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IMEXEC VTC –January 09, 2009,
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Reports:
1. IMC Governance discussions.Nicole (Nicole, Eda, Karen).
The IMC has very few organizational documents or guidelines. This group is attempting to describe the history of the IMC, and to the degree that the IMC wishes, outline some possible practical recommendations for their activities. In the interest of flexibility, the IMC has not wished to create a set of bylaws. However, it seems reasonable to consider some set of guidelines or recommended practices.
1.1. Resources: interviews of long-term imc-ers (susan, don, who else?), and timeline of IMC
1.2. Tasks:
1.2.1. Create a report describing past practices, do they adhere to "good governance" principals (see UN doc under governance wg)
1.2.2. Roles of groups (nisac, imc, eb, imexec) -> outline roles, expectations for imc, imexec.
1.2.3. Case study of a decision/event
1.2.4. Consider developing a set of [guidelines|BP] for when to (hold vote |document decision making |other?) deadline: IMC 09.
1.2.5. shorter summary of current "imc structure" for imexec jan 09
1.2.6. VTC in March agenda?

2. report on SES (LONG NAME HERE) in Puerto Rico, December 2008 SES Meeting, PR 12/13-16 –
2.1 Three working groups are producing white papers. IMs were on each:
Modeling (eda)
issues w data and exp design (karen)
cross-site research (nicole)

2.2 Major disc topics:
2.2.1 strong focus on a central gis server, and it's ability to enhance cross-site research. This projrct was initiated by Barrie (CWT), who is leaving the network. So future is uncertain, and continuity needs to be maintained. Some transition interview with Barrie will be arranged.
2.2.2 The cross-site research group would like to identify projects where x-site dbs have been successful (and not so much), and what barriers there are their development. They may consider recommendations for how cross-site research is conducted. Possibly, data products could be recommended, in which case the IMC needs to be involved. Note that this is also on the IMC list as a possible ASM working group topic. If this came up in a social science context, could it be broad enough?

3. LNO (Brunt)
proposal: no news till after stimulus package is decided on.
other: NBII renewed and covers Inigo, but not exercising yet. Inigo still working on metadata.
Inigo and Kristin working on some virtual training

4. EB report: Corinna
no december meeting
search/find data: some feedback that seems positive. Corinna has not been able to give IMC feedback to the EB.
Modes from IMC-VTC discussion: 1) it was no big deal to implement such an interface, 2) we already have a better interface, and wont go back. And the general feeling that this isn't going to resolve the problem anyway.
NISAC thoughts: this is definitely a band-aid, which wont solve the problem. other projects need to be pursued, such as consistent keywording.

5. EML 2.1 Release candidate is out. Actual release will be later in the winter, after supporting software is updated. The release coordinator (Margaret) would like feedback on the documentation, particularly the changes from 2.0.1. She will send link to entire IMC, and here it is:

6. ASM Workshop Discussions -
assuming deadline of Feb 15
please see posted notes from this week's VTCs: http://intranet.lternet.edu/im/node/388 [2]
Goals: IMC needs to
plan IM-specific wgs to be conducted on it's one day.
propose some workshops that will be attractive to scientists
get itself involved in workshops that are under consideration at individual sites.

7. Winter IMexec Meeting Agenda
Draft agenda here: http://intranet.lternet.edu/im/news/committees/im_exec/notes/2009_01_26 [3]
contact Henry, Wade regarding VTC attendance (Corinna)

Other Ongoing Projects/Discussion Items (if there was discussion, the item was moved out of this list, and above.)
Database Project Meeting - Margaret/Corinna will schedule a VTC for early Feb, code-writing week will be during the Spring
Governance WG, next steps for IMC09 – Nicole
Site bytes – Baker offered that a student or Florence may be available to summarize responses
Revisions to Web Guidelines and Recommendations and IM Review Criteria – John
Unit Dictionary WG - Todd -- @ IM exec
Controlled Vocab WG
IM Report preparation to EB - get an outline started at wtr meeting

2009 VTC schedule – Suzanne
Feb 2/3 - ILTER; Kristin Vanderbilt
Mar 2/3 - Update from Governance WG; Nicole Kaplan
Apr 6/7 – Controlled Vocab.
May 4/5 - Data Centers for Ecology; Bill Michener
Jun 1/2 – Unit Dictionary

Planning ahead
Next Imexec VTC – Suzanne

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