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Thursday, March 17, 2011 -- 10:00-12:00 MST

Participants

Members: Don Henshaw, Margaret O'Brien (co-chairs), Sven Bohm, Emery Boose, Corinna Gries, Suzanne Remillard, Dan Bahaiddin

Ex officio: Yang Xia

Guests: Will Pockman

Topics

1. EB Report
2. NISAC / IM-Exec Meeting
3. EIMC Meeting
4. IM-Exec Meeting

1. EB Report

The last EB meeting was at NSF in conjunction with the annual LTER mini-symposium. EB members met with program officers from BIO and other directorates. In general there was strong support for LTER. CZO (critical zone observatory) program officers would like to build connections to LTER, including collaborative working groups for science and IM. No information yet on a replacement for Nancy Huntly. The current budget situation in Congress is discouraging for all.

Software institutes (CI program, used to be S2I2). Two RFPs last year, waiting for center RFP. Peter and others hope that LTER will get involved, perhaps with other ecological observatories.

Legacy data. Funding was approved for a consultant to work with 2 or 3 sites. Tentatively SGS (wrapping up) and CWT (lots of social science data). Possibility of buying out a site IM to help.

Future scenarios. LNO has funded initial efforts.

ULTRAs. 21 awards last year, no new sites this year. Forest Service is ready to move ahead but NSF funding is uncertain.

LTER team (Nancy, Peter, Matt). No supplements this year. Funding is likely for Schoolyard and Social sciences (different directorates, not BIO).

National Advisory Board. The NAB is very supportive of LTER activities and plans. The NAB is concerned that the LTER program officer position at NSF has again shifted from permanent to rotator.

LTER annual report. Good discussion of goals and achievements.

Mini-symposium. Excellent and available online.

NEON. NSF is now interested in building collaborations between LTER and NEON.

2. NISAC / IM-Exec Meeting

Joint meeting of NISAC and IM-Exec on March 29.

Will Pockman and John Porter (NISASC co-chairs) have added most of the items proposed by IM-Exec to the NISAC agenda. These include an IM-Exec summary of recent activities, a NISAC summary of the Monday meeting, and a joint VTC with NSF.

Communication between NISAC and IM-Exec. Invite a NISAC co-chair quarterly to an IM-Exec VTC?

Interactions with new network committees. General question of how data activities are coordinated in the network. For example, how will NISAC and IM-Exec interact with the data synthesis committee?

Connections to science working groups.

Migration / integration of ClimDB, EcoTrends, etc into the NIS. Questions include who will build the EML.

Schedule LNO report early, after the IM-Exec and NISAC reports.

NSF VTC. Options are 11 am and 1 pm (MDT). Later time is better for us. Invite Nancy and Peter. Last year Todd was interested in improving the ability of sites to participate in the NIS. Report on the use of last year's supplements (also include this in report to EB).

Congruency checker will be fully functional later this year. Develop a plan for applying to all sites?

Cyberinfrastructure for 21st century. White paper available for several years.

LTER as a repository for data from other programs. This idea came up in a conversation with Liz Blood in connection with the macroecology program at NSF. Many LTER sites include non-LTER data. But Liz is advising macroecology applicants to propose managing their data in LTER repositories. This caused some concern at the EB meeting.

Nancy is staying at NSF through October. Scott Collins was the first permanent LTER program officer at NSF.

Schedule EIMC planning for later in the afternoon.

Proposal reviews. Theresa has not received a response on the GIS proposal. Need to identify the holdup.

3. EIMC Meeting

Budget discussions continue between Corinna and George. Probable cost overrun. Last year's meeting was under budget but LNO is asking us to stay within our annual budget.

EIMC meeting is at the DoubleTree hotel but meeting rooms there are too expensive for the IMC. NCEAS has break out rooms but the only large space there is an auditorium. UCSB has conference rooms and a large auditorium but is more isolated in terms of food and other amenities.

NCEAS is about 1 mile away, UCSB is farther. Transportation options include walking, buses, and university vans.

First night mixer. DoubleTree is too expensive. UCSB has a nice patio. Caterers are expensive. Maybe find a restaurant, or meet outdoors at a park or the beach.

Total budget for IM-Exec and IMC meetings is \$38k. IM-Exec meeting is about \$6k. Current estimate for IMC meeting is \$34k (\$2k over budget). Some savings in combining controlled vocabulary meetings with IM-Exec and SC meetings. Also saved money last year.

ASM meeting relies on supplements.

4. IM-Exec Meeting

IM-Exec meeting on March 30.

Meet with Bob to discuss budgets and LNO activities. Last year's discussion was informative. Maybe an hour after lunch.

Start by meeting with Mark and Duane (VTC). Status of congruency checker, NIS tiger teams, etc. Plan for deployment of congruency checker. Invite Mark and Duane for 9 am.

VTC schedule. Skipped March session. Schedule NIS tiger team reports for April. Future possibilities include: congruency checker, ClimDB migration, database models, GIS.

Several tiger teams are active now: congruency checker, workflows, metadata (?).

Strategy for migrating ClimDB, EcoTrends, etc, if not already decided in meeting with NISAC. ClimDB and EcoTrends pose different problems.

EIMC planning. Afternoon discussion. Identify working groups for meeting.

IM report to EB due in May. Dan is assembling materials from KBS meeting. Don and Margaret will write 2-page executive summary. Brainstorm ideas at meeting.

Production workshop schedule for next year.

IM-Exec breakfast at LNO. Rapid ride at 7:30 am. Early arrivals could meet for dinner on Monday.

Meeting Notes ^[2]

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