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European ICSU members Meetings since 2002

History, Development and Issues of Common Concerns

Meetings

YEAR	TYPE of MEETING	Participants	Themes
2002	Several informal meetings UK/F	UK/F	
2003 Les treilles F	Informal Meeting	B/F/I/S/CH/UK/D	Issues of common concern
2004 Brussels	Formal meeting	20 countries	Strategic Document ICSU Communication in ICSU matter
2005 Madrid	Formal meeting	??	Coordination for Suzhou GA 2005 European candidate
2006 Paris	Formal meeting	16 countries	Discussion on terms of reference
2007 Berne	Formal meeting -	European countries (UNESCO-Definition without USA)	

Discussion Points

- Explore common issues of concern
 - European members pay substantial part of ICSU budget
- Management of relations with ICSU family bodies (organisation of unions on a national level)
- Discussion on ICSU's strategy
- European Science Policy
- Future development of the group

Milestones/Success

- European perspective for ICSU General Assembly and standpoint of European group
- Institutionalisation of an informal meeting with growing participation
- Consensus of terms of reference??
- Coordination and contact between european academies and exchange
- Discussion on roles of academies in a changing environment
- European research policy