

# Controlled Vocabulary Design Draft Plan

## Learn about the System Infrastructure of IEDA

### SESAR

SESARDB

### EarthChem Portal

Internal (Controlled): PetDB SedDB VentDB DLDS

External (Uncontrolled): MGDS Geochron MAGA GVP  
NavDat USGS MetPetDB  
GANSEKI GEOROC ODM2 ...

### EarthChem Library

ECLDB

### GeoMapApp

Question: Will EarthChem DB replace PetDB, SedDB, VentDB and DLDS?

## Clarify the purpose of building CV

What will the CV be used for?

The structure of CV depend on the purpose.

### Indexing/Tagging support

example: one sample data may be indexed by sample type, rock classification, etc.

### Retrieval support (including both search and discovery)

### Organization and Navigation support

## Define the scope of indexed/retrieved content

Limit the content to DB, exclude other media like image, paper, etc..

Which db will be indexed by CV?

Internal DB like PetDB

Which db will be retrieved using CV?

Internal DB and external DB

What types of subjects can be included in the CV?

Check the CV of distinct DB (including internal and external).

Check the metafield of the distinct search interfaces across different systems.

## Create CV

- Determine which format will be used for CV.

SKOS? OWL? **(Prefer to SKOS)**

- Determine which structure will be used for CV.

Flat? Hierarchical? Facets? **(Maybe hybrid)**

**Hierarchies:** have one dimension of classification, divide and redivide things into groups where each new group is a sub-groups of its parent group.

**Facets:** handle three or more dimensions of classification.

- Identify the top categories or facets based on analysis and scope of concepts.  
geographic features | physiographic features | tectonic settings
- Gather term concepts from content audit, interviews, and other sources.
- Come up with example second-level terms for each category (possibly even a few third-level terms).
- First review and revisions **(internal, meeting)**.
- Making full use of all the concepts gathered, fully build the CV out to lower levels.
- Second review and revisions **(internal, meeting)**.
- Import them into CV management software.
- Create non-preferred term, scope notes or other term details (if necessary).
- Third review and revisions **(internal, online)**
- Test CV with sample indexing and retrieval, and revise it **(extra coding work)**.
- Put it to public, accept review from outside of IEDA, and revise as needed.

## Standards

ANSI/NISO Z39.19-2005 (R2010)

## Software for CV creation and management (open source stack)

SISSVoc (Java servlet)

iQvoc (Ruby & Rail)

TemaTres (LAMP)

**what we need to consider when we choose a CV software?**

**Stable URIs, SPARQL endpoints, web service, capability of management, capability of publishment, database server supporting**

## Prepare CV Server

applying domain name

Setting up CV server

## Other issues

Develop new interface for CV management software to keep consistency with IEDA web Style (if needed, extra coding work)

Port CV to distinct DB which need to be indexed (extra coding work, hard part)

CV maintenance (discuss in future)

## CrossRef or Validation with external CVs

GeoRef Thesaurus Lists <http://www.americangeosciences.org/georef/georef-thesaurus-lists>

- [List A](#) GeoRef Categories/Subjects covered
- [List B](#) Age dating methods
- [List C](#) Commodities
- [List D](#) Chemical hierarchies, methods, and data terms
- [List E](#) Geologic age (stratigraphic) terms
- [List F](#) Fossils
- [List G](#) Meteorites
- [List H](#) Igneous rocks
- [List I](#) Sedimentary rocks
- [List J](#) Metamorphic rocks
- [List K](#) Sedimentary structures
- [List L](#) Minerals
- [List M](#) Soils
- [List N](#) Sediments
- [List O](#) Geographic terms
- [List P](#) Major terms
- [List R](#) Rock units

### Geologic age

the Geological Time Table, compiled by B. U. Haq, Sixth revised, enlarged and updated edition, Amsterdam, Elsevier, 2007.

the International Commission on Stratigraphy's International Chronostratigraphic Chart

<http://www.stratigraphy.org/index.php/ics-chart-timescale>

updated each year

### Minerals

IMA List of Minerals at IMA-Mineralogy <http://www.ima-mineralogy.org/>

updated every month

### [Rocks classification](#)

Igneous rocks; a classification and glossary of terms, edited by R. W. Le Maitre, second edition, New York, Cambridge University Press, 2002

### [variables \(parameters, items\)](#)

Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) Registry: <http://www.commonchemistry.org>

Chemical Entities of Biological Interest (CheBI): <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/chebi/>

### [Methods](#)

National Environmental Methods Index (NEMI) <https://www.nemi.gov/home/>