



UK Centre for the Observation and Modelling of Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Tectonics (COMET)

COMET Advisory Board

Terms of Reference

The UK Centre for the Observation and Modelling of Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Tectonics (COMET) Advisory Board will meet with COMET once per year (at the COMET Annual Meeting) to provide strategic advice and feedback to the COMET Executive Committee, British Geological Survey (BGS), and the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC).

Membership

The Advisory Board will consist of 5-8 internationally renowned experts in COMET's fields of activity and should include one NCEO Representative. Membership currently consists of:

- Philippa Mason (Imperial College London, Chair)
- Elisa Carboni (STFC RAL, NCEO Representative)
- Nicola D'Agostino (INGV, Roma, Italy)
- Romain Jolivet (École Normale Supérieure, Paris)
- Eleonora Rivalta (GFZ, Potsdam)

The usual term of membership for Advisory Board members is three years and Board members may serve up to two consecutive terms. Some members will only sit on the Board for one year, where appropriate.

The chairperson may only serve a two-year term, after which point a new chair will be nominated by the existing Advisory Board members.

After a term of membership on the Advisory Board ends, the COMET Executive Committee will suggest and select new members in areas not well represented by the current active board members. The COMET Executive Committee may also seek advice from the Advisory Board if desired.

Any new appointments to the Advisory Board should be staggered and, to ensure continuity, they should overlap for at least one year with three or more existing Board members.

Board members must be able to commit to attending at least one COMET Annual Meeting every two years.

Meetings

Meetings will ordinarily be held once per year during the COMET Annual Meeting.

Meetings will be arranged by the COMET Research and Events Officer, either online or in person depending on the format of the annual meeting.

To be quorate, the meeting must be attended by one half of the total membership including the Chair (or a designated representative).

Duties

The COMET Advisory Board will:

- Review the progress of the COMET science programme through engagement with the COMET Annual Meeting and COMET Annual Report to ensure that COMET remains a successful and effective return on investment for UK National Capability.
- Deliver a written feedback report to the COMET Executive Committee within one month of the COMET Annual Meeting each year. This report should include two main components: feedback on the annual meeting, and a review of COMET's science programme that includes any strengths, weaknesses, opportunities or threats to its continuation.
- Make recommendations and provide strategic advice to COMET concerning the strategic priorities of the Centre.
- Recommend independent reviewers for COMET science proposals.
- Respond to any specific calls for advice or input from the COMET Executive Committee.