

July 12, 2022 Translation Working Group Call

Attendees: Jody Peters, Güray Hatipoğlu, Charlotte Malmberg, Cliff Duke, Mike Gerst, Kira Sullivan Wiley, Jaime Ashander

Regrets: Melissa Kenney, Mike SanClements

Agenda

1. Nominations for Chair of the Translation Working Group
 - a. Mike Gerst self-nominated!
 - b. Mike and Kira will work out details offline

2. Terms of Reference/Work Plan
 - a. Kira started drafting materials to get feedback from the group about.
 - b. The Purpose is taken from the EFI webpage with a note about connecting to
 - c. For today want to talk about the Work Plan (these are activities that have been previously suggested).
 - d. Then after people have time to think about the activities we can send out a poll to check into what people are most excited about and what kind of availability they have
 - e. From the [EFI Strategic Plan](#) - the Tier 1 Major Project that is good for the group to be aware of is the External Advisory Committee. This is something that Melissa is leading and was something we wanted the group to be aware of (but it isn't a project that this group will be leading). If anyone has ideas for who would be good to have on the Committee, reach out to Melissa or Jody
 - f. Tier 2 Major Projects that are related to the Translation group
 - i. Research Outreach - bringing in people who are forecasting in fields that don't have much representation in EFI (e.g., fisheries, agriculture, biosecurity)
 - ii. Partner Outreach - EFI has a number of academic and gov't outreach, but would like to reach out and connect with industry and NGO outreach
 - iii. Social Science - increase the number of social of scientists in EFI
 - iv. Boundary Organization - currently are serving a little bit of this. But this will be more intentional about building ourselves as a boundary organization to connect people who are making forecasts with those who are using the forecasts. Serve as the bridge. Would include matchmaking and the DEI initiatives.
 1. We have heard from Thriving Earth Exchange in the past that serves as a boundary organization
 2. This bullet includes early action items
 - v. These Tier 2 Major Project will require a leader/champion and the time resources to develop the projects
 - g. There are also opportunistic activities from the Strategic Plan
 - h. Finally - the 4 projects that we have been discussing over the past few calls

- i. What is on the list right now has come from the Strategic Plan and the activities that have been discussed over the past couple of calls as the Translation group has gotten up and running
 - j. Poll language “This should be a priority for EFI” rather than this is a “Priority for me”
 - k. Provide resources for those within EFI that want to engage with partners and produce actionable forecasts. Externally viewable and internally maintained set of best practices on decision making
 - l. Is there interest in convening activities and science workshop connecting forecasters and stakeholders or decision makers?
 - i. This is something that the CI/Methods group has also discussed putting in a proposal to NSF Program Officer for a small workshop (<\$50K).
 - ii. If there was interest from this group, it is definitely something the group could
 - iii. From Cliff’s experience with the Academies the workshop that they have organized are typically 1-2 day workshop, can result in small products (proceedings and briefs). They don’t come out with recommendations like other academy reports do. To do a workshop at the Academies is a couple of \$100K
 - iv. Cliff will share some examples of past workshops
 - v. Wonder if this would interest Anne Kinsinger from USGS. Cliff has interacted with her. Jaime knows of her, but hasn’t interacted with her. Jaime can ask one of the regional advisors and will look into more.
 - m. Thinking about audience - to make sure what is developed is relevant. Best practices - not just giving list of resources, but also how to use the resources provided
 - n. Have the resources from the Co-production and Actionable Science panel on the Translation EFI webpage. Jody will add this as a page under the Resources section
3. Didn’t get to this on this call: Did anyone get a chance to look at Forecasting for Social Good. <https://www.f4sg.org/>. Or the Institute of Forecasters (IIF)
4. Interests across the group
- a. Providing guidelines to EFI about how physical scientists can connect with social scientists and what that sort of collaboration or co-production would look like. We can talk about what this would look like more, but as Mike was talking I was imagining a written document, but also one or more seminars to showcase what social scientists are doing and the benefits of collaboration and how to go about setting up collaborations.
 - b. “AI for good” and considering the social impacts of AI and forecasting - who is participating in the analyses and conversations. And diving into topics like the

transparency of decision support tools, who is accountable for poor environmental outcomes, and what makes a decision support tool considered legitimate in the eye of the user.

- c. Using citizen science as a way to connect with social science in understanding how to engage and retain citizen scientists in a project and considering how citizen scientists can be instrumental for ecological forecasting.
- d. Input and thoughts on how to improve the use of science to inform endangered species decisions is always welcome and appreciated