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>Hi Trevor  
>I was with John Shepherd earlier this week. He told me he  
>was phoned up last Friday by Tariq Ali at Imperial College,  
>seeking to sign him up to the IC bid; it seems that IC's  
>relations with Oxford may have gone sour. If that is the  
>case, IC will probably make strenuous efforts to detach some  
>of the members of the consortium that UEA is trying to put  
>together.  
>I was attending a meeting on the "miilliesym" proposal, and  
>we were treated to a talk from Ian Dwyer of NERC (new  
>position to co-ordinate global change research) on the  
>climate change centre. Two things I picked up that I didn't  
>know before (but you may) were  
>(1) All the decisions, both on the outline proposals and  
>full proposals, will be taken by a panel of experts  
>(academics from overseas and industry). There will not be  
>the normal peer review system. I asked if there would be the  
>opportunity to suggest names for this panel, but the answer  
>appeared to be no; the panel will be selected and organised  
>by the research councils, chiefly NERC.  
>(2) The split of funding for the centre will be (per year) 1  
>million NERC, 0.75 million EPSRC, 0.25 million ESRC.

>Cheers, Andy  
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