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

Minutes of the teleconference held on Tuesday, 21 October 2014, 14 UTC

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Main Outcomes

During the teleconference, the following points were discussed.

- **Update on outreach activities**
  - DLR presented IWG-SEM meetings/conferences
  - DLR contacted OpenStreetMap HOT-Team, MapAction, World Bank for (closer) involvement.
  - AIT contacted several of their Sentinel Asia partners. Partners from Sri Lanka and Myanmar expressed interest in IWG-SEM.
  - JRC had been in touch with representatives from US Department of State (Office of The Geographer and Global Issues) which expressed interest in the work of IWG-SEM.
  - RIT will attend a Crisis Mappers Conference in NYC in November and will promote the IWG-SEM.
  - ISRSE Berlin Conference May 2015: DLR will provide abstract for presentation of the IWG-SEM at special session on international initiatives for EO-based Disaster management. UN-SPIDER will also present their activities. JRC will attend and present Copernicus.

- **Update on website**
  - Internal GDACS discussions on hosting/referencing to IWG-SEM are expected to take place during their up-coming meeting in Yerevan on November 12th / 13th. The new central IWG-SEM Website has been fully set up by UN-Spider and will be launched after consultations on how this will be linked with GDACS, following their steering committee meeting at Yerevan. The launch of the new IWG-SEM website is planned to happen before end of the year.
• **Update on GeoRSS activities and plans**
  - Dedicated teleconference on GeoRSS feed to take place on Thursday, 30th November at 14:00 UTC. Content of teleconference:
    - Technical discussion on GeoRSS details: Content/Tags, metadata, format
    - Experiences with usage/registering/exploitation of GeoRSS feeds
  - JRC provided preparatory documents.
  - Aim is to finalize the first round of GeoRSS discussions in November meeting and to agree on a first set of GeoRSS Tags to be implemented by the community.
  - The Nov. 30 teleconference will be hosted by DLR, moderated by JRC

• **Preparation of fall meeting (web/video) on November 25th /26th**
  - DLR suggestion:
    - First day: Rolling agenda with “UTC morning” session for Asia / Africa / Europe. Resume after 1st session and an “UTC afternoon” session for Europe / Africa / Americas.
    - Second day: one joint session around “UTC noon” for about 2 hours for global participation to sum up first day discussions and conclude on results.
    - Whoever is available, kindly invited to join the meeting physical at DLR premises Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany.
  - At least JRC and SERTIT will most likely join DLR in Oberpfaffenhofen
  - AIT: Sentinel Asia meeting in Myanmar on November 19/20/21 would be good opportunity to meet up and possibly discuss certain matters prior to the meeting.
  - AIT expressed to host a possible IWG-SEM meeting in Bangkok at any later time.
  - ITHACA suggests that several short breaks and summaries should be made during the web meeting to allow smoother phasing in and out of global participants.
  - DLR to set up and send around agenda as well as video conference access. Participants will need to install a plug-in into their web-browser as well as microphone/speakers or headsets.

• **AOB**
  - Partners may start to consider taking over the group chairmanship for one year, starting from spring of 2015
  - UN-Spider offered to host the 2015 spring meeting of the group back-to-back with either the next COPUOS-STSC meeting in Vienna during February 2015 or with the UN-Spider Conference in Bonn during May 2015
  - JRC asks AIT about status of Sentinel Asia website. AIT: Discussion on hosting the Sentinel Asia website at AIT for Jaxa. To be discussed at Myanmar meeting.

The conference call ended at 14:45 UTC