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Dear Richard and Pavel,

On behalf of the iLEAPS Scientific Steering Committee, I hereby confirm that the project "NEESPI: Northern Eurasia Earth Science Partnership Initiative" was recognized as an iLEAPS project at the Third iLEAPS Scientific Steering Committee meeting in Boulder, USA, 20-21 January 2006.

Three of our SSC members are assigned to be in close contact with a specific iLEAPS recognized activity. Torben Christensen, Almut Arneth, and Kazuyuki Yagi are the contact persons between the iLEAPS SSC and the NEESPI Steering Committee; you will find their contact information below.

We'll be in contact from the IPO with more details in a short while. We are looking forward to exciting and fruitful cooperation!

Best regards,

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