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Participants

Members: Don Henshaw, Margaret O'Brien (co-chairs), Sven Bohm, Emery Boose, Hap Garritt, Corinna Gries

Ex officio: James Brunt, Yang Xia

Guests: Karen Baker, James Connors, Nicole Kaplan, Mason Kortz

Topics

1. EB Report
2. IMC Meeting
3. Network DB
4. EML Best Practices
5. Governance
6. Miscellaneous

1. EB Report

SIP. The LTER Strategic and Implementation Plan is still under development. Corinna drafted a few IMs to help revise the IM section. A general question, raised by the education group, is where to put research items. This led to a discussion of what kinds of research belongs in the SIP. IM research that fits in the LTER framework includes evaluating technology for application to LTER science. This item is currently in the IM section but may move to the research section. Phil may share the SIP with selected folks at NSF in a few weeks.

EB meeting. Many of the same issues. Discussion of recent panel reviews with Henry Gholz. Henry thinks the mid-term reviews are not being used to the site's advantage and should be an opportunity to discuss what the site sees as problems. Henry would welcome input. SGS sailed through its last site review.

30-year review. Currently underway. A social scientist was added to the committee. Pls met with committee chairs at ESA. Each site will be visited by at least one committee member. Not a review or an interview, more a question of getting a feel for the sites and how they operate. Forward-looking emphasis.

BioScience issue. 8 papers proposed, journal wants 5 papers. EB and committee will rank papers. Not sure if IM paper will be retained.

Legacy data prospectus. Phil will take current draft to Liz at ESA meeting.

NEON. David Foster requested discussion of LTER and NEON. How to recover costs incurred by hosting a NEON site? No overhead, etc. Maybe define LTER's relationship with NEON in the SIP.

IM rep to EB. Select replacement for Corinna at IMC meeting.

2. IMC Meeting

Logistical arrangements are well in hand. Station is very accommodating. Sven will get prices on transportation (vans). Currently 42 participants with all sites represented.

Site Bytes. Set theme to be first evening discussion questions. Corinna will send reminder.

Round-robin discussion. Karen sent suggestions related to governance. Don and Margaret will give charge at the meeting. Provide paper on tables.

Short reports (10 minutes). SIP = Corinna, Legacy = Emery. Good to have something on the NIS, maybe a short demo on incorporating the DAS into site IMS. Or just post water cooler notes. Replacement of meeting reports with water coolers has been quite successful. Or move SIP and Legacy to introductions.

Recent surge in interest for break-out groups. Add a 1-hour break-out session on Thursday morning. Margaret will adjust the times. Need to consider logistics. So far we have requested only 3 break-out groups. Theresa would like a straight GIS session separate from LTER Maps.

3. Network DB

Who will lead this discussion group? Should network DB design be separated from web services?

First discuss what databases should contain, then how they should be implemented. The same people will likely be involved in both discussions. Session III could be network design and use cases (entire IMC). Session V could be web services (one of several WGs).

Longer sessions on Wednesday will allow for some introductory material. Perhaps four groups for each session.

Do we know what these discussions will look like? An opportunity to think outside the box (social networking, etc). Better links among components (bibliography to personnel, etc). Ramp up IM profiles to include entire LTER network (scientists, etc). How to take full advantage of EML 2.0. How to use SiteDB as an integrator. How sites will use web services. The basic elements are siteDB, personnel, bibliography. James & Mark have discussed how to proceed once input is received.

What kind of access to databases (read only, read-write, etc) will be required? Attribute standardization will be important soon.

Mason and James will consider and send recommendations for how to structure discussions.

4. EML Best Practices

Session II groups could be arranged by experience. Session V would probably be Best Practices working group.

Highlight areas where the new document differs from the previous document.

Include short introduction to session III. Group includes Margaret, Corinna, Emery, Dan, Ken, Jonathan, Mark, and Inigo.

5. Governance

See terms of reference template from Karen and Nicole. Currently a rough draft but contains the key issues. Items in red need to be resolved or fleshed out. Need to put a structure in place, to be elaborated later. IM-Exec could edit items in black.

Final word smithing can be done after the meeting.

See the four issues outlined in the document from Karen. These issues arose from water cooler discussions earlier this summer. General issues include the role of IM-Exec and the relationship of the IMC to other groups.

6. Miscellaneous

IM website – see addition of “frequently asked questions” in left navigation pane (prepared by Yang).

James has asked us to update the training schedule.

Phil has agreed to participate in the IMC meeting (plus Steve Hamilton, another PI). Field trip and session with NSF.

Todd is leaving NSF, Henry is returning on October 1.

Relational data model comparison. Currently scheduled for Friday morning. Move to earlier on Friday? Or to Thursday? Growing number of sessions on Friday. If possible this group should not coincide with the Drupal group. This is an important problem and it would be good to involve more people.

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<u>Governance Breakout Session - draft agenda IMC 2010</u> ^[2]	17.73 KB
<u>Governance - Terms of Reference draft</u> ^[3]	43 KB
<u>LTER Vision Statement 2000</u> ^[4]	42.84 KB

Meeting Notes ^[5]

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