

## EC telecon - 2013-12-20

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

Minutes by Shimon Wdowinski, edited by Matt Pritchard

Called to order at 3:30 pm EDT

The meeting included discussion on the following items:

1) Outstanding action items:

- work with ASF to draft letter to CSA for improved data access (action item: Franz will talk to ASF staff)
- Formalize notes from STS meeting at UNAVCO Science meeting. Notes should be posted on the WInSAR website. (action item: Chris will check to see what has already been posted at the UNAVCO meeting site. If it already incorporates the text that Eric sent around, we can just link to what is already posted. If not, we can upload Eric's modified notes).

2) Update on the following TSX tasking requests:

- 1) Roland: DLR proposal denied, pending appeal
- 2) USGS volcanoes -- DLR project approved for test summer data over Cascade volcanoes. (action item: Matt will write to USGS folks to make sure there is coordination between Paul Vincent's requests and the USGS volcano requests so that there aren't any conflicts. There shouldn't be, but we will need to monitor to make sure everyone gets the data they need and no one's requests are canceled because the disk is full.)
- 3) Shimon\* - proposal needed
- 4) California central valley: DLR project approved
- 5) Paul Vincent's proposal -- doesn't need WInSAR funds at this time
- 6) Kurt Feigl -- everything should be set up to spend funds for this data
- 7) Zhong Lu: waiting to hear back on DLR proposal

So we have 3 proposals approved and 2 pending

\*Shimon requested to use his 'quota' for bridge monitoring instead of the original request to for monitoring sinkhole activity. His request follows the submission of full proposal to DoT on the same topic. He would like to start monitor bridges in Florida and NY. The EC approved his request, as well as initial TSX tasking using the WInSAR background account. Shimon will submit a regular TSX data proposal for bridge monitoring. Members, who are interested in joining the proposal as CoPIs, will send Shimon their information and requested target areas.

3) NGA agreement – Matt suggested changes to the title and some parts of the text of the CRADA. He will revise the agreement and send it to the EC for approval after he hears back from the NGA lawyers on whether UNAVCO can be the signatory instead of Cornell. (action item: Matt will contact NGA and send EC revised CRADA. The next

step would be to start to contact the community to flesh out the CRADA details – what areas will be studied and what do people promise to do with the data).

4) WInSAR data products: The discussion at the UNAVCO meeting's STS brought up a data problem regarding the use of frames derived from long ERS/ENVISAT swaths. Scott suggested to replace all the long swaths with regular frame data from ESA. (action item: Matt will send a list of bad scenes to Scott. Scott will assess whether the problem is understood and work to order the replacement data. If it turns out to be a burden, he will report to the EC and we will reconsider what to do.)

5) New WInSAR background tasking requests:

- Kurt Katzenstein – The requested data is from area that is near the LA supersite. It was suggested to add an extra frame to an existing tasking that will include the requested area. However, there is a good chance that the tasking will fail due to low supersite tasking success, so the use of WInSAR tasking quota for 1-2 frames was approved. (action item: Chris/Scott will write a letter to Kurt to notify him on the status of his request and the need to write a data proposal, with cc to Matt).

- Julie Elliott – The request includes four glaciers in southern Alaska, which will be monitored using pixel tracking. The EC approved the request for a 6 month trial period. At the end of this period the request will be re-evaluated based on the number of acquisitions and the available quota for background acquisitions. (action item: Chris/Scott will write a letter to Julie to notify her on the status of her request, with cc to Matt).

6) WInSAR participation in an NSF RAPID proposal to purchase commercial SAR imagery for the recent Chile earthquake. The EC was informed of the a request to purchase TSX and RSAT-2 data to make available through UNAVCO.

7) There was no time to discuss all issues in the agenda: specifically:

- 1) a plan to develop a review of TSX WInSAR tasking to ensure that good data is being collected and that there is still a need for all the tasking requests;
- 2) plans to submit proposal to fund WInSAR activities.
- 3) InSAR short courses in 2014
- 4) plans to expand/rename roipac.org to include ISCE, GMTSAR, etc.

To cover these issues, another telecom will be scheduled, perhaps after the May 6-7 ASF meeting when the situation with Sentinel data might be clarified.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm