

Hubbard Brook Scientific Coordinating Committee Notes

Summary for Nov 2016 -Jan 2017 meetings

Reminder: the SCC meets monthly with notes from the last three meetings shared every quarter.

Many thanks to Lynn Christenson for hosting the January meeting at her home!

1. News

Maribeth Rubenstein is the new LTER administrative support staff for both Baltimore and Hubbard Brook and she is based at the Cary Institute. Welcome Maribeth.

HBRF under Sarah Garlick's leadership submitted a NSF AISL (Advanced Informal STEM Learning) proposal in November 2016. This proposal was a collaborative effort with Harvard Forest to focus on improving public engagement with science.

Reminder: Elections for two open seats on the SCC will held in February/March.

Hubbard Brook will host the LTER Science Council Meeting in May. The theme is disturbance. Gary Lovett and Peter Groffman will be asking for help with the field trip.

2. Annual Cooperators' Meeting UPDATE

Date/Location: July 12-13, 2017 at Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest

Format: Same as last year with a mix of 10 minute, 5 minute, and 2 minute talks

Science Program: Scott Bailey has agreed to coordinate the science talks with an assist from Maribeth Rubenstein (LTER admin @Cary). The goal is to post the invitation to submit abstracts for talks in early May. A rough schedule of talks will be shared 4 weeks in advance of the meeting with the final schedule completed 1-week before meeting.

3. COS Meeting Schedule

April 5, 2017 at Cary

Topic: Ecosystem Resilience

Leads: Battles and Groffman

July 14, 2017 at Hubbard Brook

Topic: TBD

Leads: Graduate Students and Post-docs

October 11, 2017 at Cary

Topic: Tree species, diversity, and biogeochemistry

Lead: Lovett

Reminder regarding COS meeting etiquette – save time for informal interactions

To allow the far-flung members of the COS to reconnect, please try not to schedule topic or project meetings during breaks or meals at the COS meeting. A better approach is to schedule project meetings before or after the COS meeting or by teleconference, but please remember to contact the location host to arrange logistics, including reserving meeting rooms.

Potential future COS topics

Broader impacts and herbivory (January 2018 @ Cary)

Revisiting “Heterotrophs & Biodiversity” topic

Forest management with guests from WMNF (April 2018 @ Hubbard Brook)

Core Values (e.g., forest biomass, instrumentation changes/overlap)

Cross-site synthesis (e.g., water, nutrient, carbon budgets)

4. USFS capacity

Reminder that we all need to pitch-in to maintain the operation of the Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study and ease the burden on USFS staff.