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Dear friends,

I assume many of you have followed the development of the work programme for FP6, which have been quite dramatic at times for our field. The end result is not particularly good, and the whole area of Global Change has been cut by comparison with FP5. I talked with Anver Ghazi last week, and what I know stems from this and from the Nov. 18 version of the work programme. There will be no opening for climate dynamics in the first call (Dec. 17). The second call due in June /July with a deadline in October 2003 will include some paleoclimate openings:

- STREPS for novel paleoreconstructions methods (i.e. a few of the normal projects of previous FPs) - but remember: 75% of funding goes to New Instruments: Integrated Projects and NoEs).
- Hot spots in the climate system, including the thermohaline circulation and the Arctic.

Brussels will not issue anything now about the third call, but according to Ghazi they plan to invite for either an NoE or an IP in climate dynamics with emphasis on past climate change at that point. Call will be in 2004. But things can change with this call. Thus we have quite some time to discuss if we shall go forward with DOCC or go for IP. The overall size of the IPs have been substantially reduced, so if we try an IP or an NoE either will need to be more focussed in terms of science and in terms of partnership than our Expression of interest.

Ceers,

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