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Notes from November 3, 2014 VWC

In attendance: Gastil Buhl, John Chamblee, James Connors, Jason Downing, Hap Garritt, Corinna Gries, John Porter, Ken Ramsey, Kristin Vanderbilt, Jonathan Walsh, Yang Xia.

Notetaker: John Chamblee (who bids you all a fond farewell!)

This meeting consisted of a brief discussion of the current working groups and the possible need to retool working groups and address the new directions the IMC needs to take on at this time. The website may need a bit of editing to move active groups out of the main menu when these discussions are complete.

A preliminary update of active working groups for 2014 is here: <http://im.lternet.edu/projects> [1]

Inactive working groups have been given a preliminary update here: <http://im.lternet.edu/projects/inactive> [2]

Controlled Vocabulary: John Porter suggested that the working group could be considered “inactive,” but did not want it considered “defunct.” There are several working groups in this category, including Governance, the Website, and Units.

DEIMS: Inigo San Gil presented a couple of the two most broadly beneficial activities from the DEIMS group, which has been very active. These activities are :

1. Addition of EML import support for those LTERs who would like to test DEIMS but did not adopt a previous DEIMS version
2. Support for the data-set specific content indexing from major search engines (Google, Bing, Yahoo). DEIMS now produces markup adopted by the big three engines, which will improve discoverability. This was presented at ESIP by Shepperd and others [3] DEIMS adopted the big-three suggestions shortly after. Conventions can be seen at schema.org/Dataset [4].

Notes from November 4, 2014 VWC

In attendance: Dan Bahauddin, Emery Boose, John Chamblee, Jason Downing, Don Henshaw, Margaret O’Brien, Suzanne Remillard, Wade Sheldon, Philip Tarrant, Theresa Valentine.

Notetaker: Philip Tarrant (who does not bid you all a fond farewell!)

GeoNIS: Theresa Valentine confirmed that the group is still active. It will be in transition as she will step back as her retirement approaches. Jaime is the tech lead currently, but more technical support is needed. Functions they would still like to develop are: 1) a direct PASTA link so that people can test their data before submission, 2) training for users, 3) and to get Landsat data loaded, but we need to encourage LNO to help if we are to get this done.

EML Best Practices: Wade confirmed that an update to EML best practices is probably required in light of the implementation of PASTA and in order to accommodate workflows. Wade will work with Gastil and Margaret to submit an article to Databits this Fall to drum up input from the community and Wade suggested that VTC time would be helpful at some stage to pick up volunteers. Given funding constraints it is likely that participation will need to be virtual with perhaps in-person participation at an ASM session.

Congruency Checker: Margaret group is currently in maintenance mode. Occasional new requirements are added and Duane has been able to work on some of these. While activity is low, the group should remain active.

Envirosensing: Don said that regular activity is focused on the ESIP initiative and LTER participants continue to engage on that topic. Less is going on in the LTER community apart from those IMs involved in the ESIP discussions.

Data Package Reporting: Philip confirmed that the reporting tool is functional. No new requirements have been received. Discussions are underway with LNO to move the coded onto a LNO host. Philip will re-post the URL on

the Projects page. **Update: Reporting Tool URL added to WG page under Related Links. PT

Digital Asset Management: Theresa noted that this group should be considered as active although the group has not met since the IMC meeting in the summer. When time allows she will re-gather the group to explore the topic.

Other News

Philip will e-mail James Brunt to see if there is any progress re SiteDB. Don noted that the future of DBs like SiteDB and ClimDB will need to be considered in light of possible changes to LNO. Don also noted that a IM History project was started by Karen Baker before she left and suggested it might be valuable to continue with it, resources permitting.

Downloads

- View all releases [5]  [6]

Development

- View pending patches [7]
- Virtual Updates [8]

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Links:

- [1] <http://im.lternet.edu/projects>
- [2] <http://im.lternet.edu/projects/inactive>
- [3] <http://commons.esipfed.org/node/1529>
- [4] <http://schema.org/Dataset>
- [5] <http://im.lternet.edu/node/1253/release>
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- [7] [http://im.lternet.edu/project/issues/search/vwc_11_2014?status\[\]=8&status\[\]=13&status\[\]=14](http://im.lternet.edu/project/issues/search/vwc_11_2014?status[]=8&status[]=13&status[]=14)
- [8] <http://im.lternet.edu/taxonomy/term/169>