

World Data System Scientific Committee (WDS-SC) Teleconference #11

Teleconference #11 was held on Tuesday, 19 November 2013 at 13:00 UTC

Summary

WDS-SC#9 Draft Report and Strategic Targets 2014–17

- The draft documents were approved in principle, but will be revised in accordance with SC suggestions. The period of the Strategic Plan was extended to 2018 since it will not be formally presented until the WDS Members' Forum in November 2014.

Polar Data Forum Communique

- The Communique will be rewritten by the Forum's Scientific Organizing Committee (and other important stakeholders) based on comments received from participants. It will then be generally released through a number of (to be decided) channels.

WDS Working Groups (WGs)

- a. Data Publication
 - A face-to-face meeting of one-third of the WG was considered positive. All Subgroups are in a healthy position and are looking to finalize their Research Data Alliance (RDA) case statements. The WG will next meet at the Third RDA Plenary in Dublin (March 2014).
- b. Certification and Registry
 - Final alterations to the (SC-approved) WG case statement were invited such that the definitive version can be disseminated. It was emphasized that individuals external to ICSU-WDS and the Data Seal of Approval should be added to the WG. A talking point of the case statement was a new paragraph on the different levels of trustworthiness.
- c. Knowledge Network and Metadata Catalogue
 - The potential RDA/WDS-WG on a Global Service for Trusted Data Repositories and Services may incorporate the WDS Knowledge Network and Metadata Catalogue since such a Service is thought to have maximum practical impact.

ICSU Open Access Position Paper

- A small group of representatives from ICSU National Members, interdisciplinary bodies, and so on, is currently in the process of creating a consolidated position paper on open access. The WDS-SC was asked to comment on the present version of that paper.

Membership Applications

- The Expression of Interest (Eoi) for WDS Regular membership by the Australian Institute of Marine Science was accepted.
- Following on from recent discussions between DataCite and ICSU-WDS on mutual Associate affiliation, the WDS-SC also accepted DataCite's Eoi for WDS Associate membership.

Any Other Business

- A short report was given on the October 2013 Meeting of the Belmont Forum e-Infrastructure Steering Committee. ICSU-WDS has been asked to Co-chair the 'Interoperability' WG.
- The WDS-IPO will post a one-page summary of each teleconference on the WDS website once the SC has approved the minutes.