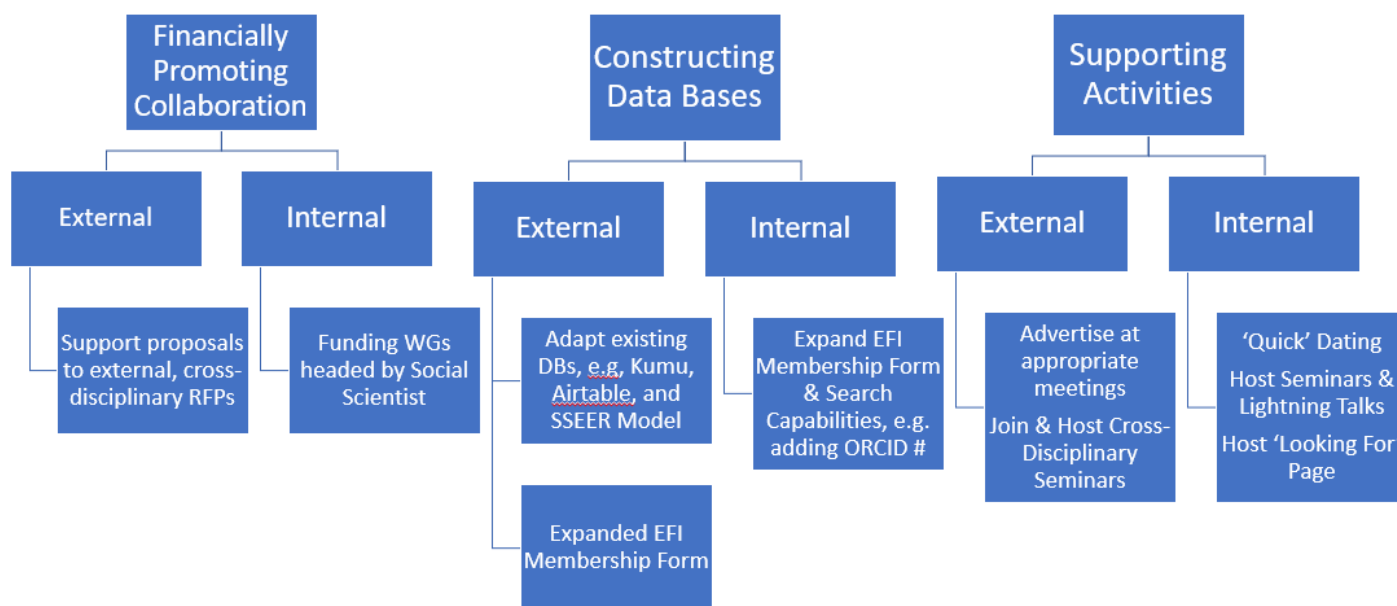November 7, 2023 Translation Working Group Call
Attendees: John Rosenfield, Hannah O'Grady, Jody Peters, Kira Sullivan-Wiley, Chris Brown, Shannon LaDeau, Mike Gerst
Regrets: Alison Gerken, Alexis O'Callahan

Agenda

1. Summary of Matchmaking Activities and Future Opportunities
   a. Summary of Ideas

Connecting Collaborators

Financially Promoting Collaboration		Constructing Data Bases		Supporting Activities	
External	Internal	External	Internal	External	Internal
Support proposals to external, cross-disciplinary RFPs	Funding WGs headed by Social Scientist	Adapt existing DBs, e.g. Kumu, Airtable, and SSEER Model / Expanded EFI Membership Form	Expand EFI Membership Form & Search Capabilities, e.g. adding ORCID #	Advertise at appropriate meetings / Join & Host Cross-Disciplinary Seminars	'Quick' Dating / Host Seminars & Lightning Talks / Host 'Looking For' Page

   b. Social Science & Ecological Forecasting Project RFP
      i. Request to the EFI Steering Committee to use EFI funds to support 4 or 5 grants ($1,250 or $1,000, respectively) that encourage groups, led by public health or social scientists, to prepare to submit proposals related to ecological forecasting
      ii. Includes draft text of: Project Description, FAQs, and Application Form
      iii. Still needs Evaluation Criteria for how the organizing committee would determine which groups would get funded
         ● Kira has been on review panels and can share resources
      iv. Looking for asynchronous feedback from the group over the next 2 weeks so Chris and Jody can present this to the EFI Steering Committee on the Nov 30 call
      v. Do we see this as rolling as funds are available or on a specific timeline that is connected to specific proposal deadlines

      vi.   What can people do with the funds?
- Can't do a lot with $1000. Could possibly fund a week of a postdoc to do something a bit risky
- Could there be 2 that are $2500
- It is more of a token of appreciation
- Funds are direct to the PI of the proposal
- Experiment for the first time
- Acknowledge that the ideation process takes time and effort and we want to provide tangible benefit to do this even if you don't get funded on the backend
- Maybe don't even ask for a budget. Be clear that it will be a direct payment to the applicant
- Funds can be used for example "catering for get together, travel expenses, personnel support"

      vii.   Is it possible to apply and then funds could be contributed to someone else's work?
- Sure. That seems like an option.

      viii.   Kira, Ayanna willing to look over materials (Ayanna is defending in 3 weeks!! So we want her to focus on that). But may not have time in the next few weeks, so may need to push it

      ix.   Try to get it to the SC by the Nov 30 call with high level

      x.   ESSIC/UMD (Michael and Chris' home institution) - have Affinity groups which have similar yearly budget. Could be a good example to share with the Steering Committee to show how other groups have developed engagement

2. Tutorial ideas and next steps
   a. Follow up with John about the water quality example he pulled together on pg 19 of the Google Slides
      i. Supportive relationships between businesses and academia
      ii. Another example from MA - can a forecasting model cut down on amount of time the equipment can be used so would there be less mechanical stress on the equipment
         - Could we have a section proposing a forecasting model for MA and go through the 5Ws and the How and Would a forecasting model be useful in this situation
      iii. Could have a section with concrete examples.
      iv. Or could have a section that shows how you could go through the process
   b. Spend time co-working to go through the slide material and discuss next steps
   c. Overview of Big Picture Ideas:
      i. Series of short YouTube videos (5-10 minutes)
      ii. Topic: Who, what, when, where, why, and how for partner/user/interested parties engagement and examples from the EFI community
   d. Google Slides

      i.   How will slides translation into a video?
- Need to take the materials in the slides and transition to creating materials for videos

      ii.   People have their own personal examples. If they are leading a video, then can bring their examples

      iii.   Next call - discuss how to move forward - who is going to take charge of different sections?

      iv.   End of the video - summarize the points we want to get across using the personal experiences

      v.   Do we have a short list of people who can lead the videos

      vi.   Could do an interview format - like having specific examples on the front end and then have a learning about discussion on the back end.
- Would need someone in the group to take over the host role
- Kira is happy to help interviewing
- Put names in the hat for who in the EFI community to connect with

      vii.   Use the comment area on YouTube for people to share their experiences. Collecting data in stories

   e. Google folder with the slides and notes about the tutorial from previous calls

3. Materials from Vicky Boult (European Chapter Co-Chair)
   - a. On the October European Chapter seminar, Vicky presented her interdisciplinary work related to three topics: elephant ecology and conservation driven by climatic variability, forecasting climatic variables at decision-relevant timescales with a focus on soil moisture, and translating forecasts into action
     - i. [Here is the recording](#) of her talk
     - ii. Jody followed up with Vicky since her work aligns nicely with the Translation working group. Vicky is going on maternity leave in December for a year, but when she gets back, Jody thinks it would be great to have her connect with the group to share what she is working on
     - iii. In the meantime, here are some other resources from Vicky
     - iv. Vicky's paper on Forecast Based Action that she shared during the call: https://conbio.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cobi.14054
       - Here is a link to a pdf of the paper
     - v. Vicky recommends this paper which she says is one of the principle papers on forecast-based action and financing. https://nhess.copernicus.org/articles/15/895/2015/
       - Here is a link to a pdf of the paper
     - vi. She also says there's a lot of good information from the Anticipation Hub across multiple programmes (https://www.anticipation-hub.org/).
     - vii. And she wonders if the working group is looking at co-production approaches? She says "Co-production of climate services is all the rage at the moment (and rightly so), and I've seen it creeping into the ecology literature too."

- ● Jody let her know that the group is thinking about co-production and shared the co-production series we hosted in 2021

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