

Challenges to, achievements of, and perspectives for the ILTER

A Report on the ILTER Network



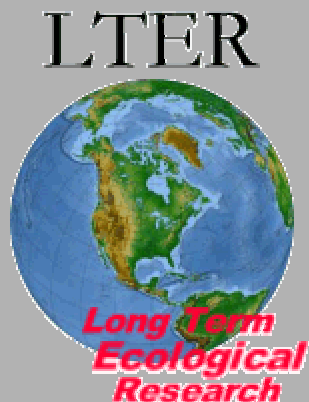
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*Long Term
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- ❑ Science advancement
- ❑ Emerging technology adaptation
- ❑ Data handling and IM
- ❑ Culture differences and Coordination
- ❑ Legal entity
- ❑ Fundraising and funding security
- ❑ Integration & Collaboration



- Organizational stability
- Legal entity
- Fundraising

□ Above issues have been researched and four reports have been drafted.

- *Strategic Plan*
- *Operations Plan*
- *Legal Entity*
- *Funding Research*

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- These drafts were circulated to all member networks to solicit their comments and inputs.
- During this period the PTF and DTF were formed and numerous intensive meetings were held, almost all of them through conference calls.

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- to assist ILTER to move towards its goals set up in the *Strategic Plan*.

- The central focuses of these meetings were to make the ILTER network into a “network of networks.”
- and to strengthen the links among all member networks for international and integrated collaborations in science and technology

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- For science advancement, the ILTER network has identified two major areas of research and collaboration: water and biodiversity.
- Wireless sensors networks have been used to study lake metabolism at collaborating international LTER sites.

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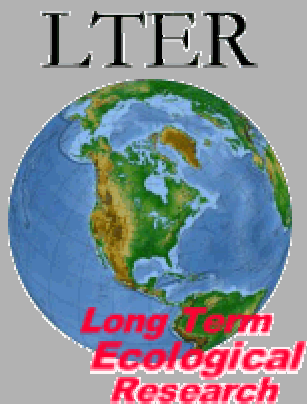


- On a regional scale, EAP Regional LTER scientists have organized an EAP Information Management Committee and related action plans will be put into operation next year.
- A cross-sites OM decomposition project is conducted.

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- There were two networks joining the ILTER Network last year, raising the total number of member networks to 32. They are Lithuania LTER Network and LTER-D
- Two membership applications from LTER-Italy and MEON (Malawi) were received. Their applications will be presented, discussed, and voted in this meeting.



- Three standing committees have been established to promote the ILTER's development. These committees, SPC, FMC, and IMC.
- Here I would like to encourage you to take part in at least one of the committees. You can sign up in the form provided and hand it to us.

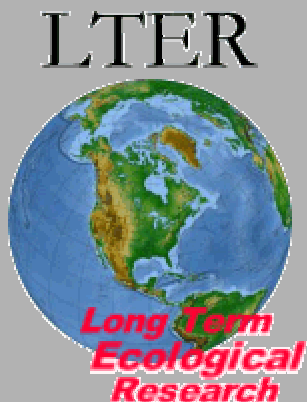
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- Another critically important task must be undertaken in this meeting. That is the nomination of successor to the current Chair, whose term of office will end with the next AGM in 2007.
- This election will ensure smooth succession in leadership and effective implementation of our vision.



- Finally, an ASM by the US-LTER Network will be held on Sept/20-24 in Estes Park, Colorado, USA.
- There will be over 90 working groups' presentations and discussions focusing on the tremendous diversity of the most important ecological issues today.



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