

Notes from the 20th IGAC Southern Hemisphere Working Group meeting (Parts A and B, 28th and 29th April 2021).

A quick summary of points raised at the brief Part A and Part B meetings are summarised below:

1. The plan for the positioning paper is to submit to the journal Elementa as a Commentary paper.

Only Kathryn sent an updated version of the biogenics section to Clare. Nevertheless, in order to push forward it was decided that Clare should do the first set of editing along with writing a first cut introduction and conclusion with the aim of getting a first draft completed by the end of May if possible.

Other points about the paper:

- We currently have around 11,000 words (without references). The Elementa Commentary papers for CATCH and PACES were approx. 5000 and 9000 words respectively (excluding references). CATCH was nearly 12000 words with references!
- Current plan is to change order of main sections to (1) biogenics (2) fires (3 southern ocean)

ACTION: Clare – get writing/editing!!!

2. There were discussions about the SH session within the IGAC virtual conference in 2021.

At this stage we are just forming the committee to organise and run the session. We need to see how many abstracts we get before we can make any decisions about how best to run the session (Langley says we currently have 2 out of 60 for whole conference!).

The session organisation committee currently consists of:

- Clare Murphy (chair – I am self-appointed to this role – happy if anyone else wants to replace me?)
- Kerneels Jaars (African rep)
- Nicholas Huneas (South American Rep)
- Jhonathan Ramirez Gamboa (Australasian Rep)

Other volunteers are still welcome – if anyone's keen.

ACTION ALL: Please submit your abstracts and encourage your students and colleagues to do the same (new deadline is May 15th).

ACTION ALL – Next full meeting (chaired by Clare) will be at end of May - please vote by May 6th for your choice of times for next meeting(s) at :

https://doodle.com/poll/w3nq9qnn23uydcsp?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link