

August 15, 2023 Translation Working Group Call

Attendees: Alison Gerken, John Rosenfield, Kira Sullivan-Wiley, Michael Gerst, Shannon LaDeau, Charlotte Malmborg

Regrets: Jessica Burnett, Cliff Duke, Chris Brown, Mike SanClements

Agenda

1. From John: Is there interest in EFI about social ecology or human ecology? Or is it more about understanding of stakeholders and policymakers
 - a. Mix of both things. Mostly focusing on decision risk scientists can help improve the usability of forecasts
 - b. One idea that has come up is the modeling of people are part of systems
 - c. Think there would be an interest to bring people on board - we have discussed how to get people on board and how to get them connected, and exploring if we are branding EFI broadly enough to make connections with people in the EFI community
 - d. John has background in social science and psychology, and is willing to share his experience with the group

2. Matchmaking database update
 - a. Link to types of matchmaking databases with tab for data fields to include in an intake form
 - b. Update from Chris/Jody about conversation with Lori Peek from the Natural Hazards Group
 - i. Great call!
 - ii. 3 suggestions from Lori
 - Webinar series to bring in people in another field to show examples from another field.
 - Identify case examples showing how much time, money, that it takes. And demonstrate the key process. Use this to help answer the why.
 - Lori has a group she thought would be a good example from an engineering/social science perspective
 - Funding groups to groups to come around a topic on the social science. Lori provided \$1K to 90 groups to meet or a year
 - Had to be led by social scientist and had to produce 1-pager with a research agenda
 - SSEER membership - most robust process of all the groups in CONVERGE. Lori will share the qualtrics form questions and deidentified output with us
 - See what information we get from Lori on their membership form and use that to add to the tab for data fields to include in an intake form on the types of matchmaking databases sheet

- Things like methodological or geographical information
 - c. Update from Jody about Thriving Earth Exchange
 - i. Jody didn't get feedback from TEE yet
 - d. Would SESYNC be a useful group to connect with?
 - i. Not hosting new groups. But are putting all their materials online so could be a good resource
 - ii. Think they are a group that we could explore to see what their process was that could be used as an example to potentially emulate
 - iii. Check their webinar series on socio-ecological modeling
 - e. Define what success would look like if we implement a matchmaking system
 - f. Is it worth pursuing a matchmaking database system?
 - i. Hosting a virtual event (target for first event is this fall, but thinking to host 2 calls a year). This virtual event will allow people to share half baked ideas and explore people who may be interested in fully cooking/proposing ideas.
 - **Action Item for the group** - continue to discuss details about purpose and structure, who will facilitate, advertising/inviting participants, and connecting with the work on the tutorial about decision making.
 - Jody is leaving this on the Agenda, but we have paused focusing on this while we discuss the matchmaking databases above and the tutorial below.
3. Tutorial about how to collaborate and communicate across disciplines. How to understand stakeholder decision making processes?
- a. Archetype for the tutorial: modelers/physical scientists looking to connect with social scientists, decision makers, stakeholders, end users
 - b. Google doc with notes about the tutorial from previous calls
 - c. August call
 - i. List ideas for tutorials and prioritize based on their expected impacts
 - ii. Think about it as a series of YouTube short 5-10 minute videos
 - iii. Want to make it a playlist similar to what was put together by NEON on what is ecological forecasting which are short:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLLWiknuNGd50Lc3rft4kFPc_oxAhIQ-6s
 - iv. Brainstorming topics for the videos
 - Can we pick out topics from the 7 topics that came up in the [blog post](#)?
 - Start by organizing it this way and then fill in the gaps
 - Is co-production the right answer? This is a great topic that could be covered in 5 minutes and don't think it is covered in the NEON videos

- When do you involve stakeholders? When is it useful and respectful of their time to engage someone who is not an academic scientist
 - Who, what, when, where, why, and how for stakeholder engagement
 - Kira mentioned that there are Nature Conservancy resources around stakeholder engagement - engaging with interested parties and rightsholders
 - Resources for level of engagement that could translate to modeling and ecological forecasting
 - How to engage is the broad co-development. Then who to engage and when
 - Don't want the videos to exclude anyone, but thinking about the audience is the broader EFI community - people who have semi-professional interest in modeling ecological futures and understanding forecasting
 - People who do evaluation work have started publishing on what has worked on co-production. So think the field is at a good point to summarize what has worked well. Previously it was guideline based
 - Include case studies of success. Co-production, consultation examples. These could be 2-5 minutes to give practical advice and make it tangible
 - Top 5 tips and tricks for co-production
 - Matchmaking is the ability to make connections between physical or ecological scientists with social scientists.
 - Tutorial is a riff on the matchmaking the public who can I serve with my forecast or if someone needs a forecast. Someone has heard the term co-production, but not sure what that means or how to do it.
 - Could have a living document that starts with what we know is wanted. But have eyes and ears open during conversations to hear where there are needs. Use this as a way to crowd-source future ideas.
 - Alison is willing to compile ideas in the next couple of weeks of topics that we can make more focused to the EFI community
 - Who do we want to have give these talks?
 - Do we want to have examples included in the topical recording? Or have the examples be separate recordings.
4. Links/notes to other resources or ideas previously discussed.
- a. Compiling list of funding opportunities for cross-disciplinary work or work requiring end users or stakeholders.

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- c. Compilation of notes from the Social Science and Partners working group calls where matchmaking was discussed