

Meeting of the IMExec hosted by Zoom

2017-11-28

Attendees: G. Gastil-Buhl (chair), M. Downs (NCO), S. Earl (notetaker), J. Downing, S. Remillard

W. Sheldon (EB rep.) sends his regrets

EB report

No report this month as the EB has not met (and Wade is not attending).

Working group reports

ECC (from Margaret O'Brien)

DateTime - preliminary version now on staging, but will not be added to production yet. the check for "preferred" dateTime formatStrings will be adapted to return an info. Working group presented their progress in a water cooler Nov 13, and the slides are on the IM website <http://im.lternet.edu/node/1322>

DEIMS

This will be the next EDI tutorial topic. Kristin is not actually the spokesman for this group but she will get back to us with who is the appropriate contact. There are currently five sites that use DEIMS, though ILTER has embraced DEIMS vehemently .

Post-meeting update from Kristin: Eda is the appropriate contact for this working group.

Terms of Reference

IMExec was asked to review the document, particularly section 5.

IMExec discussed the issue of potentially problematic timing in the election of an EB rep and their participation in the Science Council meeting. IMExec generally agreed with the suggestion(s) of Wade Sheldon as outlined in recent edits of the revised By-Laws document. Separate but related, Wade has suggested that his term as EB rep is ending next year. The timing of this would reflect the year that he filled in when Margaret O'Brien vacated the position counting toward his term, though it is not clear as to whether Wade was officially elected at the end of that fill-in year. IMExec will consult with Wade to determine if he would be willing to complete a full-term with a starting date corresponding to what would have been the end of Margaret O'Brien's term.

It is unclear that section 10, Budget and Expenses, is necessary or appropriate as the IMExec/IMC does not have a budget. However, there have been cases in the past where working groups have had supplemental funding, and the IMExec has helped to coordinate

proposal for supplemental funds (e.g., during the ARRA era). Marty suggests that the first sentence of the section could remain, but that subsequent wording should state something along the lines of "IMExec consults with NCO and the EB to set priorities any additional funding." This may be in fact relevant given that the NCO does maintain a budget to, for example, partially support one IMC meeting annually. IMExec elected to suggest keeping the section but made minor edits.

Generally agreed that IMExec will now turn the document with edits/suggestions back to the working group for review and polishing; the document should then go to the IMC for final review and a vote.

Web guidelines

The group discussed draft guidelines and some significant changes, which the working group is still reviewing.

WiRED

No activity since the last update. Gastil asked if IMExec need to push for some progress on this front?

Marty indicated that it has been many months since Margaret, Corinna, and Marty last discussed roles and responsibilities pertaining to developing new resources/sites. There has been some difficulty upgrading the IM site from 6 to 7 so they created a new 7 site. Not sure which modules are required. There has not been any activity relating to moving/transferring content.

Suzanne indicating that if the NCO version 7 site is ready and able to accept content, then we (WiRED) should begin to transfer content. Marty added that we could begin adding content, and add modules if and as needed (given that we are not sure which modules are required).

Suzanne will push for the working group to meet again to discuss moving content. Jason added that he recalled the group reaching a point where a lot of labor would be required, and that there was some concern about what to move/transfer versus archive. Jason feels that the group needs to reach out to others that may be familiar with particular pieces of content to help with the transfer of those materials.

Post-meeting update from Margaret O'Brien:

Hi all -

Heard you'd be interested in this (WIRED google folder)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3xT0TaiQmt0TkVVd2hISHBMYk0>

It shows progress in migrating some content from im.lternet.edu to edi.

Nearly all of what EDI is adopting will go here: <https://environmentaldatainitiative.org/resources/> and what I have moved so far is under "Five phases of data publishing"

Margaret

Vocab licensing

All those who responded indicated that they were comfortable with a CC0 license. IMExec concurs, and this issue is resolved.

Code repository

Deadline for comments was November 15th. IMExec does not have a comment on the code repository.

LTER sites' website recommendations

IMExec clarified issues at the last meeting. The document has been finalized and the issue is resolved. NCO will post the final document, and IMExec should consider posting the final document on the IM intranet as well.

DataBits

Will this be hosted through the NCO (audience = information management plus) or EDI (audience = information management)? There are some who would like to see DataBits become a data management newsletter, not an LTER information management newsletter.

Suzanne reiterated that we discussed this at the summer meeting, and had resolved that we would publish one more issue (as LTER). We may have lost the opportunity to publish a last issue given the difficulties in Puerto Rico.

IMExec feels that NCO is the most appropriate host for DataBits. IMExec will express that view to Eda, John, and Don and look for consensus among that small group of active DataBits participants.

December watercooler: ASM

Gastil: should we have a debrief of the past meeting?

We will revisit the traditional format and poll as to whether which, if any, of these things would be valuable for future meetings. We will poll for working group topics, and, particularly, potential interactions between data management and science.

Stevan: Margaret O'Brien's work on semantics, and insights from EDI's ecocomdp efforts are potential working group efforts.

ESIP Membership

Ran out of time and did not have time to discuss, will discuss at the next meeting.