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Attending: Corinna Gries, Hap Garret, James Brunt, Margaret O'Brien, Nicole Kaplan, Suzanne Remillard, Todd Ackerman, John Campbell

Absent: Barrie Collins

Action Items: see end of post

1. Reports

1.1 EB – Corinna

1.1.1. NSF "ultra" funded, handed off to forest service. short research grants, with a deadline in February (?)

1.1.2 set dates for EB winter meeting, and NSF mini-symposium: feb 26 (theme: project that deb peters is working on, insert name please) with a sbe (?) funded symposium on EERE (env edu research education committee) ISSE and decadal plan (next big environmental initiative will incorporate this)

1.2 LNO site review - James

went well, but no report back yet. recommendation was to fully fund the proposal, which of course, depends on budgets.

1.2 Data access – Corinna

a subgroup of EB (peter groffman, ted graxon, sally holbrook) met to review web design recommendations and site's individual compliance. Sites seem to be sufficient The controlled vocab was discussed (keep EB in the loop). But will need resources to implement.

Problem: if you only look at criteria, all are implemented, except the recommendation for searchable datasets. But datasets are listed and downloads work. So it seems that when people "cant find datasets", it is because they have a specific idea of what they want (eg, primary production, or a creator), and they have to browse through a long list. A controlled vocab would really help.

Note: the hbr site does it well in metacat (author searches, etc) go look.

Reasonable steps could be:

1. data access tool implemented. most sites reservations regarding making data available pertain to tracking issues.
2. sites add data links to their eml, and use data access proxy
3. create common forms (or even skins) that sites can install on their data pages

2. ASM Program

Theme: integrating science and society in a world of constant change

Committee membership: Corinna, Kristin are on ASM planning committees

scheduling of IMC meeting: IMexec wants to have the IMC meeting starting Sat evening 9/12 (travel day), and all day Sunday (9/13). There may be some conflict with the EB meeting, and which mtg our EB-rep will attend. Nicole suggested a mixer with the EB on Sunday night. (see action items)

action item: find out when EB meets.

2. 2009 Virtual Water Cooler

2.1. VTC schedule – Suzanne

Current list here, and at [news/meetings/virtualupdate/schedule](#).

more people to be contacted, based on "Possible Future Updates"

Nov 3/4 - EcoTrends; the good, the bad, the ugly; lessons learned; Christine Laney

Dec 1/2 - LTER CI Assessment and Needs Survey; John Vande Castle

Jan 5/6 – Planning ASM Workshops; Nicole Kaplan

Feb 2/3 - ILTER; Kristin Vanderbilt

Mar 2/3

Apr 6/7

May 4/5

Jun 1/2

Future topics:

gene sequencing data: that community has not yet outlined what environmental parameters (if any) should accompany gene data. Will involve scientists/ims, so this could be the subject of a ASM working group and this vtc only a lead-in. We dont know where lter sites what to go with gene data. Inigo has some contact via his recent meetings, and may suggest inviting some ecologists to the VTC.

Data proxy server: timing of VTC depends on code progress, and Mark's other projects.

Bill Michener: new projects driad (with national center evolutionary bio), datanetone (pending), interop

3. IMC08/EIMC08 in Review

3.1 Feedback – Corinna (and all)

3.1.1 would like a response Matt's list of items to evaluate EIMC on:

- a. was this the right mix of formats - panels, posters, keynotes, presentations
- b. was content appropriate quality, and meets expectaitons
- c. should we do this again, if so how often

3.2 Survey - Nicole

3.2.2 surveys, one each for EIMC and IMC. incorporate Matt's questions

comments o survey due to Nicole, by the end of next week, please

request: can surveymonkey save intermittently, so submitter can review previous answers?

3.3 logistics/Budget – Margaret/Corinna

lessons learned:

3.3.1. dont use Open Conference Server. buy something instead.

3.3.2. publishing: open submission, or preselected/submitted to ecological informatics, or ieee(?)

3.3.3. travel restrictions need to be published, maybe on a lno travel page, since some restrictions are nsf-controlled.

3.4.4. first evening activities need to be optional, and not participation-intense. It is increasingly difficult for people to get there by early evening. The meeting should begin officially on the morning following travel-day, and first evening activities should be limited to general discussions like the rotating-tables.

3.4.5. no info on how the budget fared yet.

3.4 IMC 08 Report to EB – Nicole

Due by May 09 meeting

4. Projects/Discussion Items

4.1 Revisions to Web Guidelines and Recommendations and IM Review Criteria – Nicole

4.1.1. Currently, there is no mechanism for updating the documents on IM review and Website guidelines. Examples: 1) guidelines say EML should be at level 2, 2) participation in Virtual Water coolers could be recommended, since these are a major means of staying informed.

4.1.2. Change history of these documents should be fairly infrequent, e.g. 3-5 years, to avoid a moving target

4.1.3. post additions/changes on the IM website, and start a comment period.

Did not get to these topics:

4.2 Update Training list on Website – Nicole

4.3 Governance WG

4.4 Network News Articles

5. Planning ahead

5.1. Next Imexec VTC – Suzanne

Suzanne to create doodle poll

5.2. Winter IMExec Meeting – Nicole

Action Items

1. find out when ASM-EB meeting is scheduled (their next vtc is 10/14, Corinna)
2. surveys for each meeting: EIMC and IMC. incorporate Matt's questions (Nicole)
3. examine and update the documents: Website recommendations and IMS Review Criteria
4. summarize feedback from last year's reviews (John)

Meeting Notes ^[2]

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