MYRES: A conference series and community development initiative

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MYRES (@ CIDER?)

Meeting of Young Researchers in Earth Sciences
(pre-proposal by Kellogg, J. & Becker, April 2002)

⇒ further Earth science, get out of dead ends

⇒ help build collaborative, international community, bottom up

⇒ workshop series for graduate students, post-docs, junior faculty

⇒ research and educational infrastructure initiative

⇒ instruction by junior people, among peers

→ support attendance of students independent of advisors

→ open discussion of basics without pretense of know-it-all

→ foster collaboration across academic families

→ expose to new ideas, evaluate paradigms
**MYRES’ (Gordon-esk) format**

⇒ focus on hard interdisciplinary problem → comprehensive understanding of issues → new ideas for own research, collaborative proposals

⇒ bi-ennial workshops, ~75 participants, 4 days, $65k/meeting
  → full travel support for all students
  → two morning sessions of general instruction
  → afternoon subfield workshops, evening group discussion
  → junior-level presidents with administrative duties only, specialist discussion leaders
  → elected five member senior advisory committee: institutional memory

⇒ accountability: web lecture notes, short and long term questionnaires

⇒ potential funding from the *Volkswagenstiftung*, Germany, for Europeans