Action Items from POGO-4

Action: Biology
1. POGO to proceed with the organisation of a workshop on chlorophyll-a as a geophysical variable
2. POGO to proceed with the organisation of a workshop on molecular oceanography

Action: Capacity Building
1. To continue the Fellowship Programme in 2003, with regional emphasis this year on the Indian Ocean. Furthermore, a part of the Fellowship budget is to be set aside to support the JAMSTEC R/V Mirai cruise trainees
2. The POGO support for the SEREAD Programme is to continue
3. POGO to pursue jointly with CoML and IO-GOOS the organisation of a biodiversity workshop with focus on the Indian Ocean
4. POGO provide financial support for the international zooplankton identification course proposed to be held in Chile

Action: Data Issues
1. Key recommendations from POGO-WG Report endorsed. e.g., Scope of POGO Fellowships be extended to include Data Management Use POGO-website to advertise existing sources of (non-physical) data.
2. Small WG be established (e.g. drawn from members of Breakout Group) with assistance of Secretariat to develop proposal for POGO Principles for Data Management.
3. Do we know how much data we are losing from POGO-institutions Perhaps institute Directors could assess the rate of loss from their institutes.
4. POGO to consider promoting the adoption of “good practice” – a POGO or IOC “prize” for excellence in Data Management is recommended.
5. POGO consider promoting/advocating the concept of “citable” peer reviewed data products such as held in Data Centres
6. POGO consider the idea of “twinning” institutions for the purpose of spreading good Data Management practices.

Action: Indian Ocean
1. POGO to request FAO for Norwegian ship time in the Indian Ocean region, if possible
2. POGO (through Dr. Howard Roe) to discuss the availability of Polar Stern for work in the Southern Hemisphere
3. POGO to write a POGO letter in support of SMOS mission, if this would be helpful

Action: POGO 5
1. The Secretariat to organise POGO-5 with “the state of ocean observing systems” as the main theme.
Action: Southern Ocean
1. POGO members and other participating organisations are encouraged to keep the POGO Secretariat informed about activities and opportunities in the Southern Ocean. POGO and CLIVAR to share such information.