EC telecon - 2014-11-13


Minutes by Shimon Wdowinski, edited by Matt Pritchard

Called to order at 2:00 pm EDT

The meeting included discussion on the following items:

1. Updates:
   - Elections: get out the vote. Jaime indicated a good response so far.
   - Supplement proposal to NASA/NSF -- sent new request on Oct. 29, no response.
   - Uploading the May and August minutes – Chris will take care of it.
   - Update from Scott on interferogram – will be presented at his poster on Wed. morning of AGU and UNAVCO’s booth at AGU.
   - Matt submitted an abstract on behalf of WInSAR to the FRINGE meeting – Eric, Franz, Scott, and Shimon will attend the meeting and will be able to present it, if Matt won’t attend the meeting.
   - Letter sent by ASFUWG and WInSAR to Craig Dobson about access to Radarsat data - No news, yet. Ask Craig to talk about it during the AGU’s WInSAR meeting.
   - Matt and Franz talked with Tom about restarting discussions with NGA, but they don’t think anything has happened yet.
   - Chris, Matt, et al., need to put together the final report for the Earthscope grant (due Nov. 30).

   - Should be reviewed by the next EC to determine if there are data that aren’t successful or if people don’t need to use WInSAR because they have their own accounts. For example it was reported that one member used WInSAR background tasking for Greenland data that he pays from his grant. Possibly not a good use of background account and so Matt will investigate.

3. Annual meeting - proposed agenda was sent in the e-mail.
   - Overall the consensus was that the proposed agenda looks fine
   - Matt took notes on the suggested changes to the agenda and will send invitations.

4. Discussion: What are the key tasks that we need to hand off to the next EC?
   - New EC should look into TSX tasking
   - Try again for NGA agreement
   - Funding to follow-on after the Earthscope and other NASA proposals end
   - What should be the long-term mission of WInSAR after Sentinel-1 will deliver data for free? One goal: making sure data from the other ~10 satellites are available to the community. Need continued good relations with foreign space agencies
- Relationships with ESA. Could the data portal at UNAVCO be opened up so that the licensing agreements don’t need to be signed?
- Increase community activity/identity among InSAR users. Scientific conference? Short courses, Wiki’s
- ISCE software distribution
- Encourage the community use the h5 format

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm

Action items:
- Matt will investigate TSX tasking, and invite speakers for the annual business meeting
- Franz and Matt will follow-up on conversations with NGA
- Chris and Matt will finalize NSF report on the Earthscope proposal