Update on the Activities and Workplan of the ADC

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2016-2017 Activities
Early 2016

- Follow up and reporting on Polar Data Forum II (PDC/CCIN, NSIDC, Waterloo Canada)
- ASSW – AOS 2016
  - Pulsifer keynote talk on data and work of the ADC
  - Contribution to organization of AOS and “statement”
- Joined with IARPC in organizing “Town Hall” meeting
- Confirmed importance of interoperability and a plan for workshop
7. **Work**, through the IASC-SAON Arctic Data Committee, to develop a broad, globally connected Arctic observing data and information system of systems that is based on open access data and standards, in addition to recognizing and addressing ethical use and proprietary rights of Indigenous Knowledge and that delivers value to Arctic and global communities.
Arctic Data Ecosystem Initiative

- Nov. 2014 – Arctic Data Committee establishes *Mapping Arctic Data Ecosystem* initiative
- June 2016 – Complementary interests in *Pan-Arctic Options Project* (PAO) identified
- RESULT: PAO will lead initiative while sharing results with ADC, and many others (World Data Systems, Belmont Forum, CODATA, Research Data Alliance, SAON, EU-Polarnet)
International Data Week (Sept 2016)

- With ADC & SCADM and members (e.g. WMO, AINA), co-organized session at SciDataCon 2016
- Participated in RDA meeting – founding member of Mapping the Landscape IG

Session Title: Sharing Across Scales and Domains: Polar Data in the Global System
Session Organisers: Peter Pulsifer, Anton Van de Putte, Taco de Bruin, Marten Tacoma, Øystein Godøy, Shannon Christoffersen Vossepoel

Session Description:
Session duration – 90 minutes per block, five speakers per block + discussion

Each speaker will have 15 minutes to present, including questions. We suggest 12 minutes of presentation and 3 minutes for questions. In the interest of fairness and to ensure that some time remains for broad discussion, the session chairs will strictly enforce time limits. This schedule should provide us with approximately 15 minutes for discussion towards the end of each sub-session as described below.

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Interoperability Workshop and Assessment Process

7 - 10 November 2016
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Related Events

- EU-PolarNet Task 3.3 Annual Meeting (Open) : Afternoon and evening of November 7th [Agenda]
  - Gathering at 14:45 at the Old Reception in Building 1

- Interoperability Workshop: November 8th, 9th [Draft Agenda: Polar Connections Interoperability Workshop and Assessment Process]
  - Registration from 8:30 at the reception desk close to the Big Hall in Building 14

- Third Meeting of the Arctic Data Committee (Open) : November 10th [Draft Agenda]
  - Gathering at 8:20 at the Old Reception in Building 1

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Meeting Overview

- 3 combined meetings: EU-PolarNet, Workshop, ADC
- 60 participants from 17 countries
- Combination of thematic plenary and ‘lightning’ talks
- Most of the two days were working sessions
- Focus on practical outcomes
- Indigenous organization participation
Themes

- Data Discovery and Documentation
- Data as a Service
- Social Sciences, Indigenous Knowledge, Community Based Observing
- Cloud Data and Computing Platforms
- Connecting to the Global
- Governance & Sustainability
Key Points

- Federated search a priority. Need for open protocols and tools.
  - Exploring Arctic Data Explorer, GeoNetwork, GEOCRI Community Portal (study underway in partnership with SOOS, NSIDC)

- Cloud/VRE is a strong emerging trend

- Indigenous participation critical – confirmation of formal representation on ADC

- Many others – presentation today, report pending
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Includes “coordinating the coordinators”
2017-18 Workplan

- Mapping Arctic Data Ecosystem Initiative – postdoc

- Work with partners on promoting data publications and citation – esp. NIPR, JP: ISAR 5 session; Polar Data Journal

- Network building: strengthen existing partnerships, + new
  - GEOCRI, WMO, *INTAROS*, ESA, IARPC
  - Organizing AOS 2018

- Specific initiatives
Focus Initiatives

- **Metadata Elements** (Canada lead): document and coordinate expertise, activities resources; contribute to emerging GEOCRI Community Portal

- **Education and Training** (Joint with SCADM, SOOS, others): Development of materials and online training sessions in partnership with APECS; contribution to POLAR 2018 session

- **Vocabularies** (ADC, IARP +): Establishment of vocabularies working group. In partnership with IARPC to start; engaging with RDA and broader community
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Priority

- Establish a clear path for working with GEO/GEOCRI
- Not only for ADC, but for SAON as a whole
- Discussions underway – opportunity to move forward between now and retreat?