

World Data System Scientific Committee (WDS-SC) Teleconference #14

Teleconference #14 was held on Tuesday, 04 March 2014 at 13:00 UTC

Summary

Draft Agenda for 10th Meeting of the WDS-SC

- An overview was given of the draft Agenda for the 10th Meeting of the WDS-SC in Paris. The SC was invited to email comments such that the Agenda can be refined before the meeting.

WDS Working Groups (WGs)

- a. Data Publication
 - The times of breakout sessions during the Research Data Alliance (RDA) Third Plenary (26–28 March; Dublin) have been fixed. The WG has yet to be endorsed by RDA, and hopes for that to happen before the Plenary. A report on the breakout sessions will be given at the 10th WDS-SC Meeting.
- b. Certification and Global Registry
 - A web presence for the joint Data Seal of Approval – WDS WG is expected to be ready before the RDA Plenary. SC members were thus requested to provide opinions on the draft WG Charter prior to that.
 - The Global Registry WG had an internal meeting, and will have a second one in preparation for the ‘Birds of a Feather’ session at the RDA Third Plenary. CrossRef has now been brought onboard this initiative. Hence, the consortium has been confirmed, and a common view of the overall objective reached.
- c. Knowledge Network (KN)
 - The intention is to incorporate the existing KN-WG into an Interest Group (IG) or WG associated with RDA by the time of its Fourth Plenary (22–24 September; Amsterdam). Canvassing of members for such an IG/WG will take place at the upcoming RDA meeting.

SciDataCon 2014

- Updated versions of the ‘Call for Abstracts’ and the list of International Scientific Programme Committee (ISPC) applications for SciDataCon 2014 were presented to the WDS-SC.
- The former will be circulated widely to invite proposals for abstracts for oral presentations and posters, as well as for sessions. No priority has been given to sessions from any specific group/organization; all proposals will come through the usual submission channel and will be reviewed by the ISPC.
- Nearly 50 people have been selected for the ISPC. Owing to its size, the function of this committee has been altered slightly.

Membership Applications

- An Expression of Interest was approved from the Global Geodetic Observing System for WDS Partner membership.
- The SC agreed to send feedback on the Alaska Satellite Facility’s application in light of Reviewers’ comments.
- Reviewers were assigned to evaluate the WDS Regular Member application of the Canadian Astronomy Data Centre.

WDS Session at ESIP Summer Meeting (8–11 July 2014; Frisco, CO)

- The ESIP Federation has invited ICSU-WDS to organize a session at its Summer Meeting on how their data centres join ICSU-WDS. The SC is keen for ICSU-WDS to have a presence at the meeting, but is unsure as to who might be able to attend.