

**News from the 19th Session of the CLIVAR SSG**  
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The 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the CLIVAR Scientific Steering Group (SSG-19) was held in La Paz, Mexico, between 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Dr Jim Hurrell and Professor Martin Visbeck, SSG co-chairs, led the meeting of 30 participants, comprised of SSG members, chairs or representatives of CLIVAR panels and working groups, representatives of the other core WCRP projects, and other invitees.

One of the main objectives for the meeting was to discuss the evolution of CLIVAR, in the context of a restructuring within WCRP. The emerging proposed structure, which highlights CLIVAR's core capabilities and research foci, will be presented to the Joint Scientific Committee of WCRP at its meeting in Beijing, in July 2012. Further information on this proposed structure will be available on the meeting webpages ([www.clivar.org](http://www.clivar.org)).

The SSG was updated on the activities of CLIVAR's panels and working groups, and the International CLIVAR Project Office (ICPO). Participants were also interested to hear from potential hosts of the ICPO beyond 2014. The ICPO is currently hosted by the UK.

Another major component of SSG-19 was a joint session with IMBER (Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research) on day three. Participants were presented with an overview of the IMBER and CLIVAR programmes, as well as scientific background on three key themes, from both perspectives, to inform the ensuing discussions. These activities culminated in an action to form a task team, with a mandate to formulate a strategic approach to future joint working between the two programmes.

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