

2019 IMC Annual Meeting Options

1. LTER IMC meeting at an LTER site

This is typically a three-day meeting.

Back when the IMC had standing committee meeting funds from LNO, we were on a 3-year rotating meeting cycle where we would (1) meet during the ASM, (2) host an IMC meeting at an LTER site, and (3) host an IMC meeting in conjunction with a larger conference (ESA, EIMC, ESIP, etc.). This would have been the year for an IMC meeting at an LTER site.

Pros: Ability to focus on product-oriented working groups; typically a 3 day meeting; get to learn something about the host LTER site. We have a lot of flexibility to find meeting dates that could accommodate most people.

Cons: EDI will not provide support for an IMC-centric meeting. Individual sites would likely need to contribute to send their site IM. We do not have a lot of time to plan and organize a time and location (typically done >1 year in advance). Lacks interaction with other groups.

2. Meet in conjunction with Summer ESIP Meeting (Tacoma, WA, July 15-19, 2019)

This is typically a one-day IMC meeting the day before or after the conference.

ESIP has proven to be a compatible and supportive organization.

Pros: Flexible structure allows LTER to propose a variety of relevant workshops. These workshops could be the product-oriented workshops that we desire to hold. We have better odds at being supported to attend by EDI funds.

Cons: The July dates are not ideal for a lot of people, especially this year as there will be 10 mid-term reviews in 2019 with many of those likely held over the summer.

3. Meet in conjunction with AGU (San Francisco, CA, December 9-13, 2019)

This would be a one-day IMC meeting the day before or after the conference.

We have never met with AGU and this is a bit of an unknown.

Pros: Winter meeting time may be better than summer meeting time for most people. It is reported that this is an excellent meeting. We have much better odds at being supported to attend by EDI funds.

Cons: Very large meeting, and the flexibility of proposing and holding workshops is unknown. Very expensive meeting because it is in San Francisco, which will require sites to contribute funds for their IM to attend the AGU portion of the meeting.