

## **Global Alliance Teleconference Minutes**

**May 14, 2009**

**20:00 UTC**

**Participants:** Clive Bell, Terry Chatwin, Meiring du Plessis, Adam Jarvis, Rebecca Miller, Eric Perry, Rens Verburg, David Williams, Christian Wolkersdorfer, Andrea Chatwin

### **1. GARD Guide Update - Rens**

- Keith and Rens will make final editing changes and compile comments and suggestions during the last week of May. They will update and correct European regulatory information, which was discussed during the European Workshop. They will also up-grade the esthetics and usability of the wiki presentation.
- The GARD Guide will be 700+ pages
- The GARD Guide Roll-out presentation will occur during the Tuesday afternoon plenary session at ICARD and will include a technical paper which will be published in the conference proceedings and a path forward presentation. A hands-on demonstration of the GARD Guide on the wiki will be available during the Wednesday poster session.
- 2 or 3 mini-case studies will be included in the GARD Guide. Workshop attendees have requested them and would like to have more. Workshop attendees were interested as to how the ARD management plan can be integrated into the mine operations. The GA members are encouraged to volunteer case studies/lessons learned.
- Path forward – with all of the work put into the GARD Guide, we want to make certain that it moves forward strongly and with good momentum. The organization to do this will be discussed at ICARD and should be of high interest. We hope that the GA will be the cornerstone of the next phase. As training occurs in your region, INAP is looking for GA members to work with INAP to implement training and to engage regulators and other stakeholders.

### **2. ICARD Update**

- Currently 220+ people have registered. There will be over 140 oral presentations and 60 posters
- The conference will include 5 plenary sessions, 5 workshops, and 3 field trips. The topics will include other topics besides ARD.
- GA Meeting will be held on June 23, 2009 at 8:00-9:50 AM.
  - Adam Jarvis will chair the meeting
  - GA reports will be postponed until the afternoon plenary session
  - Discussion – How will the GA interface with the GARD Guide path forward?
  - Discussion – Expansion of the GA (it is probable that the GARD Guide has sparked interest in joining the GA)

- GA – INAP Plenary Session – 1:00-3:00 PM, June 23, 2009
  - Co-chairmen – Bruce Kelley (INAP Board Chair) and Gilles Tremblay (MEND Secretariat)
  - GA Reports – 75 minutes
    1. GA Introduction – Gilles
    2. MEND – Gilles
    3. ADTI – Charles (MMS) and Eric (CMS)
    4. ACMER – Bruce Kelley (Clive will send Terry a copy of the paper)
    5. WRC – Meiring du Plessis
    6. PADRE – Adam and/or Christian (standard format is on-line. Submit to ICARD by May 20 and send a copy to Terry)
- INAP Reports
  - INAP/GARD Guide introduction – Terry
  - GARD Guide Content – Rens and Nico
  - GARD Guide Path Forward – Jim Robertson (INAP OpCom chair)
- 9th ICARD Proposals – 4 possible proposals to be presented on the afternoon of June 26, 2009
  - ASMR and IMWA – to be held in conjunction with the ASMR annual meeting in Jackson, Mississippi in 2012. They were very supportive of INAP at the 7<sup>th</sup> ICARD held in St. Louis. Dick Barnhisel is very busy and has asked Christian to make their presentation at ICARD 8.
  - ADTI/CSM/SME – The three groups would work together to host a “stand alone” conference to be held in Denver, Colorado.
  - MEND – a “stand alone” conference to be held in Vancouver, BC
  - Patrick Williamson from SME to host the conference in Monterrey, Mexico. Some difficulties since the swine flu outbreak.

### **3. Global Alliance Expansion**

- China – Clive Bell
  - Attended 6<sup>th</sup> Annual IASSC Conference in Guangzhou
  - Met with group he had talked with last fall. (At that time they expressed interest in the GA. Clive told them they needed set up a Chinese network. People from Sun Yat-Sen University (Professor Wen- Sheng Shu) said that they would spearhead this.)
  - Since they had last talked, the group has enlisted 14 universities, 4 government research institutes and 4 mining companies. They call themselves the Chinese Network for AMD.
  - They want to hold a workshop by the end of the year – may be able to secure financial assistance from the Chinese Government
  - What is their focus? Metals and coal? Uranium?
  - INAP will send the group an MOU
  - This will be discussed further at the INAP Board Meeting next week
- Brazil – Flavio Vasconcelos (independent consultant formerly with Golder)
  - Wants to put together ARD network in the Brazil state of Minas Gerais

- Has support from the Federal University Minas Gerais (UFMG) as well as other Brazilian and foreign universities. The state of Minas Gerais has also offered support
- He will be at ICARD and INAP will talk with him further
- Indonesia – Clive
  - Clive has a former post graduate student, Bostang Radjagukguk, who is now the head of the Center for Mined Land Rehabilitation Studies at Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia. He is taking the initiative to form an ARD network. He has contacted three other groups and is waiting for replies.
  - Last year Eric Perry suggested contacting Al Whitehouse for additional contacts. Clive e-mailed him and did not receive a reply.
- Ghana – the Minister of Mines will speak at one of the plenary sessions at ICARD
  - Terry wants to meet with her and express INAP’s interest in Ghana
  - How can our African organization mentor Ghana? (Anglo and Newmont have mines there. Golder has an office Accra, Ghana)

#### **4. Other/Action**

- Terry requested reproducible logos from the GA – especially if they are different than the ones INAP already has to put in the MOU.
- Christian reported that the INAP website link to the GARD Guide does not work.
- Rebecca Miller will send e-mail to Clive so that he can send her the information to contact Bruce Marsh in Indonesia.
- Dave Williams will talk about the GARD Guide at the Billings Conference. He said there was much interest generated at the Fremont Conference where he presented a paper on the GARD Guide. He wanted to know how the GARD Guide should be cited. This information is available on the wiki and also from the presentations at the SME.