

# International Working Group on Satellite-based Emergency Mapping (IWG-SEM)



Minutes of the teleconference held on Tuesday, 22 July 2014, 14 UTC

## Participants

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## Main Outcomes

During the teleconference, the following points were discussed.

- **IWG GeorSS: status and next steps (chair: JRC)**
  - JRC summarizes the current situation and first experience with GeorSS messages for the IWG-SEM.
  - DLR: Expressed the need to finalize a first confirmed version of the list of metatags. This should be iterated and confirmed by the group asap to allow implementation of the broadcasting at different RM providers. DLR raised the idea of a central web-based tool for generating and broadcasting of IWG-SEM GeorSS feeds for those partners who lack an automated GeorSS broadcasting capability
  - ITHACA: Test of GeorSS tool proved successful. Recommends using it.
  - All: ArcGIS online may be used as a possible tool for consumption of GeorSS. ITHACA and JRC confirm successful tests with this.
  - USGS: Recommends that no single commercial platform should be favored for consumption of IWG-SEM GeorSS feeds. This is confirmed by other participants.
  - JRC: Has no capacity for development of a central web-based tool for IWG GeorSS generation at the moment. Next step: Finalization of XML / metatag structure for GeorSS feed.
  - JRC: JRC to send around the Munich-agreed-on tags/XML structure for GeorSS. Iteration and finalization is targeted for end of September. Implementation at partner's sites/workflows/broadcasting systems to follow.
  - DLR: Web-based tool to be set-up by UN-SPIDER? UN-SPIDER: UN-SPIDER platform could be used for such purposes; technical details need to be checked.

- **IWG-SEM web page - current status and new thoughts**
  - DLR: Provides current state of activities. Basic edits on the GDACS based web page completed. Contacts with GDACS chairmen/secretariat initiated and need to be followed up.
  - UN-SPIDER: Started to plan and conceptualize the IWG-SEM section on the UN-SPIDER knowledge portal.
  - JRC: Suggest keeping a minimum IWG-SEM presence at the GDACS page and supports the building of an IWG-SEM section at the UN-SPIDER knowledge portal.
  - ITHACA: The IWG-SEM logo could well be used for communication and should be put used on web sites etc.
  - JRC: IWG-SEM URL: [iwg-sem.org](http://iwg-sem.org) has been reserved and can be used!
  
- **Update on Action Items**
  - DLR reviews shortly the status of Munich-meeting AIs
  
- **Next meeting**
  - DLR: Raises the question on next physical or virtual meeting in Sept/Oct.?
  - JRC: Sept/Nov virtual only. If physical: 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Nov or even Dec
  - ITHACA: Physical meeting in Nov possible, Europe only. Physical meeting much more productive. Can attend virtual.
  - USGS: If next meeting is virtual, second next meeting should be physical. Sept/Oct not possible due to budget/fiscal constrains.
  - UN-SPIDER: Prefer virtual meeting as travel budget is limited
  - DLR: Possibly physical meeting in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Nov. Discussion about location and date to be continued during the next teleconference in September.
  
- **AOB**
  - August teleconference is skipped due to summer vacation time.
  - **Next teleconference to be held on Tuesday, Sept 23 (!), at 14h00 (2:00 pm) UTC.**

The conference call ended at 15:00 UTC