

**FDSN WG - 5 Meeting
Minutes
Cape Town, SA
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Working Group V Meetings to date

- IASPEI, Santiago, 2005
- EGU, Vienna, 2006
- IUGG, Perugia, 2007
- IASPEI, Cape Town, 2009

Areas of Interest

- Promote use of uniform data archive formats and access methods
- Promote open access to data after exclusive use period
- Maintain inventory of available equipment
- Maintain archive of metadata
- Establish links to OBS pools

Old Business

During the meeting in Perugia in 2007, it was decided that one way to encourage more communications was to develop a web page that would show the location of future experiments. This would make it easier for investigators to learn of other experiments in areas where they may be planning to go.

Jim Fowler demonstrated a prototype page that used Google Maps to plot the location and provide a short description of the experiments. It was decided that this work should continue with the goal of getting a web site running this year.

New Business

All groups present endorsed the concept that all data from portable experiments should be open to everyone after a period of 2 or 3 years. Members were encouraged to not only archive current and future experiments, but to also archive past experiments where possible.

The concept of an “Open” station was also discussed. In this scenario the Principal Investigator makes the data from one broadband station available as soon as it is retrieved from the field. This effectively increases the global network by one station and does not compromise the science of the portable deployment. No action was taken on this during the meeting.

Future Issues

There are Ocean Bottom Seismometer (OBS) facilities in several countries now. As these facilities grow there will be more and more experiments that use both OBSes and land seismometers. What is the best way to achieve better communications with these groups?

How do we encourage active source groups to open data?

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