

February 11, 2026 Joint Education/DEI working group call

Attendees: Mary Alldred, Alyssa Willson, Antoinette Abeyta, Jody Peters, Jason McLachlan

Regrets: Nievita, Rachel, John, Sean, Elva

Agenda:

1. New paper that Saeed is a co-author on!
 - a. Turba, R., Thoré, E.S.J., Bertram, M.G., Bridg, H., Shafiei Sabet, S., Gamboa, M., Rios-Orjuela, J.C., Takola, E. Salina, J.C., Sampaio Franco, A.C., and C. Marin. 2026. "Global North-South Science Inequalities Due to Language and Funding Barriers." *Peer Community Journal* 6 (January). <https://doi.org/10.24072/pcjournal.677>.
 - b. See recommendations from the paper below
2. EFI2026 Conference working group and workshop updates
 - a. Antoinette/Rachel - Slow data workshop - slowing down the data processing. Taking time to consider what data is being used and open data science tools to people without access to the internet. Have series of data journal prompts to have students collect small scale data or look at public data sources
 - b. Jason/Sean - working group - data visualization and storytelling. Developing a common language for sharing data. Using accessible technology for data comics to give people the ability to tell the data story outside just using bar graphs
3. Update from the Asian Chapter
 - a. A future goal is to develop educational materials/host short courses. They have a similar situation with facing the need for data science education to prepare people for forecasting analyses
4. Diana Dalbotten retirement notes
 - a. Collect them and bind them together
 - b. Data visualization to show numbers of people Diana has mentored from SLAWR REU, Gaadaa Camp, GA

Turba et al Recommendations

Language Diversity Initiatives:

1. Foster a culture that values linguistic diversity, and distinguish language skills from scientific quality.
2. Support journals that publish in languages other than English.
3. Practice "citation consciousness" by increasing the visibility of Global South and non-English-language science.
4. Provide language editing and translation services in events and publishing.
5. Offer training in multiple languages.

Equitable Funding Models:

1. Advocate for a fair distribution of financial resources within the Open Science framework.
2. Invest in programs, repositories, and publishers that are open diamond.

3. Establish funds to cover (totally or partially) Article Processing Charges (APCs) for authors from low-, lower-middle, and upper-middle-income regions.
4. Strategically organize meetings that encourage participation of researchers from all over the globe.
 - a. Include in-person events in diverse and accessible locations.
 - b. Offer travel grant programs.
 - c. Offer virtual attendance options to ease geographical and financial barriers.
 - d. Create mentorship programs.
5. Create online platforms that support and facilitate international collaborations.
6. Re-evaluate assessment metrics to be aligned with Open Science best-practices.

Also see Table 1 in the paper for the list of Open Science publication resources