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Participants

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Topics

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1. EB Report

EB conference call on July 6.

Synthesis data pilot project. Three sites will be selected: SGS, BNZ, and a third. CDR dropped out, CWT still undecided. If necessary, Scott will contact the committee for another recommendation.

It's not clear whether sites will receive any direct funding. This activity will be a benefit and a cost to sites (esp. for legacy data). Scott wants NSF to acknowledge this.

LNO funded sabbaticals. \$50k/year, not widely advertised. Used for grad student and post doc salary support last year. Should these funds be reassigned to other purposes: synthesis activities, new position (communications, education, etc)? Decision to use for post doc for synthesis this year (but set bar high). Revisit each year.

Miscellaneous updates:

LNO supplement will cover ASM down payment and ILTER dues.

2012 Science Council Meeting at Andrews on week of May 14th.

LNO is developing an MOU with Open Topography for access to existing LIDAR data.

Site visits so far have questioned diversity recruitment and site leadership plans.

Next EB meeting on Aug 1 or 2.

2. Data Synthesis Project

RFI is under development. Bob & James were asked to write by Peter and Phil. RFI will be sent out for comments shortly. Remaining questions include: how to staff, how to inventory site datasets, what site effort will be required for individual datasets.

Mechanism to provide funds to site is not clear. Maybe give a fixed percentage to the site? Start with an arbitrary number and then adjust after the pilot exercise. This would avoid lengthy negotiations. A figure of \$500k / site has been floated to NSF. We'll have a better idea after the bids are in.

How to take advantage of commonalities? Common problems, shared code, etc. Use some funds for central projects.

A new committee may be needed.

3. Supplement Proposals

LNO is currently reviewing 5 sites, waiting for final drafts from 5 sites, and has sent endorsements to 10 sites.

There was a good and timely response from the community.

4. Working Groups

Governance WG. Initiated the ToR effort. Karen, Nicole & Eda have been most active. WG needs to decide whether to continue. Some kind of final report will be required.

IMC History project. Initiated by Karen, reviewed by Don, Corinna has worked on a timeline application. The Keeper of the Lists could update information as part of his or her role (maintaining a history of decision making). This information should be published on the IM website. Don and Margaret will follow up with Karen.

5. Nomination Process

Last-minute nominations have not been popular with the IMC. IM-Exec should ask for nominations by mid-August. Don & Margaret will send out general call. Nominators should check with nominees. Nominees should write 1-paragraph statements.

This process is tied to IMC ToR which should be consulted for details. Note that the ToR is not yet adopted.

Add a place for all ToRs on IM website. Maybe under Resources with links from other sections.

6. EIMC Meeting

So far 27 papers have been submitted. Still waiting for the last of manuscript reviews. Expect to send out announcements in next few days.

Schedule still to be determined. E.g. whether BoF sessions will run concurrently with oral presentations.

About 60 people registered so far. Authors are waiting to hear whether papers are accepted. Need 100 to break even, 110 to cover printing costs. Corinna will circulate current list to IM-Exec.

BoF sessions. Maybe add one for sensor networks? Growing interest after recent supplements. Don will follow up. Wade would like to lead a session on workflows. See IM website for other entries. No one currently attached to Drupal BoF.

7. IMC Meeting

Two remaining workshops for 2011: LTERMapS, IM training.

See draft meeting agenda on IM website. Check on number of available break-out rooms. Ideally four separate breakout groups. Don & Margaret will invite Nancy, Saran, and Matt to join at 11 am.

Business meeting could be moved to late afternoon if desired. Originally scheduled after lunch because of visitors.

Start break-out groups with some initial plenary discussion and direction. Leaders may be Margaret & Don. Need to attach names at some point and arrange for introductions. Maybe assign leaders of subgroups as well.

Get feedback and volunteers from the IMC. Don & Margaret will send out announcement.

Beach across from hotel has a single picnic table. We can reserve beach and table ahead of time. Use blankets and camp chairs. Hotel is about 20 minutes from airport and university.

Guests? A few have contacted us. Should we contact others? Or is the EIMC a better avenue? Too late to add guests to IMC meeting this year.

Meeting Notes ^[2]

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