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S3/SC 1/21

Minutes of the meeting of
ASC S3/SC 1 Animal Bioacoustics
Held on
19 May 2009
in Portland, OR

1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Delaney opened the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and welcomed the attendees. Introductions were made and the attendance list is given at the end of this document.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda, document **S3/SC 1/16 revised**, was approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held in Miami, FL, on 12 November 2008 (**S3/SC 1/14**) were approved.

4. Discussion of S3/SC 1 activities

a) Review of the Advisory Report

Mr. Delaney reviewed the main activities of the Subcommittee during the past few months since the Miami meeting, which have primarily been continued outreach and the formation of a new WG: S3/SC 1/WG 4 "Description and Measurement of the Ambient Sound in Parks, Wilderness Areas, and Other Quiet and/or Pristine Areas".

Mr. Fristrup and Mr. Stanely, the WG's Co-Chairs reviewed their plans for this WG, which will conduct at least part of its work jointly with S12/WG 15, "Measurement and Evaluation of Environmental Noise". Ms. Trevino of the NPS indicated that the Volpe Transportation Center (US DOT) has been collecting relevant data for about seven years and would be a valuable addition to this WG and to S3/SC 1. Outreach to the FAA was also identified as crucial since the FAA is a major stakeholder in this project.

Mr. Delaney reported that there has been no progress in regard to the issue raised by two different groups last year - standardization in regard to laboratory animals.

b) Review of WG reports

S3/SC 1/WG 1 – Animal Bioacoustics Terminology – A. Bowles, Chair

Ms. Bowles expressed concern about how WG 1 can or should move forward. No activity has taken place since the Miami meeting and many of the same topics are still of concern: standards work is not recognized or valued by academic employers as journal articles are; standards are not indexed by ISI Thompson (Institute for Scientific Information).

The strong need for this document was discussed and the opportunity to publish it as a JASA review article was stated. Mr. Delaney suggested a brief meeting with Ms. Hastings who is a JASA Associate Editor for Animal Bioacoustics to gain a clear understanding of the options. The possibility of an article in Acoustics Today was also discussed.

Ms. Bowles expressed the hope that one of the members of S1/WG 27, Acoustical Terminology, would agree to join S3/WG 1/WG 1.

S3/SC 1/WG 2 – Effects of Noise on Fish and Turtles – A.N. Popper and R.R. Fay, Co-chairs

Neither Mr. Popper nor Mr. Fay was present. Their WG report indicated no changes since the last report.

S3/SC 1/WG 3 – Underwater Passive Acoustic Monitoring for Bioacoustic Applications, A. Thode, Chair

Mr. Thode was not present and there has been no activity in this WG since last year. There was discussion about the possibility of identifying a co-chair to help move the project along.

5. Other Business

No new business was raised.

6. Future meeting dates

The next meeting of S3/SC 1 will be held in Baltimore during the week of 19 April 2010. This ASA meeting will be held jointly with NoiseCon, which will run Monday through Wednesday of that week. The date and time for the S Committee meetings will be established to minimize conflict with NoiseCon sessions and announced as soon as it is known. It is likely that the Standards meetings will be scheduled for Thursday that week.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Name	Affiliation	S3/SC 1 Position
David Delaney	USA CERL	Chair, S3/SC 1 PVR, USA CERL
Ann Bowles	Hubbs Sea World	Chair, S3/SC 1/WG 1
Patrick Clemins	AAAS/NSF	Guest
Kurt Fristrup	NPS	PVR - NPS
Samir Gerges	UFSC - Brazil	Guest
Robert Hellweg	Hellweg Acoustics	Vice Chair, ASACOS
Paul Schomer	Schomer and Associates	Chair, ASACOS
G. Randy Stanley	NPS	AVR - NPS
Michael Stocker	Ocean Conservation Research	PVR - OCR
Karen Trevino	NPS	Guest
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