1.4 Report from the Chair

Peter Thorne

- **SC-ON is our main point of interaction**

  – **A standing committee responsible for observing networks and their management**

  – **Several sub-groups including notably tiered networks**

- **Sarah Gallagher (co-chair TT-GSRN), Caterina and myself led a meeting on tiered networks at WMO last autumn**

  – **Propose a phased approach to adoption and operationalisation recognising both opportunities but also challenges**

  – **Future development is unclear – leadership and secretariat support at issue**

- **Group on data policy reporting directly to INFCOM MG**

  – **Have been involved on this now for a year. Has met irregularly. Slowly getting greater clarity / acceptance on challenges for sharing historical data.**

  – **Meeting held at Met Office with SC-IMT leadership**

- This is seen as a priority by INFCOM secretariat

- Many challenges

  - What is the definition of climate infrastructure?

  - The reorg into two commissions was not 'clean' – things like data rescue and national climate database management under SERCOM not INFCOM

  - Gaps where nothing is being done e.g. exchange formats, data centres recognition

  - Missing material in the big Guides / Manuals (WIGOS, WIPPS etc.) that members actually pay attention to

- A focus for the INFCOM MG in two weeks time

  - We have prepared a paper and will be asked to lead a discussion

  - An opportunity to be better integrated into WMO but also a threat viz resources

- We held discussions with SOFF secretariat around coordination
- Following these conversations we have been invited to sit on their scientific advisory group
- Peter will attend with Tim as alternate
- Opportunity, hopefully, to ensure a sustained climate voice in support of decision making

- New GCOS Chair Thelma Krug (was TOPC chair)

- I am now vice-chair

- Secretariat is stable but small and we remain resource limited

- Other panels have a vice-chair and we should be doing this also

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Thank you