

LTER Network Office Activities

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- Increase the pace and scope of synthesis in the LTER Network
- Support decadal plan cyberinfrastructure goals
- Support network governance and operations
- Improve information flow within LTER and between LTER and others.
- Create productive collaborations that improve interoperability with other networks.

Increase the pace and scope of synthesis in the LTER Network

- 2009 All Scientists Meeting
- 2009 Science Council Meeting
- 2009 Competition for Synthesis Projects
- Develop and populate a database of synthesis projects and products.
- Draft operational plan to update LTER Network spatial data holdings.

Support decadal plan cyberinfrastructure goals

- Revise LTER Intranet content management framework
- Make management and operations decision about climdb/hydrodb.
- Conduct and evaluate a web-based informational activity on LNO CI services
- Complete a schedule for biannual cybersecurity webcasts.
- Acquire rich media recorders

Support decadal plan cyberinfrastructure goals - NIS development

- Complete operational plan for NIS development under ARRA funds
- Test and evaluate 3 major PASTA components
- Implement operational redundancy for EcoTrends and Data Catalog web applications
- Migrate software code version control system to provide web-access and flexibility
- Decouple LTER data catalog from metacat skins

Support decadal plan cyberinfrastructure goals - NIS development (continued)

- Assist IMC controlled vocabulary working group
- Fill new staff positions to support NIS

Support decadal plan cyberinfrastructure goals

- Assess current LTER CI and future CI needs to support ISSE

Support network governance and operations

- Organize meetings of Science Council, EB, NAB, NISAC, IM, IMEXEC, and Mini Symposium.
- Provide NSF with requested materials for 30-year review of LTER
- Complete negotiation and implementation of LTER Cooperative Agreements.
- Submit Annual Reports to NSF/EB
- Complete a proposal for US International LTER Travel.
- Solicit updates to committee web pages from chairs

Improve Information Flow within LTER and between LTER and others

- Schedule meetings necessary to complete a draft strategic communication plan for the LTER Network.
- Redesign LTER Network Display
- Facilitate and subsidize reprinting of two site brochures.
- Commission web-based survey of LNO performance.
- Develop initial schedule of training activities for 2010.

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- Identify specific activities that will mutually benefit the OBFS and LTER.
- Review relationship between LTER and NBII.
- Facilitate and subsidize reprinting of two site brochures.
- Maintain contact with CI developers at NEON and develop a plan to formalize relationship.
- Advise the EB of promising opportunities with other networks.

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- Organize a workshop to provide information to Ultra-X projects to allow scientific and CI coordination.

Discussion and Questions