

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



Minutes of the teleconference held on Tuesday, 16 June 2015, 13 UTC

## Participants

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## Main Outcomes

During the teleconference, the following points were discussed and agreed upon

- **Update on:**

- 1) Bonn 2015 Spring meeting, and members were referred to the circulated meeting report for more details.
- 2) Progress on chair hand-over, slower transition period given the June COPUOS-related workload at UNOOSA.

- **Discussion - Nepal feedback**

John B. reported on his travel to Nepal, and on the fact that not much in terms of satellite-derived products were effectively used as far as he learned. NSF has accepted to fund a study relating to the Nepal response, and ImageCat will reach out to relevant entities, also through the IWG, to ensure that all aspects are covered. John will provide further information on the NSF-supported project when available.

A possible workshop might be organized in the context of that project. It was suggested that John discusses this initiative with Luke/DFID, as they have proposed a similar evaluation during the Spring meeting.

- **Membership**

Chair to communicate clearly the new agreed membership criteria in order to inform the entire WG. As per agreement during Spring meeting, WG should not restrict its membership to non-commercial entities, and should welcome participation of any relevant and interested commercial partners or data suppliers. Existing members who were approached by such commercial partners

for membership or observer status should communicate to those partners that they can formally request membership through the chair.

Membership in general will be evaluated on a yearly basis to assess interest and participation, exclusions could be proposed in case of inactive members.

Chair (with support from existing members) to further reach out to relevant entities to widen participation in the IWG.

- **Guidelines - chapter on Earthquakes**

UNOOSA to lead, as agreed during the Spring meeting. Contributors were sought during the telecom, and DLR (including offer to create specific graphics), ImageCat, ITHACA, SERTIT and USGS (for review) expressed interest to support.

- **GeoRSS**

JRC will follow up on the GeoRSS proposed enhancements and implementation as discussed at Spring meeting.

ITHACA suggested that WG should focus on 2<sup>nd</sup> level implementation as a matter of priority.

Regarding GeoRSS testing - HOT/OSM agreed to help in testing and contributing

- **Map metadata**

USGS asked for input from members, based on solicitations it had received. DLR and SERTIT referred to the existing metadata used when they produce any maps, aligned with the ISO metadata standard already.

It was noted that SAFER was also implementing standard metadata with its map products. These should be circulated to the membership, with an encouragement to adopt a similar approach.

UNOOSA also suggested a look at ReliefWeb map metadata for a simple example, though not ISO-compliant.

IWG could agree on a specific set of metadata elements to recommend, if seen useful.

- **Next meeting / AOB**

- Next telecon is planned for 15 July, depending on members' availability.
- Next (autumn) face-to-face meeting is tentatively planned for 20-23 October period, possibly to be hosted in Vienna at United Nations premises. Alternate hosting offers are welcome, and the idea of meeting in Asia or Americas is also considered, as discussed. Dates for Autumn meeting will be confirmed with wider group electronically.

The conference call ended at 13:45 UTC