



Programme Advisory Group meeting – Tuesday 21st May

Plans for 2025 annual science meeting

Discussion at this year's annual science meeting suggested that a bigger meeting including related international projects would be advantageous. Timing for larger event would be second half of 2025. Would still need to hold a BIO-Carbon annual science meeting.

Unlikely to be any funding available from NERC for either meeting. For the larger meeting, would likely need to charge for registration to cover costs.

PAG thoughts:

- Makes more sense from a science perspective (i.e. rather than just a BIO-Carbon programme perspective) to have a larger meeting
- Is it the right time? BIO-Carbon projects will only have completed fieldwork 12-15 months previously.
- Any international meetings that we can tag onto (e.g. Ocean Sciences, Glasgow, 22-27 Feb 2026)

Fieldwork update

DY180 departed 22 May. Still on track to deploy two ALRs second week of June and will rendezvous mid-end June with RRS Discovery for ~4 days. ALRs will continue for another ~4 weeks.

JC269 (Sep-Oct) had spare berths. Hopefully two people from the Canadian 'Transforming Climate Action' program will join. Five berths offered to ECRs (via open application process) conducting related complementary research.

Any further PAG feedback following progress report and February's annual meeting

No significant concerns with project progress were raised.

Next PAG meeting

PAG is scheduled to meet every 6 months - next call Nov/Dec 24