



World Data System Scientific Committee (WDS-SC) 2018–2021 Teleconference #3

Teleconference #3 was held on Tuesday, 25 September 2018 at 13:00 UTC

Summary

Review of Action Items

- Funding may now have been found for the INASP–WDS Research Data Management (RDM) training proposal. WDS still hopes to find other opportunities for funding training similar to the proposal submitted to the European Geosciences Union (EGU). The proposal was shared with the WDS-SC to help stimulate thinking.
- The PICO session for the 2019 EGU General Assembly was not submitted owing to several priority deadlines at the same time. The closing date is now passed and there is no extension. The WDS-SC decided to simply defer having a WDS session until 2020.
- The Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC) was contacted about its Working Group (WG), which is already working informally, and may become a more official body of the Academy. The WG is in the early stages of planning a meeting in 2019 as a follow-up to the WDS Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC) Workshop. Everyone who presented a data system case study at the LAC Workshop will be contacted to see the outcomes after their attendance, and this will be shared with the WDS-SC. WDS will be represented within the WG after it asked for WDS inputs.
- The WDS International Programme Office (WDS-IPO) needs to find out about the meeting that took place in September between West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) and Southern African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management (SASSCAL), and that was to contain a session concerning WDS membership. A connected scientific data meeting will also be held in October 2019 in Dakar, Senegal, and WDS will be represented on the Organizing Committee.
- The WDS-IPO is in discussions with the Event Management Company (EMC) in Gaborone, Botswana about organizing Data Repositories Day. The WDS-IPO will advertise the event through the Research Data Alliance mailing lists to audiences who are likely interested to encourage the registration.
- The agenda of Data Repositories Day is beginning to be formulated and a draft will be circulated to help make progress on organizing the Day and to encourage maximum participation by Members and others. The poster session may need to be removed, and the feasibility is currently being ascertained.
- The Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Week is unfortunately taking place just before International Data Week (IDW), and so the WDS-IPO cannot take part. The Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center (WDS Regular Member) is actively engaged within GEO, and will be represented there, so there may still be an opportunity for some synergies.

American Geophysical Union Enabling FAIR Project Commitment Statement

- The Statement has been made available for people to sign, but with little promotion because it will be given a big, official release during IDW. The WDS-IPO informed the WDS-SC of the main points within the Statement to gain its final approval before signing on behalf of WDS. As a society/community, the main promise of WDS is to promulgate the Statement through its Members. Since WDS Members are certified, they will easily adhere to the majority of the Statement. The most difficult condition is to support the peer review of manuscripts prior to publication.
- The WDS-SC gave the WDS-IPO its consent to sign the Statement.

IDW 2018



- A call has been put out for exhibitors. This is partly due to the Botswana government is keen for IDW to have a stronger link with Botswana industry.
- All of the SciDataCon reviews have been sent out, and so people know whether they are accepted and can attend. The WDS sessions are nearly all viable as they received a good number of submissions. The exception is the Early Career Researcher Network session, for which sufficient presentations could not be found. Nevertheless, interest and publicity around the Network should be generated through the social event being organizing.

WDS International Technology Office (WDS-ITO)

- The position of ITO Associate Director has now been filled and the permit that enables them to work in Canada was recently confirmed. It was agreed that the Associate Director would start taking up their duties on 1 November, and therefore one of their first items of business will be to join IDW and the 19th WDS-SC Meeting.

Update of WDS Logo & Promotional Materials

- With ISC now established, the World Data System needs to think about appropriate changes to its name, logo, and so on. One of the biggest jobs will be updating the WDS website, and some initial work on that has been started.
- It was decided to focus on being the 'World Data System'. In relation to this, the WDS website already has www.world-data-system.org as a secondary URL that redirects to www.icsu-wds.org.
- Considering WDS already has a recognized logo, it is preferable to retain this and simply to change the wording to make the logo square.
- The SC agreed to revised logo also recommended that worlddatasystem.org be potentially used as the primary domain name of the WDS website.

WDS Membership Update

- The WDS-SC approved the accreditation of the California Digital Library, and the reaccreditation of the Chinese Astronomical Data Center, both as WDS Regular Members.