GE-BICH work plan and budget 2008-2009

Follow up on actions from GEBICH-III

1. Summarise activities/issues on quality control and quality assessment techniques relevant to marine biological and chemical data management.
2. Identify resource gaps and contribute to relevant sections of Ocean Teacher.
3. Promote and instigate the creation of a marine XML registry or repository.
4. Continue promoting the submission of biodiversity data to OBIS through GEBICH web pages and through the network of IODE data centres.
5. Maintain a close relationship with OBIS, ICES, FAO, TDGW/GBIF, ITIS, and the MarBEF and SeaDataNet communities; promote the work of these groups/organisations, and collaborate as required.
6. Liaise with CIESM and PICES, ICES counterparts for the Mediterranean sea and the Pacific Ocean.
7. Seek collaboration with initiatives on distributed taxonomic systems.
8. Plan for and organise GEBICH-IV meeting in 2008

Other planned activities for 2008-2009

1. Review and update GE-BICH web pages on IODE web site.
2. Set up a GEBICH web “portal” for biological and chemical data management.
3. Centralise information on on-going initiatives, and existing or novel tools, guidelines, ontologies, gazeteers, metadata standards and processing protocols relevant to biological and chemical data management;
4. Extend GEBICH work to biological, biogeochemical and chemical ocean data management issues relevant to ecosystem studies and modelling activities; liaise with relevant groups and seek co-operation whenever possible.
5. Liaise with the marine genomics community.
6. Contribute to the establishment of the IOC Harmful Algal Event Information System.

Budget requirements

Funds will be needed for GEBICH-IV meeting in 2008 (10,000 US$). Additionally, funds are requested from IODE to create and keep GEBICH/IODE web “portal” growing and updated (10,000 US$ for two years, if technical background and assistance is covered by IODE).

Besides, 10,000 US$ are requested from IODE to cover small scale projects over two years making the results of GEBICH and other international programs a part of OceanTeacher system and IODE teaching courses.