



43rd Council of Great Lakes Research Managers Meeting

University of Windsor

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Agenda
43rd Meeting of
Council of Great Lakes Research Managers
10:00 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday, March 22, 2006
Oak Room, Vanier Hall
University of Windsor

Time	Item	Topic	Responsibility
10:00	1	Welcome	Shear
	2	Introductions	
	3	Approval of Agenda	
	4	Approval of minutes from the October 4-5, 2005 Meeting	
10:45	5	Membership & Budget Science Vessel Coordination Workshop/IAGLR session Research Inventory & NISbase-Projects portal Proposed work on groundwater research Observing system	Burrows
	6	Great Lakes Regional Research and Information Network Plan	Reutter
	7	Lake Erie Research Program Survey – Questionnaire Results	Burrows
12:00	8	Lunch – University of Windsor faculty club	
13:00	9	Lake Erie Trophic Status (LETS)	Jan Ciborowski
13:30	10	International Field Year on Lake Erie (IFYLE)	Stuart Ludsin
14:00	11	Erie Comprehensive Cooperative Study (ECCS)	Violeta Richardson
	12	Questions & Answers regarding lessons learned and recommendations for improved coordination	All
	13	Discussion of potential research coordination workshops	All
16:00	14	Next Meeting	Brandt
		Adjourn	

Survey of Project Participants

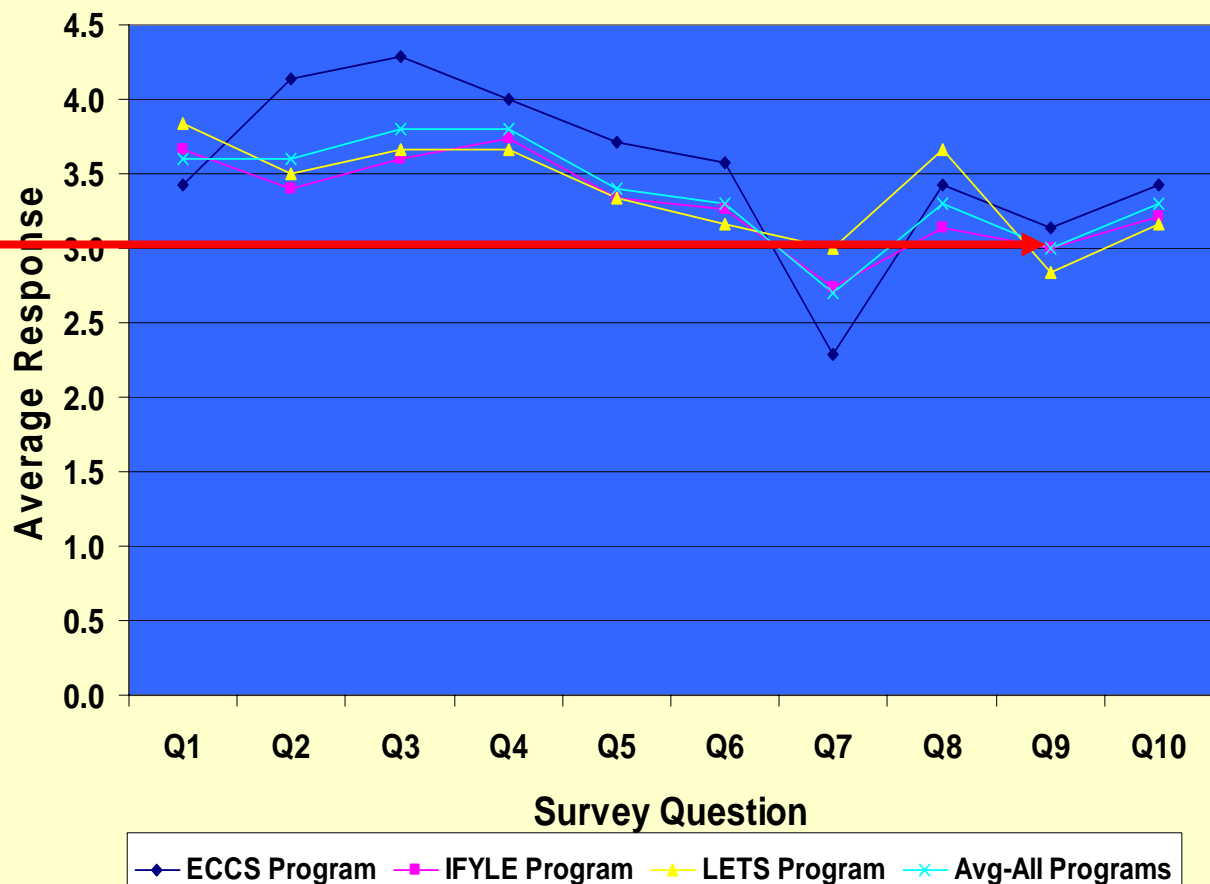
- Contacted 83 people; 24 participants & 6 project managers submitted forms
- Participants
 - Overall - positive response
 - Ecosystem Approach & program leader communications received high marks
 - Areas for improvement
 - Communications – between participants
 - Plan with sufficient time and resources

Strongly Disagree (1) → Strongly Agree (5)

Q	Statement
1	The research program design/development considered a holistic, ecosystem approach.
2	The specific management and research focus of the program was well articulated in the RFP and in pre-project meetings with the participants.
3	The pre-project planning and coordination was sufficient to give you a good idea of how your research fit into the whole study.
4	There was good communication between the program leader/s and the research team during the study.
5	There was good communication and information sharing among the research participants during the study.
6	There were sufficient resources available for field and laboratory facilities (e.g., ship time and facilities) to accomplish the objectives of this program.
7	There were research components missing from this program that made it difficult to address the program objectives in a comprehensive manner.
8	The data management plan and implementation (including data delivery requirements) for this program was adequate and well-articulated.
9	There was a good plan and sufficient time and resources built into the program for interpretation and synthesis/modeling to ensure that the overall program questions were addressed.
10	There was a good plan for communication of the results to managers, the research community, and the general public at the appropriate level for each.

Survey Results

Lake Erie Research Program Survey Results



Program Managers & Leaders Responses

1. **Comment on the process for specifying the overall focus and/or hypothesis of the project:**
 - a) **Was the project designed/developed by considering a holistic, ecosystem perspective?**
 - b) **Who was involved in deciding upon the focus? Scientists? Managers? Both?**
 - c) **Describe the specific management and research questions being addressed by the program.**

2. Comment on the process for seeking research participants for the project:
 - a) Was there an RFP for the project?
 - i) If so, how were proposals reviewed and selected?
 - ii) If not, how were project participants found?
 - b) Were there setbacks/limitations in finding suitable project participants?
 - c) Are there suggestions for improving how participants are found for the project?

3. **Comment on the process for coordination and implementation of the project:**
 - a) **Was a workplan developed and vetted?**
 - b) **Was the project timeline and budget adequate and consistent with the project workplan?**
 - c) **Was the personnel and equipment available adequate and consistent with the project workplan?**
 - d) **Was there an adequate QA/QC plan for the project?**
 - e) **Was there an adequate peer review plan for the project?**
 - f) **Was there good communication among the research participants during the course of study?**

4. Comment on the process for synthesis, interpretation, and presentation/publication of the project research results

- a) Was there adequate planning and full understanding of data ownership, data sharing, data delivery, and model/synthesis use of the data?**
- b) Was there a synthesis/modeling component built into the project to ensure collaboration among investigators and to ensure management problems were addressed?**
- c) Is there a centralized repository (i.e., database) for the data to facilitate use by involved researchers?**
- d) Describe the methods used to facilitate ample collaboration and synthesis?**

5. Comment on the process for interaction with and input to the public decision process

- a) Was there adequate communication of the project results to stakeholders and the public in an understandable way and in a way that contributes to the decision process?**
- b) Who will benefit from the information attained on the project?**