

EC telecon - 2013-07-11

Participants: Matt Pritchard, David Schmidt, Shimon Wdowinski, Franz Meyer, Bill Holt (UNAVCO Board liaison), Eric Fielding, Scott Baker, Christopher Crosby.

Minutes by Shimon Wdowinski, edited by Matt Pritchard

Called to order at 1:05 pm EDT

- * Update from Scott on data access from the Japanese ALOS-2 meeting – Data will be available via the ALOS gateway. Only discussed access for PIs, but this was a PI meeting.
- * Update from Shimon on data access issues discussed at the European Living Planet meeting – ESA will implement a new business model, in which data will be free within hours of the acquisition time. Main issue for WInSAR community is the TOPS acquisition mode, which is different from previous satellites, and can be problematic for interferometry.
- * Requests for German TSX tasking (only request I know about is from Chris Wauthier, see below) – Chris requested to acquire TSX data over 9 volcanoes in Central America. Committee had reservations from large amount of tasking over a vegetated terrain that not suitable for TSX InSAR studies. The recommendation was to permit Chris task the satellite, but in a way that will not monopolize the background account. Also, the EC will review all TSX tasking using the WInSAR quota in early 2014. We will look to see if the acquired images are useful (for example, are they coherent and likely to find deformation) and to see if the images could be acquired through existing proposals to DLR.
- * Potential partnership with National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) – NGA is interested in forming more ties with academic researchers, possibly via WInSAR. They have the potential to provide datasets at no cost. Franz and Matt will continue investigating how to form the partnership.
- * Update from Chris Crosby regarding need for WInSAR to write proposals for personnel support or data buys – Limited funding is available till maybe early 2015. There will be a need to write a proposal in about 6 months. Possible sources for such funding are NSF, as a supplement to the GAGE agreement (will talk to Russ Kelz in 2014 to check on this possibility). Another possibility is NASA via the ACCESS program. Need to check if a call to the program will be available in the 2014 ROSES.
- * Finding friends in Canada and Europe to gain access to the RSAT-2/CSM data available in the current proposal calls – Matt will issue a letter to the WInSAR community to inform everyone on this opportunity. If there is interest and Canadian/European PIs, we may arrange a community effort for accessing data, similar to

the arrangement does with the TSX and ALOS-2 proposals.

*Plans for the WInSAR annual meeting at AGU – Room and time for the WInSAR meeting are already arranged.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm

Action items:

Franz and Matt: Contact Tom at NGA to continue dialogue about partnership with WInSAR.

Chris: Talk with Meghan and Chuck to see if there are any potential issues with partnering with NGA

Scott: Post presentation from ALOS-2 PI meeting on WInSAR website

Shimon and Franz: Talk with CSA/MDA representatives at the ASAR meeting to see if there are ways that we might increase WInSAR use of RSAT data.

Franz: Contact ASF working group to see if WInSAR can help them draft a white paper to increase access to RSAT data.

Matt: 1) contact Chris Wauthier about her TSX tasking proposal.

2) Send membership information about

3) Send slides to Franz about WInSAR to present at ASAR meeting

4) Need another telecom to talk about the annual meeting