

July 9, 2025 Translation Working Group Call

Attendees: Alison Gerken, Abby Keller, Kira Sullivan-Wiley, Jody Peters, Collin VanBuren, Janet Nackoney, Alexis O'Callahan, Ayanna St. Rose

Agenda

1. [Social Science and Ecoforecasting Planning Award](#) Seed funding update (Jody)
 - a. Updates
 - i. Five teams that were awarded: 1) two of them have completed their work and received initial \$500 and second \$500, 2) two of them have been used to develop connections and received initial \$500
 - b. Successes - connections with Melina and EEFI; connections with Evan Bowness; Melissa mentioned the seed funding in her EFI2025 presentation
 - c. Following up with the Steering Committee - do we want to do this again? Is there a different ask, etc. The SC will be approving the budget for 2026 in September. If we want to have another ask for funds, we will want to have it developed before September
 - d. Reflection from Kira - in the absence of this grant what would have been possible.
 - i. What did you spend the money on.
 - ii. What can we intuit from the responses? Are there benefits we can highlight (and confirm) from the participants
 - iii. Ask a short narrative from Evan and Melissa (and then with the other three) - get a sense if the funds did help in some way (keep it open). Did it matter to them in their research and linking to ecological forecasters or forecast users. Would they recommend us to continue this funding in future years?
 - Would it be useful to use the funding for other activities, besides developing proposals or convening groups?
 - Do you have recommendations if we do this again, does it need to be more broad - then proposal development and group convening?
 - iv. Jody will follow up with the 5 teams - try to get the info by the August working group call so the group can work on a pitch (if we want one) for the Steering Committee budget approval
 - v. For the future, also consider the reimbursement process. The funds are from Boston University and it is easiest for their process to reimburse travel receipts. Jody, will reach out to Lauren at BU to see if she has suggestions about the reimbursement process
2. Working Group Co-chair Transition (Kira)
 - a. Begin process for getting a new chair or co-chair.
 - b. We currently do not have a formal process for choosing a new chair/co-chair.

- i. Suggested process: write up a brief description of chair responsibilities; solicit interest from folks (put in an email)
 - ii. Does anyone want to nominate themselves or someone else? Could do this before the next meeting
 - iii. If someone is nominated and doesn't want to be in the role, then they do not need to take on the role
 - iv. Vote during the following call after the nominations are in and allow people who are active participants to email Jody their vote if they cannot make the call
 - v. Announce the nominations twice - after this call and after the August call. Deadline is by Sept 1.
 - vi. If you nominate someone else, they have to confirm they are happy to be considered.
 - vii. Jody will send out the list of nominees a week before the Sept working group call
- c. Responsibilities of the chair/co-chair
- i. "Helping Jody" position, but it is whatever you make of it (i.e., could include agenda-setting or facilitating meetings)
 - ii. Helpful if you have a vision for what the working group could do.
3. Tutorials status
- a. Website: <https://ecoforecast.org/engaged-research-tutorials/>
 - b. YouTube playlist:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmpgJtGjCb06MMmdT6nplmjhND6IBLXhg>
 - c. Complete videos:
 - i. Intro: <https://youtu.be/-WQEwt7U7sE>
 - ii. Why: <https://youtu.be/Pek5HtAqE9A>
 - iii. When: <https://youtu.be/o3DnY4IJfEM>
 - d. Videos in progress
 - i. Jody - What video. Alexis reached out to Alistair and Chris J. They have approved! This video is ready to go live on YouTube after Jody finalizes the captions when she is back from vacation on the 21st
 - ii. Alexis - How video
 - Still brainstorming and editing. Would like feedback from others on the script here (red text is what Alexis has added, black was already there). Alexis will finalize the powerpoint and get feedback from the group
 - iii. Ayanna - Who video
 - Alexis is working on final edits
 - Interviewees: Kira, Chris B, CSIRO. Kira will reach out to CSIRO people; Chris B has agreed to be 'shown'
 - iv. Charlotte - Barriers. Draft outline about the barriers to co-production.
 - Charlotte will get input from the group when she has time

4. Measuring impact (Abby's idea following the EFI2025 Conference)
 - a. Often "decision support" is listed as the primary end use of a forecast, but decision science is frequently not used in the development of the forecast. What is the cost of this disconnect?
 - i. Use some Vignettes compiled by the group to think about how consideration (or lack of consideration or unforeseen consequences) of governance structure and/or social context affects the decision relevance of forecasts (thinking about [point 7 in this paper](#)). Perhaps this could be something like semi-structured interviews of the researchers listed in this document
 - ii. We have talked about measuring impact in other activities - understanding how we measure success quantitatively vs qualitatively
 - iii. Connection to education is an underappreciated lens of co-production - connecting
 - b. Next meeting - put together vision for how a lit review would come together. Could interview people in the vignettes. Abby will share two slides with ideas on the next call