

Summary Report of Topical Lunch (Atkinson Center, 3/29/11)

Following a brief introduction by Prof. Di Salvo, Tammo Steenhuis gave a short presentation on the world-wide water shortage, and the impossibility of solving the problems faced by water-short countries by technical means alone. He stressed the need for an integrated approach and pointed to the example set decades ago by Profs. Levine and Barker (both of whom attended the lunch) in their classes.

Gail Holst-Warhaft talked about the approach that she and her colleagues had taken in their teaching and in their research and how it was often only after beginning an international project that the usefulness or otherwise of a particular partnership becomes clear. She mentioned Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean and the work done by students last summer in Crete.

Holst-Warhaft and Steenhuis, together with their colleagues in the Cornell Law School are seeking to form a focus group with other Cornell faculty engaged in international water research. During discussion that followed the presentations, Di Salvo suggested that a workshop or series of workshops might be a good way to proceed. There was a lively discussion on ways in which faculty could cooperate and it was decided to adopt the suggestion of a series of workshops, involving as many faculty as possible who are engaged in international water issues.

We are grateful to the ACSF for providing a forum for such a discussion and we will try to build on the enthusiasm generated by the lunch to inform a larger group of faculty whose interests coincide with ours of our activities, with a view to becoming a more coherent, competitive, and effective team. As is evident from the list of attendees and regrets appended below, the diversity of the faculty interested in world water issues is impressive.

RSVP's (18) updated 3/29/11

Host – Gail Holst-Warhaft, glh3

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Bruce Monger, bcm3

Frank DiSalvo, fjd3

Helene Schember, hrs6

Monroe Weber-Shirk, mw24

Laurie Damiani, lad2

Keith Porter, ksp2

Indu T. Sivakumar, it64

Jean-Yves Parlange, jp58

Erika Diaz Pascacio, edp43

Gilbert Levine, gl14

Randy Barker, rb19

Sheila Saia, sms493

Chantal Thomas, ct343

Fouad Makki, fmm2
Tigist Tebebu, tyt7
Janice Endresen, jle37
Zellman Warhaft, zw16

Regrets:
Chris Barrett
Terry Jordan
David Dieterich

RSVP'd – did not attend:
Bruce Monger, bcm3
Mark Milstein, mm462
Monica Touesnard, mat59
Daniel Peter Loucks, dpl3