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The Unit Working Group held a meeting during breakout session VI of the 2010 IMC meeting, on Friday, September 24th. The meeting was attended by co-chairs Mason Kortz and Linda Powell, Suzanne Remillard, Sven Bohm, and Jason Downing. The meeting began with a presentation summarizing the previous year's activities:

Highlights of the year in review include:

- Change in co-chair: Linda Powell is now a co-chair and the lead for the content group
- Post-ASM funding: The working group was awarded post-ASM funding to hold site visits focused on implementing the Unit Registry
- Unit Best Practices revised
- Unit Registry developed and deployed to LNO
- Unit Registry populated (6 sites) and implemented (4 sites)

Following the presentation, the group discussed useful next steps. The following goals were identified:

- Contact each IM individually to request custom units for the Unit Registry (Linda Powell)

- Set up VTC training sessions on use and management of the Unit Registry (Mason Kortz/Linda Powell)
- Further revise Unit Best Practices: include explict support for non-compliant units, abbreviations and definitions, assigning quantities, and the vetting process (Unit Working Group)
- Create a Unit Working Group Terms of Reference (Mason Kortz)
- Create a Metacat search on attribute names that would return a list of units used for that particular attribute (dicussed but not assigned)

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