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9:50-10:00 VTC testing and configuration

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

### Agenda

#### 1. 10:00-11:00 Seven Minute Reports

##### 1.1 EB Report and IM rep for EB (08-11) (Henshaw):

EB met at NSF with LTER advisory board (feb 26-29) and by VTC (late March). New chair nominations (Phil will serve again if elected). Meeting in Baltimore next week, Corinna to be the IMC's rep to EB. National Advisory board (Peter Arzburger chairs) meets once per year; their report has just come out (put a link here). Generally encouraging, stressed need to plan for network science, and shared infrastructure. Shared datasets: need to have these data centrally located. (aside: LINX was very resistant to data submissions). New LNO survey, with segments tailored for IMs, students and PI groups. EB has requested more transparency between committees. NISAC is now sending them their agendas before (physical) meetings; IMexec should do this, too (2x per year).

##### 1.2 LNO Proposal (Brunt)

finished last week (127 pp), and now in review. No changes to budget since last report.

##### 1.3 NISAC, CI Implementation Plan (Gries or Sheldon)

No one available who attended the meeting at LNO (this is a problem). From various people: CIIP doc expected by EB in mid-April, although extension has been requested. Tasks to be outlined there include: a) process for roles (imexec, nisac) vis-a-vis how recommendations get approved. b) timeline being constructed by sub-groups (?)

##### 1.4 Partnership and collaboration meeting at NSF (Gries, Brunt)

Organized by Barbara Minsker/Peter McCartney to forestall all the \*EONs from reinventing the same system. Scientist and IM from many observatories attended (including but not limited to: waters, neon, oos, npn, cuashi, lter, aon). Day 1: exchange on science and info challenges. Rotating discussion tables to get all networks to understand how all the others work (format worked well - sounds like speed-dating) . Example: Some networks (waters?) have quite good integration between engineers/science/im. Most do not. Day 2: working groups, with reports expected: low-hanging-fruit, organizational, standards, future directions.

FEON: Federation of Environmental Observatory Networks - to promote/exchange standards discussions, hold eons together. Can take advantage of initiatives: NCAR - has a grant to create the type of meetings needed. Interop is also appropriate. Similar groups can provide model (TDWG, open geo consortium), and Peter is looking into those. Brunt: also should consider a

market approach -- e.g. for offsite commercial storage, hardware as a service negotiated by FEON

#### 1.5 Unit Dictionary, Custom Unit Best Practices (Ackerman, O'Brien)

Outline posted at IMpractices/Metadata section, disc in forum and in highlights in news. Planned to be part of the larger Best practices doc. Content to be filled in by Ackerman, O'Brien, Garrit and Servilla

Next steps: assume some sort of acceptance process. Create a PDF when there is a stable version. Note this on the page, and create a link.

The BP doc can be a resource for researchers and students as well - proactive approach for education.

#### 1.6 EML2.1.0 release: March 31 (O'Brien)

O'Brien is the release coordinator for 2.1., and release candidate (rc1) will be available today or tomorrow via cvs checkout. The first and most important changes to the schema will make it compliant with current schema validators at W3C and in XML editors (ie, newer versions of spy). Other features are now possible for 2.1.1 and beyond. Databits article coming, people can make suggestions to eml-dev.

Relationship to EML2.0.1 docs: Existing EML docs will not be compatible with 2.1.0. Two changes will be necessary for 2.0.1-> 2.1.0 EML: a) The namespaces in the eml document declaration should be updated to "2.1.0" (\*note - if you use the release candidate, this should be 2.1.0rc1) b) add a new element under <additionalMetadata> called <metadata> . This is not trivial, since it affects the customUnit lists.

#### 1.7 IM website (Gries)

Corinna added combinations of IM skills and keywords, documents can now be tagged to make them searchable. Corinna is not sure controlled vocab will work for this. Marsh is working on the "Image" module, which along with profile module, will let you create a bio page. We may need to find a way to attach the controlled vocab to the profiles.

IMexec is the group who should decide what docs go where in this website. Use case: James has added the website recommendations recently, although he put it under IM practices, whereas Corinna had started the same doc under "requirements". It shouldn't exist in 2 places.

Thought/discussion is required to define our sections properly -- eg. maybe "Requirements" should be changed to "EB approved" and reserved for docs which are (or to be) circulated to EB/nisac. Keep in mind - EB does not want to vet every doc.

#### 1.8 Training, planning and survey (Brunt or San Gil)

22 attending. There may be an opportunity to call in for some parts (or view later after capture)., e.g., Security Segment (2hrs).

#### 2 11:00 – 12:00 Meeting Planning

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

2.2 Meeting space and meals (O'Brien) - pending decisions by this group, and the conference program. An evening event depends on the budget, and its cost is roughly equivalent to the amount saved if half the IMs are willing to share rooms.

2.3 Lodging (Colom-Melendez) - George has booked 74 rooms at the Hyatt. We would like these to be available until Aug 1, and we would like to be able to contract more, if needed and as available. George to advise on time line and price structure.

##### 2.4 Transportation (Collins)

post links on drupal site, eventually will be on meeting website

## 2.5 Website (Gries)

IMs should be logging and registering. resend email.

## 2.6 Schedule and Submissions (Gries)

4/15 deadline. not flooding in yet.

## 2.7 Program Committee, session ideas, and speakers (Gries)

Jim Clark - agreed to appear as keynote speaker.

## 2.8 IM 2008 Meeting Agenda (Kaplan)

Agenda for annual meeting is best created after we know the opportunities of the EIMC. our agenda will fill in the gaps. Meeting planning will be put first on next IMexec VTC (May 13 @1000 Mountain Time)

## 2.9 Coming up: IMC Annual Report for Executive Board: April 16th (Kaplan)

Outline issues of IMC governance: May 1 (Collins)

2.10 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 <sup>[2]</sup>

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