

notes from the 2019-01-29 meeting of the IM Exec

zoom channel: <https://ucsb.zoom.us/j/419931872>

Attending:

- Stevan Earl (co-chair; notetaker)
- Suzanne Remillard (co-chair)
- Dan Bahauddin (EB representative)
- Jason Downing
- Marty Downs
- Kristin Vanderbilt (EDI representative)
- Tim Whiteaker

Executive Board report (Dan)

The EB has not met since the last IM Exec meeting so nothing to report. There will be an EB meeting before the NEXT IM Exec meeting so there should be something to report at the next IM Exec meeting.

Environmental Data Initiative update (Kristin)

Working on the EDI proposal, nearing its penultimate version. There is not yet an RFP, but EDI will be ready when it is released.

There has been a lot of progress on ECOCOMP. Information managers should expect to be contacted by EDI to identify candidate data sets.

Colin making progress on EML Assemblyline.

EDI has an active webinar series with more events planned.

The EDI fellowship program advertisement is about to be released - this will be the advertisement to identify the fellows. Stacy is one IM that was awarded a fellow.

Planning for a help desk at ESA.

EDI semantics working group will meet next week for the first time. There are approximately 15 participants in this group, most are information managers.

Climate data working group will meet in March in ABQ.

Suzanne inquiring if registration for EDI events is required as it would be nice to be able to pop in if time allows but not necessarily having had registered. Kristin indicated that there are logistical reasons for registering, and Marty noting that it is possible to register at any time, even just before (or during) the event.

working group reports

Most working groups, except those spearheaded by EDI, are somewhat stagnant at this point.

WIRED

Nothing to report

DEIMS

Nothing to report

ECC

Nothing to report

ClimDB/HydroDB

Will meet week of March 11 in ABQ.

Semantics

First meeting to be held next week.

IM Orientation

Nothing to report

Core Metabase

Margaret O'Brien has been working on how she will populate the SQL scripts on GitHub in a way that avoids issues with specific names.

Still waiting on Margaret to finalize the initial draft and push it to the repo so the rest of us can hack at it. The latest schema is here:

http://sbc.lternet.edu/external/InformationManagement/LTER_IMC/tmp_lter_core_metabase

Using GitHub pages for docs, here: <https://lter.github.io/LTER-core-metabase/>

IMC 2019 meeting

NCO is funding the IMC part of the meeting. Funding is likely available from EDI. We need to figure out the logistics of how funding from multiple sources is going to work.

One model: IMs who are presenting at ESIP should seek funds from EDI, and EDI should focus on funding those individuals. IMs not presenting should seek funding from their sites.

IM Exec will continue to consider the financial logistics.

We need to begin planning meeting content and logistics. We will use the March VWC to discuss meeting ideas; may use the April VWC for this as well if needed.

Action item: Stevan to contact Corinna to discuss additional details of EDI financial support

Enabling FAIR Data - Invitation to become a Signatory

Suzanne has started a document outlining a potential LTER commitment to FAIR. Other IM Exec members will read and comment on the document by February 5, 2019. Jason will send the draft document to the IMC in advance of the February 11th VWC. The IMC will have the opportunity to comment on the document at the VWC. Dan will present a final version of the document to the EB at the March 4th meeting for them to consider signing.

Action item: All IM Exec members review the draft document

Action item: Jason send the FAIR document to the IMC in advance of the February VWC

water cooler

February 11 VWC topics include:

- FAIR document
- Tim will present on Zotero
- Marty take questions concerning the information request and provide updates, and, possibly, touch on the LTER bibliography

Action item: Jason send the FAIR document to the IMC in advance of the February VWC

Databits

John Porter and Sven volunteered to be editors. Tim will poll John and Sven each month as part of his request for working group updates, and offer that IM Exec is happy to provide any input that is needed or that would be helpful.

Action item: Tim will reach out to John and Sven

decadal review

This was the topic of the most recent VWC. Notes from the session have not yet been posted to the intranet but Jason and Suzanne will ensure that they are posted.

Best would be to have a draft of this 2-pager for the science council when they meet in May as that is when a lot of work on the rest of the document will take place. NCO has asked sites to provide their input by March 15th - this seems like a good timeline for this document as well. Suzanne will create a Doodle poll to arrange a meeting among IM Exec members and others who expressed interest to contribute to this document for a late February meeting to begin this process.

Action item: Suzanne and Jason will post notes from this VWC

Action item: Suzanne will create a Doodle poll for a late-February meeting to work on the document

LTER bibliography

Marty will touch on this subject during the February water cooler.