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Friday May 10, 2013, noon MDT.

Note taker: Philip

Time keeper: Adam

Attending: Adam, Dan, Emery, James, Jason, John, Kristin, Margaret, Philip, Yang Xia

Topics:

## 1. Updates

- 1.1. EB (Emery)
- 1.2. NISAC (Margaret)

## 2. IMC meeting, July in Fairbanks

- 2.1. Logistics update (Dan, Jason)
- 2.2. Agenda (attached below)
- 2.3. Plenary breakout topics for day 1 (see below)
- 2.4. Other prep
  - - 2.4.1. Calls for nominations: co-chair (1), MExec (1), EB-rep (1, start Spr 2014), INISAC (1, start Spr 2014)
  - - 2.4.2. Site bytes (suggest topics, please)
  - - 2.4.3. Invite Saran to VTC (Margaret)

## 3. Water cooler schedule (all are tentative)

- 3.1. Late May - GeoNIS/SensorNIS
- 3.2. Early June - IMC discusses meeting agenda, suggest breakouts.
- 3.3. Late June - data portal pre-discussion (tentative)?
- 3.4. Early July - Workflows/vocab

Plenary breakout topics:

In Wed (day 1) breakouts, everyone discusses same group of topics, use small groups to facilitate discussion. Each group will presents its summary discussion at report-back. below are suggested bullets for intro ppt slides. Please discuss and refine.

Discussion leaders: John, Philip, Dan, Margaret

Topic 1 - planning ahead:

- - How will PASTA be used by broader community, and how is this communicated?
- - Web service clients that would benefit all sites
- - Relationship of existing databases, priority

Topic 2 - Portal/catalog:

- - outline the outstanding unresolved issues, eg, handling "non-pasta" data,
- - implementation of changes to access policy (if any)

### Topic 3 - Best practices for PASTA

- - Data package quality and design.
- - What are the next checks we should stage?
- - PASTA use: how to 'evaluate', when to publish?

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#### Topics:

#### Updates

#### EB (Emery)

The EB met on Apr 16th. Discussed perennial question on data access – no clear direction from NSF. EB needs to make recommendation. There was a unanimous decision – sites will be free to determine their own access level for their datasets. They can also implement a site policy at their own sites. This proposal will be put forward at the Science Council meeting for a policy decision.

Matt said NSF does not have budget yet. So there are no plans for supplements at this time. Matt is going on sabbatical soon. It is not clear if his LTER role will be covered by a colleague or not.

LNO visioning committee has been assembled but has not begun work yet. The theme of the council meeting is international collaboration. Collaboration plans will influence the LNO renewal. Science Council meeting next year is planned to be held at Moorea Reef. This will be expensive so attendance will probably be limited. There was discussion regarding the next ASM (2015). There are logistical problems due to LNO renewal being around that time. EB and Science council need to weigh in with NSF to move forward if we plan to have the meeting.

EB voted unanimously for new NISAC members.

#### NISAC (Margaret)

NISAC has 4 new scientist members. Margaret gave them an overview of IM activities. There are three co-chairs: Paul Hanson – science, and two IMs – Suzanne Remillard and Gastil Buhl. They haven't decided yet on the best way to keep track of IM activities. Suggested 1/4ly contact from NISAC rep at IM VTCs for a two way update.

#### IMC meeting, July in Fairbanks

#### Logistics update (Dan, Jason)

There is no housing contract, but people need to log in and book rooms by end of May. To simplify payment, people will pay for their share and then seek reimbursement, as appropriate. The mixer is proposed for Tuesday night, but a different venue can be chosen if Thursday is a better option.

ACTION: Jason will send out reminder for booking. Best if people self-organize, but Dan will coordinate, if required.

#### IMC Agenda (All)

#### Plenary breakout topics

These were discussed and it was proposed we reduce the breakout sessions to three.

#### Other Items

ACTION: Dan B will work on the meeting web page to bring everything up to date.

**ACTION:** Jason D will review and confirm the field trip schedules.

Calls for nominations: co-chair (1), IMExec (1), EB-rep (1, start Spring 2014), NISAC (1, start Spring 2014)

**ACTION:** John C to send out a communication by 24th May.

Site bytes (suggest topics, please)

Is prompt required? We should call for content at some point. We can confirm the timing of that at our June VTC.

**ACTION:** ALL - suggestions to be circulated to the group before then.

Invite Saran to VTC

Margaret O will invite Saran to the next IMexec VTC assuming the scheduled time works for the group.

Water cooler schedule (all are tentative)

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Late June - Data portal pre discussion?

Early July – Workflows

**ACTION:** Kristin V will contact the work groups to agree VTC schedules.

<b>Attachment</b>	<b>Size</b>
<u>2013 annual mtg Draft agenda 2.docx</u> [2]	18.22 KB

#### Meeting Notes [3]

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