

# 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