

October 2013 IGAS Newsletter

This newsletter is intended for all partners involved in IGAS to inform about on-going activities and progress in the project. It is kept concise so as not to clutter you with information. More information can be found on the project website (www.igas-project.org).



General project status

With the PSC (Project Steering Committee, i.e. WP leaders and project coordination) we hold regular telephone conferences every four months, after internal project reports have been collected. The internal reporting is intended to keep the PSC informed about progress on a shorter timescale than the annual meetings. So far, reporting from the two first periods indicate that the project is well on track at this early stage. If you are interested, the compiled reports and minutes from all PSC meetings are available on the internal (password-protected) page of the project website.

Our first amendment:

The switch to electronic-only reporting is underway after being approved by all partners. Some partners still need to assign an FSIGN: we'll be in touch. The amendment will also include the official change of "short name" to TROPOS from IFT for partner #11.

First annual IGAS Meeting: 13-15 November 2013

The first annual project meeting is fast approaching! The meeting will be hosted by KNMI in Utrecht, from November 13-15, with the accompanying WP4 workshop preceding from November 12-13. If you haven't already done so, please register and book your hotel now. Registration deadline is **October 25th**. More details, including the agenda can be found on the project website: <http://www.igas-project.org/index.php/Meetings/FirstAnnualMeeting>

Preparations for our first review meeting

We've recently been contacted by our project officer regarding the first review meeting. She'd like to have the meeting in Brussels in the second or third week of February, and have as many task leaders there as possible. A doodle has been sent around to task leaders to see which dates might work. This means that the reporting has to be completed earlier than the official 60 days after the end of the reporting period (December 31st), as they need three weeks to go over everything.

New IGAS staff members

Mark Parrington has started in September 2013 at ECMWF as staff member to work with Richard Engelen for MACC-II and IGAS. He has significant experience in chemical data assimilation, which is great for his work in IGAS WP2.

At MPI-BGC in Jena two new PhD students have started, Fabio Boschetti in June and Shreeya Verma in September. Fabio will be working on regional forward and inverse modelling, using IAGOS profiles of GHGs and CO with a focus on the boundary layer, while Shreeya will be working on global forward and inverse modelling of vertical profiles of GHGs from IAGOS and other projects.

In Jülich, Susanne Rohs has joined the team to work with H₂O measurements in IAGOS, and QA/QC issues in IGAS WP4.

Please let us know if there's anything you'd like to see included in future newsletters. We're aiming at roughly three times a year. Please send input and feedback to Julia at marshall@bgc-jena.mpg.de. I promise there will be pictures next time.