

## MRI Scientific Leadership Council (SLC) - Terms of Reference

### 1. *Members - individually:*

- a) undertake their role on a voluntary basis, committing to an initial two-year term, renewable for an additional two-year term subject to approval from the MRI Board;
- b) have direct involvement or liaison in MRI's activities and/or tasks;
- c) undertake regional or organizational liaison or representation assignments;
- d) generate ideas and recommendations for the MRI activities and thematic research foci;
- e) provide leadership and interface with regional and/or disciplinary communities;
- f) represent the MRI at events and/or scientific fora, acting as point-of-contact for public media where relevant and appropriate;
- g) attend and participate at the MRI annual SLC meeting.

### 2. *Members - collectively:*

#### Scientific involvement

- a) assist the MRI Governing Body to set direction, priorities, objectives, and advice on scientific or technical requirements to conduct MRI activities;
- b) identify scientific issues that align with the general goals and objectives for MRI;
- c) develop plans to achieve scientific objectives;
- d) collaborate, as appropriate, with other organizations devoted to global change research, fostering links for the MRI and its members;
- e) provide input to the development of core funding proposals for MRI.

#### Strategic involvement

- f) as part of the MRI Governing Body, assures oversight for MRI as a project;
- g) evaluate and provide advice on general criteria or requirements for MRI activities;
- h) identify opportunities and develop links with other research organizations;
- i) identify resource needs for global research.

MRI SLC members act as agents of a larger research community with global interests rather than as individual scientists. This does not preclude any SLC member from participating as an individual scientist within his/her own disciplinary or research interest or within MRI and its activities (e.g. as a leader or member of a working group or workshop). Furthermore, SLC members are collectively eligible for small seed funding to support SLC-led incubator projects that contribute to MRI's scientific research goals and objectives.

The MRI Coordination Office acts as the secretariat and the operational agent of the MRI SLC. The MRI Coordination Office, working closely with the MRI Governing Body, sets in motion the activities approved by the MRI Co-PIs and SLC members and implements MRI Flagship and Community-led activities. It is the responsibility of the MRI Coordination Office to support and advance the terms of reference of the MRI SLC.