Interagency Coordinating Committee for Airborne Geoscience Research & Applications (ICCAGRA)

Update for UNOLS/SCOAR

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ICCAGRA Charter

To increase the effective utilization of the Federal Airborne Fleet through improved cooperation, awareness and communication among sponsoring agencies.

8 Functions:

- Identify interagency needs & exchange research program schedules
- Improve coordination of airborne programs between agencies
- Ensure timely identification of airborne program requirements
- Enhance opportunities for sharing aircraft resources, instrumentation & data
- Provide expertise to senior agency decision makers
- Evaluation coordination processes & develop interagency agreements to facilitate transfer of assets or purchase of flight time.
- Maintain an ICCAGRA website.
- Convene a one-day program review where all participants present a review of airborne programs and plans to agency personnel.

Sponsoring agencies: NSF, NASA, NOAA, ONR

Results of April 5 Meeting

- Chartered subcommittee for a Data Systems Working Group to coordinate and establish standards for aircraft data systems.
- Coordination of crew safety standards, especially medical standards for PI's.
- ICAP Strategic Plan to be updated next month: input to Jim Huning as ICAP co-chair.
- NOAA, NSF, NRL and NASA all anticipate some level of participation of aircraft in IPY, but no specifics yet.
- Agreement to initiate planning for a joint workshop with community participation
 - define and articulate aircraft role/requirements in GEOSS
 - enable joint aircraft fleet planning and renewal.