of PDF hits can be included in google analytics	SD/JB	Ongoing
124-16	Follow up on why the Roy Soc didn't pay 49% of SCOR subs	AT/EM	Done
124-17	Inform membership that subs will go up to £50, explain why	RUG/MG/AT	Ongoing
124-18	AGM prep and dates	MG	Done

### **Outstanding actions from the 123rd meeting (March 2020)**

123-1	Link to the IODP page from Challenger page	JB	Ongoing
123-3	Add clear link to Ocean Challenge from the Society's home page	JB	Ongoing
123-5	Contact 2020 conference organisers for a sponsored evening event to celebrate 30 years of OC	RUG	Done
123-7	Council minutes to be made public on the webpage	MG/JB	Ongoing
123-8	contact Chris Daniels' family about the Chris Daniels award	LC	Done
123-9	Suggest writers for the Captain's blog	All	Done
123-13	Set up an official Challenger 150 webpage	KH	Ongoing
123-14	Link to the Challenger 150 webpage(s) once they are active	JB	Ongoing
123-16	Exeter museum and the Challenger 150	KH, JW	Done

### **Outstanding actions from the 122<sup>nd</sup> meeting (December 2019)**

122-5	Report back when NOC-A AGM talks have been recorded	DT	Ongoing
122-15	Activity suggestions for outreach and education to JW	ALL	Done
122-18	Check Challenger lecture documents	MG	Done

## Minutes, 126<sup>th</sup> council

- 1) Apologies for absence  
See grid above.
- 2) Approval of minutes of the 124<sup>th</sup> meeting (**DOC\_A\_091220**)  
Approved.
- 3) Matters arising from minutes not covered elsewhere in agenda  
None reported.
- 4) Update on Actions (**DOC\_B\_091220**)  
See Grids above. Further comments raised by council:  
123-5: TS to add this to sponsors' options.  
123-13: KeG les a 150-meeting.  
124-4: Establishing contact with John Gould is difficult – the SIG may have to assist.
- 5) Presidents update (RR) (**DOC\_C\_091220**)  
**ACTION:** TS to check Team Tech and University of Surrey
  - a) Thank you to outgoing members  
Rob Hall and Katie StJohn Glew were formally thanked by Council  
**ACTION:** MG and RR to arrange a Formal thanks document to outgoing council members
  - b) Search for new council member  
Anna McGregor (Strathclyde) is proposed to take over the comms portfolio when Katie rotates off in January. RR proposed, MG seconded.  
LC announced that she will rotate off in September and the search will start for a new EDI portfolio holder.  
**ACTION:** MG to Invite Anna McGregor to council as comms portfolio holder
  - c) Redistribution of unused funds due to COVID  
See discussion during items 6g-h.
- 6) Agenda Items – Tabled
  - a) Society Conferences update.
    - i) 2021 conference update (NO/RH)  
The meeting is planned to go ahead, with dates staying the same. Venue bookings are done and the planning and science committees start work in January. Contingency discussed; meeting can be virtual, hybrid, or fully in person. Council expressed wishes that some form of conference is to take place.  
**ACTION:** NO to invite TS to join organising meetings.
    - ii) 2022 conference and Challenger 150 updates (RM/KH/RiH)  
JW reported that she had attended a 150 meeting. NHM is go ahead, including ICL and the Royal Geographical Society.  
Virtual meeting components were discussed as a tool to broaden the society reach internationally and in the UK.  
**ACTION:** MG to ask RiH/RM/KeH for an update on 2022 and 150.
  - b) SCOR Update (AT) (**DOC\_D\_091220**)  
See document for detailed report. Question was asked why CSMS is the UK SCOR committee. Answer clouded in mist.

v) UK SCOR committee

This currently only has one member in AT. At least one more member is needed, with potentially the third post open for someone who can attend SCOR meetings.

**ACTION:** AT to Invite KeH and Peter Burkill to be on the UK SCOR committee

vi) IIOE update.

Retirements has meant that there is little engagement here More contributions would be good – maybe as a SIG? Ale Sanchez-Franks was mentioned as a potential lead.

**ACTION:** AT to report to council on how UK can engage more in the IIOE.

vii) Capacity development

Little engagement from the UK community in this. Putting on an event at the meeting in Oban was discussed alongside SCOR sponsored attendance for the meeting.

**ACTION:** AT to pass on capacity development applications deadlines to MG for advertisement.

**ACTION:** AT to arrange an advertisement in CW about SCOR sponsored attendance at the Challenger conferences

c) Data Protection and Membership (CB)

i) Pending payments issue

The pending payments for bank transfers is time consuming and involves both treasurer and membership holder. Members need to be notified that this can slow down the process.

ii) GDPR update (**DOC\_e\_091220**)

The GDPR policy has been updated (see doc).

We currently have 358 active members, with expired members now removed.

**ACTION:** Note about potential delays to be added when joining the society and paying by bank transfer

d) Ocean Challenge Report (AC/SD)

One more member for the OC editorial board is required. Fellows are now represented on the board.

SIGs have been asked to provide articles.

Volume 24(2) is out. Council was concerned about the gender imbalance in the issue, but it is deemed hard to control. KaH is making her article accessible.

e) Challenger Wave update (JA)

Nothing to report.

f) Industry Liaison/Sponsorship (TS)

TS is reconnecting with the sponsors for the 2021 conference.

TS and LC are working on reconnecting CSMS with IMAREST and SUT. The Challenger ECR portfolio holder to represent CSMS on the IMAREST council.

To discuss at the next meeting: re-establishing tri-partite award and the prospectus meeting?

**ACTION:** ECR portfolio holder to link up with IMAREST and represent challenger on the IMAREST council

g) Stepping Stones Update (SBW)

i) Changing the purpose of the grant

With no applications in the past 12 months it was suggested that the stepping stones is changed to a bursary that can be used for any suitable activity. A mentor on council could be assigned to follow up on the outcome of the grant.

**ACTION:** Draft new document about the purpose of the Stepping Stones.

h) Travel Grants Update (SBW)

i) Virtual attendance grants

Travel grants are suspended for now. Updates were discussed and it was agreed that virtual attendance can be included. Ta can still be used for fieldwork.

**ACTION:** SBW to update Travel awards criteria to allow for virtual attendances

i) SIG Update (SA)

i) New SIG proposal (**DOC\_F\_091220**)

Council recommended the establishment of a task group rather than a SIG initially. This group can go through what council is doing and ensure the CSMS activities are up to date. Note the recommendations in the recent OC article. The task group lead to be member of council with an EDI portfolio – KaH to be invited.

**ACTION:** RR to contact Kate Hendry about the Diversity SIG proposal; invite Kate to join council as lead of a task group for diversity.

j) NOC-A update (DT)

DT is now in Helsinki but staying on for 18 months.

Two working groups set up: KaH is running one on EDI in a COVID world. Mark Inall is leading one on decade of the ocean and COP26. Concerns about duplicates with GERC were raised.

**ACTION:** DT and AT to liaise about COP26 and the Decade of the Ocean

k) Early Career Network – Diversity Update (LC)

The Challenger awards to be advertised, including the Chris Daniels award.

TS to bridge the gap between academia and industry.

Webpage update in progress.

**ACTION:** MG and JB to advertise the Chris Daniels award and the Challenger Fellows

**ACTION:** LC to ensure membership is emailed about updated ECR pages

l) Communications Update (KSG/JB)

Brief updates from KSG and JB provided and reported.

m) Education and Outreach (JW)

Plans for the 150 events were presented and discussed, including thoughts on an online exhibition. Exeter museum and other museums with Challenger collections to link to the 150 page.

The legacy of Challenger in places visited was discussed. The lack of CSMS merchandise was discussed.

A Challenger conference pack to be distributed to TA hodlers, stepping stone holders, and fellows for advertisement was discussed.

**ACTION:** JW and JB to ensure the 150 page is set up and linked to ours.

**ACTION:** JW to investigate Challenger merchandise.

7) Finance Update (EM)

No updates reported.

**ACTION:** EM to ensure the finances are discussed at the next meeting.

8) Any other business

a) Student award (MG)

The student award was well subscribed, and council asked to rank the applications.

9) Date of next council meeting (MG)

**ACTION:** MG to poll for dates.

**Documents circulated before the meeting**

Draft minutes of the 124<sup>th</sup> meeting (DOC\_A\_091220)

Actions arising at the 124<sup>th</sup> meeting (DOC\_B\_091220)

Council member application A McGregor (DOC\_C\_091220)

SCOR update (DOC\_D\_091220)

GDPR update (DOC\_E\_091220)

SIG proposal (DOC\_F\_091220)