

July 25, 2011 11am PDT

BioEarth Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Sloan 146

Primary Option: teleconferencing at 509-335-4700, Meeting ID # 9797

Back-Up Plan: Skype (with Video if you have a camera). My skype name is jennifer.c.adam (FYI, I have Skype Premium in case we would like to do a group video call. If so, please let me know if you'd like me to call you and provide me your skype name.)

Steering Committee Members: Adam, Brady, Chung, Evans, Kruger, Lamb, Stockle, Vaughan
(all others invited as well)

Agenda:

1. Updates/status from working groups
2. Discussion on slide for NSF/DOE/USDA press release
3. Discussion of AGU session
4. Discussion of peer reviewers
5. Discussion/planning for all-PI meeting late summer/early fall

Meeting Notes:

Participants: Faculty: Adam, Chung, Kruger, Lamb; Students: Allen, Poinsett

1. Press release slide: focused on images with both forest and agriculture. Group chose "IMG_5039" in the BioEarth dropbox folder. Jenny to prepare slide for NSF press release. Now that we have photos compiled, it would be good to create a slide show for the BioEarth web page. Therefore, if you still come across appropriate photos (that we don't need to gather permissions for), please place them in the dropbox and let jenny know.
2. AGU session GC08 on integrated earth systems modeling. 4 people invited, all have accepted (Peter Thornton, Alex Guenther, Kathy Hibbard, James Byrne) – please advertise. AGU abstracts are due Aug 4.
3. Discussion of All-PI meeting late summer/early Fall. Jenny will create doodle poll. Objectives will be to present formal progress reports and to refine milestones for end of 2011.
4. Discussion on peer review activities.

- a. What do we want out of the peer reviewers? Need to draft a written description of the charge before inviting peer reviewers.
- b. Which groups to be represented?
 - i. Hydrology for earth system models (EaSMs): already invited Purdue hydrologists (Cherkauer and Bowling – they have accepted)
 - ii. BGC for EaSMs: open to ideas (Thornton, Bonan?)
 - iii. Atmospheric processes for EaSMs: plan to invite Robin Dennis – Brian, Serena, Jenny will meet with him on July 26 by phone
 - iv. Economics: Ronald Sands, USDA (need to invite)
 - v. Agricultural treatment for EaSMs: who??? Open to suggestions.
 - vi. Any others?
- c. Approach
 - i. Bring them here individually during first 1-2 years for invited talks using BioEarth, NSPIRE, CEREO seminar funds. 1 or 2 per semester
 - ii. Follow –up by conference calls
 - iii. How often to bring back peer reviewers? Years 1, 3, 5 or less often?
 - iv. Decide later about whether or not to bring all reviewers together at one time, whether or not we want such a formal review process
 - v. Periodically, will prepare and submit progress reports as well as written responses to reviewer comments
 - vi. Need to decide on whether or not to provide honorariums and how much, although if brought here for seminar, honorarium is generally provided.
- d. Steering committee is open to suggestions. Please send suggestions to jenny: jcadam@wsu.edu.