

# ***WDS Members Forum***

## **Membership discussion items**

- **Biennial Reports**
- **Periodic Review of WDS Members**
- **Online Publishing of Membership applications**
- **Questions and/or comments**

# ***WDS Certification procedure***

## **WDS Certification will be a five stage process:**

1. Organization completes an Expression of Interest
2. Organization demonstrates its capabilities using the application form to describe its capabilities (and possibly by practical demonstrations)
3. If necessary, an on-site review may take place (to be decided by negotiations with the candidate)
4. Accreditation as a WDS component
5. Review of accreditation should take place every 3-5 years

# ***WDS Membership Criteria***

- **WDS general requirements and policies (Organization specific requirements)**
  - **Should attend WDS biennial meetings**
- **Organizational framework**
  - **Facility is committed to formal, periodic review and assessment to ensure responsiveness to scientific and technological developments and evolving requirements**

# ***WDS Biennial Reports***

- **All WDS Regular and Network Members should complete a Report**
- **i.e. those attending the Forum and those not attending the Forum**
- **Suitable deadline for this**
- **Guidelines for poster format cover the same information as the report template**
- **Process should be easier for those attending**



## ***Periodic Review of WDS Members***

- **First WDS Members now reaching the point where they should be reviewed**
- **Intend to use new Membership Management Tool**
- **Send reminder at the three year mark for Members' to complete the current version of the application**
- **Biennial Reports => supporting documents for review**
- **Completing the entire form may not be necessary**
- **Periodic reviews should be completed within 5 years, => question of whether a deadline is set to submit the application**

# *Online Publishing of membership applications*

- **Currently Member Profile is published**
- **Should some/all of each membership application should be published online (for transparency)**
  - **If so, in what form?**
- **Biennial Reports could also be published online**
  - **Is this acceptable?**