Science Working Group Steering Committee

[Google Hangouts meeting](#) 2017.07.19

The previous meeting was at 2017.05.17.

Attendance

Voting members
- ORNL – Jay Jay Billings – *present*   - Itema – Torkild Ulvøy Resheim – *apologies*   - Kichwa Coders – Tracy Miranda – *present*   - Diamond Light Source – Matthew Gerring – *absent*   - Eclipse Foundation – Mike Milinkovich – *present*   - IBM – Serban Maeran – *absent*
Non voting attendees
- Marc Vloemans   - Philip Wenig   - Christopher Brookes
Total attendance: 6; 3 of 6 voting members

Agenda

1. Simultaneous Release October 2017
2. Eclipse Science webinar series
3. Science @ Eclipsecon Europe
4. Potential new members/projects
5. Marketing strategy & approach for Science WG
6. Eclipse Science graphical branding

Minutes

Simultaneous Release October 2017

Planned for October 10 2017. Seven projects participating (EAVP, Chemclipse, January, EASE, Rich Beans, TeXlipse, Triquetrum).

Details here: https://wiki.eclipse.org/Science_WG/2017_Release

The Science PMC to oversee release.

Projects should let Eclipse IP team know if any major IP requirements.
Wayne Beaton encourages all of the project teams to create release records for their participating releases, it will help the IP Team with planning.

Would be good to have logos for released projects - process is well defined, just needs folks to spearhead and co-ordinate.

Eclipse Science Webinar Series

We are working with Kat Hisrch of Eclipse Foundation to have an Eclipse Science Webinar series as part of the recently launched Eclipse Virtual Meetup.

Following our release we plan to have 5-6 virtual meetups in the period 10-18 October 2017. We need to provide a concrete list of speakers & topics to Kat so she can plan the series.

List of potential speakers (including those volunteered at EclipseCon France):
- Overview SWG & ORNL - Jay Billings
- EAVP: how to embed in your application: RCP, workbenches - Robert Smith
- XACC - Alex McClaskey (open up to Quantum computing communities)
- ChemClipse/Charting - Philip Wenig
- TeXclipse - Torkild Resheim
- January - Tracy Miranda/Peter Chang
- Triquetrum - Erwin ?
- EASE - ??

Science @ EclipseCon Europe

Call for proposals has concluded, some Science talks proposed.

From Anne: We are expecting that the Science WG will be meeting during the Unconference, and it sounds like you are already thinking of a workshop. Would a half-day slot be sufficient for what the WG would like to do? If so, that would allow us to allocate space to some additional groups who would like to be part of the Unconference this year.

Likely we will go ahead with Science Unconference, possibly just half day.

Potential new members/projects

CEA - HPC related project, http://www.nabla-lang.org/. We will look for an opportunity for them to present their project to the group. Likely they are already members as a result of being affliates of CEA-List.

SkyMind - Deeplearning4J - have already submitted a project proposal https://projects.eclipse.org/proposals/deepelarning4j which will go public in due course. Likely this project will join as a Technology project initially. After that has the option to join Science Working Group or even a new working group (machine learning?). Tracy, Philip & Adam from SkyMind have discussed potential integration of Eclipse January with ND4J. Jay and Tracy have volunteered to be mentors for deeplearning4j project.

Marketing strategy & approach for Science WG

Marc Vloemans, Director of Ecosystem Development at Eclipse Foundation, joined us and outlined the recent strategy initiative carried out with the LocationTech working group. Science WG have agreed we would like to carry out a similar exercise to come up with a compelling strategy for the group. We will follow Marc's approach and start with a clean slate. For the first step, Marc will put together an email to be circulated to all SWG members/stakeholders to provide input from their perspective. At the next steering committee we can dedicate some time to reviewing the feedback & next steps.

Here is the summary of the approach from Marc.

it is an outside-in look at the WG and follows an iterative process with the SC, addressing in the following order:
- what does the outerworld look like: trends and developments in the world outside of the WG
- what opportunities are there
- what are the strengths/weaknesses of the WG
- what is/are (given the above) a single/more realistic but still ambitious goal/s
- which strategy fits the ambition, while using opportunities and strengths (at the same time circumnavigating threats and weakness)
- which particular marketing strategies fit the overall WG strategy
- how does the appropriate marketing-mix look like: what is (are) the value propositions to the various stakeholders
- which value is delivered through which offering by Eclipse and/or the WG

- relevant marketing channels to reach stakeholders and related activities
- resources and planning

Eclipse Science graphical branding

We did not discuss this, it might make more sense to return to this following the strategy & branding exercise.