

November 18, 2021 Social Science Working Group Call

Notes from October 14, 2021 call [HERE](#).

Attendees: Mike Gerst, Jody Peters

Regrets: Jaime Ashander

Agenda/Notes:

1. Nominations for Organizing Committee for May 2022 EFI All Hands Meeting at Virginia Tech
 - Commitment: monthly calls starting in January that will increase to bi-monthly calls as we get closer to the meeting in May.
 - Looking for coordinators who will provide multiple types of voices in the planning process, help to identify keynote speakers, and help lead sessions and activities at the meeting.
 - Expect participating as a meeting coordinator will be a CV building activity and we are focusing on recruiting individuals at the early career stage (e.g., postdoc and assistant professor).

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**
 - Meet and Greet ideas to bring in social scientist to have a dialogue about research they are interested in and how to match-make within EFI.
 - From Melissa following Oct call -
 - I would love to talk about several forecasting projects that we want to pursue? It would be great to talk with some teams of forecasters who are interested in considering different ways of doing their research and can clearly articulate the kinds of questions that they would view as most interesting. It would certainly help with some of the "match-making" and ideation.
 - Prior to the Meet and Greet have an open invitation to EFI members to pitch their forecasting projects that they are interested in having social science perspectives on
 - Then use that as a
 - 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
 - Simple list of things social scientists can help with. List of ~5 items. Could help to organize the meet and greet around these topics. Mike will draft this list to get the group thinking.
 - List from Mike:
 - 1. How do I link ecological forecasts with social/economic impacts?
 - 2. How do I align my forecast with what potential users need?
 - 3. How do I design a decision support tool?
 - 4. How do I know whether my forecast is useful?
 - 5. How do I communicate my results to a specific audience?
 - Jody will follow up with Melissa and Kira about concrete tasks for moving the meet and greet forward
- 3. Leaving the following 2 points as placeholder for follow up if there is time or interest
- 4. Blog Posts
 - Mike Gerst
 - Jaime
- 5. Joint Social Science/Partners Call Ideas
 - Google doc with Joint Call Ideas