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First, sorry for overlapping email lists, but I wanted to make sure everyone got this.

After checking on everyone's schedules and the availability of suitable rooms, we have scheduled the Final GEOTRACES Intercalibration Workshop for 8-10 (Monday-Wednesday) March 2010 at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia USA. We can accommodate a total of 75 attendees, so I will need a confirmation of your attendance by 15 January 2010. I know this is well off, but this message is really for your planning purposes at this stage and more details will be sent after we have the final list (but, if you want to make airline reservations, the Norfolk airport is ORF and it is served by all major (and minor) US airlines, with frequent connections to/from Atlantic (Delta), Chicago (United), Newark, NJ (Continental), JFK (United, Delta, American), Dallas (American), and Philadelphia (US Air)).

The two primary tasks at this workshop will be: (1) to compare and interpret all the dissolved and particulate TEI data to document how well we've achieved our goal of getting the most precise and accurate data possible (including sampling methods, handling, storage, and analyses); (2) to produce the users's manuals/cookbooks for sampling and sample handling to be used for all future GEOTRACES cruises (with variations for the actual sampling systems themselves; we can only prepare those for the US system in particular, but other groups have or will be using the same one). For this latter task, we will start with the interim manuals that the GEOTRACES Standards and Intercalibration Committee produced for the IPY cruises. I also hope that several publications will result from our efforts at intercalibrating the ocean's Periodic Table.

We need to have all of the Elemental Coordinators in attendance (or their designees) and 3-5 others for each elemental group(s) to insure good discussions and data interpretations; the Standards and Intercalibration Committee will also attend.

Cheers, Greg

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