

## EC telecon - 2013-12-20

Participants: Matt Pritchard, David Schmidt, Shimon Wdowinski, Eric Fielding, Christopher Crosby, Scott Baker.

Minutes by Shimon Wdowinski, edited by Matt Pritchard

Called to order at 2:05 pm EDT

The meeting included only the discussion of the options for spending the remaining ~\$45k before end of August 2014. The options and our discussion were:

1. SAR data purchase and/or tasking – This is the preferred option for spending the available funding, in particular for satellite tasking. But the devil is in the details. (1) There is a need to contact DLR and find if the available funding can be paid before August 31<sup>st</sup>, but used also afterward. (2) Check with ASI if we should allocate funding for tasking CSK satellites or if this option is covered in their planned AO for 2014. (3) Which areas to task? It was suggested to task those areas that are already covered in TSX archive proposals, or by the background acquisitions. But selecting within this large area will still require some selection from the EC. (4) Request input from the community on tasking areas, but after providing guidelines for good usage of X-band data.

2. Funding SAR short course(s) – This was only seen as a good idea if the tasking was not proving effective and there would be additional funds remaining.

3. Hiring a student worker for a few months to migrate ROI\_PAC wiki content to a new platform. – It was suggested that such task should cost about \$5-7K, if done by a student. Chris and Scott will find more information if it can be done by a student for the suggested amount and look for a suitable student for the job.

4. Some combination of the above three options. It was agreed that Satellite tasking is the highest priority (option 1). If the cost of the ROI\_PAC wiki migration (option 3) is reasonable, it should also be funded.

5. Other idea from Falk: Falk suggested that we build the capability to ingest ALOS1/2, Sentinel-1, CSK, etc into the archive much like we now do for TSX. – This task will be covered by the GAGE grant and, hence, does not need additional funding.

- During the UNAVCO's science meeting, WInSAR will host a Special Topic Session. During this session in we will report on usage of the available ~\$45K funding.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm

Action items:

Matt will contact DLR regarding TSX tasking. Matt will prepare a message to the membership, but first circulate it to the EC.

Chris and Scott will find out more information on transferring the ROI\_PAC wiki can be done by a student. If so, UNAVCO will search for suitable student.