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GHRST Science Team Membership - Practical Guidelines

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The GHRSSST Science Team (ST) exists to provide the intellectual guidance to the entire GHRSSST project.

The main aim of GHRSSST, as defined in the GHRSSST Terms of Reference (GHRSSST-ToR, 2008), is:

“To develop and nurture cooperation and progress at the world scale in the subject area of satellite Sea Surface Temperature”.

In short, ST members are expected to guide GHRSSST in a number of directions, including:

- Develop consensus about key issues of satellite-SST science and technology;
- Enhance the flow of relevant knowledge within the international SST community
- Promote the long-term provision of satellite SST data sets and the development of new generations of SST sensors;
- Encourage and assist the transition of SST science into operational systems;
- Broaden the user community for SST;
- Encourage the formation of an international calibration and validation network.

(For more details see GHRSSST-ToR, 2008).

The following practical rules apply to ST membership:

1) Expectations of ST Members

An ST member is expected to:

- Be frequently involved in the activities of GHRSSST;
- Provide leadership in GHRSSST activities;
- Participate in voting processes related to ST membership and other key decisions;
- Attend the annual Science Team Meetings.

2) Task Team (TT) and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Chairpersonship

Chairs of the GHRSSST Task Teams (TTs) and Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) shall be ST members, or will be nominated for membership at the next opportunity. TT/TAG chairs can be invited to serve by the GHRSSST ST Chair, by the membership of the TT/TAG, or by a group of ST Members.

3) Nominations of New ST members

Nominations of new ST members shall be made prior to or at an annual ST meeting by two existing ST members. Candidates shall send a CV no later than two weeks before the ST meeting, or the deadline as defined by the GHR SST Project Coordinator, to GPC@ghrsst.org.

4) Membership Terms

The membership term for newly elected members will be for 3 years and re-election to the ST is permitted as many times as desired. To avoid all existing ST members coming up for re-election at once, re-elections will be done on a three-year cycle such that in the first year, one-third of the membership will be voted upon, the second third in the second year, and the final third in the third year. The thirds will be selected alphabetically based on surname. New members are exempt from re-election within the first 3 years of their appointment.

5) Re-election of Existing ST Members

Nominations of existing ST members for re-election shall be made prior to or at an annual ST meeting by either (1) one existing ST member or (2) self-nomination by the candidate. Candidates shall send a CV within two weeks of the ST meeting or the deadline defined by the GHR SST Project Coordinator, to GPC@ghrsst.org.

6) Voting Process

An email ballot, conducted by the GHR SST Project Office, will be taken within one month of the ST Meeting. A simple majority positive vote from existing ST members is required for acceptance or re-election into the ST. Members who wish to step down shall inform the GHR SST Project Coordinator (GPC@ghrsst.org) at their first opportunity. The Science Team Chair should not vote on the election of new Science Team Members, except in the case of a tie-breaker.