

**NARG Steering Meeting
September 18th 2019
Steering Meeting Discussion**

Research Projects

Sponsors commended the students on the quality of the technical presentations

Discussions of new projects:

Companies were all supportive of the work ongoing. A number of new initiatives were discussed.

Offshore Sirt Basin Study: Advanced discussions with ION to access offshore Sirt Basin seismic data. ION have agreed access to data but require Libya NOC approval. This is proving difficult to get with current political situation. NOC also may require a Libyan student, which may also cause issues to find given current situation.

Continue to pursue this

If received we would recommend starting a PhD on this area. This was supported by sponsors.

Central Atlantic Jurassic – Stratigraphy and Source Rocks: Discussion about future studies on Jurassic / Cret and Source rock distribution in Central Atlantic and controls.

Again supported by a number of sponsors

This will be worked up, possibly as part of a wider study, and a PhD could be appointed once project scope outlines and data sourced. Possible start late 2019. Early 2020.

Offshore MSGBC: Tectonostrat study

Agreed in Feb 2019

We now have agreement to access to TGS regional 2D seismic data, plus access to a TGS 3D in The Gambia. Also discussing access to PGS 3D in Senegal.

PhD interviews to be held in September and appointment should be made soon, to start late 2019, early 2020.

Tunisia - Reservoir Characterisation (Ordovician / Triassic).

PostDoc has been appointed at TuDelft, to work on reservoir characterisation and regional structural study in Tunisia. Mazzarine Energy have offered access to data. Hunt Oil also supported this and suggested they could take active role in supporting the study. Potential to utilize training budgets to fund ETAP on MSc within NARG at either Manchester or TUDelft. To be discussed.

Companies supportive of a move back to projects in Tunisia.

Libya Ghadames / Murzuk basin Virtual FieldTrip

Sponsors supported this initiative. This is underway and data being collated and digitized.

To be reported at next Steering meeting.

GIS Database

A new version (1.0) to replace the beta version will be distributed to companies by end September. Temporary technical staff were appointed to start digitisation of past PhD data.

New 2 year Technical post to be point of contact and continue managing / digitizing data.

Field Workshops

Workshop will be run in Nov 2019 to Eastern Morocco. **Two places still available.** The Atlantic Margins trip didn't run in 2019, but will be offered for April/May 2020. **This was agreed by the sponsors.**

Senegal Workshop:

Senegal Workshop was successfully run in April 2019. NARG thanked BP, TGS and Petrsen for sponsorship and giving talks at the meeting. We also held 2 days of free course at UCAD (University).

We hope to run this again in 20120 or 2021.

Other discussions

1. NW Africa / Central Atlantic Framework – NARG have worked Morocco & M/S, now looking at Demerara Rise (Guyana / Surinaam) and there was support to look at conjugate margin; Trinidad, East Coast USA DSDP data, before returning to Morocco via Nova Scotia & Portugal (Lusitanian Basin) in order to refresh key Central Atlantic / North Atlantic linkages.
2. Support for extension of study on Triassic – from Eastern Morocco (Tendrarra) into Western Algeria & Tunisia (Southern Chott's Basin)
3. Engage NARG via Skype (or other video conferencing media) – to bring wider access to NARG research and expertise. First meeting suggested was to introduce NARG ArcGIS database. This could be an open link or on a company basis, the latter may be easier logistically & will encourage more 'open' feedback to do this on company basis.
4. We will also look into capturing voice podcast with ppt talks at next steering meeting.
5. Lots of support to continue with integration of projects (and comments on good integration at present.
6. Continue to build improved palaeogeographies
7. Try to extend studies into Mauritania. NARG will continue to try to build links and access data in Mauritania

8. The GIS Database was commended and companies looked forward to new functionality.
9. Commended the strong Biostratigraphy. A real asset to NARG, few doing this.
10. Group liked return to Tunisia and with Mazzarine and Hunt both active we expect more studies will grow in this area
11. Companies commended the great progress on projects since the last meeting in February