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IMEXEC VTC Agenda, January 22, 2007 10-12 MDT

Attending: Todd Ackerman, Nicole Kaplan, John Campbell, Margaret O'Brien, James Brunt, Hap Garret, Corinna Gries, Eda Melendez-Colom, Barrie Collins, Don Henshaw
monitoring: James Williams

Agenda:

9:50-10:20

VTC testing and configuration

1. EB Report (Henshaw): No new info; EB hasn't met since IMexec's last VTC (next EB vtc date 1/28).

1.1. EB comments on LNO Renewal Proposal: The draft proposal will be presented to the EB prior to the next VTC. The LNO deadline is the end of March.

1.2. Draft Letter from NISAC and IMexec to Phil Robertson re: planned CI buildup to support science (dist'd by 1/22)

1.3. Interim funding estimates for initiating cyberinfrastructure (CI) and social science for Decadal Plan research were prepared for Phil and distributed to Henry Gholz. These budget numbers would be used for capacity-building funding, and possibly materialize in FY 2009. Corinna (group leader), Nicole, James, Barbara and Don prepared the CI funding estimate. The estimate includes:

Per site: \$80k startup for hardware, plus annual \$135K for new FTE for computing (flexible for hiring a programmer, qa/qc technician, or system administrator), \$8K for recurring hardware maintenance, and 1.5K for travel to partner sites or IT meetings.

Network Office: 3 additional FTEs - \$448K/year, \$100k hardware startup

Total outlay: \$4.2 million per year, plus \$2.2 million startup

1.4. The move of ClimHydroDB to LNO: Andrews LTER/Forest Service is encouraging this move; NISAC needs to take this up. James: some supplement money for transfer of ClimDB to LNO. Also, no new info on ChemDB. EB was wondering if pasta/ecotrends will accomplish this and was to have forwarded the ChemDB proposal to NISAC.

1.5. 6-7 LTER sites (luq, hbr, cwt, bnz, hfr, bes) are associated with Forest Service Research. USFS is holding a 3-day meeting in Dallas Feb 5-7 2008 of IMs from 18 experimental forests and ranges; some LTER-IMs attending (Eda, Don, possibly Jonathan, and John Campbell by conference call). The USFS group is considering building an information management organization similar to LTER-IMC, but will also consider more top-down models such as NEON. Don will be presenting LTER model. This group will probably send reps to EIMC. Don will share their agenda/website when available.

2. LTER IM Meeting (eve. 9/8, 9/9) and EIMC 2008 (9/10, 9/11)

2.1. Logistics/Registration (O'Brien) - on track. New logistics decisions depend on attendance and the program committee decisions.

2.2. Website (Gries) url: <http://conference.ecoinformatics.org> [2]. Web site structure reflects a series of conferences, 2008 EIMC is the first. Website should be up in a few more days, and an invitation will be available for forwarding.

2.3. Schedule and Submissions (Gries): See site for deadlines and fee schedule. Program committee is asking for (currently under "proposals" on website): an abstract, followed by 3-6 page short paper. Currently only 2 tracks: Sensor Networks (meeting themem), and everything else. Current deadline: March 1 for abstract and Apr 15 for paper. Program committee may combine into one deadline on apr 15.

2.4. Program Committee and session ideas (Gries): Paper submissions are not limited to theme, and PC does not want to discourage anyone from submitting in any category. So session categories will be decided after submissions are reviewed. No invited symposia (ie, all papers to be reviewed). It is planned that EIMC will resemble scientific conference.

2.5. Corinna is writing to Peter for supplemental funds for the IMC for this conference.

3. IMexec winter meeting (2/12, 2/13) (Kaplan)

Nicole to produce new draft agenda.

3.1. Refer to draft agenda: [IM exec 08 winter meeting Event](#) [3]

GIS Best Practices (Collins) - some discussion now, but GIS is also an item on the wtr meeting. Discussion summary: In practice, an IM's interaction with gis is limited to distributing data and managing metadata, not analysis (that being generally up to the scientists). Sites with active GIS groups share data internally, but in an ad hoc manner (PIE, CWT, AND...). If network decides to establish a centralized/coordinated/standardized gis effort, then all IMs will need to engage, and training will center on metadata and distribution.

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3.2. Leveraging IM: Corinna is attending a workshop (NSF) on leveraging between IM efforts. Peter/DBI organizing for ~end February. Corinna would like to take some of our ideas; LTER is an example both of self-organization, and also of not leveraging available solutions. What are obstacles to leveraging, not using available tools. A coordinated GIS-effort could be a model, since many sites are at a similar level of need. Corinna to distribute material she has. Add to agenda after telecon with Peter.

Note: Some IMexec priorities for the coming year: Training, community-wide 08 meeting, the IM website, support of the CI implementation plan, the unit registry (UTF), and establishing GIS best practices/expectations

Meeting Notes [4]

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