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LTER IM VTC - 8/18/2008

A. In attendance

1. Henshaw
2. Costa
3. Servilla
4. Brunt
5. Bohm
6. Campbell
7. Gries
8. Kortz
9. Connors
10. Downing

B. Update on NIS

1. working on step 2 of renewal process - panel visit!
 - a) week before IM conference in Sept.
2. Review of new LNO proposal
 - a) more meetings and working groups around decadal plan
 - b) IM efforts - more work with sites
 - 1) equipment money for rich media recorders for capturing presentations - streaming or recording
 - a> trials will be use security updates as theme
 - c) NIS (later)
 - d) 1-2 Site visits to LNO each year
 - 1) work on specific problems
 - e) 1-2 product-oriented workshops
 - f) Network Information Manager
 - 1) take over EcoTrends IM
 - 2) curation of databases
 - 3) climdb and hydrodb
 - g) LNO personnel travel to sites - help with specific issues
 - 1) 2 visits per 6/year period
 - h) training element
 - 1) 3 day training workshop each year
 - 2) cover 1 person from each site
 - 3) need to work with IMs on training types
 - i) status
 - 1) at step 2 - peer feedback

- 2) step 3 - negotiation (we asked for X, they have funds for Y)
 - a> takes several months
- 3) step 4 - formal coop agreement
- 3. other things
 - a) After IM meeting talk to Bill Michener about outreach
 - 1) one activity funded
 - 2) one pending
 - b) also talk to JVC about synthesis plans
- C. NIS - Servilla
 - 1. <http://intranet.lternet.edu/im/node/286> - see PDF for description, only comments here
 - 2. Discussion
 - a) JFreeChart is free, but (recommended) manual is \$30
 - b) on MODIS data, data for LTER sites in ASCII form is available from ORNL DAAC
 - 1) <http://daac.ornl.gov/MODIS/modis.html> ^[2]
 - a> collection 4 has most LTER sites, collection 5, fewer
 - 1> you can also propose your own sites
 - c) everything LNO does is directed by NISAC... when is next review and new directions
 - 1) at next meeting - not sure when that is..... probably sometime this fall or early winter
 - 2) NISAC process
 - a> report from LNO
 - b> input from IMs
 - c> provides priorities to LNO for work
 - 3) <http://intranet.lternet.edu/im/news/committees/NISAC>
 - d) general plans for implementing web services?
 - 1) what protocols etc.?
 - 2) Not at this time - will be part of RFP process
 - a> SOAP as a placeholder,.... but REST may be better and easier to implement
 - 3) currently working on site review and EIMC
 - e) This will be essential theme to fall IM meeting which feeds into CI implementation plan.....
 - 1) we'll be working on this for a while!
 - f) looking at CI plan in Wades NISAC report
 - 1) many of these things are based on new money through LNO grant
 - a> but will be contingent on funding
 - 2) some mismatch between what LNO is working on and plan....
 - 3) response
 - a> yes.... your observations are correct
 - b> mismatch - LNO reacts to priorities - aim data discovery and access in distributed network
 - 1> CI Implementation Plan may lead to a lot of changes
 - a: NISAC will need to figure out how to make it happen
 - 2> can't shift priorities until finalized...
 - g) Ecotrends - R-scripts and mechanisms for building - but still lots of room for sites to be involved....
 - 1) automatic dataloading based on EML will be critical
 - 2) sites can play role in testing data harvests
 - 3) may be more room for involvement than sites want!
 - h) EML for derived products was generated by LNO.... but don't

know if we have the EML for the raw datasets

1) yes, sometimes a cart a bit before the horse

2) provenance at getting back to original data is difficult

a> "Traditional" synthesis model was used

b> but did use standards etc.

3) maybe over time provenance will be clarified....

4) NSF has complained about not being able to find datasets that they think should be there!

D. Agenda for IM meeting - are we working well with LNO on agenda for meeting????

1. Mark and Data access module are featured....

2. also general section at start has potential

a) CI Implementation plan has not yet been written - in people's heads

3. please take a look at the web site and confirm the agenda and make sure you are listed as coming

a) you can comment their on agenda or send emails

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