

Minutes “East Kalimantan Programme” meeting of Monday February 26th, Utrecht.

People who attended the meeting: Hans de Boois (HB), Ton Hoitink (TH) & Bart (B), Hans de Iongh (HI), Albert Kettner (AK), Salomon Kroonenberg (SK), Herbert Prins (HP), Simon Troelstra (ST), Zoltán Vekerdy (ZV).

1) Introduction round

2) Brief historical overview of project (SK):

- Preliminary research is done during pilot study which ended in 2004 with a workshop.
- Continuation after pilot study, First call for proposals 2004: All proposals of the 6 clusters were rejected except 1.
- Second call for proposals 2005: 2 clusters have been formed; only 6 loose proposals were accepted.
- Third call for proposals 2006: A new joint cluster was submitted, consisting of 8 projects, of which 4 were already granted in the previous round and 4 were among those previously rejected. 3 of the latter were eventually accepted, one rejected.
- Some PI's (HP, SK & HI) appealed the way NWO was handling the whole approval procedure. They argued that the main emphasis of the program was to bring the so called gamma and beta researchers more together in the defined clusters and that during the selection procedure NWO did not take this enough into consideration, leading to a separation of the two research groups. The appeal of SK was rejected. The appeal of HP is adjourned till further notice. HI: The appeal of CML was rejected too.
- HB: PI's are free to appeal against the approval procedure of NWO, however, they have to understand that the research is not benefiting from this.
- *Everybody agrees that the cluster (involving the 7 approved projects) should start now (after a delay of 2 years) and that with the allocation of the central financial budget, the 7 projects are only taken into account.*

3) Financial conditions assigned by NWO (HB):

- The central budget assigned to the cluster is 500 kEuro, not the 633 kEuro (HB: should be corrected to 673 kEuro) the cluster asked for. Also ship time of “large ship (most likely the Geo Marine)” has to be paid out of the central budget (costs ± 2,000 Euro per day). Therefore possibilities are limited and projects should work close together such that: 1) costs will be as low as possible (joint fieldwork, use small boats there were possible, etc) and 2) to create a better synergy between the 7 projects.
- HP: Each PI should reconsider his project claim for the central budget. *Group agrees that within two weeks (Friday March 9th) every PI should send a detailed list of costs of what he thinks is 1) absolutely essential or 2) what is desirable for succeeding of his project. Send list to: SK & HB.*

- **SK**: NWO has not yet approved the budget of the approved projects of last year. **HB** will look into that, after having received amendments by SK and ST.
- **TH**: Workshops costs are mentioned in the central budget; but does NWO not pay for those from a separate budget? **HB**: NWO will only fund annual workshops, a mid term and a final workshop at the end of the program. All other workshops (including a kickoff meeting if necessary) have to be assigned to the central budget.

4&5) Tuning and coordination of the projects & is Kickoff-meeting desirable?

- **SK** explains that a kickoff meeting (preferable in Indonesia) is desirable to meet with Indonesian colleges, counter partners and chiefs of the involved institutes. Maybe it is also possible to combine meeting with the already started other clusters. **TH**: Meeting is also desirable because you get to know the people before you have to work with them in the field. **HB**: kickoff meeting is less desirable as there will be no exchange of science yet (to early for all the projects), its time consuming and it is very expensive.
- It is decided that there will be no kickoff meeting. Instead a small delegation will visit involved institutes in Indonesia, including SK, TH, AK [and a sociologist, as requested after the meeting by Leidenuniv] [Comment SK after the meeting: This has to be paid from the central budget, not from the individual project budgets]

6) Timeline first year: a) Collaborative fieldwork when, and how to arrange with visa's and shipping of equipment; b) timing Indonesian PhD student to come to The Netherlands.

a) To summarize fieldwork; it is decided that:

1. Cluster starts 1st of April 2007.
2. Indonesian PhD student will start 'as soon as possible' in The Netherlands (preferable during summer).
3. Joint visa application (not for MSc students, not necessary, travel on other visa) for those who will attend Indonesian fieldwork campaign in January, 2008 (**AK** will coordinate this in May - July). **AK** will send email around to inventory who needs a visa for which period.
4. **TH** will coordinate shipping of equipment; will take at least 6weeks of shipping time + couple of months of custom clearance (So **TH** needs all the equipment somewhere around August). **TH** will send email around too inventory what needs to get to Indonesia. (Dick Hoekstra might have more insight information on what is the best way to send equipment to Indonesia).
5. Cluster meeting in The Netherlands of project members + Indonesian PhD student to prepare meeting of small delegation (~week of September 24th).

6. *Small delegation (SK, TH and AK + social scientist (comments HI)) will go to Indonesia to visit most involved institutes (~week of October 15th).*

b) To summarize timing Indonesian PhD student:

1. *Start as soon as possible, preferable during summer.*

2. **HB:** NWO needs to get information of all the PhD student of this cluster; and NWO is for max. 4years responsible for there funding (**HB:** eventual costs when second PhD student needs to be appointed as first PhD student fails might be covered by NWO).

3. **HP:** Individual institutes are responsible for there own PhD students.

4. **HI:** Visa procedure for Indonesian PhD student:

- Less than 3 months: Schengen visa will do.
- For 4years:
 - Passport need to be valid, 6months longer than the period in question
 - Universities need letter from NWO that states that NWO is responsible for funding.
 - Universities need to send proper invitation letter to Indonesian PhD applicant.
 - Make sure it's a multiple entrance visa
 - Procedure takes ± 3 months.
 - (See also: <http://www.netherlands-embassy.org>)

7) Time line for the coming years. Is moved to next meeting.

8) Questions / remarks before closure of meeting:

TH is trying to arrange a fellowship for a Dutch PhD student (Anne van Loon) to support research in the lake area of the Mahakam.

HB: Those who want to drill in the Mahakam delta need to contact Total to make sure there are no (oil) pipelines in that area.

HP: The cluster will become successful if there is coherence between the different projects so he encourages everybody to work closely together.