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1.0 Nominate someone by Sept. 3!

The term of the present WInSAR Executive Committee (EC) is coming to an end at the end of this year. We will hold our biannual elections for the new WInSAR Executive Committee (EC) to serve in 2015-2016 before the WInSAR annual meeting at the AGU Fall meeting. We are requesting nominations for the new EC, and self-nominations are welcome and encouraged.

To remind you, there are 5 positions in the WInSAR EC. The officers are the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. In addition, there are two at-large members. The current EC members are Matt Pritchard (Chair), David Schmidt (Vice-Chair), Shimon Wdowinski (Secretary), Paul Vincent (at-large), Franz Meyer (at-large) and the non-voting previous Chair Eric Fielding. David Sandwell is the WInSAR liaison with the UNAVCO Board.

The nominating committee will ask the nominated candidates whether they are willing to serve on the EC and whether they are willing to serve as EC Officers and then put the final ballot together. The voting procedure will be similar to that used in 2010 and 2012.

The nominating and election process is very important for WInSAR to continue to be an effective organization. Please spend some time to think of possible candidates and encourage them to accept the nomination. Nominations can be sent in by anybody at WInSAR institutions. The bylaws stipulate that: "All members of the EC shall be affiliated with institutional members of WInSAR. At least two voting members of the EC shall be affiliated with institutional members of UNAVCO."

WInSAR members are expected to remain active in the organization's activities, particularly in the voting and nomination process. We request your nominations at your earliest convenience to me (pritchard@cornell.edu) Nominations will be closed by September 3.

## 2.0 Data access:

WInSAR member representatives (and anyone who has moved institutions should review the list of approved users (<http://winsar.unavco.org/du.html>) - there are some cases where institutional affiliations have changed.

## 3.0 Do you want data?

There is a new search tool that can be used to find data from WInSAR and ASF from ERS-1/2, Envisat, Radarsat-1/2, TerraSAR-X, and CosmoSky-Med.  
<http://facility.unavco.org/SarArchive/flexweb/SearchSarScene.html>

An updated review of available data is available at:  
[http://www.unavco.org/education/advancing-geodetic-skills/short-courses/2014/isce/InSAR-ShortCourse\\_SAR-Data-Access.pdf](http://www.unavco.org/education/advancing-geodetic-skills/short-courses/2014/isce/InSAR-ShortCourse_SAR-Data-Access.pdf)

## Forthcoming data:

\* Sentinel was successfully launched in 2014 and NASA and ASF are in discussion with the European Space Agency for access to the data. There is an open data policy.

\*ALOS-2 has been launched by Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) in 2014. Late in 2012, JAXA issued a call for access to ALOS-2 and other JAXA-owned SAR data, and several WInSAR members wrote successful proposals with UNAVCO listed as a co-investigator. Members of the WInSAR EC talked with Masanobu Shimada of JAXA to clarify how UNAVCO, PI's and co-investigators can share data:

- Question 1: Can PI's store SAR data associated with their ALOS-2 PI proposals at the WInSAR/UNAVCO archive and share them through password protected sites with Co-Is listed on the approved proposals?
  - Answer: Yes, this is not a problem. JAXA does not care where their data are stored as long as the PI's abide by the data policy regulations stated in the PI contract (data can only be shared with Co-Is listed on the proposal; data can only be used for a limited time frame that is specified in the PI documents)

- Question 2: WInSAR members would potentially like to add Co-I's to their individual proposals. Is JAXA considering this possibility?

Answer: Adding Co-I's to the proposal is not a problem and can easily be done through a request to JAXA. If you would like to join one of the approved projects, please contact the PI listed on the following website (although there is no rush to do so):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Av9I6a5QDLOddEIJdzBGFVFCQnFQaUVkZXZocVdjd3c#gid=1>

- Question 3: If adding Co-I's is possible, what is the limit for the number of Co-I's on one proposal?
  - Answer: While the limit seems not to be clearly specified in writing, the maximum number of Co-I's per proposal is likely quite restrictive and lies somewhere between 10 and 15. Therefore, combining large groups of WInSAR members in one PI proposal seems not to be feasible.
- Question 4: Some PIs asked for access to JERS-1 data in their proposals. Do you think it would be possible to store these JERS-1 data at WInSAR and make them available to the WInSAR community?
  - Answer: JERS-1 data fall under the same data restrictions as the ALOS-2 (and ALOS) data received through ALOS-2 proposals. This means that while JERS-1 data can be stored at UNAVCO (just like ALOS-2 data), they can ONLY be shared with the Co-I's listed on ones proposal (and not with any other members of WInSAR). JERS-1 data can also be purchased through a vendor (whose name I can't remember) for very low prices.
- Other notes:

JAXA is planing an ALOS-2 cal/val-type workshop sometime in spring 2015. The next PI workshop is likely going to be in fall 2015.

#### 4.0 Upcoming meetings of interest

Oct. 28-29, 2014: NISAR Applications Workshop @ USGS, Reston, Virginia, USA.

<http://nisar.jpl.nasa.gov/news/index.cfm?FuseAction=ShowNews&NewsID=13>  
Registration now open!

March 23-27, 2015: FRINGE workshop, European Space Agency, Frascati, Italy  
Abstract deadline: 2 November, 2014

May 11-15, 2015: 36th International Symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment (ISRSE)  
Special focus on TerraSAR-X and synergetic uses of X and C-Band like RADARSAT-2 and/or Sentinel-1. Berlin, Germany. Abstract deadline Sept. 30, 2014

If you have questions about anything in this newsletter, please email [pritchard@cornell.edu](mailto:pritchard@cornell.edu)

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