

EC telecon - 2013-12-05

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Minutes by Shimon Wdowinski, edited by Matt Pritchard

Called to order at 3:05 pm EDT

0. Updates: Franz has talked with the ASF User Working Group (UWG) about writing a draft statement about the scientific utility of Radarsat-2 data that could be shared with Craig Dobson of NASA. **He will circulate a draft in consultation with the UWG chair Paul Siquiera.**

1. Plans for possible use of the WInSAR's Earthscope fund of \$45K, which need to be spent by August 31st, 2014. The discussion yielded the following options which will be discussed at the WInSAR business meeting on Dec. 11 and in a subsequent EC telecon after AGU:

- (i) Purchase data – preferably data that could not otherwise be obtained for free. Tasking of TSX and/or CSK. This would involve writing proposals and prioritizing tasking requests and if we do this, **this will be discussed in an EC telecon the week of Dec. 16.**
- (ii) Hire a temp employee at UNAVCO to conduct special tasks, as migrating the ROI_Pack wiki. **Chris will talk to Chuck about whether this is a viable option.**
- (iii) Support short InSAR course. Since UNAVCO has a budget for short courses, it is important to get more information from UNAVCO on their short course plan. **Chris will talk to Donna about the short course plans.**

2. We reviewed the agenda for the WInSAR meeting on Dec. 11

3. Agreement with NGA. The key issue is to determine if it is possible to come up with some wording that would allow us to have an agreement with NGA that wouldn't prevent WInSAR members from signing distinctive agreements as part of funded NGA projects. This will be discussed in the WInSAR business meeting but will mostly continue through discussions between NGA and various EC members.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm

Action items:

Holding another telecon in December to discuss how to use the \$45K

Chris talk with Donna and Chuck

Matt continue discussion with NGA

Franz works with the ASF UWG