

# European DesertNet

## EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR GLOBAL DESERTIFICATION RESEARCH

### STRUCTURE AND NOMINATED MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN DESERTNET BOARD (1)

The European DesertNet structure was discussed and agreed upon at the first launching meeting held in Bonn on 16-17 October 2006; it is open and flexible and well suits its objectives, and is particularly useful in promoting multidisciplinary efforts. Working groups can be established by members to address specific relevant issues. An *ad hoc* working group (Internal Structure) will further elaborate and consolidate the E-DN structure.

#### Chair and Co-chair

- Represent(s) E-DN vis à vis users
- Works closely together with steering committee, advisory board and user board
- Chair / co-chair are members of the Steering committee
- Co-chair is responsible for the Secretariat

**Chair: Prof. Dr. Carlos San Juan Mesonada**, Dept. of Economics, University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain

**Co-Chair: Dr. Mariam Akhtar Schuster**, University of Hamburg, Biocentre Klein Flottbeck and Botanical Garden, Germany

#### Secretariat

- Supports steering committee and advisory board
- Organises "day to day work"
- Contact point for members, users and interested persons
- Provides services to members (information, networking, website etc.)
- Provides services to users (information etc.)

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#### Steering Committee

- Members can represent E-DN if chair/co-chair cannot do so
- Identifies topics
- Organises or supports working groups
- Responsible for quality control
- Responsible for funds and finances
- Responsible to establish communication with membership
- Organises annual meeting of members
- Raises funds
- Consolidates and further develops working structure
- Is supported by the Secretariat
- Works closely together with the Advisory Board

Nominated members(alphabetical order):

Dr. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster, Univ. Hamburg, Germany  
Prof. Dr. Marc Bied-Charetton, CSFD, France  
Prof. Dr. Gérard Begni, MEDIAS-France, France  
Prof. Dr. Giuseppe Enne, NRD, Univ. of Sassari, Italy  
Prof. Dr. Murielle Eyletters Free Univ. Brussels, Belgium  
Dr. Peter Feindt Univ. of Hamburg, Germany  
Prof. Dr. Joachim Hill, Univ. of Trier, Germany  
Prof. Dr. Norbert Jürgens, Biocentre Klein Flottbek & Botanical Garden, Germany  
Prof. Dr. Carlos San Juan Mesonada, Univ. Carlos III, Madrid, Spain  
Prof. Dr. Juan Puigdefabregas, CSIC, Spain



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#### Advisory Board

- Should cover the different subfields
- Identifies new and emerging topics
- Supports steering committee on programmatic work and quality control
- Works out concepts for research programs
- Keep in contact with research communities
- Usually, steering committee and advisory board meet together (apart from organisational and technical issues)

(alphabetical order):

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Böhner Univ. of Hamburg, Germany  
Dr. Heike Culmsee, University of Göttingen, Germany  
Prof. Dr. Donald Gabriels, (Univ. of Ghent, Belgium)  
Dr. Richard Escadafal, IRD - UMR CESBIO, France  
Prof. Dr. Stefano Grego, Univ. of Tuscia, Italy  
Dr. Alexandre Ickowicz, CIRAD, France  
Dr. Pietro Laureano, Italy  
Dr. Maud Loireau, IRD, France  
Dr. María José Marqués, IMIDRA. Com. Madrid, Spain  
Dr. Christopher Martius, Univ. of Bonn, Germany  
Prof. Dr. Giovanni Quaranta, Univ. of Basilicata, Italy  
Dr. José Rubio, CIDE-CSIC, Spain  
Dr. Maurizio Sciortino, ENEA, Italy

#### Working groups

- A working group is a group of members that work together on a topic.
- Open procedure to make proposals
- Steering committee will be asked to develop guidelines

Five working groups are currently undergoing:

- Science-Policy Interface
- Dryland Observation Systems
- Economic Drivers and Social-Economic Consequences
- Internal Structures
- Training and Capacity Building

Kindly contact [office@european-desertnet.eu](mailto:office@european-desertnet.eu) if you want to join one of the working groups!

#### User Board

- The user board consists of representatives of organisations that want to use E-DN services or cooperate with E-DN
- Every organisation that wants to send a member to the user board inform the steering committee.
- The steering committee approves new members of the user board.

