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IMEXEC VTC December 11, 2007 10-12 MDT

Attending:
Wade, Todd, John, James, Hap, Corinna, Nicole, Margaret, Don, Barrie (Eda?)

9:50-10:00
VTC testing and configuration

1. EB Report (Henshaw)
1.1. CI strategic plan implementation (see NISAC report)

1.2 Genomics
within the LTER, there is no strong focus group yet. Genomics community has a Standards
Consortium (meeting in Cambridge this week, Inigo is there). They would like better linkages
between environmental data and genomics; and need ecological context tags. Considering EML
for this. Side note from Don: This sort of collaboration is not limited to a few individuals, it's lter-
wide. other groups (e.g. CUAHSI) may need to integrate using EML, and same model might
apply.

1.2 ChemDB
Forest service has donated $25K to investigate starting this DB, and has requested matching
funds from LNO. EB has sent this project to NISAC for evaluation. James has some supplemental
funds for moving HydroDB to LNO.

1.3 EcoTrends
Upcoming workshop (Ken likely to attend). Supplemental funding is requested by Deb Peters
(JRN) to continue funding Christine Laney, the EcoTrends project coordinator, to develop the R
scripts required for generating standardized, aggregated datasets from our data sources, and to
hire a full-time software specialist ($117K). (Last year, $250K went to EcoTrends, split between
Deb and LNO). The EB is reacting favorably to this request but is presuming sLTER and REU
supplements are protected and that general site supplements ($25K) and Network workshops for
decadal plan follow-up are still covered.

1.4 Metacat data access proxy at sites
EB mentioned sending this to NISAC, although they haven't heard it yet. What are communication
channels between EB and NISAC? There may be some issues to resolve at sites if they are to
provide direct access to data. IMExec should comment/recommend to EB on operational issues
(Feb agenda).

2. NISAC Report (Sheldon)
CI Plan Implementation: Recently received some instructions from Phil Robertson, and needs list of work from EB. Planning a CI report to him by mid-March with funding sources, timelines, costs. Will make use of Critical Site Functionality document and possibly gathering prioritized needs with costs from sites (e.g., staffing shortages). A CI budget (including initial CI start-up and recurring costs for all sites and the LNO) is requested this week for EB to discuss and prepare for NSF by 21 Dec.

3. LTER IM Meeting (eve. 9/8, 9/9) and EIMC 2008 (9/10, 9/11)
3.1 Logistics/Registration (O'Brien)
We have preliminary numbers and a schedule for registration which can cover current estimates for cost of meeting room rental and minimal catering (breaks):
up to 31 May: $100
up to 9 August: $150
late/on site: $200
student: $35

Other considerations:
Fate of extra funds
Keynote speaker support needs to be covered.

3.2 BDI proposal opportunity (Gries): Peter McCartney excited about this conference and wants to see a proposal to BDI. Possibilities include:
LTER<-> NEON, software sharing between communities, standards merging/cross-talk. All 3 of these need development first. likely: a post-conference workshop.

3.3 Program Committee (Gries)
Co-Chairs: Matt/Corinna. Joined: judy cushing, chris jones.
task: determine format for conference days -- presentations vs working groups. Work in time for on-the-spot collaborations? One proposal: 2-3 concurrent presentation sessions in the AM, small focused working groups in the PM.

3.4 Website (Gries)
Conference server set up, Todd on it. Corinna and Matt need something to peruse during December.

3.5 Focus and Goals (Gries)
We need to start discussion on how/if conferences like can benefit community building. If not conferences, then what?

4. IMexec winter meeting (2/12, 2/13) (Kaplan)
4.1 Logistics: 2/12-2/13 (please, no flights before 6pm on 2/13)

4.2 Possible Agenda items:
4.2.1. Collaboration w/NISAC on CI Implementation Plan (Kristen Vanderbilt attending). NISAC will have draft by the time of this meeting, so there will need to be exchage between imexec and nisac earlier.
4.2.2. Update on LNO Proposal (if possible) - LNO will have a budget package for EB this week, proposal due at end of Feb .James will report.
4.2.3. LTER IM/EIMC Meeting
4.2.4. Report to EB(for their spring mtg)
4.2.5. Focus and future of conference, IMC interaction with larger community

4.2.6. working groups: request status report and evaluate WGs.
4.2.7. Training, UTF, GIS - can IMexec advise on training format
4.2.8. Updates from Henry, Peter, others?
4.2.9. Updates from LNO staff (Michener, Servilla), others?
4.2.10. Documenting data/metadata management systems at all LTER

5. Report on Training (Kaplan)
Top choices:
a. XML basics
b. XForms/Orbeon
c .EML editor(s)
d .cyber security
e. google mashups
NIcole will take this info back to the training working group and advise LNO on how to organize spring trainng.

5. Report on ASM 2009 Imexec Cabin (Kaplan)
One cabin, and IMs have meals in cafeteria, as per 2006

Note: Some IMexec priorities for the coming year: Training, community-wide 08 meeting, the IM website, support of the CI implementation plan, the unit registry (UTF), and establishing GIS best practices/expectations

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