

Data Management Breakout Group SAON III Day 2 morning session:

1. Further discussion on questions

- Incorporation of contribution from MP

2. Discussion of Data-relevant Building blocks:

- Need to derive a list of data centers and portals used by arctic observing entities and do a stock take of these (review of capabilities, etc.)
 - (pro)active approach (don't rely on questionnaire)
 - Mine IPY-DIS
 - Revisit AON report
 - Google searches
 - Use network/national data contact points
- Establish a framework for the development of a portal
 - Better define user community/ies
 - Better define user community needs
 - Use above to define desired functionality
 - Review existing portals with respect to functionality
- Develop incentives for archiving data (and metadata)
 - Establish online refereed journals for
 - Publishing datasets and derived products
 - Publishing methods and analytical approaches
 - Target education of young people to shift mindsets for data archiving
- Develop community of practice for liaising with GEO
- Need improved allocation of resources to data management, cyberinfrastructure and portal maintenance.

3. Discussion of need for a data management committee and (prioritized) task list for such a group:

- Initial period (6 months-1 year)
 1. Identify point person to work on data management issues within ‘SAON secretariat’¹.
 2. Establish a ‘SAON data management group’² – disciplines, countries, science, technology reps, cyberinfrastructure etc.
 3. Identify data management liaisons or point persons with other SAON groups (networks, countries)
 4. Identify portals, and data centers in each participating network/country (national reps?)
 - a. Which data sets are available as web services
 5. Compile list of data and portal- relevant needs from different domains (terrestrial, marine etc)
 6. Identify role and priorities for cyberinfrastructure for co-development of cyberinfrastructure tools like data portals, rss feeds, ical feeds, tools for virtual collaboration, best practice wiki
 7. Derive requirements of data centers to partner with SAON – have a sort of SAON certification requirement.
 8. Develop metrics of success
 9. Identify low hanging fruit for creating early successes
- Medium to Long-term (1-5 years)
 10. Develop and implement a SAON data policy
 - Draw from experiences of IPY-DIS
 - Identify standards/protocols (for meta-data and data)
 11. Develop search tools to locate data stores
 12. Develop education outreach program that helps to shift mindset for data archiving
 - For example, UArctic online class in data management, use, archiving etc.
 13. Design online journal-like capacity for publishing data sets and methods
 14. Develop protocols for provision of web services
 15. Develop QA/QC protocols, etc.

¹ Used as a gap filler to describe the resulting entity from the SAON process.

² Need to establish some ‘structure’ to implement a SAON data management initiative (build on IPY group?)