

October 14, 2021 Social Science Working Group Call

Attendees: Kira Sullivan-Wiley, Jody Peters, Jaime Ashander, Güray Hatipoğlu (late but not too much :))

Regrets: Melissa Kenney

Agenda/Notes:

1. Updates from CI/Methods Visualization Task View
 - The outline has been updated and details are starting to be filled in. Want to keep this group in the loop
 - The Task View includes a link to the Bibliography this group put together. Jessica Burnett from USGS also added a link to a bib that she used for a paper on web apps that Jody thought this group might appreciate
zotero.org/groups/2845330/scientificwebapps
2. How can we develop collaborations and research projects?
 - **Explore or develop a strategy for how to engage more social scientists in ecological forecasts and what that looks like**
 - The Partners call in September overlapped with this as well and during that call Melissa encouraged thinking about the “who” and the “how” - who to reach out to and how to engage?
 - To Do: Brainstorm Social Science professional societies that EFI members can go to, similar to what people do for ESA.
 - Create text to advertise EFI and what Social Science has to offer to EFI and what EFI can offer to Social Scientists
 - Note from Güray after the July 15 call: I have many social scientists or sociologist acquaintances, as one may expect, they are generally more around and more sociable. However, having an "elevator pitch" of EFI Social Science WG does not really attract their attention. I suspect that in addition to the networking and other cool stuff, if people might see more direct and tangible benefits things will be different. Consider this, we are making a call for a literature review project, it is voluntary but if you want to attend, for instance, you will have an access to XX University's e-library. After making them interested in with similar things and make them attend, then, networking and other abstract topics will start to make an impact.
 - Google folder with Google sheet and Google doc
 - Spreadsheet with list of societies
 - Google doc for drafting text to send to Professional Societies
 - Let them know who we are and the benefits and opportunities of becoming a member, ways to get involved
 - Invite people to talk about their research - as panel, through hosted networking event, or with one off invitations

- See note in spreadsheet about Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) from Güray after the July15 call

3. Notes from today:

- Hard to have people want to get involved without a concrete project for people to work on
- Want to get people involved who are in the assistant or associate position - have established labs, so they are in a position to hire people.
- Interdisciplinary route is the future and EFI is in a good position to bring people in and getting them connecting
- Get people on each others radar and have a long enough lag time to write grants or work on projects
- First step - inviting people. Is there interest
- Have a way to get people onboard. A way to discuss potential research projects. This is an event you can join to listen, but to register you have to pitch an idea - use this to encourage participation.
- Tie this event into upcoming RFPs or calls so people can start to brainstorm - what is your research question, what are topics that people can tag in the registration so we can group people during the meeting
- A more curated form of going to conferences and meeting people at coffee breaks to make connections. Want to target people who are in the position to start collaborations or apply for funding
- DISES deadline is in November. Could think about doing something at the EFI22 meeting May 23-25 or something virtual around that same time to allow people to develop ideas
- If we do the meet and greet online and host it early enough to people could register for the May meeting
- March could be early enough if we close the meeting registration by mid-April. In the advertising for the March event, highlight the upcoming May meeting
- Block out part of the May agenda to set up collaborations - want to have groups that already have something they have started thinking about in the March call to have the opportunity to get together.
- Question for Quinn/May Organizing Committee - Would there be a specific hook in the May meeting that would tie into this
- Run by Quinn and Melissa
- Have people at end of March meet and greet set up slide or two, or 1-pager and have that available at the May meeting to share with all the members of the May meeting to advertise what people are doing and to maximize on the interwovenness of the EFI community and capitalizing on everyone being in the same place.