



*Grassroots network of limnologists, ecologists, information technology experts, and engineers who have a common goal of building a scalable, persistent network of lake ecology observatories*

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RE: G13 and GLEON Delegation Visit to NSF

Greetings GLEONites,

We had an invigorating and successful G13 meeting in Sunapee, New Hampshire (USA) during the week of 10 October, complete with spectacular fall colors and pre- and post-G13 working group meetings (Signal Processing before and TTG after). In addition, it was our first meeting co-hosted and co-sponsored by a local citizens' watershed group, the *Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA)*. The student workshop, on communicating science, involved local citizens, as did the poster session. We also had a well attended, fabulous public event for which Justin Brookes gave an excellent talk on the Global Water Crisis, and after which additional panelists David Hamilton, Eleanor Jennings, Guangwei Zhou and Tim Kratz offered perspectives on freshwater issues for their respective countries, what scientists are doing to understand and/or solve them, and how citizens might be engaged. June Fichter, Executive Director of the LSPA, joined the panel in fielding questions from the audience. The panelists were nothing short of spectacular and both GLEONites and the public were abuzz after the meeting.

In addition to a productive and engaging meeting, a delegation of GLEONites was invited to present an overview of GLEON to a group of program officers at *the US National Science Foundation (NSF)*. Paul Hanson, Kathie Weathers, David Hamilton, Eleanor Jennings, Fang-Pang Lin, David Motta Marques, Cayelan Carey, Liz Ryder, and Kevin Rose spoke to NSF representatives from Biology (Ecosystems cluster and NEON/Macrosystems Biology), Geosciences (Earth and atmospheric systems), International Programs (China, Scandinavia, South America), and the Office of Cyberinfrastructure. There was tremendous interest and enthusiasm for GLEON by these program officers and we had a candid conversation about our lessons learned, challenges and opportunities in regard to maintaining the network (FYI see our main points RE: lessons learned, challenges and opportunities, attached).

We are already looking forward to GLEON 14 in Ireland.

With Best Regards,

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