

International Council for Science (ICSU)



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Dear Pavel,

On behalf of the Officers of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, I am happy to inform you that the Northern Eurasia Earth Science Partnership Initiative (NEESPI) has been endorsed by IGBP as an external project.

I am enclosing a copy of the IGBP endorsement policy for your information. As you know, endorsement should be mutually beneficial: NEESPI benefits by access to, and support from, the international IGBP research network; IGBP benefits by access and input to NEESPI's research activities initiated that contribute to the IGBP goals.

As part of this endorsement, NEESPI will be asked to provide a short written annual report to the annual Scientific Committee meeting of IGBP (which normally takes place in March each year), and to acknowledge IGBP's endorsement in project products.

We are very excited about the opportunities for collaboration and interaction between IGBP and NEESPI. Many of NEESPI's research activities are very closely aligned with activities in several of the IGBP projects, as well as at the IGBP program level. We are all looking forward to sharing and developing new scientific activities in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Prof. Kevin Noone
Executive Director, IGBP

cc: Dr. Carlos Nobre, IGBP Chair