

Report on the Joint Science Committee Meeting of the World Climate Research Program (WCRP)

The 30th Joint Science Committee (JSC-30) Meeting of the World Climate Research Program (WCRP) was held at the Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center (ESSIC), University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA, 6-9 April 2009. The newly elected President of the JSC A. J. Busalacchi presided at the whole JSC Meeting. The agenda of the meeting included WCRP accomplishments in 2008; WCRP review; risk assessment/management from the perspective of users of climate information; WCRP intermediate and long-term planning; legacy and new science issues; WCRP post 2013 and some others. In addition to the agenda, three round-table sessions were organized. The first round-table session brought together WCRP sponsors (WMO, ICSU, IOC, and funding agencies). The second session involved WCRP Partners (IGBP, IHDP, DIVERSITAS, ESSP, START, GCOS) and was held after the core projects and working groups had presented their intermediate-term plans, the path to 2013 and beyond, legacy and new science issues. The third session discussed WCRP of the future, including emerging climate science and societal needs; observations and analysis; processes and modelling; predictions, projections and applications interface. Finally, the JSC Executive Session formed the JSC 30 actions and recommendations.

Received from Guoxiong Wu, the IUGG liaison to WCRP