

## World Data System Scientific Committee (WDS-SC) Teleconference #13

*Teleconference #13 was held on Monday, 27 January 2014 at 13:00 UTC*

### **Summary**

#### **SciDataCon 2014**

- An update was given on the current status of SciDataCon 2014 preparations. The website has now been launched ([www.SciDataCon2014.org](http://www.SciDataCon2014.org)), and an invitation has been widely distributed for applications for the International Scientific Programme Committee. Additionally, suggestions for session topics to be included in the Conference Programme can be proposed via a [Forum](#) on the SciDataCon website.

#### **WDS Working Groups (WGs)**

- a. Data Publication
  - The four Subgroups have finalized their Case Statements for endorsement as Research Data Alliance (RDA) WGs, and these have been submitted as a cluster and have been disseminated to the RDA community for comment. Work has also been started by a number of WG members.
- b. Certification
  - The WG Case Statement has been posted on the RDA website. A first draft of the Charter for the Data Seal of Approval–WDS WG has also been written.
- c. Global Registry
  - A second 'Birds of a Feather' session will occur during the Third RDA Plenary (26–28 March 2014; Dublin, Ireland). The proposed WG will have a kick-off teleconference on Wednesday, 18 February at 15:00 UTC.
- d. Metadata Catalogue
  - After looking through the results of the survey of WDS Members conducted by the International Programme Office (IPO), a structured approach was conceived. A consensus must be reached on what to do next. One of the major steps is to communicate with WDS Members, and a plan will be formulated to operationalize this.

#### **Tenth Plenary Session of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO)**

- The GEO Plenary was held on 15–17 January in Geneva; coupled with the Ministerial Summit. The main topic was renewal of GEO's mandate for a further 10 years. The GEO Implementation Plan will be rewritten for 2015–2025 and will be discussed at the next Plenary (to be held on 5–7 November; Libreville, Gabon).

#### **Membership Applications**

- An Expression of Interest from Ocean Networks Canada for WDS Regular Membership was approved.
- The International GNSS Service was certified as a WDS Network Member.
- Reviewers were assigned to evaluate the WDS Regular Member application of the Alaska Satellite Facility and the Network Member application of INTERMAGNET.
- Following the IPO's receipt of the Letters of Agreement from The Language Archive and CLARIN-ERIC, a representative of the latter will be invited to join a discussion by the WDS-SC at its 10th face-to-face meeting (31 March–02 April; Paris, France) on defining the application of the full and open access concept.

#### **Any Other Business**

- The SC was reminded that
  - The Call for Nominations for RDA Council Members closes on 3 February 2014.
  - The deadline for preliminary submissions for CODATA Task Groups is 14 February 2014.