

CMMAP Management



Summary of the May 2008 Site Review

“Strengths:

- The management team is comprised of talented scientific experts and skilled managers.
- The Center has developed a process to streamline operations. Web-based tools have been developed to organize meetings, gather information for Center reports, and archive Center materials.”

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“Strengths:

- The Managing Director has an excellent working relationship with other administrative units at the university, in particular the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP). CMMAP and the OSP together have worked closely to expand the capabilities of existing accounting systems to accommodate the additional demands created by the complexity of the Center’s financial structure.”

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“Strengths:

- The Center Director has implemented two “all hands” CMMAP meetings per year, each with duration of two to three days, which is important since the list of Center partners and collaborators is diverse.
- Addition of the MMF Support Center is important.”

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“Strengths:

- An External Advisory Panel has been formed, and the first meeting was held in September 2007. The Committee is comprised of notable people in the field, and they appear to be engaged in the Center activities, judging by the comprehensive feedback as presented in the site visit meeting by the Center Director.”

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“Weaknesses:

- None identified”

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“Comments:

- The annual report states that the Center Director is the “Scientific Leader” and that the Executive Committee guides the evolution of the program. However, the information provided about how the research is managed is sketchy. Some clarification would be desirable.”

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“Comments:

- As a related point, the annual report indicates that each objective identified for R, E, D and KT has a “Team Leader.” This model ensures the work is distributed across the major components of the Center. The report also states that the Team Leaders change over time at the discretion of the EC, but it was not made entirely clear how they are involved in the decision-making.”

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“Comments:

- The CMMAP students do not seem to be aware of what other CMMAP students are doing at partner institutions. There is an opportunity to create a CMMAP student leadership group to engage them more effectively into Center activities.”

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“Comments:

- The students appear happy with their experiences in CMMAP. However, they could not always communicate their roles in the big picture of CMMAP. The PI may wish to consider more leadership opportunities for the students.”

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“Comments:

- The panel wishes to emphasize to the University the heavy time commitment involved in the Center leadership positions. Over the long life of an STC, it is important that these commitments are acknowledged and appropriately rewarded.”

CMMAP Management Highlights

- Hired Melissa Burt, Diversity and Higher Education Manager
- Ended partnership with the Colorado Institute for Public Policy
- Began new partnership with Michele Betsill
- Strategic partnership with IGES

CMMAP Management Highlights

- Increasing partnership with M. Lacy for added evaluations of LSOP.
- Increased partnership with Changing Climates
 - Talks by Dave & Scott
 - Supported with CMMAP personnel & \$\$
- Twice-per-year team meetings are useful & productive, & the format has been optimized

CMMAP Management Highlights

- Consolidation and prioritization of research objectives
- Ethics activities
 - R. Somerville public lecture on UCLA Campus
 - “Interactive” ethics sessions at team meetings
 - Trust as an intrinsic part of doing science
 - Reviewing grant proposals

Leveraging Funding

Current:

- Hach Foundation, \$26K support for Teacher Course, Summer 2008
- NSF STARS, \$25K for summer interns 2009
- Mac Foundation, \$7K for year 3 to support the CMMAP Lecture Series

Leveraging Funding

Plans to request:

- Hach Foundation support for 2009 Teacher Course
- REU for summer 2009 undergraduate interns
- NSF “Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity in the Geosciences” planning grant
- PEW Charitable Trust “Global Warming & Climate Change Program”

Management question

Should CMMAP subawards be formally put up for renewal every two years?