WDS Members Forum

Membership discussion items

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