

The Information management committee met all day on Sunday, September

Business:

Amended Terms of Reference: Section 4 to allow staggered co-chair position and assure continuity of leadership

New officers: co-chairs: John Chamblee (CWT, 3-years) and Margaret O'Brien (SBC, 1 year)

New members elected to IMExec: Philip Tarrant (CAP, 3 years), Kristin Vanderbilt (SEV, 3 years), Adam Skibbe (KNZ, 2 years).

New members elected to NISAC: Sven Bohm (KBS, 2 years)

Databits editors: Fall 2012, Skibbe and Stephenson; Spring 2013, Stephenson and Humphries; Fall 2013, Humphries and Porter; Spring 2014, Porter and Martin.

Participants:

All day: Nicole Kaplan (SGS), Kristin Vanderbilt (SEV), Jim Laundre (ARC), M. Gastil-Buhl (MCR), John Porter (VCR), Hope Humphries (NWT), Mary Martin (HBR), James Connors (CCE, PAL), Adam Skibbe (KNZ), Theresa Valentine (AND), Aaron Stephenson (NTL), Scott Gordon (CCE, PAL), Jonathan Walsh (BES), Suzanne Sippel (KBS), Suzanne Remillard (AND), Jamie Hollingsworth (BNZ), Yang Xia (LNO), Sven Bohm (KBS), Philip Tarrant (CAP), Jason Downing (BNZ), Inigo San Gil (MCM), Linda Powell (FCE), Emery Boose (HFR), Hap Garritt (PIE), Margaret O'Brien (SBC), Don Henshaw (AND), James Brunt (LNO), Corinna Gries (NTL), Wade Sheldon (GCE), Ryan Raub (CAP), David Julian (CAP), John Chamblee (CWT), Richard Cary (CWT), Stephanie Laseter (CWT), Ken Ramsey (JRN), Mark Servilla (LNO), Duane Costa (LNO),

Afternoon only (iILTER and guest): David Blankman (ILTER-Israel), Fox Petersen (AND), Cynthia Chandler (BCO-DMO), Victoria Goodall (SAEON, South Africa), Shonna Dovel (UCSD), sahng Sheng-Shan Lu (TFRI-Taiwan), Francisco Javier Bonet Garcia (Spain), Antonio Perez-Luque (Spain), Ramon Perez Perez (Spain), Helena Karasti (ILTER-Finland), Brian Wee (NEON)

NSF: Saran Twombly, Peter McCartney

A heavy focus this year was improving accessibility and access to site data in the network data catalog. There are two approaches to this: first, assuring that site data contributions are complete and well described, and second, working with the LNO programmers on the best ways to deliver these from network catalogs.

New working groups:

1. Data package reports: (chair, Philip Tarrant, CAP): The data package evaluation functions of the PASTA system are now available. It has the capability to describe both general (e.g, presence of metadata) and specific (metadata-data congruence) features of data packages.. This working group will outline audiences and the summary statistics that will be of interest to them.
2. 2014 IMC meeting and partnership: (chair, Wade Sheldon, GCE): suggest venue/partnership for the 2014 meeting which, in the current rotation, is planned to be held collaboratively with another informatics group.
3. Best practices V3: (chair, Wade Sheldon, GCE): reconstituted with a focus on metadata + data (a data package) and data use with various software (e.g., PASTA, workflows

IMExec action items:

1. Solicit short proposals from the sites interested in hosting the 2013 meeting (BNZ, NWT, LUQ and HBR). Include approximate budget. If extra funds are required for travel, meeting must take place before Aug 31 2013.
2. Respond to NSF's suggestion that the IMC send representatives to the Foundation HQ for presentation/discussion of LTER IMC "successes and challenges".

ASM at large:

1. Many IM related posters were presented. See:  
[http://asm2012.tinternet.edu/posters/all/submitted?tid=All&site=All&tid\\_2=115&title=](http://asm2012.tinternet.edu/posters/all/submitted?tid=All&site=All&tid_2=115&title=)
2. Many working groups were coordinated by IMC members. See  
<http://asm2012.tinternet.edu/working-groups>