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May 13, 2008, 10 – 12 MDT

ATTENDING: Corinna, Todd, John, Margaret, Hap, Barbara, Nicole, James, Wade. by phone?
Eda, Barrie,

AGENDA:

9:50 – 10:00 VTC configuration

1. 10:00 – 10:30 Reports
2. 10:30 – 11:00 Discussion: Improving communication within the IM community (Gries)
3. 11:00 – 11:15 Working Group Updates (various)
4. 11:15 – 11:30 EIMC (Gries)
5. 11:30-12:00 IMC 2008 Meeting (see draft agenda next page) (Kaplan)
6. IMexec priorities for this year

1. 10:00 – 10:30 Reports:

1.1 NISAC, CI implementation plan progress (Sheldon)

Work since early March: Science questions and needs are still unknown, so don't know timing on those elements. Instead, NISAC has been working on other areas: improve network level communication, improve ability of sites to respond quickly to initiatives, reduce level of idiosyncratic heterogeneity among sites. One of our biggest deficiencies is an integrated framework or process that helps guide creation of and tasks for working groups - to organize more of our efforts toward network level CI. We need shared code, access, timing especially wrt to LNO staff work schedules, individual site IM needs and compensation for network level work. Also need process for evaluating standards, possibly many in a short period. Some governance issues may come up: e.g. NISAC is advisory, IMexec may take on vetting role, WG leaders needed for disseminate info. Determine which issues still need to be brought to EB. Could be some governance issues. Took all initiatives, delineated task within each, assigning groups to working on each. Timeline: should have detailed material by time of IMC mtg in Sept. EB wants to see something soon. EB wants non-controversial terminology for IM compensation modes (ie, "working visit" not "mini-sabbatical"). See report doc for remaining issues discussed.

1.2 Science Council meeting, Baltimore (Gries):

1.2.1 Phil Taylor: status of decadal plan. gone to bio advisory committee, ISSE work has really had an impact - thank you Barbara.

1.2.2 Environmental Research and Education (ERE). producing a "green book". NSF would like to start some env programs back up, which were dropped to min levels. LTER needs to be

positioned in this effort.

1.2.3 ULTRA (initative from forest service) 9 urban LT research sites. Forest service in discussions with NSF for their buy in. If so, OTRA sites will be integrated into LTER. If no NSF buy in, then FS choses 4-5 sites. NSF will not go with pre-selected sites. Intention is not to cut any existing lter site funding.

1.2.4 CNH proposals (Coupled Natural-human Systems program): find questions addressing network level science (beyond cross-site). Slight shift in perception of value of network activity.

1.2.5 misc: talks: forest fires in arctic, kelp forest and coastal ecosystems, ted gragson: experience with teaching an online class.

150k at lno for workshops: WGs met based on ISSE themes: land-water use change (well-organized), climate change (enso flooding, fire, ...), ____ and species change (next SC meeting organized around connectivity)

1.3 Exec (Henshaw)

1.4 LNO survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=0tU6xC3MXqBQoVeVW6ZkyTUZQE2PioNho...> [21]) (Brunt)

1.4.1 Main areas needing improvement

Grad students are uninformed. Their web pages out of date.

Doc archive hard to navigate, and finding info hard.

remote sensing archive not really used (10%). No proven need yet - most people who use RS data dont depend on network for it. A network RS project could change this, and then probably better to acquire data, not imagery

1.4.2 LNO provides virtual servers for some sites. All sites should know about this service.

1.4.3 Sites want lno to offer web services

1.5 GLEON (Benson)

(Global Lakes Ecology Observation Network) real time data in lakes, eco relationships. 2 papers submitted to EIMC, data model, and ____

grass-roots organization of limnologists, ecologist, ims. Provides expertise, not funding. Meeting soon in Florida, next year in New Zealand. Also meets with CREON (Coral reefs), another grass roots org.

2. 10:30 – 11:00 Discussion:

2.1 Improving communication within the IM community (Gries) - A lot of discussion on this already. Do we need an informal VTC (virtual water cooler) - eg, every 2nd monday for informal exchanges between/among sites, and imexec. Sites may not realize that VTC is generally available. Up to 48 is possible, but some problems with large groups (polycom addressing this)

3. Observatory group meeting (Brunt)

*eons are very interested in federating, for leverage.

too early for any agreement on cyber infrastructure, but started on requirements for secondary backup storage (bid out, commercial) and definition of interfaces and API

Note: Dropped WG updates from agenda, due to lack of time. Notes may have been added by individuals. Skipped to quick update on EIMC.

4. 11:00 – 11:15 Working Group Updates:

4.1 Unit Dictionary (Ackerman)

4.2 Controlled Vocabulary (Gries)

4.3 EML 2.1.0 Release (O'Brien) - Release candidate #3 is ready to go, you should all have received an email with a link for download. There are some issues with the parser to be resolved before release. See Data Bits article for details.

side note: "The EML Experiment" - if people haven't got the vision, they won't. We are better off than without it. remember: XML is not meant for general consumption, needs to be styled. software development is a long term commitment.

4.4 GIS (Collins)

4.5 Training at LNO (Brunt)

5. 11:15 – 11:30 EIMC (Gries)

5.1 Registration numbers: 50 registrants so far.

5.2 Submissions of papers and posters: 30 papers, will reopen submissions for more posters with only abstracts required.

5.3 Speakers

5.4 Ideas about organization of sessions

6 11:30-12:00 IMC 2008 Meeting (see draft agenda next page) (Kaplan)

6.1 Update on website (Ackerman)

6.2 Site Bytes content and deadline (Kaplan)

7. IMexec priorities for this 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

8. DRAFT AGENDA FOR LTER IM 2008

Sept 8, arrive

Hotel:

Meeting Location:

6:00 Mixer (40 per person – 1600)

7:00 Working Dinner Ideas:

a. show off Drupal site and have editors make presentations – Just a broad overview (revisit with website as we go through the agenda)

b. Some ideas from Baker - On Timeline of our IM Priorities

Time Series, Regional Studies, Synthesis themes, Possible future themes, including data from sensors

C. other ideas

New working groups (or adapt existing) to address specific areas of implementation plan (ie, group to examine models for sharing...).

working toward centers: gis center, sociology, not all lters do the same thing.

Sept 9, one-day meeting

Meeting Location:

Breakfast?

8:30 – 8:35 review agenda

8:35-8:45 review of IM priorities and meeting goals (Kaplan or Gries)

8:45 – 9:45 10 minute reports and 10 minute Q & A on Network level activities

EB (Henshaw)

CI Implementation (Sheldon/Gries or Kaplan)

NISAC (Sheldon)

The NIS and Ecotrends (Servilla)

9:45-10:00 BREAK

10:00-11:45 Breakout into Working Groups – sign up before the meeting???

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH (at hotel with Posters up in room)?

1:00 – 2:00 Business Meeting

2:00 – 2:15 BREAK

2:15 – 3:15 Breakout into Working Groups

3:15 - 4:00 Working Group Reports

4:00 – 4:30 Meeting Wrap-up

4:30 – 5:00 Updates from partners

5:00 – 6:00 Demo/Poster session

Meeting Notes ^[3]

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